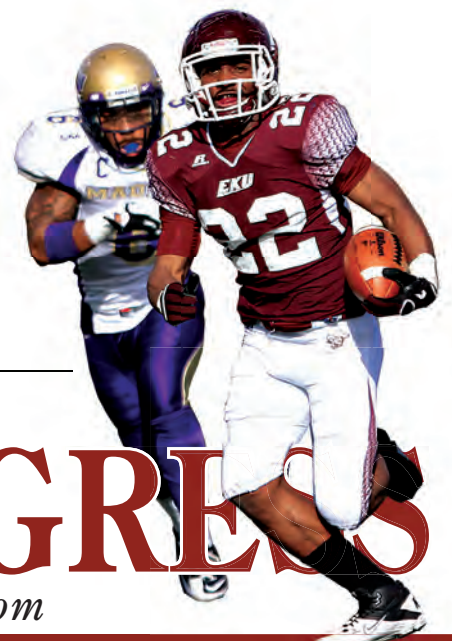




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## SGA gives support for on-campus child care

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Student Government Association passed a resolution in support of childcare services at its Nov. 15 meeting.

The resolution, presented by Senator Jacob Powell, states "The Eastern Kentucky University student population consists of stu-

dents and faculty who have children of their own and could greatly benefit from greater opportunities for childcare services."

Powell said the resolution stands to support the idea of having a child care center on campus for students.

"It's much more about getting out the idea that the students supported the idea and would like to have a child care center," Powell said.

He said having child care on campus would benefit Eastern.

"I just think it's a great thing for the university 'cause the university is always trying to grow, trying to add services for students to have a better experience, and it's just something we were lacking in, and we have the opportunity to get a good stability and a good program," Powell said "I just thought it was

important the students supported it."

Diane Leggett, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and chair of the university early childhood committee appointed by President Doug Whitlock this fall, said a feasibility study that was done in 2006-2007 on child care on campus recommended the university needed a center serving 150

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Alpha Omicron Pi presents

# LIP SYNC



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Alpha Omicron Pi put on the annual Lip Sync Nov. 18. Above, members of Phi Delta Theta perform. Below left, Sam Wilhite, 21, business major from Lexington, and other members of Kappa Alpha perform "A KA Kind of Weekend." Below right, Lindsay Jehn, 21, elementary education major from Taylor Mill, and her Chi Omega sisters perform "The Heart of a Chi O." AOPi members coached the fraternities and sororities for the event.



By ELISE SVOBODA  
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Eastern is known for having many traditions over the years. Greek Life is no exception, with the time-honored tradition of Alpha Omicron Pi's Lip Sync.

Since 1992, Alpha Omicron Pi's Lip Sync is an annual event on campus. During Lip Sync sororities and fraternities come up with their own theme music and choreography to perform while keeping it a secret from everyone else in the Greek community. The sororities and fraternities are coached by members of the AOPi chapter to help them prep for the big night.

"The best part of it is seeing how much work went into it and seeing how the different chapters' unique personality brings out their shows," said Morgan Mills, 21, homeland security major from Manchester and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mills said she likes how the event "brings everyone together from all our Greek community."

To get a seat, tickets need to be purchased early, with

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## President evaluation survey results expected Dec. 16

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A regularly scheduled evaluation of Eastern President Doug Whitlock was distributed to students, faculty and staff at the university by the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents, with assistance from the Pappas Consulting Firm, opened the survey from Nov. 7 to Nov. 18. According to university bylaws, the president must be evaluated by the Board in his second and fourth year in office and every four years afterward.

The survey assessed the president in areas such as leadership, management, communication effectiveness, public relations and fairness using a standard rating system.

"I focus on the mission of this institution," Whitlock said. "I work very hard to promote this institution in a positive light to our publics."

Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents, said he thinks the survey allows the community at Eastern to provide helpful feedback on how the university is being run.

"At this level, it's not really about good or bad," said Malcolm Frisbie, professor of biological sciences and faculty member on the Board of Regents. "It's about what things are working and what things are not working."

Those who interact closely with the pres-

ident said they think he is doing an excellent job at running and interacting with the university.

"I think the president has done an outstanding job with the issues he has to deal with, especially with the state the economy is in," Abney said. "He has always been very open with me, the Board and the campus community."

Frisbie said he finds the process to be a constructive and important one.

"I think it's important because our university has so many constituents," Frisbie said. "I think it's a great way for the president and the board to help set direction and priorities for the university."

Frisbie also thinks Eastern has such a varied community and cites something as simple as this survey to be beneficial for both the president and the campus.

"I think anybody always has a limitation of understanding exactly what all of the different facets of a big organization, like a university, are feeling," Frisbie said. "Anytime we can find a way to get feedback and provide suggestions, I think should be a way to help our leader lead effectively."

Whitlock said he's looking forward to sharing the final results with the Board of Regents at their meeting next month.

"I'm doing the job of being president the best I know how," Whitlock said.

The Board of Regents will meet with Whitlock after compiling a formal report of the results to discuss the evaluation at a board meeting on Dec. 16.



Doug Whitlock

## Madrigal Feaste 40 year tradition now 'Deck the Halls'

By KERRI HINKLE  
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With the fall semester coming to an end and Christmas season just around the corner, students and faculty at Eastern traditionally have the Madrigal Feaste to look forward to. But what used to be the Madrigal Feaste celebration is now "Deck the Halls: A Musical and Dining Celebration of the Season."

The Madrigal Feaste has been an Eastern tradition for 40 years, but the event's planners decided to take a fresh twist on an old ritual this year. The festivities will still offer collaboration between music and food, but a few changes have been made to the program, said Richard Waters, director of choral activities.

"The program will feature a variety of traditional and contemporary carols of the season, including a sing-a-long opportunity for the audience at the end of the program," Waters said.

Another change to the program will be that all three school choirs will sing at the event, Waters said.

"By involving all three choirs, we are able to add greater depth and variety to music that is sung," he said. "In addition, by having more students involved, we hope that more parents and family members will attend."

The event has been a group effort throughout the entire university, including the Department of Music, Dining Services, Colonel 1 Office and Marc Whitt's, associate

vice president of public relations, public relations class, Waters said.

"Whitt's class has played a key role in planning and promoting the event, including coming up with the name 'Deck the Halls: A Musical and Dining Celebration of the Season,'" he said. "We hope that the changes to the program will be viewed as enhancing and strengthening a long-standing cherished EKU tradition."

The menu will look very familiar to previous patrons of the Madrigal Feaste, Waters added. This year's menu includes wassail, quiche, Cornish game hen served over wild rice with a mushroom sauce and green beans topped with julienne carrots.

Waters said he anticipates a great crowd both nights, hoping to sell out all 200 seats per night.

"We hope everyone will come and support the choral program at EKU and enjoy an evening of fine dining and excellent singing," Waters said.

The event is scheduled Dec. 9 and 10 in the Keen Johnson Building. The ballroom doors will open at 6:15 p.m. with musicians entertaining in the lobby. Seating will begin at 6:45, and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$26 each and may be purchased in the Colonel 1 Office or by phone at 622-2179.

"We hope people will come to enjoy the singing of our talented students," Waters said. "And, of course, get into the spirit of the season."



# POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

**Nov. 10**

Police were dispatched to a report of a burglary in Martin Hall. A male student said his English 101 handbook valued at \$75 and Chemistry 101 book valued at \$65 had been taken from his room. The student said he last saw the textbooks sometime the week before and said he was not sure if his room was secured or not. He said he usually locks the door to his room when he leaves.

**Nov. 17**

Police responded to Keene Hall to a report of an odor of marijuana on the ninth floor. Officers arrived and were not able to locate any marijuana. After they left, RA investigated the ninth floor and discovered a marijuana odor coming from

the hallway door crack of Room 911. After knocking and announcing he was hall staff, students Zachary Graves and Kendall Borders opened the door. The RA saw marijuana residue on a desk after Graves said he had a grinder. After the RA asked if there was any marijuana in the room and they said no, the RA said, "It would be better if you were honest; it would be better for you." Graves said he had marijuana. Graves showed him a glass jar containing marijuana that he had in his desk drawer along with a small bag containing marijuana, a digital scale and a grinder. The RA contacted the ECU Police. Upon arrival, police observed 21 grams of marijuana in the jar, 3.9 grams of marijuana in the bag, the digital scale and grinder, seized it and logged it into evidence. Graves told the police the items belonged to him. He and was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and was released.

Police responded to Commonwealth Hall in reference to criminal mischief. Police met with an RA who said the 16th and 17th floor exit signs had been damaged. Police observed the damage on both floors, collected the remaining pieces and placed them into evidence.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

**Extended lab hours for finals**

The Student Technology Lab in the Crabbe Library by Java City will be extending its hours for finals. The lab will be open 24 hours starting Dec. 4 until Friday Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. The following week during finals, the lab will be open until 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday and will close at its regular time, 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

**Christmas gifts needed for Madison County residents**

The I/O Psychology Club is collecting gifts for 103 residents who live in Madison

Towers, a low-income apartment complex housing elderly, disabled and handicapped people. There are gift trees decorated with tags that represent each person. The tags list what the person wished for this Christmas. Donations are also welcomed and will be put toward purchasing gifts. Gifts and donations can be delivered to Cammack Building, Office 127 or to the Office of Student Life by Dec. 16. For more information, contact Nichole Zimmerman at 553-0163.

**Job offer for federal work study students**

The Department of Graduate Education and Research is accepting applications for an institutional federal work study student worker for the spring 2012 semester. The job will involve answering phones, taking messages, making copies, filing, other clerical duties, providing assistance to students, staff and faculty and running errands around campus. Pay is about \$7.25 an hour for about 15 hours per week. For more information contact Amber Gray and visit jobs.eku.edu to apply.



## The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Dec. 1 - Dec. 7

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>9 a.m.</b> Winter Holidays and Traditions, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Powell Lobby</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Jazz Ensemble Concert, ECU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p> <p><b>9 p.m.</b> Bingo, Student Life, Keen Johnson Ballroom</p>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b> December First Friday, Campus Recreation, Powell Lobby</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Appalachia in the Bluegrass featuring Red State Ramblers, ECU Arts and Culture, Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Composer's concert, ECU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p>	<p><b>2 p.m.</b> Women's basketball game at Chicago State/ Marshall University</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Men's basketball vs. Brescia, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>3 p.m.</b> Combined Symphonic Band and Madison Concert Band, ECU Arts and Culture, Brock Auditorium</p> <p><b>5 p.m.</b> Hunt/Howe joint recital, ECU Arts and Culture, Pearl-Buchanan Auditorium</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Trombone studio recital, ECU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p>	<p><b>8 p.m.</b> Brass choir concert, ECU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p> <p><b>Midnight</b> Midnight Study Breakfast, McGregor Hall event, McGregor basement</p>	<p><b>5 p.m.</b> Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony, College of Business and Technology, BTC 206</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Women's basketball game vs. Belmont University, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Men's basketball game vs. North Carolina Central, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b> Stress Free Zone, Campus Recreation, Kennamer Room</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Guitar studio recital, ECU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p> <p>Holiday Dinner, McGregor Hall event, McGregor basement</p>

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# Petition used to support student media fee for radio

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Petitions have begun circulating on campus to support a student media fee—including one that would support a student radio station and the Milestone yearbook. “Students are into it,” said Jim Gleason, assistant professor of public relations. “They think the idea is cool.” The fee will be charged to every Eastern student and will total \$13. The yearbook will receive \$8 of this fee and \$5 will go to the radio station.

The fees will support the costs associated with running the radio station for equipment, as well as allowing a limited number of students to receive a yearbook at no cost. “The fee would save the yearbook and help start the radio station,” said Allyson DeVito, part-time faculty in the Department of Communication. DeVito added that the fee would help to start up the radio station, which will initially appear online. The radio station is also in need of a license to broadcast and a location for the station. Gleason said the radio station having the

right location is a big deal; it can't just be placed into a corner of campus. “The radio station is a part of student life,” Gleason said. “It needs the right location.” The radio station has already received some funding from the Department of Communication, with approximately \$9,500 available for current funding. The money from the student media fee will also be used to pay the advisers from both organizations and student salaries. The petition for the combined student media fee is currently looking for 500 sig-

natures before a presentation is made to Student Senate. The Senate will then vote about supporting the fee. The petition can be signed online at [www.ipetitions.com/petition/ekustudent-media](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ekustudent-media). Several members of the organizations have been asked to solicit signatures around campus. The petition process began Nov. 14 and will conclude Dec. 2 with some opportunity for additional signatures on Dec. 5. The petition will be presented at the Dec. 6 Senate meeting. If the fee is passed, it is expected to go into effect fall 2012.



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Members of Sigma Nu performed a spy-themed routine called “Nu, Sigma Nu,” at the annual Lip Sync hosted by AOPi.

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most groups purchasing tickets in advance. The audience ranges from friends, family and girlfriends/girlfriends of sorority and fraternity members to members of the Richmond community.

All the proceeds from this event went to help the sorority's philanthropy for arthritis research and awareness.

Once the event started, there were various themes present throughout the night. In the end, Alpha Delta Pi won first place for the sororities with their theme of All Dolled Up and Sigma Nu won first place for the fraternities with Nu, Sigma Nu.

Elyse Hurst, 22, a dietetics major from Lexington and a member of and one of the choreographers for Alpha Delta Pi, said the idea came from another girl in her chapter about a doll theme. From there, Hurst worked with her fellow EKU Dance Team members from her chapter for choreography. From rag dolls to wind up dolls, almost every doll imaginable was on stage.

“If we are going to have a doll theme, we are going to have all kind of dolls,” Hurst said.

Sigma Nu had many choreographers for their dance and Phillip Migyanko, 21, human resources management major

from Waverly, Ohio was one of them.

“It was kind of challenging to do James Bond ‘cause of finding different lyrics, finding different songs and story lines,” said Migyanko.

Second place for the sororities went to Delta Zeta with Delta Zeta Toy Box and second place for the fraternities went to Tau Kappa Epsilon with Space Cowboys and Aliens. Third place for the sororities went to Kappa Delta with *Saturday Morning Cartoons* and third place went to Kappa Alpha with *KA Kind of Weekend*. Alpha Gamma Delta with *Alpha Gam is Every Woman* won the AOPi Choice Award.

Other than the dancers on the stage, there were other members of the Greek community present. Megan Lewis, 20, a criminal justice major from Louisville and a member of Pi Beta Phi, favorite part of Lip Sync is the dancing.

“For the sororities it is usually the ADPi's dance,” Lewis said. “They always have like amazing dances, and for the fraternities it's the KA's [Kappa Alpha] because they always like have stepping into theirs, just to prove they all are not just country boys.”

But, despite the tradition, for some this was their first Lip Sync.

For Kristina Basham, 19, a forensic science major from Lexington, and Kelly Schwisthal, 18, athletic training major from Owensboro, both members of Pi Beta Phi, enjoyed their first ever Lip Sync.

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plus children.

“The committee the president appointed this fall is doing some work to reiterate the importance of high quality child care for the university and the community,” Leggett said.

Currently, the committee is gathering information and support for developing a large high quality center.

“We're getting ready to survey faculty, staff and potentially students, the student government recommendation was a very critical, very important part of the pieces that need to come together in order to have a really high quality center,” Leggett said.

She said she also co-chaired a university task force that recommended an even larger center that would service Eastern as well as the community, serving about 200 children.

Leggett said a child care center would have many benefits for the campus.

“There are so many nontraditional students, over 30 percent, many of them have children and of course there are many traditional age college age students that have children as well, and there is considerable research that indicates that if there's child care available on campus, the students are more likely to persist and complete their degree,” Leggett said. “The really big benefit I see is recruiting for students and faculty and staff, in other words, yeah, if you can choose between a university that has a high quality child care center on campus and one that doesn't, if you already have children or if you intend ever to have children, then clearly one that provides campus child care is one you more likely to select.”

Dana Bush, director of the Burrier child development center, a professor in child family studies and a member of the university early childhood committee, said the Burrier child development center is a traditional lab school in the sense that it is a half-day program with a morning program and an afternoon program that supports a maximum of 32 three-year-olds.

“Many students can not utilize the Burrier child development center because of the half day schedule, and our mission at the burrier child development center is that we want to serve students first,” Bush said. “We would like to expand that to serve children first.”

Bush said the center could offer research and observation opportunities for students and faculty. She said the Burrier child development center is NACYC accredited and is a four star center, one of only 13 in the state. She also commented that she would like to expand the quality of the center to accommodate a larger community.

“We will provide high quality care for the community, which is lacking actually,” Bush said. “There are very few options for faculty students and community members in regards to child care specifically infant care.”

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# Creative writing showcase spotlights student work

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For Mara Gover, the most defining moment in her life was the death of her father when she was four, a moment she believes to be the continuous inspiration for her writing.

Gover, 25, creative writing major from Estill County, began writing fan fiction in her younger years, a hobby that developed into general fiction writing once she entered high school.

After earning a degree in anthropology, she returned to Eastern to pursue her dream in the creative writing program, in which she is now a senior.

And Gover said she is excited to have the opportunity to preview some of her work to fellow Eastern students in Thursday's Showcase Showdown in Herndon Lounge from 3:30 to 5 p.m., an event the creative writing program has initiated to give writers a chance to display any of their writing, including fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

"We want to promote the creative writing program," Gover said. "I see a lot of people on campus who write creatively, but will not venture into the major for fear of disappointing parents."

Gover acknowledged writing can be a career of limited financial gain and said students who are gifted in writing should not let that stop them.

However, these students should have something to fall back on, which is why she obtained a degree in anthropology, she added. Julie Hensley, professor of the creative writing capstone course, said she also encounters students both scared and curious about the program, but she finds that people in this major still find lucrative jobs.

"It's still an English degree with skills," Hensley said. "Students just have to find a way to sell those skills, whether it be business or technical; there are jobs. And these days many jobs require a graduate degree anyway, so you might as well major in something you love."

Currently Gover is exploring what she calls "life writing." She takes real-life situations and turns them into fiction, she said.

"I am writing a story about a woman who decides to start cleaning houses nakedly," Gover said. "It's a story about two women [who are friends], one is stable and the other is newly divorced and starts naked housecleaning."

Gover said she will either read an excerpt from her naked housecleaning story or one where she has the plot taking place during the Salem witch trials. In this story, a female witch is married to a man who is in charge of sentencing people in witch trials. She fears he will find her out and kill her.

[when I write]," Gover said. "Sometimes I'll see images of a character, something as stupid as a name that could turn into me writing 1,000 words."

Hensley said the event will be fast-paced.

"It will almost be like speed dating," Hensley said. "One person will go and then the next person, there will be a lot of energy."

The event is free, open to the public and refreshments will be available, Hensley said.

"This is an opportunity for graduating seniors of the creative writing program to engage in the public voice they might be assuming at large," she said. "The subject matter of their readings is very diverse, and I'm very proud of them."

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**Julie Hensley**  
Creative writing professor

Part 12 in a series on campus life

## Upperclassmen program provides planning for future

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For most college students, figuring out what to do after graduation can be very stressful and confusing. Juniors and seniors on campus have the opportunity to live in a Living Learning Community (LLC) that is specifically designed to help them prepare for life after college.

The LLC, called Next Steps, is located on the 6th and 7th floors of Walters Hall. Helen Grace, a former University Housing employee, introduced Next Steps to Eastern's campus in 2004, said Nickole Hale, associate director of Academic Initiatives within University Housing.

"Helen Grace felt like there was a need for students to have someone to talk to in order to help them plan for life after college," Hale said.

Hale added that the purpose of the LLC is to prepare upperclassmen for life after college.

"Next Steps provides the programming needs of upperclassmen in order to get a job, get into graduate school or gain profes-

sional training," said Thomas Patrick, residence hall coordinator of Walters Hall.

One such program is "Fire by Facebook," said Kevin Willis, 21, English major from Albany and the resident assistant (RA) for Next Steps. The program is designed to teach students the impact Facebook can have on securing jobs.

"Employers look at what people post now before they even hire them," Willis said.

Willis added in an email interview that both floors have bulletin boards, LLC agreements on display and other aesthetic elements that give both floors a unique feel. Each floor also hosts a community hour each week for the residents.

"Community hours typically involve the residents and RAs interacting on the floor for fun activities like a game night or a craft activity," Willis said.

One resident who is a part of the Next Steps program, Brandon Holbrook, 26, broadcasting and electronic media major from Versailles, said the programs are very informative to him.

"I chose Next Steps because I needed

help figuring out a career," Holbrook said. "It has helped me find out how to progress towards my degree."

Other programs include workshops on how to use the library resources to study for the graduate exam, how to interview well and how to find a career or job, Patrick said.

"We work closely with Career Services," Willis said. "They are our investors. They give us the necessary resources, such as fliers."

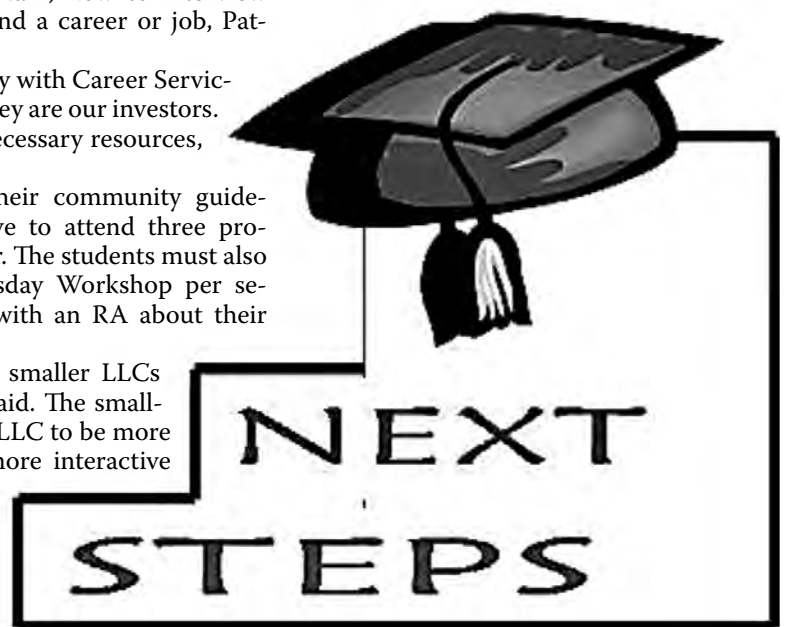
According to their community guidelines, students have to attend three programs per semester. The students must also go to one Wednesday Workshop per semester and meet with an RA about their goals.

It is one of the smaller LLCs on campus, Hale said. The smaller groups help the LLC to be more focused and are more interactive for the students, she added.

Holbrook said living in the Next Steps community

has been beneficial for him.

"Next Steps has been a really good opportunity for me," Holbrook said. "It's helped me a lot in making plans for my future."



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# Presenting sponsor released for June conference

By TAYLOR PETTIT  
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AT&T announced Tuesday that it will be the presenting sponsor for the International Town and Gown Association (ITGA) Conference, which Eastern will host June 4 through June 8.

"We're always supportive of EKU and schools throughout Kentucky," said Mary Pat Regan, president of AT&T Kentucky.

As the presenting sponsor, AT&T will contribute \$5,000, sponsor the opening banquet, participate in the exhibit hall, have an opportunity to provide a presentation and will act as an "anchor" of the event, Regan said.

The exhibit hall, which will be in Walnut Hall in Keen Johnson, will allow sponsors to set up a display for conference visitors to view information dealing with the corporate sponsors and community relations.

"I think it's fair to say they [AT&T] jumped at the opportunity," said Marc Whitt, associate vice president of public relations and one of the organizers of the conference.

Other possible corporate sponsors will possibly include Pepsi, Whitt said.

Other levels of sponsorships include \$2,500 and \$1,000 choices.

The ITGA conference is expected to attract at least 400 visitors from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as visitors from Europe, South America, Asia and Australia, according to a press release.

The theme of this year's conference is "Town and Gown Partnerships for the Present and Future."

"This conference addresses so many issues that we are dealing with," said Robert Blythe, a Richmond city commissioner.

Blythe said he attended an ITGA conference at Murray State University and brought the idea back to Richmond.

"The need becomes too obvious," Blythe said. "You get to see the issues being discussed so we don't have to reinvent the wheel."

Blythe said he also hopes local corporate sponsors will step forward.

"I think folks around here would be willing to be corporate sponsors," Blythe said. "I would be willing to court them myself to get them involved."



TAYLOR PETTIT/PROGRESS  
Mary Pat Regan, president of AT&T Kentucky, presents a check to sponsor the International Town and Gown Association Conference to Mayor Jim Barnes at a press conference in the EKU Center for the Arts.

## This week in photos



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

### EKU VETS hosts campus blood drive

Emily Flanagan, 23, a public relations major from Stanford took time to donate at the recent blood drive hosted by EKU VETS in the Powell Building.

## Black Student Union to be revived

By DANA COLE  
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In recent semesters, the Black Student Union has disappeared from the scene on Eastern's campus.

Tuesday night, though, a group of students met with the purpose of "rebirthing" the organization.

Dhahron Mason, 20, education major from Lexington, headed up the effort and led the meeting.

Mason laid out several goals the reconvened group wants to try to achieve next semester.

The goals included creating a calendar of events for all black organizations, developing community service projects and fundraisers and branding BSU.

"I haven't seen a BSU logo anywhere; it would be nice to create one," Mason said. "We could put it on all our papers, T-shirts and fliers."

From the goals Mason presented, the group decided to focus on rebuilding the organization and making it an umbrella organization to support other minority organizations.

Ashley Offutt, 21, communication studies major with an African-American stud-

ies minor, said eventually the BSU will host events of that nature when it gains more support and structure, but for now the main focus is support.

"We are like the momma and daddy of other organizations until we build ourselves up," Offutt said.

The group plans to reach out to other organizations on campus and recruit them to have a representative from each of their clubs to be delegates in the BSU.

Brandon Harrison, 22, English teaching major from Washington, D.C., said the group needs to focus on building numbers.

"Our focus is to rebuild," Harrison said. "To rebuild, we need more people."

Mason said the reason BSU failed in the past was because of a downfall in leadership, and the group is trying to avoid that happening again.

"Once leadership falls apart, it all falls apart," Mason said.

Whitney Johnson, 22, child and family studies major with an African-American studies minor, said the BSU needs to prove itself to gain the trust of people on campus again to be successful.

"How are we going to get people to believe in this when it went down before?" Johnson said.

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Seth Littrell, editor

## Child care a necessity for changing student body

Last week Student Senate passed a resolution in support of on-campus child care for students. The resolution states that SGA is supportive of the idea of such a facility and encourages the university to take steps toward making it a reality.

But is child care really such a big deal on a college campus? Most students are young, just out of high school and have no children of their own. How could a campus day care possibly be worth the cost of creating and staffing a facility?

The truth of the matter is that times have changed and the way the student body is made up has changed too. Currently, more than 40 percent of Eastern's student body is made up of non-traditional students. These students are older, they usually have jobs outside the university and in some cases, they have children as well. College is no longer an option just for students graduating high school. It has become an asset to anyone who wants to further his or her education in hopes of getting a better job.

Eastern has done an especially good job of adapting to the changing student body. The Student Outreach and Transition Office (SOTO) has numerous resources for assisting non-trads from various walks of life, from those returning to college to those starting college for the first time in their lives. The Project Graduate program helps students who left school with 90 hours or more to come back and finish their degrees.

Looking at all this information, it isn't hard to see why on-campus child care for Eastern is actually a very important issue. While not every one of these non-traditional students has children, a large number of them do. These students, in many cases, are working jobs in addition to being students and raising their children, and in cases like this, convenience of child care becomes a major issue.

The creation of a childcare service on the Richmond campus would simply be the next step in Eastern's campaign to make going to college easier for non-trad students. The university has already made great strides in helping non-trads get accepted and attending school, as we previously mentioned, but now it's time to address keeping these students in school.



As any student can tell you, whether they are traditional or non-traditional, sometimes life gets in the way of our plans. This can be especially true for students with families and children of their own. The detour when taking your child to day care is an inconvenience, and as the semester goes on, the inconvenience turns into extra money spent on gas, which turns into an annoyance and a financial burden. In addition, most childcare centers have strict rules on when children must be picked up. Being late could result in additional costs that rise depending on how late you are.

A campus childcare center eliminates this problem. It would be conveniently located at the same destination the student is going to in the first place. This means no extra driving time for students, so less gas is used. The location also helps when it comes time to pick up the child and go home. Traffic and the occasional group project

that runs longer than expected will no longer translate into terrifying late fees when your child is staying on the same campus as you.

But where would a facility like this go, and would the cost of creating and staffing such a place be a worthwhile expense to the university? After all, the creation of a center like this will be an added expense, likely translated into a bigger expense for the students. With tuition payments steadily rising, is this worth it?

We at *The Progress* feel it is worth it. Yes, tuition for traditional students is rising, but it is rising for non-trads as well. They are struggling to stay in school, and because they make up nearly half of the student body, we think the school should take steps to make non-trad's time on campus as convenient as possible.

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This center should be looked at as an opportunity for Eastern. A good number of student workers could find part-time employment staffing the facility, under the observation and control of trained professionals, of course. Eastern has an entire department dedicated to child development. This facility could easily be used as a lab for students within the major, providing hands-on training for their future careers while doing a service to the campus community.

The changing face of the university student body has made child care on campus an important issue. In the spirit of making college life for non-traditional students as convenient as possible, *The Progress* stands with SGA in its endorsement of a childcare facility on the Richmond campus.

## Surviving difficult times lays the foundation for a happy future



My Turn:  
Cari Tretina

Sugarplum, my great grandmother, is 94 years old. Coming over to America from Eastern Europe as a young girl in the early 1900s, she has experienced more than most can claim. She has seen every war and political battle since the World War One, survived through the Great Depression and still managed to rear four successful children on only her meager income.

Thanks to Sugarplum, the Tretina family is happy, prosperous and large. She is the reason my father's family exists and still comes together.

She has trouble seeing all of this, though. Sugarplum may have lived and stayed sane

through all of those hardships during her younger years, but she struggles to remain positive after all this time.

Living alone in New Jersey with her ungrateful cat in a one-bedroom apartment, Sugarplum spends a lot of her time watching television. Bound to a walker, it takes an extraordinary amount of energy and strength for her to even walk to the mailbox right outside her door.

With that said, she has a lot of time to get lost in her thoughts. Unfortunately, those thoughts consist of depressing memories. She lost the love of her life on Valentine's Day more than a decade ago and her closest brother a year ago. The worst was burying her youngest son and daughter-in-law last year. Even though she has so much to be thankful for, she can't always see through her black veil.

Every Thanksgiving, my parents and I attempt to make those troubling thoughts disappear—for a little bit, anyway. We travel to Jersey and take her out once or twice and run any errands she needs completed.

Sugarplum's favorite moments, and mine, with us are when we just sit and talk. I love hearing all the stories and life lessons she has to tell. Her smile reaches from ear to ear when she recalls the good and pleasant times.

That smile quickly turns to tears once we start to say our goodbyes. It never fails: Every time anyone starts to pack up or leave Sugarplum's home, she immediately begins to sob and becomes instantly depressed. All she can think of is the time spent without those people and how much it is going to hurt without their presences.

It breaks my heart to see my great grandmother in such pain every day, especially during the holiday season. She is surrounded by family and friends who love and care for her dearly, yet her mind is only focused on all of the negative aspects and time lost with those people.

I realize I have absolutely no life experience compared to Sugarplum, but I do know life is hard. There are going to be rough times; everyone will be hurt at some

point. You will make a poor decision; you will have to be apart from the people you love.

But you will survive. Only by going through those difficult times will you learn from your mistakes. Staying positive and remembering better times are ahead will give you the strength to live a good life.

Treasure the moments you spend with someone as opposed to missing the times spent apart. In fact, be happy you even get to be with that person. Those moments with the ones you care for will help you get through the bad periods in your life.

Going through life only thinking negatively and remembering the hard times you have experienced is going to lead you down the path of mental distress and transform you into a pessimistic person. Life is easier to deal with if you just stay positive.

Appreciate the present and treasure the past. You never know when you won't be able to one day.

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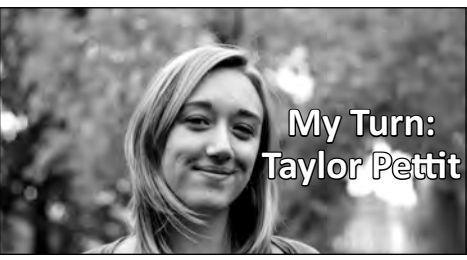
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## Intelligence not determined by high grades alone



My Turn:  
Taylor Pettit

It's nearing the end of the semester. The papers, projects and presentations have begun mounting. As usual, impending grades have caused me to rethink some of the decisions I have made this semester.

Did I truly take advantage of all the opportunities offered to me? Was I the best student I could be this semester?

Heck no.  
I am a horrible student.  
If a professor tells me attendance is not required, I will not make it to most of the class sessions. If the readings will not be on

tests or required for participation points, I probably will not even purchase the book. If classes have been scheduled for "time" to "work" on projects, I know I will spend those being as lazy as I possibly can.

I know some may chastise me for wasted money and lost time learning, but the fact is my academic effortlessness is practically an epidemic among some students. Before the surge of anger arises in response, let me present my defense.

I do not think Cs get degrees. I do not think college is a waste of time. And I've never paid someone to do an assignment for me.

There is much more to an education than a number that is accumulated throughout a few months.

An education is a constant thirst for knowledge. Learning is done in more ways than sitting through a lecture.

In my short 20 years on this earth, I have

come to realize being a student is much more than paying tuition or taking tests.

With things like the Internet and libraries, I am always learning. I never stop reading. I keep an endless list of things I would like to learn how to do one day, such as growing my own food, lobbying for a non-profit organization or learning how to brew my own beer.

In the time I don't spend in class, I have developed an affinity to researching and reading up on Aboriginal tattooing practices, pole shifts and the relationships between social and economic political issues in campaigning methods.

A GPA is not a definition of how intelligent one is. A letter grade is not even close to an indicator of the enthusiasm someone has for life.

The quality of education, even in the world of the college student, should not be dictated by some number.

## Success over survival motivates public servants



My Turn:  
Matt Thacker

As I perused the newsfeed of Facebook over the past few days, Facebook informed me that a select portion of my friends had read an article on Yahoo News! entitled "Recent Study Identifies Top 10 Highest and Lowest Paying College Majors." Being a current investor of higher education, I followed the link. After reading the news article, I sought out the actual study conducted by the Center on Education Through the Workforce at Georgetown University. While the article was a rather indisposed representation of what the study actually produced, I could not stop myself from pondering the importance of financial stability based on a college major. Now, while the immediate implications did not solidify, the thought began

to fester in the back of my mind.

I sat in the office today and listened as a close friend of mine described with excitement her first experience of teaching a lesson at Model. She was assured that she knew that teaching is what she wanted to do with her life, and she knew that she was in the right major. Prior to that conversation, I spoke with another close friend who is a social work major with similar proclamation about the choice in careers. And I can attest that I have never seen anyone take as much pride in helping others as I do in her. I write about these exchanges because teachers and social work are among the top ten of the lowest-paying jobs.

To fully express my thoughts, it would probably be beneficial to talk about the results of the study. The two top paying jobs are from the engineering field and computers/mathematics, while the lowest two fields are education and social work. If success is measured on a monetary scale, then all is well. But it would be indicative that since I am writing this, I do not believe that a monetary scale is not an adequate

measuring device for success. Educators, social workers and others involved in various forms of public service careers seem to have a sense of pride in what they do. Now, I am not trying to insinuate that others do not take the same pride in their work but, simply that public servants are often more expressive about their passion and the success that they feel. As the economy continues to decline, the people in these fields and majors are not compensated in a correlated fashion to offset the rising costs of living. In fact, it is usually those fields that receive the first cuts in funding. As every year passes, I cannot help but wonder how public servants will continue to thrive in everything they endure. Each year millions of freshmen enter college campuses across the country and are forced with one of the most difficult decisions they will ever make: Will they choose success, or will they choose survival? Let us all take every opportunity that we get to express our gratitude to each and every one of these individuals for their success.

### >Letters to the editor

## Writer responds with satire, recommends common sense

The definition of trend is to show a tendency or movement toward something in a particular direction.

As in the media's tendency to increasingly portray LGBTQA lifestyles, latest outfit or the increasing trend toward mindless nothing. Was this the news 10 years ago, or is this a trend? I am not naive enough to think that the world is Cleaveresque—it is anything but. Attention spans have been shortened into the latest trends and tweets; and unable to comprehend the future more than seconds in advance, we do not think. Our tax plans have been reduced to Domino's choices (9-9-9) and similarly simple acronyms that Rick Perry fails to recall as the answer to solve the country's woes. In a perfect world, this "bigot's" past satirical "diatribe" would have induced thought and promoted common sense; instead, I unleashed a flurry of nothoughttweetback, words unnecessarily combined, while also lacking thought. People have been backed into their respective corners and now respond as cornered animals, ready to rage and attack. They immediately puff up and posture

their homosexual hillbilly Cleaver lifestyle as tax-payin', God-fearin', child-fundraisin', local shoppin', oh, and they are wealthy. I don't care, as the prophet Tupac says, "I ain't mad atcha, do your thing boy." You do deserve a voice, but so do people with common sense. Where the bulk of my news in my not so Cleaveresque world is comprised of the aforementioned mindless nothings, I must rely on satirical relief to gain perspective. The world we know and love is quickly disintegrating around us, and society's solution is to personally attack and finger-point. To express opinion toward common sense or practical approaches to complex issues places one in the company of Ron Paul, stricken to segregation and attack. When I say to have anal sex to solve many problems, I am being satirical, but in reality, would it not be the best solution yet offered to multiple complex issues?

In response to Toler's timeline of "great gays in history," we knew, my opinions regarding various LGBTQA topics, irrelevant. To the point, the bombardment is just unnecessary operation-gay accep-

tance complete- Okay, y'all.

Here's what anal sex has to do with the federal deficit: STDs, birth control, abortions, pre-natal care, abandoned children, education and legal legislation for the "acceptance" of homosexuality? Nothing is free; it now costs \$222,360 to raise a child to 18, and the cost for the "unwanted" children is much higher. So common sense would dictate that anal sex has, in fact, much to do with the federal deficit. If all that was gained from my previous editorial was "rage," I would encourage everyone to reread it, just think, take a bubble bath and go to "fairy-world," where common sense reigns supreme. Should I be more worried about the federal deficit, overpopulation, cancellation of tax-funded programs, the dangers of birth control, radiation, foreclosure, war and terrible politicians, or should I worry about who recently came out of the closet? Was it The Situation? OMG!!!!

Covie Schmidt  
Student

## Current honors resources not sufficient for success

The Honors Program at ECU is being held back. As a program, we are forced to make do with facilities and resources that do not allow students and faculty to take full advantage of their academic potential. Right now, the Honors Program has a handful of offices, one lounge and restricted access to a residence hall that many of the Honors students don't even live in. With just these resources, the Honors Program still manages to bring a high level of national and international academic recognition to the university. With more resources, the possibilities are endless.

What we are asking for is simple. We want a space on campus where we can build the Honors community to a level where it can provide a mutually supportive atmosphere for students and faculty to bring even more recognition to the university as a whole. This space would

combine living areas, office space, classrooms and programming rooms into something that the entire Honors community can take advantage of, not just on-campus students. With a space that we can call our own, the Honors Program will continue to attract top-level students who then bring more recognition to the university. This recognition brings with it increased rankings, alumni donations and more top students and faculty.

Other universities are already working on this concept. The University of Kentucky is building a \$60 million Honors residence hall and community building. The University of Massachusetts is building a \$186.5 million Honors complex with a total of six buildings. With recent successes in the Honors Program such as a Truman Scholar winner, first-place winner at the National Collegiate Honors

Conference and two Goldwater Scholar finalists, ECU now competes in this top echelon of honors programs and needs to be able to offer the same resources.

This is the beginning of a much larger student campaign to bring progress to this issue. Every week for the rest of the school year, an editorial will be submitted to the *Progress* by different students advocating for an Honors community. We are also going to use every means we have to present information to the university as a whole on what we are asking for. We are not asking for a lot, just enough to give back to a university that has given us so much.

Miles Owen  
President, Honors Student  
Advisory Council

## Proposed Sullivan Hall changes for honors unification, not extended visitation

A lot of people have been commenting about the proposed changes for Sullivan Hall's visitation policy. I am working closely with the group attempting to change this policy. I wanted to clarify some of the things that have been brought up so that everyone will understand what exactly this new policy would change and the purpose of these proposed changes.

The change to Sullivan Hall's visitation is not so much about having guests overnight, but rather about creating a more unified Honors space. If what we are attempting to change is approved, all Honors students will have easier access to Sullivan Hall and its facilities. These changes were proposed in order to provide a space where all Honors students are welcome to come together, get to

know each other better and collaborate on homework and projects.

It is important to highlight the fact that the proposed changes are not actually for 24/7, also known as "extended" visitation. Extended visitation, as it is in certain upper-class residence halls, is the ability to check guests in at all hours regardless of gender or group affiliation. Those who are calling for changes to the visitation policy are not actually asking for that. Instead, they are asking for 24/7 accesses between floors in Sullivan for residents only. Current policy in non-upper-class residence halls requires residents to be on their own floor after midnight Monday through Thursday. If the visitation policy changes are passed, students would be able to gather together on differ-

ent floors to work on homework and projects together after midnight.

These changes would affect all students in the Honors Program, whether they currently reside in Sullivan Hall or not. If the changes are passed, all Honors students would have access to Sullivan Hall at all times. This would be helpful for non-Sullivan residents because it would give them a safe, quiet place to study and work on projects while also giving them the opportunity to improve their relationships with other Honors students.

The proposed changes would not give Sullivan residents the ability to check in guests at any time of the week. In fact, the proposed changes would not affect the current visitation policy for non-Honors guests

# CAMPUS COMMENTS

"SGA"

*All Campus Comments are anonymous.*

- Politics are the worst.
- My personal opinions about politics are that they just need something to bitch about.
- I wish I had more time to get involved with ECU's SGA program.
- They are often stingy about funding certain groups.
- I don't think they're a very diverse organization.
- I'm really upset they didn't have the Halloween Ball this year.
- I feel like SGA is a great student organization.
- I think it's helpful for the students who want to commit their lives to practicing law and government.
- I just find politics to be boring and stupid in general.
- They're a very well-organized group on campus.
- I don't really pay too much attention to them.
- I don't know anything about SGA.
- I don't even know what that is.
- They're a good student voice on campus for student issues.
- They are the coolest kids. I wish I was part of SGA.
- I hate the government.
- They seem pretty organized and efficient. It seems like a good program to me.
- What's SGA?
- I've never met an SGA-ian that I didn't like.
- I think it can be fun...you know, if you're interested in that sort of thing.
- Politics give me a headache.
- I don't hate them. I think they're helpful; they help the student body be heard.
- I mean, I think they know what they're doing. I don't have any complaints.
- I think SGA is the most useful organization on campus because they're well-informed, intelligent people.
- Politics need to die.
- They really have their crap together.
- They Dress nice
- They have to be smart to be dealing with laws and politics.
- I think it's cool that we have a student-run government.
- They sponsor a lot of really great activities.

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# Gay-specific healthcare in question

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In the past year, advancements in equalizing human rights have led to the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" armed forces policy and legalization of gay marriage in New York. But healthcare remains an area of uncertainty for some homosexuals.

An estimated nine million people in this country identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, according to the Human Rights Campaign. But, the Center for Disease Control reports only 13 LGBT-specific healthcare clinics are open across the entire United States. The closest clinic to Richmond is in Washington, D.C.

Joshua Skaggs, 21, nursing major from Mt. Sterling, said he would welcome an LGBT clinic closer to home.

"A place like that could really help gay people in Kentucky who are having trouble finding a doctor that can understand their circumstances," Skaggs said.

Clinics like these provide healthcare with a specific focus on LGBT issues.

"It's beneficial to gay people to have a place like that where they can feel 100 percent comfortable and open to talking about problems they are having," said Sarah Roberts, 20, psychology major from Lexington.

But Roberts acknowledges it could stir controversy, especially "in a mostly conservative and religious area, like Kentucky."

Homosexuals frequently worry about the act of "coming out" to their physicians to receive adequate healthcare but struggle to know the current approach to take.

"It's definitely something I would worry about," Roberts said. "We are in a very judgmental and unsafe part of the country, especially when dealing with people of different races and sexualities."

Talking with a doctor about homosexuality can be uncomfortable, not only for the patient, but for the doctor as well.

Kim Franklin, a physician assistant at Ertel Medicine & Pediatrics in Winchester, said she does not want to be too intrusive if a patient is not forthcoming. However, she wants to offer adequate medical care.

"It's just for their own health," Frank-

lin said. "I'm less likely to ask if I can tell, but at the same time, I don't want them to think I'm prejudiced."

Franklin said she would prefer a patient share his/her sexuality rather than having to ask directly. However, she will ask when dealing with sexually transmitted diseases.

"If they do come in for any kind of discharges, if they do come in for any kind of STD...we need to take precautions," Franklin said. "You need to know their social practice so you can order things like HIV tests."

That's why Franklin said the staff at Ertel Medicine & Pediatrics prefers to know about sexual preference for medical reasons, not to discriminate.

"I treat everyone the same and I would take the same precautions - gay or not gay," said Yolanda Higgins, an Ertel certified medical assistant.

She said she also wants to be supportive of the whole patient.

"I would ask about their sexual preferences if they had an STD or AIDS or HIV because I would want to address the person's partner as a person, not an object," Higgins said.

Though some healthcare providers allow including partners in health decisions, Kentucky State Law makes no such provision.

Kentucky State Law does not allow a partner to make decisions on behalf of his/her same-sex partner if one is incapacitated without advanced notice, such as a living will.

This means the partner will not have a say unless the same-sex partner makes previous arrangements with the healthcare provider in the form of writing. In more severe cases, he/she may not even be able to visit his/her partner.

In order to receive these privileges, the law states, "An advance shall be made in writing, dated and signed by the grantor, and either witnessed by two or more adults in the presence of the grantor or acknowledged before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths."

Although current state laws are not at a point where gay rights organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign, would like them, these organizations are making steps in the direction of altering these laws.



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The term "homosexuality" was removed from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental and emotional disorders.

1973

The American Psychiatric Association stated attempts to change sexual orientation can cause "self-destructive" behavior.

1998

## Homosexuality in Psychology Timeline

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1990

The American Psychological Association disproved any scientific evidence that reparative therapy actually works.

2001

The U.S. Surgeon General's "Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior" state homosexuality is irreversible.

## Reparative therapies seen as harmful to homosexuals

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Eighteen-year-old Rashaha Woods knows more than she wants to about reparative therapy. Her parents, her bishop and her psychologist all desperately tried to fix her so she would no longer be gay.

"My cousin called me out in church in front of my church, bishop and the rest of the family," Woods said, an undeclared major from Spangdahlen, Germany. "I had to repent and say that I wasn't gay."

Woods' mother would not speak to her for a month after her cousin outed her at church. A bishop came to Woods' house every Sunday after church for two months, until she pretended to have a boyfriend to make the problem go away.

"They made me go through hell," Woods said. "They said there were demons inside of me and called me the devil."

Woods said she suffered anxiety from all

the trauma. A cheerleader, she particularly felt hostility from her squadmates. Her hair fell out, and she vomited throughout the day. Her grades even began to suffer.

"I still have second thoughts, especially when I go to church with my family," Woods said. "I don't know how to not be gay."

According to the Human Rights Campaign website, highly rejected young LGBT are eight times more likely to attempt suicide and nearly six times as likely to report high levels of depression.

"Reparative therapy, at its very core, says 'you are not okay the way you are,'" said Alicia Bingham, 21, dietetics major from Tyner.

"Reparative therapy tells teens that there is something wrong with them," Bingham said. "Adolescence is hard, why do people want to make it harder?"

Shirley Lakes, secretary of the Louisville Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), said she doesn't believe a person can change their sexuality.

"A person can convince themselves to live like a straight person to please society," Lakes said. "Sooner or later, their secrets will be found out."

As a former teacher, Lakes said she has seen students "bullied, persecuted and condemned" because of their sexuality.

"My gay students, even if they weren't out, were singled out," Lakes said.

Lakes said she compares a person's sexuality to a person's physical appearance.

"I have blonde hair and blue eyes," Lakes said. "I'm not going to dye my hair to satisfy those people that say blondes are stupid."

As a mother of a homosexual son, Lakes said she has found herself burning bridges with people she calls "bigoted." After her son came out, she said she received hate emails and friends posted scripture readings on her Facebook account.

"If you allow people to hurt you, you're just as guilty," Lakes said.

Lee Espinoza, 21, apparel design and merchandising major from Hamilton, Ohio, said he compares reparative therapy to plastic surgery.

"I think it's pretty pointless to have therapies involving changing identity," Espinoza said. "It's the same as plastic surgery; all it does it make you fake or artificial."

Therapies attempting to adjust a per-

son's sexuality have been discredited by the American Psychological Association and American Medical Association, but some places still offer help groups for people struggling with their sexuality.

Southeast Christian Church in Louisville offers a program called Journey to Freedom, which claims to help women "overcome unwanted same-sex attraction and relationships," according to the church's website. Jeanette Howard's book, *Out of Egypt: One Woman's Journey Out of Lesbianism*, serves as the text.

"The idea that someone can 'pray the gay away' can be incredibly dangerous for LGBT youth that may be struggled with their sexual orientation or gender identity," Charles Joughin, communications assistant at the Washington, D.C. based Human Rights Campaign.

Lakes said she believes a lot of hatred and disapproval of the homosexual community comes from churches and that churches need to "stop preaching hate and start preaching love."

"Instead of trying to find ways out of being gay, they need to find ways to support the LGBT community," Woods said. "If they're raised on certain morals and someone tells them this is right and this is wrong, then they're going to believe it."



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## JAMS OFF THE RICHTTER SCALE



CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR DOUBLES AS LOCAL DJ AND CLUB 110 RENOVATOR

SONYA JOHNSON/PROGRESS

Brandon Bailey (DJ Earthquake) plans to revamp his home away from home, Club 110, into a new Richmond hotspot, complete with a dance floor and bar, under a new name: Bailey's.

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Growing up, Brandon Bailey said he just wanted to make a difference.

Which is why it's no surprise that he decided to pursue a career in law enforcement.

And now, in his senior year at Eastern, Bailey is making a difference in a new way—with a set of turntables and a few old-school hip-hop playlists.

### College decision

Bailey, 23, from nearby Lexington, wasn't solely set on Richmond as a college choice, but he did know he wanted to study criminal justice.

"I was going to go to Sam Houston State in Texas because it was supposed to be the best criminal justice program out there," Bailey said.

But after some prodding from his parents, Bailey said he decided against the opportunity to go to college in Texas and decided to stay closer to home.

"EKU just happened to be No. 2," he said of the university's criminal justice program. "I initially wanted to be a U.S. Marshal...but things have changed since then."

Which might be OK now that Bailey has a newfound hobby as a disc jockey.

### A new job, a new name

Eastern's Sigma Chi fraternity, which Bailey is a member of, wasn't really happy with its former disc jockey, Bailey said.



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

A DJ is only as good as his equipment, and Bailey's is more than up to par. He works with a MacBook Pro and Vestax Spin DJ turntables.

The logical choice may not have been Bailey, but he said his brothers asked him anyway.

"Our president asked me out of the blue if I'd like to do it," Bailey said. "I had never thought of doing it before, but I said, 'Why not?'"

The problem?

A DJ is only as good as his equipment, which Bailey said he had none of.

"I just had my computer and the music," he said.

Bailey didn't let that slow him down, though, and he said he started playing all the parties for Sigma Chi.

But Bailey added that he soon realized he was missing another crucial part to his arsenal—besides the turntables, of course—his DJ name.

After throwing around some ideas with his fraternity brothers one night, Bailey finally settled on DJ Earthquake.

"Cause I'll make your ass shake," Bailey said with a grin. "And ever since then, I've kind of ran with it."

Soon after deciding on a name, Bailey said he added his first set of turntables.

"We kind of added the equipment to the repertoire as it went along," Bailey said of his MacBook Pro, digital turntables and lighting equipment.

Picking up the skills needed to get the crowd jumping didn't take quite as long, though.

"I'm self-taught," Bailey said. "I just got em' and went at em'."

### Honing in on the craft

"I really feed off the energy of the crowd," Bailey said of his spinning style. "I mostly stick to hip-hop, but I'll play mostly anything that the crowd likes. The best part for me is to see everyone out there having a good time."

Bailey said he likes classic hip-hop the most, but will play some newer music, including the likes of Lil' Wayne.

"I don't really like Lil' Wayne, but the crowds usually do, so I spin him a lot," Bailey said. "I'll also throw in a little classic rock and country sometimes."

Bailey said his secret weapon for a successful show is a simple one.

"You gotta get the girls out there dancing first,"

he said. "Then the guys will follow."

Now Bailey said he's learning how to do some / advanced stuff with his mixing and is studying from the masters of the craft like Titus Jones and DJ Jazzy Jeff.

"I've had some people try to teach me how to do stuff, but it's mostly hands-on," he said. "Once I started to pick it up, I started doing tutorials to learn how to mash up beats and mix songs and stuff, but once I learned how to do it, it's pretty easy stuff."

## DJ Earthquake I'll Make Your Ass Shake



### Bigger and better things

After a year of playing for fraternity and sorority mixers, birthday and house parties, Bailey said he got a piece of the bigger pie. A fraternity brother of Bailey's, Chris Pitakos, who was also vice president of Student Activities Council (SAC) at Eastern during the time, sought Bailey out to DJ last year's President's Ball.

"It was an easier process going through someone I already knew," Pitakos said. "And he's really, really good."

Soon after, Bailey was spinning mp3s yet again for Eastern, this time at the Halloween Ball.

"Our opinion was that if it worked then, why change it?" Pitakos said. "He played upbeat music, and we got nothing but good reviews from everybody who was in attendance."

Bailey was also picked to be the DJ at SAC's White Out Rave, which took place Nov. 30 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

The decision to hire Bailey was an easy one for SAC, said Anna Clark, SAC's special event chair.

"He had DJed for us before, and he gave us the option for the white out lights for the rave," Clark said. "He's also an Eastern student, and he gave us the best price. We thought he did a really good job for us before, so we went with him."

### A new adventure

Walking up the hill on Second Street, just a hundred yards or so from Eastern's campus, a neon green glow projects into the dark sky.

The glowing sign hangs above the lime green plastered entrance, where large black doors open to a dimly lit room with wooden floors that creak with each step.

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## The Muppets return to the big screen

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It's been 12 years since we've seen a Muppet movie hit the big screen. However, the name has certainly not been forgotten by the many Muppets fans still out there, including writer and actor Jason Segel who sought after the Muppets name to reinvent the franchise for a new generation.

Since *The Muppet Show* ended in 1981—even in syndication, the Muppets have not been on television in 10 years—one might have expected to see an older crowd at the movies this time. You know, for the nostalgia of it.

Surprisingly, though, there was more than one small child running into the theater with a Kermit the Frog plush toy. As it turns out, the Muppets characters already have a younger following and, luckily, *The Muppets* delivers on fun for the whole family.

This is only slightly shocking once you hear that Segel started working on the Muppets project after the success of a comedy of

a slightly different kind, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*. No worries: *The Muppets* warranted only a PG rating, which might have even been a little harsh.

The story is about brothers Gary (Segel) and Walter (voiced by Peter Linz). Gary is an average human being; however, Walter doesn't always fit in because he is a puppet. Walter finds solace in the world of *The Muppet Show* and takes a trip with Gary to see the Muppets in action at Muppet Studios. Unfortunately, Muppet Theater is in disrepair and an evil oil tycoon plans to buy it, destroy it and dig for oil.

Walter, not willing to let that happen, gets Kermit on board to round up the old Muppets crew and get their show back on the road.

As strange and simple as the plot may seem, you have to remember that they did it for the children this time. The plot details are a little fuzzy, everything comes to

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# Top 10 most underrated rappers

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Certain rappers throughout the history of hip-hop have not received the respect they deserve. Whether overlooked or forgotten, these

MCs have more than proven their worth and skill throughout their careers. Read over this list of top 10 most overlooked rappers and give them another shot. They won't disappoint. (Note: I will be evaluating these rappers by how much [or little] praise and recognition they have received for their skill level, regardless of fame and wealth.)

**10. Kanye West-** So before you go off about how "Kanye is one of the richest rappers!" understand that Kanye is completely overlooked as a lyricist. Ever since *The College Dropout*, a lot of people just define him as a decent or "pretty good" rapper. And he is rarely included in debates about great lyricists. But if you look closely at his performance style, amazing delivery and ability to capture an audience with usually no ad-libs, special effects or echoes, it's really hard to find another rapper who does it as well as him.

**9. Common-** Common is just respected oftentimes because he's been in the game for a while and is a "conscience" rapper. But even "Hip-Hop Heads"—hell, even me, a music critic who understands how underrated Common is—sometimes

gets distracted by all his photo-shoots and acting gigs. Just listen to *Be*, and tell me you haven't be sleeping on Common, because you have.

**8. Phife Dawg-** Oh, the amazing A Tribe Called Quest. Where would hip-hop be without them? We won't go into a history lesson on the awesome ATCQ, but the group really only had two rappers and one producer. The other rapper was the legendary Q-Tip, who I feel stole the show with his abstract rhyme scheme, unique look and very unique voice. He was like Andre 3000 before Andre 3000, making Phife his Big Boi. And though Phife is very much ignored, he was very energetic and was one of the freshest rappers of his time.

**7. Slick Rick-** OK, how is Rick the Ruler so left out in conversation? Without him, there probably never would have been any Outkast. Slick Rick really was one of the first rappers to be completely covered in gold chains and rings and still able to hold his own on the mic. This rapper from England literally paved the way of the storytelling style with songs like "La Di Da Di," "Children's Story" and my personal favorite, "Behind Bars." There's a reason why Mos Def only featured Slick and Talib on his latest album: He recognizes greatness.

**6. Jeru the Damaja-** One of the most forgotten rappers ever. You've probably never even heard of him. And that's sort of sad, considering his debut al-

bum in 1994, *The Sun Rises in the East*, was one of the most influential and praised of the era. His deep poetic style, black consciousness and storytelling, all behind DJ Premier beats, are reasons to update your iPods.

**5. Canibus-** Some say his career was unfortunate after his beef with LL Cool J and was sort of swept under the rug by hip-hop. He just wasn't getting the attention anymore, and people blame this on several different variables. They completely forgot that Canibus came into the game as a young rapper and killed the legendary LL himself. How many people can say that? Well, Canibus, with his biblical apocalyptic, scientific rhyme scheme, sure can. This guy is insanely good, so do yourself a favor and Google him.

**4. Royce Da 5'9'-** If this guy wasn't in my list, I honestly wouldn't have much of a list in the first place. Do people not realize there are several occasions where he outshines Eminem on *Bad Meets Evil*? Do people not understand that's he's basically the super villain of rap who just has no weaknesses and that every single song is a lyrical demonstration that affirms the fact that Royce Da 5'9 should be in your top 10 rappers list? People need to wake up from their nap and quit sleeping on this master.

**3. DOOM-** I don't have much to say about this guy. I'm just going to let you look him up. But here's the rundown: 1. No one has a style like him, and I mean no one.

2. The beats are not like anything you've ever heard before. 3. You'll need to pull up RapGenius (a rap lyrics site) for this guy. If you don't, you're not going to catch everything until after the 100th time you bump it. True story.

**2. Black Thought-** Damn. Black Thought is a part of the amazing group The Roots. He has no solo albums either, which is why I think he may be so underrated. This guy will open up your mind with a whole new way of listening to hip-hop. He's a legend. Pick up a Roots album and bear witness to the greatness you never thought existed.

**1. Pharoahe Monch-** One of the greatest rappers of all time gets so little love. He will destroy your favorite rappers on any type of instrumental a million times over. With lyrics like "Seven years later, it's the year of the gods/United States government is just the facade/The Catholic Church got ties with the Mob/See it all like The Wizard of Oz/Now there's a Yellow Brick Road, the fame, riches and cars/If you truly had a brain, you would know who you are," one can see that Monch's lyrics are complicated and deep. This guy only has two albums and is one of the most lyrically established artists to ever put pen to paper. A true king of his art form.

### Honorable Mentions

- Cee Lo
- Big Boi
- Slaughterhouse
- Lil B
- Tech N9ne
- Willie the Kid
- Yelawolf



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# Metal Gear Solid: a classic gaming series

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Let's do some word association. Cardboard boxes. Sneaking. Snake, Snake, SNAKE!  
If you're fondly recalling these phrases, then you're most likely

a fan of *Metal Gear Solid*.

If you have no idea what I'm talking about, keep reading, because *Metal Gear Solid* (MGS) is one of the best video game series ever.

Spanning all three PlayStation consoles, MGS first made its debut in 1998. By today's standards, the graphics in the early games are inferior in just about every way possible, though the game play and story more than make up for the graphics.

The first game is relatively short, though it spans two discs (hey, it was PlayStation). The cut scenes can drag on a bit, but the number of things you could do were cutting

edge at the time.

The games rely heavily on stealth instead of going in guns blazing. So rather than in-your-face action, you need to sneak and not be seen. Just remember, cardboard boxes are your friend. The game play goes hand-in-hand with the plot.

To adequately describe the plot of any of the MGS games would be a giant task, simply because there's so much involved in every game. Part social commentary, part political, creator Hideo Kojima likes to pack anything and everything into his games. As a result, there is at least one 45-minute cut scene in *MGS 2: Sons of Liberty*.

If I were to break down the plot of the first two games in their simplest form, it would be this: Solid Snake, legendary soldier, sneaks into a building to stop terrorists from launching nuclear warhead Metal Gear. Obviously, there's a lot more to it, but that's the basic idea.

Change the main character from Solid Snake to his father, Big Boss, as well as the time and location from the 2000s in a building to the 1960s in the jungle, and you have the premise for the third installment that was also released on the PS2, *MGS 3: Snake Eater*.

This game changed things up a bit as a new fighting system was introduced. Close Quarters Combat, or CQC, made it possible for players to interact more with enemies. Now you could not only snap necks, but use enemies as human shields and hold a knife to their throats. Also, players have to treat their wounds and find their own food in the jungle.

Then we come to *MGS 4: Guns of the Patriots*. This game was the sole reason I wanted a PS3. If you've never played *Metal Gear Solid*, this game is the one that will entice you. With its superb graphics and game play, the final chapter of the franchise came to an end. Although this game is the one most of you will want to play, I wouldn't recommend the last installment as your first MGS experience.

If you want a true *Metal Gear Solid* experience, you should start from the beginning. For those of you wanting to play MGS 2 and 3, you're in luck. According to the IGN Entertainment website, *Metal Gear Solid HD Collection* will be released for the PS3 Nov. 8 and will include *Metal Gear Solid Peace Walker*, originally released on the PSP, as well as the second and third MGS games.

Simply put, this is a series you should be playing.



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## 25 days of family fun

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ABC Family has long been dedicated to giving viewers great cable TV series like *Pretty Little Liars*, *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* and *Switched at Birth*. But the network has also endeared itself to viewers through its holiday tradition, 25 Days of Christmas.

Almost 2 million people have "liked" ABC Family's 25 Days of Christmas on Facebook, which is just one measure of the event's popularity. 25 Days of Christmas airs every night and features various TV shows and movies about the holiday. Some of its features last all day, showing marathons of holiday shows and various family entertainment.

25 Days of Christmas unofficially began with a countdown that started Nov. 20, but the kickoff for the actual event is tonight, Dec. 1, featuring *The Santa Clause*, starring Tim Allen. The event will conclude Dec. 25 with the showing of *The Polar Express*, starring Tom Hanks.

Throughout the event, ABC Family is slated to premiere some of its own original holiday movies, including *Desperately Seeking Santa Claus*, which aired Nov. 27, and *12 Dates of Christmas*, scheduled to air Dec. 11.

The network will also show favorite family films, such as Disney/Pixar's *Up* on Dec. 16 and the network television

premiere of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, airing Dec. 4 with an all-day *Harry Potter* marathon leading up to its showing.

While not every night is geared toward the holidays, the program is family friendly and has a wide range of movies. If you have free time and/or need to destress, here are some programs you should check out:

- *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*-Dec. 7 and 12
- *Holiday Movie Marathon*-Dec. 10 (all day)
- *12 Dates of Christmas* (ABC Family Original Movie)-Dec. 11
- *Holiday Classics Marathon*-Dec. 17 and 24 (all day)
- *Mickey's Christmas Carol*-Dec. 20



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## EARTHQUAKE

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The colorful paint on the wall is faded with age, and the smell of stale beer permeates the air. A large mural, one with a newer coat of paint than the walls, shows a lady suggestively playing with a cherry in her mouth.

Welcome to Club 110: DJ Earthquake's home away from home.

Club 110, which used to be FATS in Richmond and is located above the Cherry Pit, is where Bailey said he does most of his spinning.

"We usually do private parties out of here," Bailey said. "Fraternity parties and other stuff. It's got the stage, the DJ booth, lights and is good place to work from. We just factor my price into the price for the club that night."

But Bailey recently has taken over as general manager of the club and said he plans to close it down on Dec. 7. Not for long, but just enough time to renovate the place and turn it into one of Richmond's newest hotspots: Bailey's.

"We're going to keep the essential builds to the place, but I'm going to go around and repaint all the walls one uniform color... this orange and yellow, blue and green isn't

working too well," Bailey said.

He said he also plans to revamp the light system, open up a full service bar and give Richmond's nightlife a new dance club.

"I want to make it into a dance club since Richmond doesn't really have one of those," Bailey said.

Running a bar is somewhat in Bailey's blood, he added. His parents owned bars while Bailey was growing up, and his dad, now out of the business, works as his liaison, Bailey said.

"I remember a lot about the bar business from just being around it," he said. "But my dad is there if I need anything."

Bailey said he thinks his new bar, which is set to open in early January, can be just as successful as the places in the city's heyday.

"I think it could be very successful," he said. "It's one of the bigger clubs in Richmond, if not the biggest. It can accommodate more people than anybody else. With the right entertainment, it could work."

The right entertainment being himself, DJ Earthquake.

"I love DJing, and seeing everyone out there having a great time really makes it worth it to me," said Bailey.

## MUPPETS

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gether quickly and they drive to France; of course, it is all very silly. Don't worry, though: there are plenty of jabs in there for the older folks as well. There is definitely some snarky sarcasm about how childlike the ideas may seem. For instance, traveling somewhere "by map" only requires the time to draw a point from one place to another on a paper map.

The story doesn't seem quite so silly when paired with the sunshine-and-rainbows vision of the opening sequences. Walter and Gary live in Smalltown, USA, where everything is bright and colorful, and people sing songs and dance all over the town. It is just strange enough to be funny for older audiences and cute for the little ones. It is also the perfect contrast to the harsh and unforgiving world of Los Angeles where the Muppets are no longer appreciated.

While the Muppets themselves are stars in their own right, they were joined by a slew of celebrities making many short but sweet cameos all across the board.

Andy Rooney, Zach Galifianakis, Emily Blunt, Rashida Jones, Jack Black and Dave Grohl are just a few of the celebrities offering their services to the Muppets at one point or another.

Of course, no one upstages Jason Segel, Amy Adams and Chris Cooper as the main leads. Children's comedy like this might seem a little out of their range, but they pull it off perfectly. Amy Adams sings and dances like an old pro, and Jason Segel interacts seamlessly with his puppet costars. And, of course, Chris Cooper even raps at one point—and it's not that bad.

*The Muppets* turns what seems like an impossible combination—a true children's movie with a little something for the grown-ups—into one of the best films of the year, and it still keeps the essence of the Muppets. This is one movie you will want to relive your childhood for, even if it's just for the rousing performance of "The Rainbow Connection."

**Verdict: A**

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17-7.

"They played as hard as they possibly could play," Hood said of his team. "They did what we asked them to do. They prepared all week. It was fun watching them play. I thought they played a great game."

The fourth quarter was the deciding factor, as Eastern only had the ball on offense for four minutes, went 0-3 on third downs, didn't have a first down at all and registered -2 yards of offense in the final 15 minutes.

Also Eastern, who came into the game with a +16 turnover margin, wasn't able to take away the ball from JMU.

"It's surprising," Hood said of not being able to force a turnover. "You have to give them credit, because it wasn't like our kids weren't hitting and hustling to the ball. We were hitting them. Those

boys will be in the trainer's rooms tomorrow...You've just got to give them credit for hanging on to the ball."

JMU finished with 393 yards of total offense and 244 yards rushing. Eastern finished with just 213 total yards. The Colonels, who had been averaging 253 yards rushing in the last seven games, finished with just 119 yards on the ground.

Junior Matt Denham finished with 125 yards, his eighth straight 100-plus yard game. And quarterback T.J. Pryor was just 10 of 15 for 94 yards and an interception.

JMU's win over Eastern and Central Arkansas' victory over Tennessee Tech kept the Ohio Valley Conference's FCS Playoff losing streak to 18 games. No OVC team has won a playoff game since 1996.

Despite making their 20th FCS Playoff appearance-second most all-time-the game marked the first time Eastern had hosted a play-off game in 17 years, which just so happened to be the season's lowest crowd, with only 2,388 in attendance.

## WOMEN'S BBALL

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Jones said.

Louisville rebounded to shoot 43 percent (17 of 40) from the field and 40 percent (four of 10) from behind the arc in the second half of the game.

"They were the ninth best team, and we were up for the challenge," Roberts said.

The upset with the loss to Louisville only fueled the Lady Colonels' anger, when the team battled Western Michigan. They ended up bringing in their first win of the season with a final score of 71-60. In the final six minutes of the game, the team made 13 straight free throws.

Gray started the game with 18 points by bringing in four of six attempts from a three-point distance. She also had four rebounds, four assists and two

steals.

This win meant a lot to the team, considering it broke the Lady Colonels' nine-game losing streak dating back to last season.

After the win over Western Michigan, Eastern went on the road for the Starwood Hotels of Atlanta Thanksgiving Classic but were unable to get a win, falling in two games to Appalachian State University and Campbell University.

But the team returned home on Tuesday, Nov. 29, for a win over Kentucky Christian 97-61.

Junior Jade Barber led the Lady Colonels with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Four other Lady Colonels scored in double figures in the game.

Eastern forced 25 Lady Knight turnovers in the win.

The Lady Colonels will go on the road to take on the University of Evansville in its winter classic this Friday, Dec. 2.

## NCAA'S

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championship, while Arizona's Lawi Lalang won the men's individual championship with a time of 28:44.1.

But the men's team wasn't Eastern's only successful NCAA qualification of the championship: Senior Lydia Kosgei finished 37th overall and won All-American honors for her placement.

"We were pleased with her being an All-American, and we know she was thrilled about it," Erdmann said.

Out of 254 runners, Kosgei ran the 6K race with a finishing time of 20:27.7.

Kosgei's honors made her the first cross-country All-American from Eastern since Jacob Korir in 2007. Her finish was the second highest ever by an OVC woman at the national championship.

Kosgei also finished second overall in the Southeast Regional Championship. She is now the first woman in Eastern history and sixth in OVC history to qualify individually for the NCAA Championship as an individual.

## VOLLEYBALL

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Burkle said she believed the team got caught up in the excitement of the tournament and played outside their comfort zone.

"It was as if we didn't expect SEMO to put up that big of a fight," Burkle said.

Duncan said the team's attitude toward adversity is one of the reasons why the team made it as far as they did.

"We didn't give our adversity a lot [of] thought; if you dwell on adversity too much, it can bring you down," she said.

Duncan said the coaches will work on getting the team physically sound during the off-season so they will be mentally sound.

Conditioning, vertical jumps and aggressive first serves are some of the fundamentals the team will work on.

Duncan added the amount of returning players is one aspect of next season she is excited about.

"We have 14 players on the roster and 12 are coming back in the spring," she said.

Edmond said the team had a great season and found confidence.

"The new girls on the team have so much talent; we took a group who had never played together and created a good team chemistry," Edmond said.

Edmond added the team now knows they have the talent to beat anyone in the conference; it's just a question of coming together and doing it.

Duncan said commitment to

winning a championship was the reoccurring theme with individual player meetings after the season.

"I asked each person what they thought we needed to fix most, and all of them said every player has got to be committed to winning a championship," Duncan said.

Through all the adversity of the past season, one thing remained constant: Duncan's devotion.

"I have loved coaching this group of kids this season," she said.

## ALVES

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only 2,388 people were in the stands.

I'd say about 200 were from JMU, maybe more.

People, this was a playoff game. It was on ESPNU. It was a game that was more than winnable by the football team.

Don't give me the excuse that it was a holiday weekend. Nothing goes better with Thanksgiving than football anyway.

And don't tell me you were driving 30

minutes up the road to that game, because no one this side of the Mississippi believed the outcome would be what it was.

The student section had somewhat of an excuse because most of them were traveling.

But the city of Richmond and Madison County was not.

Coach Hood and his team deserved to have a packed house for this game.

The senior class more than deserved the support. It may go down as one of the best senior classes in Eastern history - two OVC championships and two runner-ups.

I was honestly quite embarrassed when the JMU beat reporters asked the JMU players if they could fathom that less than 3,000

people showed up for a playoff game?

On the post-game radio show, Hood said that Eastern isn't UK or UofL; they don't want to be the Commonwealth's team. But he didn't see why they couldn't be Madison County's team. I see no problem with it, either.

I usually get a lot of flack for being a UK fan on this campus. But I'd be willing to say that most of those who call me out weren't in the stands at Roy Kidd Stadium Saturday, showing your so-called support for the Colonels.

For those that were, you deserve a round of applause.

To the rest, shame on you.

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# Women's hoops gives Cards run for money

By Greg Schulte  
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The court at McBrayer Arena endured a hot battle Thursday night between the Lady Colonels and No. 9 Louisville Cardinals until the beginning of the second period when the Cardinals dominated with a final score of 77-53.

"Just pleased with the players' overall achievement from top to bottom," said Head Coach Chrissy Roberts.

It had been 18 years since a top-10 women's basketball team had visited the Lady Colonels, which might have been why the game brought the second largest audience in program history with 2,800 people attending.

Freshman Carla Booth led Eastern with 14 points, shooting three of six behind the arc while adding four rebounds, three assists and a steal. Junior Raechele Gray scored two of four three-pointers. Juniors

Alex Jones, Jade Barber and Marie Carpenter also put in eight points.

"We know we had to come out throwing the first punch," Carpenter said.

The game was tied 30-30 when Louisville's Asia Taylor got in a pair of free throws with 1:21 on the clock in the first period. Jones went for an offensive rebound on the opposite end of the floor, which led Booth to get fouled and convert one free throw, putting Eastern at 31-30 at the beginning of the second half.

"We knew they would come out quick," Jones said.

Less than five minutes into the second half, Louisville snatched the lead when a three-point play put the score to 40-39. Louisville's Becky Burke went for pair of three-pointers, which then led the Cardinals to a 20-3 run, taking a double-digit advantage.

"I think if we go out like we did in the first half, we will succeed later,"

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**"Just pleased with the player's overall achievement from top to bottom."**

**Chrissy Roberts  
Head Coach**



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Guard Raechele Gray sets up the offense in Eastern's game with the No. 9 ranked Louisville team. Gray hit two three-pointers and finished with nine points in the Lady Colonels' loss to the Lady Cards.

# Men's team finish 26th at NCAA Championships



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The men's cross-country team and women's runner Lydia Kosgei were honored at halftime of the Eastern vs. Louisville basketball game for securing births in the NCAA Cross-Country Championships.

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The Eastern men's cross country team has become the first team in school history and the first Ohio Valley Conference team since 1980 to qualify for the NCAA Championship. The men's team finished 26th at the LaVerne Gibson Championship Cross Country course.

Eastern's men's team had risen to No. 17 in the national rankings during the regular season and beat Columbia, Cal Poly, Georgia, Florida and New Mexico to win 26th place out of 31 teams.

Despite the victory, Head Coach Rick Erdmann said he was disappointed that the team didn't do better.

"I was a little disappointed," Erdmann said. "We needed to be closer together. We lost to teams we had beaten earlier in the season."

The conditions of the course were wet and cold, but that did not stop sophomore Soufiane Bouchikhi from finishing 47th out of 252 runners with a 10K time of 30:20.7. Senior Ben Cheruiyot also finished 83rd with a time of 30:41.0, while seniors Peter Sigilai and Evan Kiptoo and sophomore Adams Ronnloh rounded out Eastern's top-five finishers.

"We could have done a little better," Erdmann said. "We have to be at the top of our game."

Wisconsin won the team

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# Volleyball falls in first round of conference tournament

COLONELS BATTLE ADVERSITY OF INJURY PLAGUED SEASON

By CHRIS MCGEE  
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Good teams find ways to win when faced with adversity.

The Colonels volleyball team (14-18, 9-11 OVC) is no exception. They took an injury-plagued season that had six starters go down and turned it into a berth in the Ohio Valley Conference

tournament.

The team lost to Southeast Missouri (14-19, 11-9 OVC), 3-1, but Coach Duncan said previous teams such as the 2007 and 2008 squads, wouldn't have even made the tournament if faced with the same amount of injuries.

Eastern tried to rally from a 2-0 deficit in that game, but came up short. Freshman Hannah Burkle returned from an injury and had 16 kills. Sophomore Ashley Edmond contributed with 10 kills and 13 digs. Junior Toni Michalski made

the most of her play with a team-high six blocks.

Although Burkle moved to the right side in the game and gave the opponent some fits, Duncan said other people didn't contributed enough.

"We didn't make good decisions," Duncan said.

Edmond claims the negligence of fundamentals was the reason for the loss.

"Our defense and ball control wasn't what it should've been," Edmond said.

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Eastern's volleyball team celebrates in an earlier game this season. The team battled injuries all season, but still managed to make the OVC tournament.

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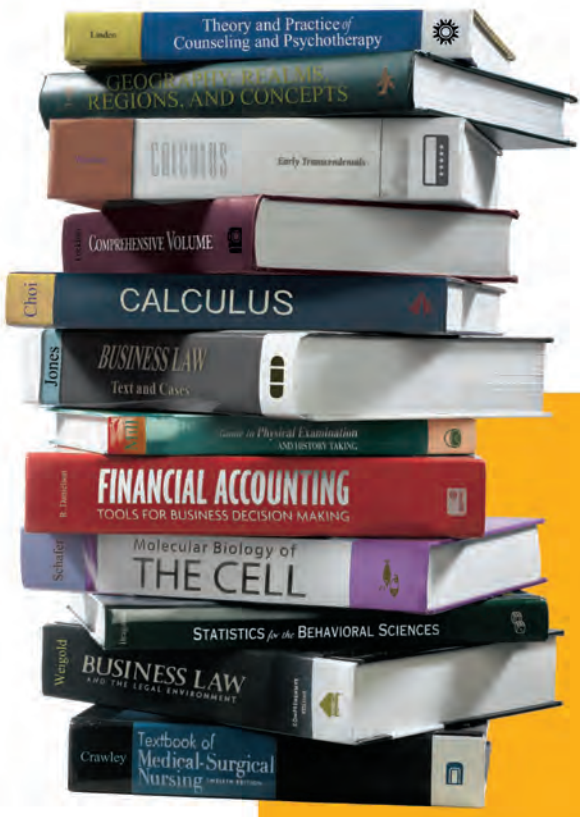
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## Dukes end Colonels' FCS playoff run

JAMES MADISON ENDS EASTERN'S SEASON IN FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS ON LAST-SECOND FIELD GOAL

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For the first time this season, Eastern couldn't rely on itself to determine the outcome of a game.

This time, they called upon Mother Nature to do their bidding.

**JMU 20**  
**EKU 17** "I was down on one knee, just praying the wind would take this kick," said Eastern's senior running back H.B. Banjoman.

But it wasn't enough, as James Madison's sophomore kicker, Cameron Starke, connected on a 35-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Dukes (8-4) a 20-17 win over the Colonels in the first round of the FCS playoffs, ending Eastern's (7-5) dream season.

"We could be a lot happier right now," said Head Coach Dean Hood about his team. "But we couldn't be any prouder."

Just five plays before the game-winning kick, the outcome certainly seemed to favor Eastern.

Facing a fourth-and-2 on the Eastern 43 with 1:34 left, JMU's punt team came onto the field, prepared to punt the ball back to the Colonels.

Then the unthinkable happened.

Eastern only had 10 players on the field, which forced Hood to call a timeout.

"You don't want to go out there with 10 guys and have them run a fake punt on you," Hood said. "We had a substitution error, and I needed to use a timeout to get 11 out there."

With his players and assistant coaches begging

him to go for it, JMU Head Coach Mickey Matthews sent his offense back onto the field and pitched the ball to running back Dae'Quan Scott, who picked up four yards and a first down, all but sealing the Colonels' fate.

"The offensive coaches wanted to go for it," Matthews said. "Then, the defense guys were saying go for it; we can hold them. So I got out-voted."

Starke's winning kick came after the Colonels tried to ice him with two back-to-back timeouts. And if that didn't work, hopefully the strong winds could play a little defense.

But neither tactic worked, as Starke proved to be unshakable, and the wind became eerily calm as the kick sailed perfectly through the uprights.

"It doesn't really bother me," Starke said of the timeouts. "I expected it. It just gives me more time to do some more mental reps...The only thing I do when the wind is in my face is I really make sure I don't get as much height on the ball. Especially in a wind like that, I just make sure I get a really solid hit."

Eastern had a 17-7 lead late in the third quarter, but JMU scored the final 13 points of the game, stretching Eastern's postseason losing streak to six games. The Colonels have not won a playoff game since 1994.

**Dean Hood**  
**Head Coach**

After a scoreless first quarter, JMU scored the game's first points, a 1-yard run from Jordan Anderson just a minute into the second quarter.

But back came the Colonels who rolled off 17 straight points.

Banjoman scored on a 1-yard run with 7:41 left in the second quarter, and then on the final play of the half, Luke Pray nailed a 48-yard field goal. Again, Banjoman scored on another 1-yard run with 5:55 left in the third, to give the Colonels a 10-point lead,

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(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM) Eastern running back Matt Denham (No. 22) breaks a 66-yard run with one shoe in the third quarter setting up a Colonel score. Denham finished with his eighth straight 100-yard game. Wide receiver Tyrone Goard (No. 8) leaps for the catch against JMU. Running back H.B. Banjoman (No. 27) and lineman Aaron Adams (No. 79) celebrate after Banjoman's touchdown. The senior scored twice in his final game as a Colonel. Senior defensive back Jeremy Caldwell (No. 14) breaks up a pass late in the fourth quarter.

### Despite outcome, Colonels should hold head high



Ryan Alves

As I sat in the post-game press conference of last Saturday's first round playoff game, I was mildly shocked to say the least.

James Madison had just beaten Eastern on a last second field goal.

The Colonels playoff run was over, which meant it would be the last football game I cover as an Eastern student.

It was a tough pill to swallow. The fashion in which Eastern had lost the game will surely cause a lot of people nightmares.

I mean fourth-and-two and you only have 10 men on the field for your return, causing a called timeout, which let JMU go for it? Ouch.

But like Dean Hood said in his opening statement, as a fan of Eastern football, you could be a lot happier, but you couldn't be any prouder.

This season Eastern went on a miracle run.

They won six of their last seven to finish for a share of the school's 21st Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

Then when all hope seemed lost, and the Colonels needed the voters on their side to get into the playoffs for the 20th time; lady luck was on their side.

But it didn't come without a little controversy from the so-called "experts" in the media.

They were right, a few teams with better records got snubbed of a playoff birth.

And yes, did Eastern lose three games to FCS teams.

But the Colonels also took Kansas State, a Football Bowl Sub-

division team, to the wire, not letting them score a touchdown until a few minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats are ranked No. 11 in the country.

Eastern's other two losses were to ranked FCS teams - Chattanooga and Tennessee Tech, the co-OVC champs.

Granted, the loss to Austin Peay was a serious gaffe.

I believe nine times out of 10 Eastern could beat the Govs, but that's neither here nor there.

Justin Bell, a defensive back for Eastern, was right when he said the Colonels deserved a chance to play in these playoffs.

They did. Which lends itself to the real reason behind this column.

Last Saturday was Eastern's first home playoff game since 1994.

And it also just happened to be the lowest crowd of the season -