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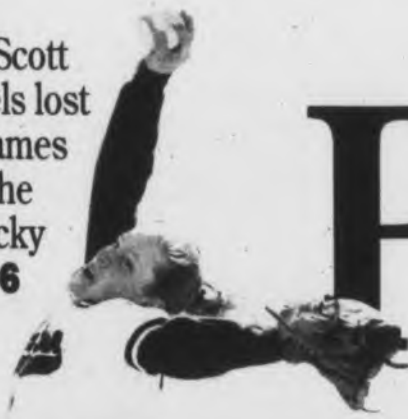
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► Sports

Pitcher Karen Scott and the Colonels lost four straight games while hosting the Eastern Kentucky Invitational /B6



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Eastern's Vocal Jazz Ensemble sang the laurels of the inaugural First Weekend Saturday night/B1



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## Housing shuffle angers students



Brian Simms/Progress

Kenna Middleton, housing director, speaks to residents of Martin Hall about options they have when Martin becomes single sex at the end of the semester.

### Homeless football team moves into Martin Hall

By SHAWN HOPKINS  
Assistant news editor

Tension started to build in the middle of the day Monday. People walked the hallways of Martin Hall with petitions. By the time the 7:30 p.m. meeting got under way, the back hall was packed with irate Martin residents, many of whom found out the news by coming home to see the meeting.

The residents found out Martin Hall is becoming all male next semester, mainly to accommodate residents from the soon-to-be torn down O'Donnell Hall. All the women would have to leave.

Kenna Middleton, director of housing, began the meeting with the official news.

"We got final approval on the proposal last week. And so we wanted to come as quickly as we could to the students, who we hope are going to like the policies and work with the policies as they change," Middleton said.

Middleton patiently went through the five elements of the proposal, including 24-hour visitation for all halls and a relaxation of the rule that freshman can't live in co-ed dorms. She got stuck on number four, the one that had packed the lobby with hundreds of Martin residents, especially Martin Hall women.

"Beginning in the fall of 1999, Martin Hall will be designated a single-gender male hall," Middleton said.

The decision was made March 3, and signs advertising a mandatory floor meeting were posted Sunday, but almost all of the Martin Hall residents had found

#### Adopted changes

The proposal adopted Wednesday has five main points.

■ If you had a private room in spring '98, you can keep it. If not, you will lose your private room, although you will be able to reapply according to space and on a first-come, first-serve basis next semester.

■ Freshmen will now be able to live in co-ed housing.

■ Combs and Keene halls will get Thursday through Sunday 24-hour visitation (except for three non-24-hour floors per hall), making the whole campus 24-hour visitation on these days.

■ To make room for more men's spaces, Martin Hall will be made all-male and Clay Hall will become co-ed. Women who live in Martin Hall will be given "priority displacement" status and first choice of available rooms.

■ The first floor of Walters Hall will not be a 24-hour quiet floor anymore.

out about it that day. They were angry.

"RHA knew about this last night, and they would not tell anyone. It was hush hush, until today," said Brenda Harris, a

See Martin/A5



Brian Simms/Progress

Kenna Middleton, left, consoles Lynette Deskins, a Martin Hall resident, who began to cry during a meeting informing residents Martin Hall would

become all male next semester. The dorm will house members of the football team because O'Donnell Hall will be torn down in fall 1999.

### Who was there and what was said



Sonya Laine, sophomore sociology major from Lexington

"The issue is not having enough rooms or whatever, the issue is ECU football rules the school."



Lance LaTour, junior quality assurance technology major from Greer, S.C.

"I ain't livin' with the damn football players."



Jeannette Crockett, dean of student life

"Bottom line is, they (athletes) are students here just like everyone else. And they deserve a place to live."

## Plus/minus grading system will be felt campus-wide

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE  
Editor

Yet another attempt to bring what President Robert Kustra calls "reputational currency" to Eastern was implemented by faculty senate.

Karen Janssen, president of faculty senate, called a special session of senate Monday in order to take care of motions brought by

the ad hoc committee on grade inflation.

Senators had not yet passed three of the five motions the committee put before them in November.

"Today something is really at stake — the credibility and reputation of this institution in the Commonwealth and the nation," Kustra said.

And finally Monday, senators

defeated a motion concerning how a plus/minus grading system would be implemented.

The committee proposed leaving the decision up to the individual teacher about whether to use the plus/minus system except those in a multi-section course like English 101.

"We devised a way to put the decision at as local a level as possible," said Paula Kopacz, member

of the grade inflation committee.

A survey of the faculty done last year reported the faculty were split 50-50 on using the plus/minus system, therefore the committee wanted to give faculty a choice on using it.

Some senators felt there would be a division between the faculty who use it and those who don't. And the majority of senators wanted an all or none approach.

"Either we go one way or the other way," said John Harley, professor of biological sciences.

After a standing vote, the majority voted against the motion, which took the decision out of the individual professors' hands. The policy will be implemented campus-wide.

Rita Davis, acting vice president of academic affairs, can now put the new grading system and

its start date, fall 2000, in the undergraduate catalog.

Senator John McCord then entered his own motion concerning a plus/minus system.

He moved to do away with plus/minus and go back to the straight-letter grading, "because of confusion, a lack of clarity and guidance," he said.

See Senate/A5

### The hidden cost of cash

If you cash a personal check for \$100:

Mr. Chek keeps \$17.65		You get \$82.35
Check for Cash, Inc. keeps \$17.50		You get \$82.50
A Plus Check Advance keeps \$15		You get \$85
Check Exchange keeps \$15		You get \$85
Kroger keeps \$5		You get \$95
Winn-Dixie keeps up to \$3		You get \$97
Eastern's Billings and Collections keeps nothing		You get \$100

Amy Campbell/Progress

## Students pinching pennies should watch check cashing

By DENA TACKETT  
News editor

When some students find themselves pinching pennies until the next payday, they turn to one of the check cashing outlets in Richmond. Many students do not know if they are getting the most for their dollar though.

Outlets such as Mr. Chek, Check Exchange, A Plus Check Advance and Check for Cash Inc. operate by cashing personal checks and holding them for two weeks before depositing them.

Most students do not know, though, that these businesses are required under state law to only charge a certain amount for the service.

The law, which went into effect

**\$ This is the third**  
in a series of stories about managing your money while at school.

immediately after Gov. Paul Patton signed the bill April 14, 1998, caps the service fee at 15 percent for every \$100 lent by the company.

Some companies, such as Mr. Chek and Check for Cash Inc. charge over that amount.

Mr. Chek charges 17.65 percent to hold checks and Check for Cash Inc. charges \$17.50 for every \$100.

Most check advance companies require customers to meet

certain criteria before they will cash customer checks.

Check Exchange, which has been in Richmond for three years, requires that customers have an account with a local bank for at least three months and be employed full-time for at least three months, with temporary or self-employment not qualifying.

"The account must be with a local bank, too," said Adele Corman, regional director for Check Exchange.

Corman said if the check the company is holding bounces after the two weeks, they charge the person what the bank charges them.

See Check/A5

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### ► Weather

TODAY

Hi: 38

Low: 23

Conditions:

Mostly sunny

FRI: 46, Partly cloudy

SAT: 51, Showers

SUN: 41, Rain and snow

### ► Reminder

Spring Break begins Sunday.

Halls reopen March 21.

### ► TRF week



# Perspective

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The Eastern Progress

Alyssa Bramlage, editor

## Post-tenure review coming to Eastern

### System will keep professor's on their toes

No more coasting through a class, treating it like a bunny course or expecting an easy "A."

Teachers will soon have to measure up to a grading system much like their students do.

Faculty senate passed a motion March 1 to implement a post-tenure review system.

This means that faculty members will have to go through a developmental plan to "remove identified

deficiencies," the motion states.

The system begins with the merit review system. Faculty members must receive passing grades in this evaluation to skip the post-tenure review.

It is time the university finally implemented a system like this.

Every student on campus can think of a teacher who is tenured and therefore uses old lesson plans, tests and assignments, rather than reworking classes.

If students did the same thing - turning in old assignments and using last year's test this year - they would be accused of cheating and thrown out of school.

Teachers, instead, can do just that without fear of repercussion because they have tenure.

If students are held to a certain academic standard, teachers should be held to a certain standard - maybe not the same standard, but at least some standard.

And that is what faculty senate has done at the urging of the

state legislature. Members approved a set of standards that will keep teaching fresh and teachers energetic.

Students deserve professors who can develop new and interesting ways of teaching.

Different classes may need different methods of teaching for students to learn a concept. A teacher needs to realize that and be flexible. Using lesson plans created 20 years ago may not get the job done.

Post-tenure review should ensure that teachers know what it

takes to effectively teach material to different types of students.

And to make sure this happens, every faculty member who has been granted tenure is required to go through the process.

Teachers have the vital job of instructing people and preparing them for the rest of their lives.

And if every student needs to have passing grades to receive a diploma, teachers should be required to pass some kind of test to keep teaching to their fullest abilities.

### Campus Comments

#### THE ISSUE

With the start of Spring Break on Monday, Eastern students are beginning to prepare for their week-long vacation from school and studying. Assistant sports editor Christina Thompson asked where students were planning to go and what they were going to do while on break.

MICHELLE MOORE



I am fulfilling my child hood dream of going to Disney World. Then I'm going to go see the ocean for the first time.

Hometown: Corbin  
Major: Medical assisting  
Year: Freshman

NIKKI JOHNSON



I'm staying on campus to be the officail beverage taster for KMA, a non-Eastern related sorority.

Hometown: Radcliff  
Major: Middle grade education  
Year: Freshman

FRANKIE ALLEN



I drank a whole lot of water, liquids and I overdosed on Advil.

Hometown: Liberty  
Major: Special education  
Year: Sophomore

MATT MORRIS



I'm taking a cruise to the Bahamas to get out of this small town.

Hometown: Hawesville  
Major: Police administration  
Year: Sophomore



James Carroll/Progress

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Eastern should pick food service company dedicated to quality service

Companies are lining up for the opportunity to take over food services at Eastern.

The university is receiving proposals and we have a few suggestions for when the time comes to review them.

Eastern stated in its request for proposals from companies that a mandatory food plan could be proposed at Eastern if a company felt it needed one.

This is a terrible idea. The university should put any proposal asking for a mandatory board plan on the bottom of the pile.

The company awarded the contract will have the advantage of several great locations across campus to serve students. The only other thing the company needs to do to guarantee customers is to provide

quality food at reasonable prices.

Management of the new facilities is an obvious concern and is taken into consideration in the request for proposals.

The university should look for a management style and personnel that will listen to students' concerns.

Eastern students want franchising of major brand names in the Food Court such as Taco Bell or Pizza Hut.

The company that comes in should also bring in subcontracts for major franchises. Any proposal that includes a subcontracted franchise should be given more consideration than one that does not.

Eastern's food service employees are protected in the proposal. The company that comes in will be required to keep the current employees at their current pay for

the first year they are at Eastern — a good idea that protects loyal Eastern employees.

The company that wins the contract should also have an emphasis on student employment. A job on campus is ideal for students who don't have any transportation to travel to a job off campus, but still need some extra money.

The winning proposal should also include hours of operation that are convenient for students.

The company that comes in will have a huge responsibility providing all the food services on campus.

The university should study the proposals long and hard and make the decision that is best for students.

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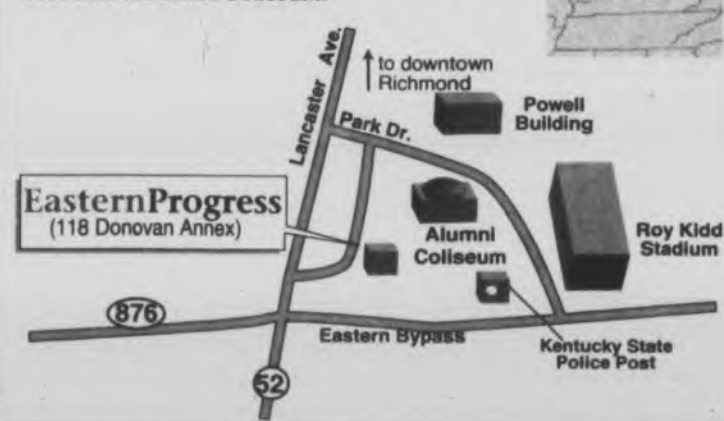
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# Tobacco use unfairly targeted by Uncle Sam



**DANIEL BRUCE**  
My Turn

Daniel Bruce is a senior journalism major from Harlan and What's on Tap editor for the Progress.

The scandal is finally over. Bill Clinton has Ken Starr off his back, Monica Lewinsky has her book deal and the American people get to finally put the constant tales of smut and sleaze behind them.

In the absence of such corrupt distractions the media's attention has been scattered to international news and domestic issues such as the Clinton administration's attack on tobacco, a product that seems destined to become the contemporary version of alcohol prohibition.

The media focus on tobacco as being evil and politically incorrect is understandable. The government has kept the issue in the spotlight for years now, but why and what is being left out when so much time is devoted to the eradication of smoking as a vice?

The answer is the children — teenagers to be exact.

While the unnamed war on tobacco has been touted as being partly for the benefit of teens, a study published by the University of North Carolina, Greensboro has shown that smoking in teens has increased by nearly 45 percent from 1988 to 1996.

Teenagers are also using marijuana in growing numbers since the mid-'80s.

Marijuana use among teenagers has more than doubled since 1988, yet very few news stories have been devoted to stopping the problem. Although spending on anti-drug programs has increased sub-

stantially over the same time period, it seems ineffective.

Marijuana is more dangerous than cigarettes and becoming more accessible to teens who often find it easier getting a joint at school than buying cigarettes.

So why do teens smoke if so much money and attention has been spent to make cigarettes harder to obtain?

One answer could be the fact that they like to break the rules adults set for them.

In this superficial age when image is everything and someone's character doesn't matter, using logic doesn't often work.

Maybe an answer lies in the unconventional approach tobacco giant Phillip Morris has taken to curb teen smoking.

The program consists of commercials showing teenage kids talking about not smoking and advises children to choose not to smoke because it's not cool. They don't focus on the health issue raised by smoking.

Most teenagers believe they'll live forever and the government should stop trying to outlaw tobacco for everyone and concentrate on keeping it out of young hands.

**Marijuana use among teenagers has more than doubled since 1988.**

# Entrepreneur helps people cheat urinalysis testing



**DON KNIGHT**  
Gone Fishin'

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

Listen up business majors graduating this spring. A South Carolina man has come up with a new business model. He sells his urine.

ABC news reported on salesman Kenneth Curtis' unique idea to sell his urine, and how Senator David Thomas is out to stop him.

Selling his urine would help people who use drugs pass drug tests given by their employer.

According to the report, Curtis sells his lab-certified, drug-free urine in plastic containers that can fit in an underarm.

The bag of pee even comes complete with its own heat source, so as not to arouse suspicion from drug test monitors.

Curtis' business brings up many public safety concerns. For example, train drivers who undergo drug testing to ensure public safety could beat the system by paying Curtis \$69 for a clean pee sample.

Senator Thomas has sponsored a bill to make the selling of urine to defraud illegal. A move that would put Curtis out of business and one Curtis has promised to fight to the bitter end.

Thomas argues his bill is in the interest of public safety, but Curtis believes it is helping people protect their privacy.

I'm a strong believer in privacy, but when someone tokes on a joint before driving a bus or train, that someone's habit puts my life in jeopardy and is no longer a private matter.

During my five years of service in the Army, I was subjected to regular urine testing. I didn't feel my privacy was being violated. I did, however, always suffer from stage fright and have to drink a gallon of coffee before my bladder would ignore the friendly sergeant watching me do my business in a tiny bottle.

I didn't mind the inconvenience though, because when it came down to it, I didn't want to be sitting in a \$2.5 million rocket launcher with a pothead.

Testing in the Army came without any warning. But it did tend to mysteriously coincide with soldiers' trips to the Netherlands. In order to beat the surprise testing, someone would have to carry a clean sample at all times. Something I doubt many people would do.

Curtis' idea is novel, and a little humorous, but shouldn't be allowed.

In other marijuana news, a pot activist group is promoting today as Johnny Appleweed Day. Marijuana smokers are encouraged to plant any extra seeds across the countryside in protest of marijuana prohibition.

## ► Letters

### Apology in rape case not all that could be said

I was disturbed by the "apology" reported in the rape case covered by The Eastern Progress on March 4, 1999. Saying that one is sorry for "whatever you think happened that night" is an implicit challenge to the reality of the other person — and that seems to constitute no apology at all.

I can think of many things I'd like to say to the woman who took this legal action.

\* You didn't deserve to suffer consequences from another person's behavior (victims of another person's "disorderly conduct" can be quite traumatized). You are not to blame.

\* I wish that you too were "surrounded by family and friends" at the courthouse. You deserve to be supported and stood by.

\* I imagine it must have been difficult for you to give "lengthy and highly personal testimony" and to be cross-examined. It's not easy standing up for yourself in court.

\* Protesting injustice is a dignified action and you can be proud of yourself for doing so.

\* Thank you for speaking out on your own behalf. I hope other persons who feel they have been abused will draw courage from your example.

Marcus Flathman  
clinical psychologist

### Rape case story was sensational journalism

I am rather disappointed with the article "Rape case ends with apology" (March 4). It seems to me that the editor was more concerned with catching readers' attentions than with presenting an article that covered the details of the case objectively.

To begin with, Jeffrey Knoblauch was charged with disorderly conduct, which, correct me if I'm wrong, is a bit different from rape.

Secondly, since, according to the prosecuting attorney Garrett

Fowles, the victim was satisfied with the outcome of the case (including the amended charge of disorderly conduct), I do not understand why the editor chose to call the case a "rape case."

Finally, I don't think that it was necessary to include Knoblauch's picture with the article. If the victim remains anonymous, why couldn't Knoblauch be given at least a vestige of dignity as well?

Do not misrepresent me. I truly believe in victims' rights, but there was no need to further dirty the reputation of someone charged with disorderly conduct. We have enough sensationalism in the media. The Eastern Progress usually resists this tendency and I hope it continues to resist in the future.

Kydalla Etheyo Young  
Todd Hall

*Editor's note: Jeffrey Knoblauch was not charged with disorderly conduct, he pleaded down to it. He was charged with rape.*

### Public safety officer resigns, thanks Eastern

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Eastern Kentucky University community for allowing me to serve as a police officer for the past eight years. I have enjoyed the time I have spent here at Eastern.

I began my service to the Eastern community as a student worker for the division of public safety in October 1988. Once I graduated with my bachelor of science degree in police administration, I began working full time as a police officer for Eastern.

The time has come for me to move on to a new career. As of March 27, my resignation from Eastern will become effective. I am accepting a position with the department of criminal justice training.

I want to say thank you to all of the other officers and personnel I have worked with at the division of

public safety. I have learned a great deal from each of you over the years. I hope that you have learned something from me as well.

Each of you have always been very professional in your approach to the work you do. I want to commend you on being a truly professional group of people. I have the utmost respect for everyone who works within the division of public safety — you guys and gals never get the respect you deserve from the community that you protect.

To Mr. (Tom) Lindquist and Mr. (Wynn) Walker I want to say a special thank you for giving me a chance to fulfill one of my dreams.

Over the years, I have worked with many wonderful people throughout the university community. I want to say to all of you thank you for making my job interesting. I have made many friends here at Eastern, and you will be deeply missed. I never thought this day would come, but I am thankful I had the opportunity to work in such an inviting atmosphere.

Scotty Saltsman,  
public safety officer

### Story caused concern, disgust

After reading your article "Egg'straordinary," it is the consensus of our office that the article is in very poor taste and does not belong on the front page of the paper, if in the paper at all.

One student worker in this office (a marketing major) wonders what prospective students might think about a college that publicizes something this disgusting.

A second student worker (a nursing major) was concerned about the possibility of salmonella poisoning in respect to eating raw eggs.

Everyone in general is pretty turned off to read about people drinking their own vomit.

Is this really the best you have to offer?

Liz Barry and  
The 'girls' in 406 Combs  
Classroom Building

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**Harvest Family Fellowship** 621 S. Keeneland Dr. 624-8620 Sun. School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 10:45 Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m., Sat. Outpouring 6:10 p.m.

**Eastside Bethel Baptist** 1675 E. Main St. 624-9646 Sun. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Wed. Small Group Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Services are interpreted for the deaf and are handicapped accessible.

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# 142 missing payroll checks cause late faculty payday

By SHAWN HOPKINS  
Assistant news editor

Last payday came late for many faculty and staff when almost \$109,000 worth of payroll checks was lost.

The 142 checks went missing March 3 from Coates Building and were reported stolen to public safety on March 5.

The missing checks caused employee pay to be delayed until as late as 6 p.m.

Dale Lawrenz, director of financial resources, spent part of his day

hand-delivering replacement checks.

"We were all kind of running around here all day," Lawrenz said.

Despite an investigation by public safety, the whereabouts of the checks remains a mystery.

"We don't know where they are," Lawrenz said. "We may never find them. We would hope they'll show up here someday, but ..."

Payment on the checks was stopped when the problem was discovered.

Ferrell Wellman, assistant professor of broadcasting, said his check

problem was handled well, but he was surprised at the nature of it.

The checks are sorted alphabetically by building.

The missing ones are in sequences after a cut off point in Combs.

"The foul-up was monumental," Wellman said. "No one who gets their checks on Friday after Combs (Room) 212 got their check on time."

Student payroll checks were unaffected, as were all those who have their pay directly deposited into a bank account.

# Food services conference puts contractors on even field

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff writer

In what is called a pre-proposal conference, representatives of the companies who were sent food service bid proposals will meet with Eastern representatives and administrators Friday.

The proposal, a more than 30-page document outlining Eastern's requirements for a contract company, states these companies must send a representative to this conference to be eligible to make bids.

Whitlock said having everyone together contributed to fairness.

"It is in the intention of having a level playing field. Everybody will hear the same questions and answers. It will also be an opportunity for them to see the campus," Whitlock said.

A contract company is a private, outside company that makes an agreement to take over the running of cafeterias and food-related service. This is cur-

rently handled by the university.

The companies who were sent proposals include Sodexo-Marriott, Chartwells, Piccadilly Cafeterias Inc., Aramark Corporation and V/Gladiux Industries, said Bob Turpin, director of purchasing.

Turpin said these companies can submit questions until March 22. Proposals are due April 16.

Eastern President Robert Kustra said food services employees shouldn't consider the conference an insult.

"This is not a major statement about their performance. Somewhere along the line it may look like an indictment of their performance. It's simply a function of the times," Kustra said.

Kustra said Eastern could not continue to run its own food service and lose money.

"It's not like we're throwing people to the winds," Kustra said.

Acting food services director Lamar Patterson has already said

he will quit if a contract company is chosen.

Patterson said it boiled down to a difference in philosophy.

"I've been in the private sector before. Private companies are profit driven. One of the things I like about Eastern is that it's service driven," Patterson said.

Patterson admits that food services has been on a "10- to 12-year decline," but he claims that it is turning around, even showing a profit in the last few months.

The request for proposals document also allows the contract companies to include mandatory board plan propositions in their proposals.

Whitlock sees this as a remote possibility, but Kustra said he can see the logic in the idea.

"No question. No matter who's doing your food services. It's easier to pull off if you have a mandatory board plan," Kustra said.

# Richmond police identify man suspected of involvement in local woman's murder

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Richmond police have identified a man suspected to have been involved in the murder of a local woman.

James W. Carter Jr., of Richmond, was arrested and charged with facilitation to commit murder and tampering with physical evidence in the murder of Yolanda Yvonne Walker, also of Richmond.

Carter appeared in court Tuesday and his charges were amended down to hindering prosecution in the first degree, which is a felony.

His bond was reduced to \$100,000 and his case was held over to the grand jury.

Investigators from the Kentucky

State Police, the Richmond Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff's Office found Carter's vehicle, which police believe was used to transport Walker's body.

Police were looking for the vehicle her body was carried in while searching for anyone who had information about Walker's death.

Walker was killed Feb. 28.

Her body was found by a farmer on Tates Creek Road, five miles north of Richmond, at 11 that morning.

Carter is currently lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Walker's death was ruled a homicide by police after her body was identified.

**Yolanda Yvonne Walker was found dead Feb. 28 on Tates Creek Road, five miles north of Richmond.**

## ► Briefs

### Student retention teleconference today

The office of academic affairs and research will present the first in a series of teleconferences on issues in higher education with "Helping America's College Students from Start to Finish" from 1 to 4 p.m. today in Crabbe Library Room 108.

The teleconference is sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

Presenters include Laura Rendon, professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Arizona State University; Patrick Terenzini, professor and senior scientist at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University; and John N. Gardner, executive director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

Each participant will receive a packet of supplementary materials, so registration is required.

The teleconference is limited to 120 participants. To register, call Bill Davig, 622-4971, or e-mail at <cbodavig2@acs.eku.edu> or Jim Fisher at 622-1091 or <busfisher@acs.eku.edu>.

### Adaptive technology available at library

New adaptive technology software for the visually impaired and the learning disabled is available in the extended study area of Crabbe Library.

The software programs, Kurzweil 1000 and Kurzweil 3000, utilize speech, language and optical character recognition technology to scan and then read aloud print materials.

A key to the room can be checked out at the circulation desk and the room is available all hours the library is open.

For more information, call 622-1790.

### Agriculture team wins third championship

Eastern's Agriculture Team won its third straight championship at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference Feb. 17.

The competition tests students on their knowledge of farming and technology through a presentation on a specific topic and a "Jeopardy" round of questions.

The team was asked about various subjects including animal science, economics and law.

Eastern's team won by 6,900 points.

The University of Kentucky, Murray State University and Morehead State University also participated in the competition.

In the final round, Eastern and UK squared off in the "Jeopardy" competition after the other schools were eliminated.

The team consists of Angel Chinn, Beaver Dam, Richard Whitis, Nathan Sewell, Ben Spencer and Shane Mitchell.

Compiled by Dena Tackett

## ► Police Beat

The following cases have been filed with Eastern's division of public safety.

**March 7**  
Shauna D. Bradshaw, 28, Richmond, was arrested and charged with disregarding a traffic light, operating on a suspended license and possessing a suspended operator license.

**Mark A. Wilson**, Keene Hall, reported that his tail light covers were taken off his vehicle while it was parked in Keene Hall Lot. Wilson's radio was also damaged, so a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief charge will be added.

**Anthony Minzenberger**, 18, Palmer Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**Anthony M. Clifton**, 18, Palmer Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**March 6**  
Matthew M. Conway, 20, Commonwealth Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

**March 5**  
Jeremiah S. Hix, 19, Irvine, was charged with operating on a suspended license and possession of a suspended license.

**Shawn K. Sargent**, 19, Hustonville, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

**Billy W. Plummer**, 30, Stanford, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

**Otis Lee Hafley**, 22, Junction City, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication and possession of marijuana.

**Jeffery S. Coontz**, 23, Danville, was arrested and charged with his 1st offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana, his 2nd offense of possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

**Hannah R. Neal**, 19, Combs Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**Amy M. Rheume**, 19, Combs Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**Dale Lawrenz**, Coates Building, reported 142 faculty payroll checks were stolen from Room 12 of Coates Building.

**Rosemary Ramsey**, Combs Building, reported someone had stolen some items out of her office in Room 215 of Combs Building. The total value of the stolen goods is \$286.25.

**Jim Denny Jr.**, 21, Richmond, was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon and possession of marijuana.

**Robert E. Hale**, Lancaster, reported the passenger side headlight cover had been stolen from his vehicle while parked in Alumni Coliseum Lot.

**Dennis Waddell**, Keene Hall, reported someone had stolen 96 compact discs from his room. The total value of the stolen CDs is estimated at \$1,540.

**March 4**  
Shadi S. Osman, Todd Hall, reported someone had damaged his car while parked in the fenced area of Commonwealth Lot.

**Phil Hedges**, Brewer Building, reported an individual hit Phillip

W. Kirby, Richmond, with a maroon Nissan 240 SX. Hedges attempted to keep the suspect in view as the suspect drove through the grassy area south of Commonwealth Hall, but was unable to do so. The license plate on the vehicle is registered to a Ford van. Kirby complained of minor injuries to his foot and knee, but refused medical treatment.

**Laurance T. Harris**, 21, Richmond, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle on a suspended license after he was stopped for making a left turn onto Lancaster Avenue from Martin Lot.

**March 3**  
Marcie L. Webster, Walters Hall, reported someone had stolen a \$1,500 pendant off her necklace which was on the shelf above the sink while she was taking a shower in the bathroom area of Walters Hall. Facilities services checked the sink drain to see if it had fallen in, but did not find the pendant.

**March 2**  
Donice K. Ellis, Martin Hall, reported someone had stolen her identification holder from the equipment checkout room in Begley Building. It had four keys and \$8 inside. One of the keys was her room key and it was used to enter her room and steal her roommate's purse.

**Melinda Hale**, Martin Hall, reported someone had entered her locked dorm room and stolen her purse and wallet. In the purse was one Kentucky operator's license, one AT&T phone card, Mac debit card, Visa card and \$6 in cash. The purse was later found in Martin Hall's trash chutes.

There were three false fire alarms reported from March 3 to 7.

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## Senate: Plus/minus grading will begin fall '99

From the front

His motion stated new members of senate were not aware of the motion in 1993, when the plus/minus system was first passed but not implemented, leading to confusion.

It also stated there was no mention of guidelines for implementing the system.

McCord wanted to bring further discussion on the matter since he had received strong sentiment from his colleagues.

"Because of confusion, a lack of clarity and guidance, I would like the opportunity to rediscuss the issue," McCord said.

But senators did not agree and voted his motion down.

Faculty senate moved on to a motion concerning grade indexing, which is adding to each student's official transcript the average GPA for each course section taken and also adding the percentage of the time the student's grade exceeds the "typical" grade.

"Potential employers and graduate schools ... can determine immediately whether the student is an above average, average or below average student without just depending on the grade," said Kirk Jones, member of the committee.

Some senators were reluctant to pass this motion without knowing whether the university's technology could handle it.

Rita Davis, acting vice president of academic affairs, said the Banner system may need adjustments to handle the appended transcript.

Others thought it would be like "airing our dirty laundry," letting employers and other schools know grade inflation exists at Eastern when they wouldn't know other schools also experience it.

But after another standing vote, 23 senators voted to add indexing to the transcripts while 21 voted not to.

After a two-hour meeting on a topic that has been discussed since November, faculty senate still has one more motion on which to vote.

Senators will discuss at their next meeting on April 5 a motion to place a moratorium on student evaluation forms for three years for the purposes of merit pay, tenure and promotion decisions.

## Check: Students pinching their pennies should be wary of cash companies

From the front

Check for Cash Inc., which has been operating in Richmond for two years, requires customers have an account at a local bank for six months, be employed somewhere for six months and have a telephone bill in their name.

Mr Chek, which has been in Richmond for two years, checks all its potential customers with

the Teletrack system. "Teletrack lets us know if someone owes other check places or has outstanding debts with credit corporations or rent-to-own companies," said Pamela Gillespie, manager of Mr Chek.

Mr Chek offers customers the chance to set up an account with them, while A Plus Check Advance requires customers to have an account with them.

"It's a personal account that

must be open for six months before we can take someone as a customer," said Shannon Smith, district representative for A Plus Check Advance.

Students who simply need to cash a check have limited opportunities if they do not have a checking account in or around Richmond.

On option students have is to go through the university's billings and collections. To get

checks cashed, students must present a valid Eastern ID.

Billings and Collections will cash students' personal checks up to \$50 a day and also payroll checks or checks from home up to \$200.

"If the check is larger, it can be approved in our main office by the director or assistant director," said Kathy Reynolds, cashier for Billings and Collections.

Also, local grocery stores offer check cashing for those with no

checking accounts close by. Winn Dixie will cash payroll checks up to \$500 and personal checks for \$10 over the amount of a purchase. They charge a small fee for cashing the checks, from 50 cents to \$3.

Kroger will cash either government or payroll checks as long as two forms of identification are presented. They take \$5 out of the check, but in return give a \$5 coupon to be used on groceries in the store.

## Martin: Emotions run high at housing meeting

From the front

senior management major from Hyden. "We had no time to plan, to address this situation."

Harris echoed the sentiment of many residents who feel that Martin Hall is being changed in an effort to keep the football team together in one hall.

O'Donnell Hall is 49 percent football players, about 90 out of 190, Crockett said, and the most allowable under NCAA rules.

"It looks like the sports teams are more important than just students," Harris said. "That makes me hurt because I feel like I've contributed to this college. It's done a lot for me, and I love it. This is the one time I've felt betrayed because no one told me what was going on."

Most of the women will have the option of moving to Clay Hall, which will become co-ed to compensate for the loss of Martin Hall.

The women were given "priority displacement" status, which meant they got the first choice in special room changes that began today.

The meeting got louder and more emotional as it went on.

Lynette Deskins, a sophomore psychology major from Pike County, came late to the meeting, but was crying with emotion while she talked to Crockett.

"This is upsetting. This is my home," Deskins said.

Deskins said she felt safe in Martin Hall, and in light of recent campus incidents, going somewhere else frightened her.

"I'm not going to move over," Deskins said.

There was much criticism of the football players. Everything from allegations of loudness and destructive behavior to a student



Brandy Adams, left, and Sonya Laine sit dejected after they found out they would have to move out of Martin Hall at the end of this semester because it will no longer be a co-ed dorm.

Brian Simms /Progress

telling Crockett that the football players' hall smells of "sweat and urine" was said.

Ernie Dicharia, a senior computer information systems major from Hebron, was worried about the noise.

"I can tell you just by walking by there (O'Donnell) everyday that the noise level will increase," Dicharia said.

Lance LaTour, a junior quality assurance technology major from Greer, S.C., was adamant about who he lives with.

"I ain't livin' with the damn football players," he said.

Marshall Staten, a junior special education major from McCreary County, said he'd tried a single-sex dorm with football players and hadn't liked it.

"In the spring of '97 I moved to Martin Hall to get away from O'Donnell. They show you no respect over there," Staten said.

Staten could move to Clay Hall, but with no priority status on rooms.

Crockett said the criticism of the football players was unfair and off the topic.

"There is a general attitude where student athletes are concerned. Bottom line is, they are students here just like everyone else. And they deserve a place to live," Crockett said.

Martin Hall resident Shawn Afflick, a sociology major who runs track, said he thought it had more to do with football and the money it brings to the university than student athletes. Afflick said such money-making programs had too much influence on campus policy.

"It's a dictatorship. (Football coach) Roy Kidd gets what he wants," he said.

Crockett said Kidd was present at the previous meeting, but had nothing to do with choosing Martin Hall.

"The issue is not having enough rooms or whatever, the issue is ECU football rules the school. I think you

all should be really honest about that," said Sonya Laine, a junior sociology major from Lexington.

"I don't support ECU football because of stuff like this," she said.

Laine and her friends had spent the day passing around a petition against the change. They had about 161 names, which she said they would present to Crockett after the meeting.

Martin Hall residents were also critical of the university for building a wellness center in the middle of a housing shortage.

Eastern President Robert Kustra said that, in regard to the proposed wellness center, that was an oversimplification.

"The housing shortage usually occurs in the beginning of the semester. Once things shake out we usually have enough room," Kustra said.

Middleton and Crockett said the issue was even more complex than O'Donnell Hall. The football team could have been spread out through

Martin Hall without a change from co-ed, but not the rest of O'Donnell.

Crockett said there were other considerations also.

"There are a lot of people on this campus that feel that team efforts should be grouped together," Crockett said.

Daniel Blochwitz, a senior art photography major from Germany, said he felt cheated by a process he said was after the fact and undemocratic.

"These students weren't involved at all," Blochwitz said.

But Crockett said the meeting was not affecting the decision.

"This meeting wasn't made to do the deciding," Crockett said.

At the meeting, no option to change the decision was offered, but the next day Kustra said change was possible.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're still looking at the situation," Kustra said.

He said the question should be resolved by today.

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Sospeter Mwangi, a freshman economics major from Kenya, will be staying on campus during Spring Break. He plans on spending his time relaxing and spending time with other Kenyans at Eastern.

## Spending break on campus

By DON KNIGHT  
Managing editor

Spring Break is just around the corner but not everybody will be making a long trek to exotic beaches.

Sospeter Mwangi, a freshman economics major from Kenya, is one student who will stay in Richmond next week.

During the break, Mwangi plans to catch up with events back home through the Internet and newspapers.

"I also take this time to rest and relax," Mwangi said.

There are opportunities around Madison county for students spending their break in Richmond.

John Anderson is coming to Alumni Coliseum at 8 p.m. March 20.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling (606) 255-2566.

For students wanting to stretch their legs there are two prime locations for hiking within 20 minutes of campus.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary is located in southern Fayette county.

Raven Run has eight miles of hiking trails and is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Raven Run has two programs scheduled during the break.

Creatures in the Night is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., March 19th.

And a wildflower walk is sched-

uled for 2 p.m., March 21st.

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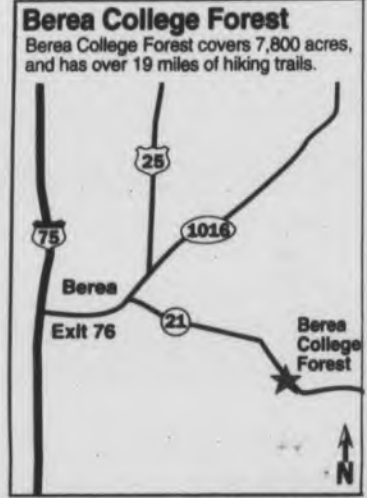
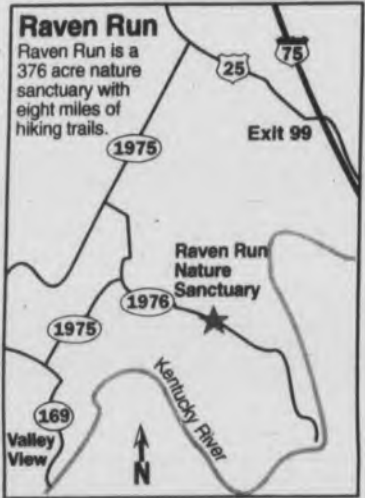
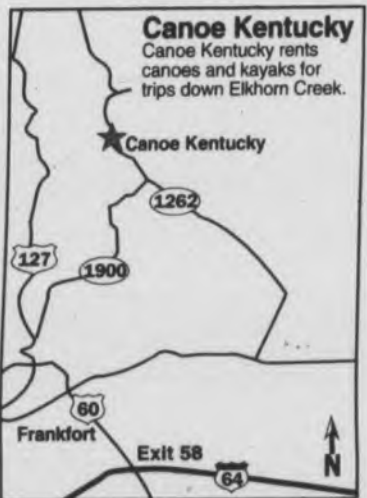
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## Dealing a memorable weekend



From left, Mike Taylor, Greg Bush, Steve Ross and Rob Szenyeri play in a euchre tournament in Powell Recreation Center Saturday during First Weekend. Taylor and Szenyeri took home \$100 for winning the tournament.



From left, Jeremiah Fowler, Adam Miller and Joey Shults perform their version of "Stomp" during the POPS Spectacular Saturday night in Brock Auditorium. The group was one of several bands and orchestras who played.

## Suitcases stay in the closet; students stay on campus

Photos by Andrew Patterson, Photo Editor

Eastern's first First Weekend was a success, according to President Robert Kustra. Kustra was pleased with the turnout for extended hours in computer labs, libraries and other campus services, along with special events such as concerts, dances and rides Friday and Saturday.

Players in the euchre and bowling tournaments in Powell were still there at midnight.

"I am confident that we can embed this first weekend idea in ECU culture," Kustra said.

Kustra looks forward to incoming freshmen who "won't remember a time without First Weekend."

"It was a tremendous success. It went beyond our wildest expectations," said Skip Daugherty, dean of student development.

The next weekend of campus activities is scheduled for April 16 and 17.



Barbara Bailey Hutchison entertains a diverse crowd during a performance Friday night in the Fountain Food Court. Hutchison won a Grammy award in 1996 for "Best Musical Recording for Children."



Students line up to ride "The Reactor," a virtual-reality simulator ride Friday night. This high-tech theater uses various scenery to create different illusions during the ride.



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### TODAY

- 6:30 p.m. Spanish conversation group, Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant on Big Hill Avenue.
- 7 p.m. Duane Murmur presents "An Evening with John C. Breckinridge," sponsored by Civil War Roundtable, free of charge and open to the public, Perkins Building
- 8 p.m. Faculty violin recital scheduled, William Goodwin performing, Gifford Theatre
- 9 p.m. RHA Elections Informational, Herndon Lounge, Powell Building

### FRIDAY

- 3 p.m. Eastern Colonel Baseball vs. Detroit-Mercy, Turkey Hughes Field

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 a.m. PRAXIS, Combs Building Room 413
- 10 a.m. Halls close for Spring Break
- Noon Eastern Colonel Baseball vs. Detroit-Mercy, Turkey Hughes Field

### MONDAY

- Spring Break begins
- 8 a.m. University offices will be open the week of Spring Break

### MARCH 20

- 8 a.m. Occupational therapy certification exam, Combs Building Room 318

### MARCH 21

- 4 p.m. Black Beauty, Kentucky Horse Center Theatre for Children, tickets \$8 per person.

### MARCH 27

- 9 a.m. Society of Professional Journalists workshop, "The ins and outs of the freedom of information laws," featuring Bill Estep and Linda Johnson of the Lexington Herald-Leader, and Amy Bensenhaver of the Attorney General's office.
- 9 a.m. An Arts and Craft show will be held in the Stratton Cafeteria.

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# Arts

Paul Fletcher, editor

The Eastern Progress

Thursday, March 11, 1999 B3

## In The Spotlight

### John Anderson to play Alumni

Country singer John Anderson will play a show at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Alumni Coliseum. Tickets are available by calling (606) 255-2566, or can be purchased at the door. Heather Myles will open.

### Fosters reunite

The Fosters, a Richmond-based alternative pop/rock band popular in the mid-'90s, have reunited. Members include Keith Anderson, Mike Hamm, Roger Leising and Chris Sullivan. Anderson, Hamm and Leising are also members of the alternative country outfit, the Union City All-Stars. The Fosters will be headlining tonight at The Firehouse. It will be their first Richmond headlining show in three years.

### Mertons finish recording album

Frankfort-based roots-rock band The Mertons have recently wrapped up the recording of their second album. The album will be released in late summer or early fall on the Black Dog label out of Monticello, Miss. The album will be a mix of new songs and songs included on the first album. This is The Mertons' first affiliation with a record label. The Mertons will play The Firehouse on Thursday night, March 18.

### Blue Honey CD release set

Lexington-based hard rock band Blue Honey will have a CD release show on Saturday night March 13, at The Firehouse. Blue Honey will be releasing their debut album entitled "Nine Days Wonder." The 13-track album was recorded at Campbell Productions in Lexington. Crone and Sevenfold will be opening The Firehouse show for Blue Honey.

Compiled by Paul Fletcher

# New South Revival

## Guitarist Bennett set to open for friend, former boss

By PAUL FLETCHER  
Arts editor

Richard Bennett will be in good company tonight at Lynagh's Music Club. The Richmond resident and his band Bluetowne will open tonight's J.D. Crowe and the New South show. Bennett spent five years (1990-95) playing guitar in Crowe's band, including the Grammy-nominated 1994 album "Flashback."

"When we get together we have a good time," Bennett said. "It's sort of like doing something you've done before."

Nicholasville legend Crowe and his band, the New South, are promoting their new album "Come On Down to My World," which was released in mid-January. Locally, Crowe is possibly most well known for his legendary six-year stand at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington that began in 1968.

The current New South lineup includes Crowe on banjo and vocals, Richmond resident Curt Chapman on bass, Phil Leadbetter on dobro, Dwight McCall on mandolin and vocals, and Rickey Wasson on guitar and lead vocals.

Since the 1970s, New South has featured such players as the late Keith Whitley, Ricky Skaggs, Tony Rice, Jerry Douglas and Bennett. Bennett, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., has lived in Richmond since 1990. The critically hailed guitarist has played professionally since the age of 11.

He has two solo albums to his credit, 1996's "Walking Down the Line" and last year's "A Long Lonesome Time."

Both albums contain traditional bluegrass, gospel and acoustic songs, as well as original material written by both Bennett and his wife and Bluetowne partner Wanda Barnett Bennett.

Barnett Bennett is a graduate of Eastern. She received a bachelor's degree in music education in 1980 and a master's degree in 1982.

Also in 1982, Barnett Bennett joined the band the New Coon Creek Girls, where she spent 10 years.

Although there is some travel involved with their current situation, Barnett Bennett is not eager to get back out on the road full time.

"I am not opposed to it but I'm not looking for it either," Barnett Bennett said. "I just take it one day at a time. I'm just happy to be able to survive playing music."

In addition to banjo ace Crowe, Richard Bennett has also collaborated with guitar virtuoso Tony Rice.

But Bennett had no qualms about breaking out from under the wing of his influences and working solo.

"You have to identify with your own structure," he said. "And I had Tony's support." (Tony Rice played guitar on Bennett's "Walking Down the Line" album.)

Bluetowne is somewhat of a sideline project between the Bennetts and Lexington banjo player Dean Osborne. (The band features alternating bass players.)

"Bluetowne is a band that works when the opportunity is there," Bennett said. "We all have our separate careers, so we never book the band heavy. We can be a local band or we can be a road band, but we have our careers to fall back on."

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Above: J.D. Crowe (center) and the New South. They will play a rare local club show tonight at Lynagh's. Left: Richard Bennett (with guitar) and Bluetowne. Bluetowne also includes Bennett's wife and Eastern graduate Wanda Barnett Bennett. They will open for J.D. Crowe and the New South tonight.

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## Four dollar charge for dropping class goes to registration

By JAMIE HOWARD  
Staff writer

**W**here does all the money go when you drop a class from your schedule?

That's what many students at Eastern Kentucky University wonder, but no one seems to know the answer.

A \$4 fee is charged if students drop or add a class, even though the university has switched to a phone registration system.

"I think the fee is unfair," said Sara Ryder, 21, majoring in education from Burlington. "We have lots of other financial burdens and this fee is ludicrous."

Vice president for financial affairs and treasurer Earl Balwin said the fee is for service.

"You have to be

removed from one class and put into another class and this fee is for the registration process," Baldwin said.

Amber Robinson, a 19-year-old undeclared major, isn't really sure what the university does with her money when she drops a class.

"It's ridiculous that we have to pay for this. Why should I pay if I don't even know where my money is going?" Robinson said.

Some students complain about the fee since some live on a fixed income.

"It (paying the fee) is unfair because it is something that students have to do and since some of us have tight money situations, we don't allow for such fees in our budgets," said Nikki Combs, a 21-year-old police administration major from Dayton, Ohio.

"I think it's just another fee the university has in place that students don't know where the money they pay goes," said John Hodgins, a 24-year-old recreational therapy major from Lexington.

### Looking for an Answer?

The Answer runs periodically and is designed to help Eastern students, faculty and staff clear up any questions about the university.

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# Activities

Nicole Johnson, editor

The Eastern Progress

Thursday, March 11, 1999 B5

## Pike Dream Girl chosen at 30th annual pageant

By SAM GISH  
Staff writer

The fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha (Pikes) held tradition while helping the community Wednesday night in Brock Auditorium.

Celebrating the 30th annual Dream Girl Pageant, the Pikes used this opportunity, as in past years, to raise money for the charity Big Brothers/Big Sisters. "We've always thought contributing to Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a way of protecting our future," said Tony Johnson, one of three chairs for the Dream Girl Pageant.

The pageant was broken into three sections — sporting wear, formal gowns and random questions.

In the sporting wear category the contestants dressed up in their favorite sports uniforms, which ranged from hula dancers to soccer players. The announcer explained to the audience why the contestants chose these sports.

The pageant also involved an auction of Pike members.

This gave the attending sororities a chance to bid on a variety of Pike members for a date and gave the contestants a chance to change into their evening gowns.

The participants in the formal gown category came out in evening gowns and the host read each contestant's reason for why they felt the Pikes should choose them.

The night also included a performance by a band from Bowling Green, the Muckruckers.

The band is made up of lead singer Rob Carpenter, guitarist John Ruby,

"I entered the pageant because I knew what an honor it would be to represent such a respected chapter on campus."

Chivonne Allen,  
'99 Pike Dream Girl

drummer Matt Berry and bassist Brian Muerer.

Their first CD was "Forget to Breathe."

During the pageant, they played music by a variety of bands including the BareNaked Ladies, John Denver, Steve Miller Band and U2.

In past years the Pikes have raised \$700 with this event. This year they raised about \$600 and also received canned goods for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The three Pike chairs Josh Tichenor, Casey Vanhooose and Tony Johnson planned the event. They began preparations in December, which gave them time to get everything accomplished.

Awards were given to Kappa Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Delta Pi for their enthusiastic participation in the night's events.

The sororities were involved in bidding on the auctioned Pikes and cheering for the candidates.

The Pikes also took time to thank one of the judges, Alan Hatfield of Hatfield Insurance. Hatfield is a Pike alum and was honored for his 10 years of participation. He was given a cake and recognized on stage.

Holding hands, the contestants listened intently as Shai Philips, a 20-year-old sophomore journalism major representing Kappa Alpha Theta, was named second runner-up.

"I wanted to be in the pageant because I enjoy pageants and find them exciting," Philips said.

Stephanie Daniels, an undeclared Alpha Delta Pi, was first runner-up.

The pageant ended with a hug and an emotional placing of the '99 sash by the '98 winner Marsha Posey to Chivonne Allen, an Alpha Delta Pi apparel design/merchandising major from Owensboro.

Allen said she did not expect to win, but was very excited to be crowned the 1999 Pike Dream Girl.

"I have always liked the Pi Kappa Alphas," Allen said. "I entered the pageant because I knew what an honor it would be to represent such a respected chapter on campus."

Allen said she was very honored when her name was called.

"Being Dream Girl will allow me to make new friends and I can't imagine the good times I am going to experience," Allen said.

"Receiving such an honor will greatly add to my college experience."



Andrea Brown/Progress

Chivonne Allen, an apparel design/merchandising major from Owensboro, was honored as the new Pike Dream Girl last Wednesday. Allen dressed up as a softball player for the sporting wear category. Allen said she never expected to win, but was eager to meet new friends.

## Rescue Squad works for community

By NICOLE JOHNSON  
Activities Editor

Water rescue, auto extrication, emergency driving, radio operation, basic search and rescue, traffic control — Brandon Hancock, a member of the Madison County Rescue Squad, is trained to do all of this and more.

The Madison County Rescue Squad is a county-wide, all-volunteer effort that provides numerous services. Hancock has been a member for almost a year, as well as being a paramedic student and working as a part-time Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at Madison County Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

"I can't do a desk job," Hancock said. "Every single call



is different; things are always interesting in the medical field."

Hancock is one of approximately 40 regular members on the squad. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first five available squad members will respond to a call.

One of the more common calls the squad receives is for car wrecks, and if necessary, the squad uses tools like the Jaws of Life to free the trapped victims inside.

After 7 p.m., the members on

backup will respond to a call. The members receive the call on the radio and drive to the scene from their own house. The squad has members scattered around the county so someone can be on scene within about 3 minutes.

Minutes are crucial. Patients have what is termed the "Golden Hour." The Golden Hour starts ticking when the accident or wreck occurs. For the best survival rates, patients need to be on the operating table at the hospital before the Golden Hour is up.

"In pre-hospital care you have minutes, and not hours to get a patient out of a car and on the road," Hancock said.

"There's a definite need for the squad in the county. There are a lot of things that could claim people's lives if there weren't people to intercede," said Hancock. "I wanted to be

one of those people who helps."

Hancock feels that volunteer work is not only beneficial to the individuals who use the service, but is useful to the volunteers as well. For instance, the Madison County Rescue Squad will train their volunteers in CPR, first aid, auto extrication and search and rescue.

"There are a lot of benefits to you. The more education you have, the more you can help the community," Hancock said.

Besides his work with the Squad, Hancock finds time to volunteer to teach CPR, and he is also on the Council for the Baptist Student Union.

Hancock feels volunteer work is important.

"You can help out in so many ways. There can never be too many volunteers."



Photo submitted

The Madison County Rescue Squad on-scene in the summer of 1998 at a car accident. The squad had to extricate the victim who was trapped beneath the vehicle when it overturned.

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# Sports

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## ► Tennis



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Sophomore Tara Williams returns a volley to an opposing Morehead State player Friday at the Greg Adams Tennis Center.

## Lady Colonels racket attack Eagles, Bruins

### Colonel netters fall to 1-10 with loss against Wildcats

BY CHRISTINA THOMPSON  
Assistant sports editor

For the women's tennis team, the First Weekend ended with success as the team swept home matches against Belmont University and Morehead State University, improving its record to 3-4 for the season.

Eastern defeated Belmont 8-1, led by the team's No. 1 player Susan Ferguson. Ferguson defeated Belmont's Nadja Durrer 6-1, 7-5. Joining Ferguson in victory were team members Tara Williams, April Dixon, Rachel Beaman and Kara Knoth.

Williams recorded a win over Lorana Martinez 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Dixon defeated Kate Moodie 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles action, Dixon teamed with Ferguson to beat Durrer-Moodie 8-6. Eastern's combination of Williams-Sarah Haney defeated Gerda Redmond and Martinez 8-5. Jennifer Goins and Beaman combined to pull out a tough victory over Stacy Rice and Keeley Furman 9-8 (6-4).

The team's success continued as it defeated Morehead with a score of 8-1. In singles play, Ferguson defeated Karla Zaldo 6-3, 6-2. Williams won 6-3, 6-4 over Tandai Chingoka.

Dixon continued the string of victories with her 6-1, 6-0 win over Robyn Adams.

Dixon's success extended into doubles play where she and Ferguson defeated Zaldo-Chingoka 8-5. The team of Williams-Haney won 8-4 over Morehead's Adams and Marisa Richelle.

Richelle suffered a loss to Haney in singles 6-1, 6-0.

Eastern's men's tennis team did not fare as well, as it lost its fifth straight match Thursday when it traveled to Lexington to face the University of Kentucky. The Colonel netters fell to Kentucky 7-0. The loss dropped the team's record to 1-10 for the season.

The men's team will continue its string of away matches when it travels to Troy State Saturday. The team will then go on to face Jacksonville State Sunday before travelling to Samford Monday and ending the trip by facing North Alabama Tuesday.

The women's team begins its four-match road trip Sunday when it faces Bethune-Cookman. The women will then face Flagler Tuesday and finish with matches Wednesday against Jacksonville and North Florida.

## Three & Out

### Eastern's invites take charge at invitational

BY CHRISTINA THOMPSON  
Assistant sports editor

After a two-week break from competition, Eastern's softball team hoped to improve on its performance so far this season while hosting the Eastern Invitational. However, the players were unable to capitalize on their home field advantage as they suffered losses to fellow participants Kent State University, Wright State University and the University of Tennessee.

Eastern ended the tournament with a loss in the consolation round Sunday to Wright State 3-1. The team's record dropped to 1-6.

"We're disappointed in the wins and losses," head coach Jane Worthington said. "We're a good team, not looking at the record."

Eastern's troubles started Saturday when the team suffered a 9-1 loss to Kent. Taking the loss for Eastern was senior pitcher Karen Scott. Worthington noted the performance of the pitching staff throughout the tournament.

"We expected the pitching to do a lot better," she said. "The pitchers got hit harder than we thought they would."

Both teams scored one run in the first inning, but Eastern couldn't contain the hitting power of Kent. Kent homered in the top of the third inning to take the lead for good. Kent would go on to score three runs in the top of the fourth before adding four more in the top of the sixth, off three Eastern errors.

Saturday afternoon, Eastern fell to Wright State 6-2. Sophomore pitcher Kerri Duncan recorded the loss.

Wright State took a 4-0 lead in the first two innings before Eastern scored its two runs in the top of the third off a double by junior Kelly Pikula. Wright State added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings.

Sunday proved to be more of the same for the team as

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Above: Jill MacDonald looks downfield for a possible double play after tagging out an opposing Tennessee player Sunday at Hood Field. Right: Shortstop Lisa Edwards connects with the ball for one of her two hits during Sunday's contest against the Lady Volunteers. Tennessee held the Lady Colonels to two runs, three hits and one RBI in the 10-2 Lady Vols victory.

Eastern dropped to 1-6 overall after its four losses in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

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### Eastern Invitational by the numbers

- Eastern scored a total of six runs against Kent, Tennessee and Wright State combined.
- Eastern was held to only five RBIs for the two-day tournament held at Hood Field.
- The three opposing teams batted in a combined 27 runs against the Lady Colonels.
- The three opposing teams held Eastern to a combined total of only 20 hits during the two-day invitational.

## ► Indoor Track

### Blossom pit stops at Last Chance

#### Blochwitz places 2nd in 800-meter

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Eastern Kentucky University's Sarah Blossom and Daniel Blochwitz competed last weekend at the Indiana University Last Chance Invitational.

Blossom, a senior from Indianapolis, Ind., finished first in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:03.0, while Blochwitz placed second in the 800-meter run with a clocking of 1:51.03.

Although placing well in both events, neither Blossom nor Blochwitz was able to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship set for this weekend in Indianapolis.

Coach Rick Erdmann's Colonels will begin their 1999 outdoor season with the Marshall University Early Bird Relays Saturday in Huntington, W.Va.

## ► Baseball



Andrew Patterson/Progress

Junior first baseman Lee Chapman slides back to first base after Eastern Michigan's second baseman attempts a double play March 2 at Turkey Hughes Field. The Colonels are coming off a 2-2 road record.

## Eastern eradicates Akron, William & Mary at Winthrop

BY SHANE WALTERS  
Sports editor

It was a battle fought at hills and mills during the Stateline Winthrop Classic Tournament last weekend.

Coach Jim Ward's 7-7 Colonels traveled to Rock Hill and Fort Mill, S.C., and posted a

2-2 record at the Winthrop Classic. Universities involved included William and Mary, Akron, Winthrop and Eastern.

The Colonels won their last two games of the tournament — 1-6 over William and Mary and 8-4 over Akron.

"We respected everybody in the tournament," said baseball

head coach Jim Ward.

Senior rightfielder Sean Murray homered over the wall of Knight's Stadium at Fort Mill and led the Colonels to a four run win over Akron Sunday. Eastern scored five runs in the sixth inning and held Akron scoreless for the remainder of

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## Getcha' motor runnin'; headout on the big highway



SHANE WALTERS  
X's & O's

**Martin, Tenn. is not south of Bowling Green no matter how you turn a Rand McNally map.**

It's a tradition. The sports staff of The Eastern Progress travels with the football Colonels every season. No matter if the Colonels go to Boone, N.C. to face Appalachian State or if they go to Cape Girardeau, Mo. to face Southeast Missouri State, we are there.

And, traditions have their stories. Even though I've followed the football squad for only one season, I've endured and survived various odd and bizarre events — the power of Glasgow hamburgers, using a McDonald's bag for something other than its proper use and using a milkshake for an unusual form of nasal spray at an Olive Garden. The 1998 football season brought numerous stories and tales.

### Where are the keys?

I heard that when Eastern played Western at Bowling Green on Sept. 19, it was one hell of a game. Note the word "heard." Our advertising designer, let's call her Aimee, asked if she could scurry along with us to Western since one of her closest friends went to a nearby college. Sure, come along Aimee.

Aimee was supposed to meet her friend at a Cracker Barrel in Bowling Green. We had some time to spare, so we were willing to reunite the two high school friends. As we pulled into the parking lot of Cracker Barrel, Aimee noticed her friend.

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# Golfers size up at Fripp Island

## Michelle Biro leads women to ninth place; men finish 12th

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON  
Assistant sports editor

While the weather here in Richmond last weekend was not what one would consider ideal golfing conditions, Eastern's men's and women's golf teams were swinging away in Fripp Island, S.C. at the Fripp Island Intercollegiate Tournament.

The women's team, led by the performance of junior Michelle Biro, finished ninth with a team score of 1004.

Biro finished the tournament tied in 23rd with her score of 244, which was 28 over par. In the third round Biro finished strong with a 77, only five over par.

Sophomore Colleen Yaegar finished seven shots behind Biro to end the tournament in 36th place. Seven places back was junior Kristie Kirby who shot a 256, 40 strokes over par.

Finishing two shots behind Kirby was fellow teammate senior Julie Bourne, whose score of 258 earned her a spot at 46th. Rounding out Eastern's finishers were freshman Kelli Wilson and sophomore Samantha Moses.

Wilson shot a 271 to find herself tied in 60th place while Moses was five shots back to finish the tournament in 66th.

"We're already back to the level of play that we were at the end of the fall season, and that is a good sign," said women's golf coach Joni Stephens.

The men's team did not fare as

well; they combined to score 920, which put them in the 12th spot for the tournament. Eastern shot 68 over par, which was 57 shots behind first place finisher, University of West Florida.

Junior Eric Willenbrink led all Eastern golfers with his score of 218 to finish the weekend tied in ninth. Fellow teammate and junior Brandon Tucker ended the tournament 14 shots over par to score 227 and find himself tied in 36th.

Finishing four shots behind Tucker was sophomore James Milam, whose score of 231 tied him for 48th.

Seniors Mason Guy and Andy Games and junior Josh Lee left Fripp Island just two shots away from each other.

Guy finished the tournament tied in 63rd with his score of 237, putting him 24 shots over par. Games who serves as captain for the team was one shot behind Guy and tied in 68th.

Lee shot a 239 to find himself tied for 72nd.

"The guys have practiced a lot over the winter, and we are looking forward to being able to play in some warmer weather," said men's golf coach Pat Stephens.

The women's golf team will travel to Elon College, N.C. to compete in the Elon College Invitational. The men's team will take a week off before it heads to Greenville, N.C., March 19-20, to participate in the East Carolina Pepsi Intercollegiate.



Junior Eric Willenbrink sizes up a putt during the men's golf team's spring intercollegiate last season at Arlington Golf Course. Willenbrink led Eastern with a score of 218 and finished tied for ninth at Fripp Island.

## Trips: Following the Colonels brought a barrel of laughs

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She jumped out of the car, asked for the keys to pop the trunk and got out her camera, so she could take a picture of her friend, and jumped into her friend's car. Wait a minute. Where are the keys?

Yes, in her frantic moment of reunited friendship, Aimee locked the keys to the car in the trunk. How? I still don't know how she did it.

So, I sat in the driver's seat of the car while the assistant sports editor sat on the curb reading Western Kentucky's college newspaper. We were waiting for a locksmith.

When Al, as we named him, got to the scene of the incident, he noticed he had forgotten his tools. Can you believe that? He forgot his tools.

So, Al left to get his tools while we scolded Aimee for her actions.

Anyway, Al's boss, Bob, as we named him, unlocked the trunk and got us moving again.

Late in the third quarter of the contest, Eastern Progress staff members could be seen dashing into L.T. Smith Stadium.

I heard it was an excellent game.

### Just south of Bowling Green

Martin, Tenn. is not south of Bowling Green no matter how you turn a Rand McNally map. I found that out the hard way. When the Colonels played Tennessee-Martin on Oct. 31, I guess you could say I wasn't prepared for the trip.

The photo editor tagged along for the ride, with only one question to his early morning checklist. Do you know where Martin is? Sure, just south of Bowling Green. Damn procrastination.

Martin, Tenn. is on the border of Tennessee and

Missouri, about an additional 150 miles southwest of Bowling Green. So, we set the cruise control on 65 and headed to Bowling Green. Just to see if we were on course, the photo editor checked our route as we entered Bowling Green's city limits. Martin wasn't south of Bowling Green. It wasn't anywhere near Bowling Green.

So, now with the cruise control set on 90, we headed to Martin. Screeching down country roads, almost hitting a mailbox and barely missing one of the biggest tractors I've ever seen. The trip to Martin was one for the record books.



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Third baseman Renee LeBlanc swings at a pitch by Tennessee's Buffy Walker during Sunday's contest at Hood Field. LeBlanc added one hit and one RBI during the Lady Colonels' losing effort.

### Softball: Eastern falls victim at invitational

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Tennessee defeated Eastern 10-2. Scott took the loss for the team. Eastern allowed Tennessee 13 hits while only earning two. Tennessee scored its first four runs in the top of the first inning, but Eastern would add one of its own in the bottom of the inning. In the top of the second Tennessee added two more runs before scoring once again in the third. Eastern would add one more run of its own in the bottom of the sixth after Tennessee had added

**"We're disappointed in the wins and losses."**

Jane Worthington, softball coach

three runs in the top of the inning. The team's final loss would come in the consolation round against Wright State. Wright State

defeated Eastern 3-1. Both teams scored in the fifth inning, but Wright State would score two more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Taking the loss for Eastern was Duncan. Now the team looks ahead to the Georgia Tech Tournament this weekend in Atlanta. Worthington hopes the team can improve its performance. "I hope we do well. There are no teams on our schedule that we can't beat," she said. "If the pitching comes around and the hitting picks up, then we can win."

### Baseball: Colonels host Detroit this Friday

From B6

the contest. Freshman right-hander Spencer Boley earned the win for the Colonels. Senior third baseman J.D. Bussell and Murray helped junior pitcher Chip Albright pick up an 11-6 victory over William and Mary Saturday by providing a home run each. Winthrop scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Colonels a 12-2 loss Friday at Rock Hill. Junior Adam Basil led the charge for Eastern with one run, two hits and two RBIs during the Colonels' 10-run loss. Before picking up a victory against Akron Sunday, the Colonels felt the wrath of Akron Saturday during a 21-3 loss.

Eastern will host Detroit at Turkey Hughes Field Friday and Saturday before facing Georgia State three times over Spring Break.

For an update on the game against Marshall University yesterday, visit our Web site at <www.progress.edu>

Akron capitalized on Eastern's six errors as Dan Wozniak earned his first win of the season. The Colonels are coming off a 1-3 homestand, losing to Wright State (9-6), Bowling Green (12-10) and Eastern Michigan (22-6), and defeating Bowling Green (15-4). "It was a tough week, especially that loss to Eastern Michigan, which was hard on the team's confidence. We certainly need to win a higher percentage of home games than this," Ward said.

The Colonels' contest scheduled Monday at the University of Louisville was rained out and rescheduled for today at 3 p.m.

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