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## Future of student-run radio funding uncertain

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Though efforts to provide Eastern with a student-run radio station are currently underway, some aspects are still uncertain.

Issues such as location, funding and content are just a few of the topics being discussed among those involved in the planning.

A current topic of discussion is whether or not the station will be broadcast or internet-based, which would heavily impact how much funding will be needed.

"It will definitely start off as an internet-based station, but who knows after that," said Allyson DeVito, part-time faculty in the Department of Communication.

Dalton Gahafer, 20, elementary education major from Louisville, said he hopes the radio chooses to utilize the Internet.

"It would definitely be better to start off [with] internet because it's cheaper, and we could reach a wider audience," Gahafer said.

DeVito said starting the station off through the Internet would be cheaper, since they would not need a radio tower and could involve the campus' extended

community, such as Eastern alumni and regional campuses. But she hopes the station will eventually have a permanent location. Currently, they are looking into a location in Powell.

"We want it to be visible to drum up interest to listen," DeVito said.

The radio station is attempting to apply for a \$5,000 Information Technology grant from the Student Government Association for funding.

But Terry Madsen, information and technology chair in SGA, said the grant would not be allotted until the spring.

"It's something Student Senate does see as a very feasible and great idea," said Matthew White, vice president of SGA. "It's a great thing for the university to have."

While SGA does support the student radio station and what is best for them, they are still looking into other ways to fund the station, White said.

On Oct. 25, Jamie Speake, 22, broadcasting and electronic media major from Lancaster and member of the information and technology committee in SGA, presented

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## Honor society partners with local prison for Christmas charity



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Hannah Robbins, 20, criminal justice from Keavy, Seth Henderson, 20, criminal justice major from Berea, Crystal Conley, 27, criminal justice major from Louisville, and Tyler Prewitt, 22, criminal justice major from Corbin, stuffed gift bags for residents at Madison Towers.

### STUDENTS GIVE BLANKETS MADE BY INMATES TO MADISON TOWERS RESIDENTS

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Criminal justice students teamed up with women prison inmates to give out blankets, bibs and candy at Madison Towers Monday.

Eastern's Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society and female inmates from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Federal Medical Center of Lexington collaborated to share with the home's residents.

The honor society serves on the medical center's Community Relations Board [CRB], which provides funding and supplies for its female inmates' use so they can create items to donate throughout the community.

And when its adviser, Dr. James B. Wells, professor of criminal justice,

heard about the work the inmates were doing, he said he decided a Christmas community service project would be an innovative way the society could team up in celebrating Christmas at Madison Towers.

"We did a similar project at a nursing home this past Easter," said Hannah Robins, 20, criminal justice major and president of the honor society from Keavy. "We chose this location over others because it was more in need."

Wells had contacted a nurses industry to find out where service could be utilized the most. He was told Madison Towers, the 10-story building across from the Richmond post office, has residents who do not receive one visitor in a year's time, Robins said.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, students from the society showed up at the government-subsidized section eight housing facility, along

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Ryan Donahue, 26, criminal justice major from Louisville, gave gifts to residents of Madison Towers.

## Reports of armed robbery fabricated

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Investigations into two cases of armed robbery that were reported to Eastern's police department have revealed new information.

The incidents took place on Nov. 2 and Nov. 12. In both cases, those who reported the incidents were found to be involved in illegal activities, according to an updated report from the Eastern Police Department.

The investigation by campus police officers revealed that the alleged robbery that took place on Nov. 12 was actually a fabricated incident created by the people who reported it. As a result, the reporting party for this incident has been charged with falsely reporting a crime, and the case has been closed.

"It appears that the second case, the most recent one, was proven to be fabricated."

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## Rapes, sodomy reported on campus

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Investigations of two reports of rape on campus are now closed, said Interim Chief of Police Brian Mullins.

Currently, Police are also investigating a reported case of sodomy, said Marc Whitt, associate vice president of public relations.

The first rape reported allegedly took place sometime between 2:45 a.m. and 4 a.m. Oct. 28 in Keene Hall.

The second rape allegedly took place sometime between 1:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. Nov. 12 in Commonwealth Hall.

The alleged sodomy took place sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. Dec. 1 in Commonwealth Lot.

In both reported rapes, the victim has declined prosecution at this time.

"These are not related from what information I know," Mullins said. "This is not an unknown suspect here. It was not a stranger."

Mullins also said the cases of rape can be reopened at any time, but as of now, they are both considered closed.

The sodomy investigation is still ongoing, but Mullins confirmed the victim was a student.

Part 13 in a series on campus life

## NOVA community fosters first-generation college students for success

By MEGAN COLLINS  
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At EKU, the NOVA Living Learning Community [LLC] is all about first-generation college students. Students admitted to the NOVA program now have a living learning community all their own.

"I love it," said Johnny Smith, 19, homeland security major from Louisa. "It's made my semester."

Smith said if it weren't for NOVA, he probably wouldn't be attending Eastern.

Krystal Carroll, 19, elementary education major from Shelby County, said she agreed with Smith, and added that NOVA helped her become more sociable.

"I really love NOVA," Carroll said. "They have helped me a lot."

NOVA is currently housed in McGregor

Hall with about 30 males and 40 females.

Nickole Hale, associate director of academic initiatives of University Housing, said a national study showed that having classes and living together has helped students.

"National study of living learning programs showed that people who are in these living learning communities have higher GPAs and tend to have higher satisfaction rates and higher retention rates," Hale said.

The LLC works with the NOVA program, giving students a chance to connect with other people involved in the program. According to its website, NOVA is a program designed to increase retention and graduation rates of first-generation college students through a series of various support systems.

Once students are enrolled into NOVA, they have the opportunity to stay in the program throughout the entirety of their college

careers.

Hale also said the NOVA faculty and staff work with the students to meet their needs.

"NOVA faculty and staff have been highly involved in the program and make the living learning community successful," Hale said.

NOVA students in the LLC are required to attend three activities every semester and acquire three study hours per week.

The NOVA community also allows students to get involved with the Richmond community and campus by giving students a chance to participate in different activities and events.

The LLC also provides students with tips to get through college, which helps students find success.

"If it wasn't for NOVA, I would have failed out last year and I wouldn't be here this semester, taking more challenging classes, be-

ing able to succeed," said Lynn'e Purnell, 19, undeclared major from Richmond.

The specific programs have also assisted students with their college experience, students said.

"NOVA has helped me stay focused mentally and develop time management," said Lola Barnett, 19, nursing major from Wolf County.

NOVA provides students with knowledge about the resources that are available to them to be successful in college.

"NOVA introduces students to resources that are available to them," Purnell said.

Hale praised the immense support given to the students through the LLC and the NOVA program in general.

"Really strong program support, which makes the community strong," Hale said.



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# POLICE BEAT

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## Nov. 30

■ An employee reported his parking permit was stolen from his vehicle that was parked in the Powell east lot. The employee said when he left work he noticed his permit valued at \$30 was missing. He said he did not know who could have taken it.

■ Police were dispatched to the Keen Johnson building on a report of theft. Upon arrival, police met with a female student who said someone took her iPhone 4 valued at \$450 from a table in the ballroom during a dance.

## Dec. 5

■ Police were dispatched to Keene Hall on a report of marijuana in plain view. Two Resident Assistants told police they noticed a strong smell of marijuana outside the room while making rounds. They knocked on the door and were let in by student Kendall Borders and then observed marijuana on a dresser. Once police arrived, Borders and student Marcus Millard admitted to having smoked marijuana in a vehicle a half hour earlier. Police found three small bags of marijuana on a dresser and another bag of marijuana and drug paraphernalia on a desk that Millard said belonged to him. After receiving consent to search Millard, police found a blue metallic bowl/pipe and an empty film canister, both with marijuana residue in them. Borders was cited for possession of marijuana and Millard was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Three packages of marijuana in separately sealed plastic packages weighing 0.8 grams, 0.8 grams and 2.6 grams for a total weight of 4.3 grams in packaging belonged to Borders. A blue metallic pipe, an empty film canister, two packages of cigarette papers, 20.4 grams of marijuana in a plastic one zip bag, 1.5 JOB and 1.25 pure hemp belonged to Millard.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## EKU Recycle Program wants donations of recycled materials

The EKU Recycle program is accepting donations of various recycled materials. Gently used backpacks and duffle bags donated to the program will go to help foster children in Kentucky. Universal waste batteries can be recycled by placing them in a universal waste battery envelope provided by the program. Other recyclables include office paper, textbooks, newspapers, wire notebooks, phonebooks, schedule books, catalogs, magazines, brochures or any mixed paper. Recycle bins labeled for paper only, aluminum cans and plastic bottles are located in the lobbies and in designated areas around campus. Broken-down cardboard boxes can also be placed in these designated areas. For more information on backpack donations, contact Randy Wilson at randy.wilson@eku.edu.

## SGA Student survey deadline approaching

The Eastern Diagnosis Student Survey from the Student Government Association is open through Friday December 9 at 6 p.m. The survey is comprised of 10 questions for students to assess Eastern and the SGA. Representatives will address issues and improvements mentioned in survey answers. The survey was sent to students in an email. For more information contact Cari Tretina at cari\_tretina@my-mail.eku.edu.

## Short film online competition from California

Eastern is partnering with SeeFlick, a new online film competition from Los Angeles. The short film competitions are exclusive to students who attend or are within five years of graduating from an accredited undergraduate or graduate film program. The winner will be determined by the number of votes received and will get \$50,000 in prize money, a winner's showcase for talent agencies and studios, and an opportunity to associate with film schools that streamline students and alumni to SeeFlick. For more information, visit seefflick.com/official-competition-rules.



# The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Dec. 8 - Dec. 14

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>5 p.m.</b> Milk n' Cookies, Palmer Hall event, Palmer lobby</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Clarinet choir concert, EKU Arts and Culture, Gifford Theater</p> <p><b>9 p.m.</b> Very Ugly Holiday Sweater Party, Walters Hall event, Walters loft</p>	<p>Last day of semester classes</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Madrigal Feast Holiday Dinner, EKU Arts and Culture, Keen Johnson</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> EKU Climbing Competition, Campus Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Deck the Halls Holiday Dinner, EKU Arts and Culture, Keen Johnson</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Men's basketball vs. Georgia Southern</p>	<p>Finals Week</p> <p><i>Good Luck on Finals!</i></p>	<p>Final exams begin</p> <p>Masters thesis deadline for December 2011 graduates</p> <p>Graduate student oral and comprehensive exam reports due</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> "Brain Food for Finals" EKU Libraries, Main library lobby</p>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> New Employee Orientation, Human Resources Employment, Jagers Room</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Special event exclusively for transfer and re-admitted students, Student Outreach and Transition Office, SSB lobby</p> <p><b>1:30 p.m.</b> FLSA Training for Supervisors, Wellness and Training, Discovery classroom, Noel Studio</p>	<p><b>7 p.m.</b> Jerry Seinfeld, EKU Center for the Arts</p>

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# Students encouraged to vote on official logos for VSOs

By KRISTIE HAMON

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The Office of Student Life has designed logos for students to vote on in order to represent all Registered Student Organizations [RSO].

The logo will be used to identify RSOs, allow them to reserve rooms and use Eastern's logo.

April Barnes, the director of student involvement and leadership, said, in a way, voluntary student organizations are a step apart from the campus.

"However, we have some VSOs who need to use EKU's name, for example club sports," Barnes said. "Club sports compete as Eastern Kentucky University. However, we really want to make sure that

people know that they are an RSO and not the Eastern Kentucky Basketball team."

Barnes said a link will be placed on the Student Life website within the next week or so, so that students can vote on the logos.

"Anytime that you use Eastern Kentucky University in advertising on your shirts, anything like that you're going to need to have this logo on it also, so it identifies you as an RSO," Barnes said. "What we hope it will do, is really just make people aware that you are affiliated with our university, voluntarily affiliated with the university."

She said right now there are only VSOs on campus and every group that registers through Org Sync will automatically be put

into this group unless it chooses to appeal to become a Sponsored Student Organization.

"Once you have registered, you will be able to pull these up and use the logo," Barnes said. "VSOs can use this and I believe SSOs will be able to use this also, but right now we don't have any SSOs, so we haven't really thought that far."

Barnes said there are step-by-step instructions on the Org Sync website about how to appeal in order to become an SSO as well as a detailed list of expectations for SSOs.

"What we're saying is if you're an SSO, the university is liable for you, we're going to take the responsibility of having you on campus, and you're going to be able to

affiliate with us, use our names, all those kinds of things," Barnes said.

The expectations were created by the RSO risk management committee, which is the committee that will listen to classification appeals.

Lindsay Greenwell, the head of RSO risk management committee, said all appeals come to the committee.

"[RSOs] Take it [appeals] to the committee and [the committee] determines if the group has all the paperwork," Greenwell said.

Some current VSOs could be classified as a SSO, though.

"I think that we actually have a couple of SSOs on campus, they just haven't, it's up to them if they are going to appeal to an SSO or not," Barnes said.

She said she is excited to get students involved in choosing a logo to represent them.

"We are very excited that we are going to be able to offer RSOs an opportunity to have a logo to use to be set apart, that they can vote on," Barnes said.

Zach Scott, the facility reservation coordinator, said the RSO logo will have many benefits for the organizations.

"It's like an official EKU logo," Scott said. "I guess the main benefit is that it gives each student organization an official emblem or logo to use. Other benefits are it kind of unifies our RSOs, they'll have like a unified logo to represent all the student groups."

## RADIO

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a resolution to support a student radio station to senate.

The resolution stated, "The implementation of a radio station run by students will give the student body a creative outlet to dispel information and to advance themselves within their program."

In an attempt to make students more involved with the station, DeVito hopes to incorporate participation at the radio station into some of the broadcasting classes.

"In addition to students reading the textbook and writing, students could go to campus radio station for three to four hours during the semester to do broadcasts," DeVito said.

Students could also get hands-on experience with the radio station.

"Right now there is no real way broadcasting students can gain knowledge about radio in the classroom," said Speake. "I realized I wanted to work in radio about a year and a half ago, and there was no way of edu-

ating myself on-campus, no classes, nothing."

Speake eventually ended up working two simultaneous internships in Lexington and Richmond. She said this taught her more about working in the business than any of her other courses.

"An on-campus student-run radio station would provide those students interested in radio with a learning platform," Speake said.

Although some details are still uncertain, DeVito said she hopes the radio station will be up and running by next fall. DeVito said the radio station currently has confirmed approximately \$9,500 in funding from the Department of Commu-

nication.

A petition, which was being circulated by students who are in support of the radio station, is no longer a feasible measure of support, Speake said.

The petition would have supported a student fee, which would have supported the yearbook and radio. The idea of a student fee of \$5 to support the radio is still being looked at, said DeVito.

**"An on-campus student-run radio station would provide those students interested in radio with a learning platform."**

**Jamie Speake  
student**

## This week in photos



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**Stephanie Nowicke, 21, interpreter training and psychology major from Louisville, works on a craft project at a relaxation event hosted by H.E.A.T. and Student Life on Dec. 7 in Middle Powell. The event offered students other activities, including massage chairs, to promote relaxation.**

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with seven inmates, and together they unloaded about a half-dozen boxes filled with multi-colored blankets.

Complete with a "Happy Holidays" card attached, the blankets were a product of the inmate's free time; they hand-crafted 140 blankets.

Robins said these particular inmates are low-risk and accustomed to being involved in community service.

Inmate Robin Jenero said she thought it was wonderful her group could be involved.

"I love working with the elderly," Jenero said. "I used to work as a nurse aide. The girls have put a lot of work into this. We worked about seven hours a day on the

blankets; we picked the materials, lined them and sewed them."

The prison had 300 women to choose from for the service project, said Rebecca Brown, FMC counselor.

"We looked for women that were showing exceptional behavior and working hard in the program," Brown said.

Nearly 50 residents were gathered in a lounge on the bottom floor of Madison Towers and expressed gratitude for the gifts.

Thelma Bourne, 94, said she is the oldest resident and was having trouble seeing her blanket. But as a seamstress, she said she knew the product was of good quality.

"I'm kicking, but not high," she said, then added seriously while rubbing the fabric between her fingers, "I can tell by how thick the lining is, this is good. I'll use it to throw over my legs on the couch."

## ROBBERY

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ed," Whitt said. "And as for the first one, because the activity was of an illegal nature, there was not a robbery involved in that one either."

No information has been released about the illegal activities of the Nov. 2 incident's reporting party, as the police are currently shifting the focus of the investigation to

look into those activities rather than the alleged robberies.

"That's still under investigation, so I can't comment on that," said Marc Whitt, associate vice president for public relations at Eastern. "But I can say that, as it was noted in the police report, in both situations, it was deemed illegal activities."

The first incident's case is currently open. The police report stated the suspects in the reporting party have been identified, and warrants for their arrest have been issued.

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# BFA seniors showcase work in Giles Gallery

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For the six graduating seniors of the Bachelor of Fines Art program, it could be said that life inspires art and the group displayed their pieces of inspiration Dec. 4 at the Campbell Building's Giles Gallery in the BFA Exhibition.

Works by Amber McWhorter, Alicia Carlton, Ashley Combs, Olivia Plath, Marissa Sprague and Lisa Tyler, were all present and the students had diverse expressions when explaining what stimulated their art.

Amber McWhorter, 24, photography major from London, said art is something that makes you think and her main focus in photography is people, especially children because they are free of inhibitions.

But fashion, editorials and fairy tales inspire Alicia Calton, 23, photography major from Williamsburg. She said art is something you create to inspire others.

"My work is based off fashion, beauty and fairy tales, all combined into one little package," she said.

Yet dramatic aspects of art, such as lighting and character, inspire students like Olivia Plath, 22, photography major with a BFA in art from Shelbyville. But she said she decided to try something new for the BFA exhibition.

"I looked for places to reveal themselves to me," she said.

Ashley Combs, 22, photography major

from Winchester, said she gains inspiration from what she interprets to be lonely and abandoned in our world.

Marissa Sprague, 23, BFA in metal and jewelry from Washington, Ky., said her work is inspired by duality and people's viewpoints.

"It is a wonderful chance for them to see their work up in gallery like this properly," said Esther Randall, professor of art and director of the Giles Gallery.

Mary Tortorili, professor and head of the Department of Art and Design said she agreed, adding that the exhibition is a great experience for the students to start from the beginning of shooting photos and then seeing their work in finished form.

"Each photographer is uniquely pursuing a vision that explores a variety of subject matter, use of light and techniques," Tortorili said.

Each senior has made plans for after graduation. Carlton said she plans to apply to Savannah College of Art and Design and move to Atlanta while Plath said she plans to rest and work. Combs said she hopes to attend graduate school out of state and Sprague said she is looking into the culinary arts field.

Ultimately, art is a broad term that cannot be broken down, Combs said.

"It's what you make of it," he said. "Everyone has a different definition of art and different opinion of what it is."

The BFA Exhibition ends Dec. 16. The next exhibition, "Living with Others," will take place Jan. 23 through Feb. 17.

**"It is a wonderful chance for them to see their work up in a gallery like this properly."**

**Esther Randall**  
Director, Giles Gallery



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Above, Olivia Plath, 22, photography major from Shelbyville, greets visitors at the gallery where her work was showcased. Right top, Amber Rap, 21, art education major from Union, and Mary Unterreiner, 22, anthropology major from Union, view a Inkjet print with oil paint piece by Ashley Combs titled "Resolute." Right bottom, Mollie Kuebler, 21, social work major from Maineville, Ohio, Kristin Wuesterfel, 21, elementary education major from Hebron, and Alyssa Will, 21, broadcasting major from Highland Heights, visited the Giles Gallery to view the artwork showcased by senior art students.



## CRU to host annual Christmas service

By TAYLOR PETTIT  
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Campus Crusade for Christ [CRU] will sponsor its annual campus-wide Christmas service 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in the SSB Auditorium.

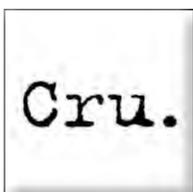
"I just think it's such a large gathering to celebrate Christmas together," said Lindsey Carr, 19, graphic design major from Middletown, Ohio. "It's so special."

The service is open to everyone, and CRU will provide a free gift and hot chocolate to those who attend.

Carr, who is also leader of the Visitech team, said she posted fliers and is looking forward to the service because Christmas is her favorite holiday.

"I think something hilarious and exciting will happen," Carr said.

The service is open to all faiths, but will be a Christian-focused service, said Adam Dixon, director of CRU at Eastern.



"It provides an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus together," said Willis Weatherford, 21, parks and recreation administration major from Richmond. "Christmas is a special time to me because Jesus Christ is my savior and lord."

The first Christmas service took place in 2003, Dixon said.

"We try to make Christmas fun," Dixon said. "It's just a fun little service."

Dixon said the service will include traditional Christmas carols and speaker Todd Thomas, who is a pastor at Center Point Church in Lexington.

The theme of this year's service is "The Gift of Christmas."

"We just want everyone to take a deep breath," Dixon said. "Anytime you come to something put on by CRU, you are going to get a little bit of hope. We just want to be encouraging as the semester winds down."

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## Dead week promotes stress, not success

**Dead week:** The week before finals every semester of college where very little happens on campus because the entire student body is busy studying for exams. Very few fun activities take place around the school, and fewer parties are being attended. Even classes get a little easier as professors help their students prepare for the challenge the next week presents.

If only.

The only thing “dead” about dead week is the sanity of the students that live through it. Dead week used to be a time dedicated to studying for the impending stress of finals week. It used to be that classes were canceled during the week, leaving all class time available to become much-needed study time. There was no homework, no papers and no group projects due at all that week. Unfortunately for us, things changed.

Dead week is now, in many respects, more stressful than finals week. Students must go to classes and complete projects, just like every other week, only they are now trying to juggle this on top of studying for their finals that start the following Monday. In other words, they are trying to review an entire semester’s worth of work in one week, all while continuing to do new work assigned for that week.

By the time finals week actually rolls around, students are already exhausted because they’ve lost sleep staying up all night to study for a test, sometimes after taking a test during dead week. That can’t be good for student performance when finals actually start.

The current university policy on dead week is absolutely no help to students. It essentially says that professors cannot assign impromptu work to students during the week that are not already a part of the syllabus. If this was meant to discourage anybody from assigning work on dead week, it failed miserably. Professors still set work for the week everyone should be studying; they just schedule it in the syllabus at the beginning of the semester. If students don’t like it, they can’t negotiate a way out of it; they simply get told “tough” by their professors, and suffer through whatever new assignment they have.

How is this fair to students? On the week universally recognized as the time for students to prepare for the tests that make up a huge percentage of their overall grades,



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From left to right: Tyler Marshall, 22, Darren McCane, 22, and Jeremy Carver, 21, study for finals in the library during dead week.

some professors inconsiderately throw a wrench into things by covering new material and top it off with some sort of special assignment, which of course will be included in next week’s cumulative final. Is it really too hard to try and cover all of the material before dead week comes around? As another alternative, couldn’t the new material just be covered in a part of the final itself?

Apparently not.

Not all professors are guilty of heaping extra work onto their students, but many are. It is a senseless practice. Leaving dead week open is beneficial not only to the stu-

dents, but to the professors as well. We all know that professors have tough lives just like their students, and sometimes life gets in the way of other things. Dead week gives them ample time to catch up on grading they have fallen behind on and alleviates the stress of those last minute assignments altogether.

Student success on finals and end-of-semester projects can be heavily influenced by the workload put on students during dead week. If the entire week is spent by students finishing the work for the semester instead of studying for finals, they aren’t

going to do as well on the big test as they could have. Student success is obviously important to the students themselves, but it also has an effect on the rest of the university. Good grades help Eastern get higher rankings, and professors are often evaluated based on how well their students do in their classes. It is for that reason we at *The Progress* strongly recommend the faculty and staff of the university respect dead week and help facilitate an environment that helps students succeed on the finals they’ve been working toward all semester.

## Take time today to create good relationships for tomorrow



My Turn:  
Cari Tretina

It was a Saturday night. A group of my close friends and I had gone out for an evening of adventure in Richmond the night prior, and we were planning on attending the hockey game tonight.

We went to Casa Fiesta for an early dinner to start the night off right. After we gorged ourselves with chips and tacos, we came back to the dorm and relaxed for a few hours. The majority of my friends took a nap to prepare them for the late night of fun we were going to have.

One of my friends, however, hung out with me in my

room. She came in around 7 p.m. We did not stop talking until 10 p.m. I had just as much fun, if not more, simply conversing and joking around with her than I did at the sporting event.

This made me recall other fond memories I have with people. I came to realize the majority of my most treasured memories are exactly like that Saturday night. Another person and I are plainly talking, sitting around and laughing.

I hear people always complaining about how their relationships are so boring and mundane or that something is missing. Not just about their love relationships, but also their friendships. What is missing is that personal connection.

We are so limited to the outings we can participate in when we are younger because of our young age and inability to drive. As a result, the hang-out sessions we have with our friends are primarily sitting somewhere, just talking. We had just as much fun swinging on a swing and chatting away with someone back then compared to going to a party now.

When you are older, you start to become friends with people who do the same things as you opposed to those who have mental and personality similarities, such as the

same music interest or view on politics.

You may connect with someone over a game of beer pong or bench press, but you two struggle to have a conversation longer than 20 minutes.

By talking to someone, you make a personal connection with that person. You understand why he or she does the things he or she does or finally find out where they got their sense of humor from. On top of that, this person now understands who you actually are instead of just knowing what you enjoy doing for fun.

Telling jokes with your brother, catching up with an old friend or finding out why your girlfriend likes mice so much will bring you closer and improve your relationship. A layer of trust will even be formed because you start to feel more comfortable around this person, so you begin to open more.

A quick fix to any relationship: talk. Just spend a lazy afternoon curled up on the couch or walking around the park, just chatting the day away with someone. For a better relationship tomorrow, take the time today to care.

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## &gt;Letters to the editor

## Changes should help everybody, not just Honors students

Sullivan Hall is reserved for the Honors students, those among us that have been selected to represent the elite Eastern students. As a reject of the Honors Program, they said I did not meet the qualifications to become one in the Honors Program here on campus. After graduating high school in the top of my class and with an honors diploma, I still did not fit its qualifications. After four semesters as an occupational science student with no less than 15 credit hours apiece, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA. Yet I did not have the qualifications to be in the elite Honors Program.

If Sullivan Hall gets extended visitation hours just because they're in the Honors Program, where does that leave the rest of the good students here on campus? It leads them with a place to study all night and meet for group projects and us in our cramped dorm rooms or apartments, try-

ing to resist the temptation to fall asleep. The real problem here is not going to be solved by allowing Sullivan Hall residents or the Honors Program students to gain an advantage over the non-Honors students. The change needs to come from a different part of the university.

The library closes on weekday nights at 1 a.m. Downstairs Powell stays open longer than the library does by closing at 2 a.m. That has always made little sense to me. The solution to the Sullivan Hall dilemma does not need to come from University Housing or the Honors Department; it needs to come from ECU Libraries.

For all students; success here at this university, they need to solve this problem with everyone in mind— not just the “elite” students. Keeping parts of the library open for all students all night, not just the Honors students, will allow for student success across the board.

One solution would be to keep the Noel Studio open. It has computers, printers, tables for studies and the ability to be locked off so students could not just roam the library and cause mischief. Another option is to implement the 24-hour study during finals week to year round.

The solution chosen needs to be one that helps the whole university, not just a select few. Allowing the Honors students to gain yet another advantage over the rest of the student body will cause more success for them and less success for the rest of the students — widening the achievement gap. A change needs to happen, and it needs to come not from University Housing, but ECU Libraries.

Kelly Price  
Student

## Student Activities Council should promote weekend fun

I am writing because there is a big issue on this campus that needs to be addressed. Over the course of almost two years that I have been here, the activities for students to attend on campus have decreased dramatically. There are no activities to keep students here on the weekends. A lot of people I know complain that students go home every weekend, but what is there to do to keep them here? Nothing! The library closes at 6 p.m. on

Friday nights, the gym closes earlier, too, and so does downstairs Powell. This campus is dead on the weekends, and I don't see it changing unless Student Activities Council does something. Having bingo once a month on a Tuesday night and maybe a few other events that are not advertised won't cut it anymore. For those of us who stay on campus on weekends become very easily bored and find that there is nothing to do. Maybe I am just

a boring person, but it would be nice to have something fun to do on the weekends while other people go out and party. I think SAC needs to step it up if they want to keep students here and involved. Either do that, or this university will keep going downhill.

Ben Westrick  
Student

## Student shares tips for ‘happy smoking’ on campus

As surely as the sun rises in the morning, there will be something in the police beats section about some kid getting busted for smoking pot. Perhaps the people who report this are worried about fire safety, or more likely, they just have little better to do with their time. I write this letter to point out a few things that seem to escape these students who are getting caught. If you don't want to get caught smoking pot, consume it. Sure the effects will take longer to hit, but they will also

last longer as well. If waiting is not acceptable, then buy a vaporizer. Not only is smoking this way easier on the lungs, but you also get more bang from your bud. Oh, I forgot to mention there will be much less odor—that doesn't smell like pot— and no smoke to get you caught. In addition to this, there is also virtually no risk of fire since the vaporizer never reaches combustion temperatures. And a cheap vaporizer can be purchased for less than the price of your confiscated

bud and the ticket you just got for getting caught. I write this letter because current laws are unjust; pot is not a drug— it's a plant. You cannot overdose on pot, and no one has ever died as a direct result of its use. So if you're going to use marijuana on campus, try and remember to be smart about it. Happy smoking.

Benjamin (No last name given)  
Student

## New Honors building would foster community, success

As a university, we all want to have nice buildings. That alone could set us apart. Why should the Honors Program be any different? Do we not deserve nice things? It is true that every organization on campus could make the argument that they are struggling against less than desirable facilities. Why are they not fighting? Excuse us for not lying down and accepting what little we have. Excuse us for having dreams of becoming the best.

If we want to become a tier-1 research university we must take those first steps. Are we not all giving at least \$65 per semester to reduce debt to build a gym most of us won't even see? What about the students who have already graduated who paid for the new science building?

How about those students who did not get to live in Walters because it was being renovated? Should only the people living in the nice dorms have to pay for that? We aren't asking for a \$60 million multi-building complex. We are only asking for one building that can belong to us; one building where we live and work as a community. As a commuter student, I am constantly searching for a place to quietly do homework. The Honors Student Advisory Council is constantly searching for a place to host meetings and events. Dr. Frost is always trying to find a place to host the monthly pizza suppers. Where could you find a better place than an Honors building?

The Honors Program has achieved a lot. We have brought recognition to the school through conferences and scholarship winners. If we can do this with what we have now, think about what we could do if we have more. We don't deserve this because we are better or smarter; we deserve this because we are willing to fight for it. Let us do our part in making Eastern Kentucky University a better place.

Alex Fletcher  
Vice President  
Honors Student Advisory Council

## Alum disappointed with lack of support for sports teams

If you are reading this, chances are you are a student at Eastern Kentucky University. Hopefully sometime in the not too distant future, you will receive a diploma that will say Eastern Kentucky University on it. When you apply for a job, you will list Eastern Kentucky University as the place you received your postsecondary education. Hopefully your years at Eastern will be filled with great memories of a complete college experience. For many, this experience includes not only your academic life, but also meeting lifelong friends, joining a fraternity or sorority, participating in plays, concerts or dance recitals, experiencing cultural events at the new Center for the Arts, being involved with campus ministries and many other opportunities provided by Eastern Kentucky University. What is going to be missing for many of you is avid and active fan support of your Colonel athletic teams. And that is a missed opportunity and a real shame.

You attend Eastern Kentucky University— Not the University of Kentucky, not the University of Louisville. Not LSU or Boise State or any other team you may spend your time watching on television. Eastern Kentucky University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a school with a proud tradition. This is a school with true student-athletes who work as hard as athletes anywhere and who play their hearts out for Eastern for four years, not one-and-done carpetbaggers who use the school as a stepping stone. Unfortunately, ECU is a school whose student-athletes are largely snubbed by the very student body they represent.

I was fortunate enough to play for ECU's first National Championship football team in 1979. What you probably don't know is that championship never would have happened without the student body. For example, we had to win an epic struggle against Western in front of a jam-packed Roy Kidd Stadium (25,000-plus) that included a goal line stand on the hill end of the stadium. There was not an emp-

ty seat in the student section or an empty spot on the hill. The student body was so loud, and the enthusiasm so intense that it truly pulled us to victory. Without that win, we never would have had a shot at the title, and it is a part of college life that all students who were there will always remember.

This year's Colonel squad was very similar to the 1979 team. Just about every week's game was a thrilling one, with eight of 12 games being decided by a touchdown or less. Many of the games went down to the last two minutes, including the game against top-20 ranked Kansas State in front of a rowdy crowd of 58,000 fans. Two of the games went down to the very last play, including the comeback against Jacksonville State that was the most unbelievable ending to a game not scripted in Hollywood, and the Football Championship Series playoff game against James Madison, which ended on a heart-breaking field goal at the horn. Our team included many great players who made so many great plays. What this year's team didn't have was the consistent support of the student body. This support could have made the difference. And that is a missed opportunity and a real shame.

Last Saturday, your school, Eastern Kentucky University, played on ESPNU, a nationally televised game viewed by fans in all 50 states. What a golden opportunity to showcase our fine school and for our student body to fill the stadium, get on television and put on a real show for the nation. And just as importantly, help our team stay alive in the FCS Playoffs. Instead of a packed stadium and a rocking student section, the students were not there. Yes, it was Thanksgiving weekend, but most of our students could have made it back for the game, and the lack of student support is a pattern repeated all too often. This was a missed opportunity and a real shame.

Also in 1979, the Colonels earned a trip to the NCAA tournament in men's basketball. Once again, it wouldn't have happened without the student body. The

game to decide the OVC went down to the buzzer, and beyond. Alumni Coliseum was so loud that the officials couldn't hear the horn. The foul that was called to send the Colonels' David Tierney to the foul line for the legendary one and bonus was shown on television replays to have occurred a full 3.5 seconds after time expired. The students and their loud enthusiasm again pulled the team through, and it was something that all there remember as one of the most fun and exciting experiences of their college years.

Now, Eastern Kentucky's basketball teams are fighting again to earn a bid to the NCAA tournament. Our teams want to do what Morehead State did to Louisville last year in the NCAA tournament, a team OUR Colonels beat on the road and what Murray did to Vanderbilt in the tourney the year before— Murray's team lost to Butler by one, showing how close the OVC was to a run even deeper into the tournament. Hopefully, our student body will get behind our teams and help them make the tournament during their ECU years, putting the name of our university in front of the nation again and creating new memories for this generation's student body.

Understandably, not everyone is a sports fan. Also understandably, many grew up in homes that “bleed blue” or the colors of some other school. But once a person enrolls at ECU, his or her first allegiance should be to that school. The more publicity our sports teams are able to acquire, the more people will be aware of your school. If you spend four years at a school wearing the colors of a school you don't attend, shouting at the television for your classmates at another school instead of for your classmates who would really appreciate the support at live home events, then you miss an important part of the college experience. And that would be a missed opportunity and a real shame.

Gary Ford  
Class of '80 & '84

CAMPUS  
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## “Finals”

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- Oh God, I really hate finals.
- They make me want to die.
- Finals week actually isn't too bad for me.
- Finals week stresses people out... to the extreme.
- Finals suck.
- They pain my existence.
- I just think they're stupid.
- I think it's dumb to have a week of nothing but tests.
- Finals mean Christmas is almost here!
- They give me closure on a shitty semester.
- They really stress me out.
- I know that I won't be leaving the library for the next two weeks.
- Stress and annoyance.
- I have my finals early in the week, so I get to go home earlier.
- They're pretty shitty.
- They just suck.
- I will be glad when it's over.
- I don't have many finals.
- After I'm finished with them, I can graduate.
- I really, really, really hate them.
- It's really hard to study for so many at once, but at least you know that you will get a much-needed break afterward.
- They just cause more stress that college students don't need.
- I like to pretend they don't exist.
- Most people say it's stressful, but I think it's the easiest week of the semester.
- They put me in a bad mood.
- It's too hard to study for five or six huge tests in one week.
- I like the time after finals.
- I always try to do the minimum to pass the class.
- It's become so routine that it doesn't bother me anymore.
- They're really stressful. Just thinking about it gives me a headache.
- They mean I'm closer to graduating.
- I'm not looking forward to finals week at all.
- I hate finals.
- Finals week means stress and more stress.
- It's not the finals I hate; it's the studying.
- They're just really stressful.
- I don't have any finals.
- I don't spend much time studying for them.
- They're stressful.
- I hate the stress that comes with finals week.
- I hate them.
- I think it's stupid that the biggest part of our grade comes from our last tests. It's a make-or-break for a good grade.
- They make me want to drink a lot.

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# BEST OF 2011

The very best in movies, music, gaming and tech, as chosen by *Progress* staff

## MOVIES

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As far as film is concerned, 2011 has seen more sequels, prequels, re-makes and re-releases than any year in recent history. While this does not seem to bode well for the industry, the 10 following films more than prove that there is still plenty of creativity and promise to be found in cinema. Though this is certainly not all of them (many have yet to be released as of this writing), you won't go wrong by checking out 10 of the best films of the year.

**10. 50/50:** Cancer does not lend itself well to comedy, yet *50/50* somehow nails it. Don't see it for the laughs, though; what really stands out here is the movie's startling honesty, poignancy and great performances, particularly standout Joseph Gordon-Levitt as the troubled lead. Forget *50*; there is a 100-percent chance you will love this film.

**9. Drive:** When generations look back on the history of film, 2011 may very well be remembered as the year Ryan Gosling began his rise to superstardom. Though he certainly has impressed in the past, this year featured three fantastic, widely different performances by Gosling, including his role in *Drive*

as the nameless, reserved getaway driver. Come for the stylized violence and retro flavorings, but stay for the Gosling.

**8. Contagion:** Shame on anyone for thinking *Contagion* was just another infection thriller. This film is definitely more than the disease it portrays. An all-star cast including Kate Winslet, Matt Damon and Lawrence Fishburne propelled a reality into this story that was much deeper than the infection and answered the question, "What would it take for society to completely fall apart?"



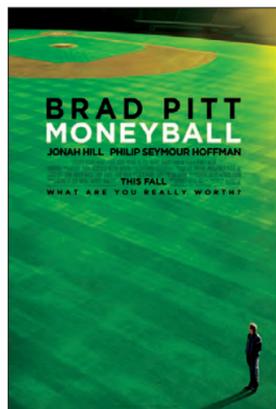
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have hoped, but the young actors have certainly grown as much as their characters. Now, good luck to them all finding work after this.

**6. Crazy, Stupid, Love:** The best romantic comedy of the year, this film rises above the rest because it respects the audience and knows its characters, from the middle-aged divorcee played by Steve

Carell to the bar-hopping pickup artist played by Ryan Gosling. Better yet, it knows love and pain equally, and all the crazy, stupid things in between. Watch it with your loved one.

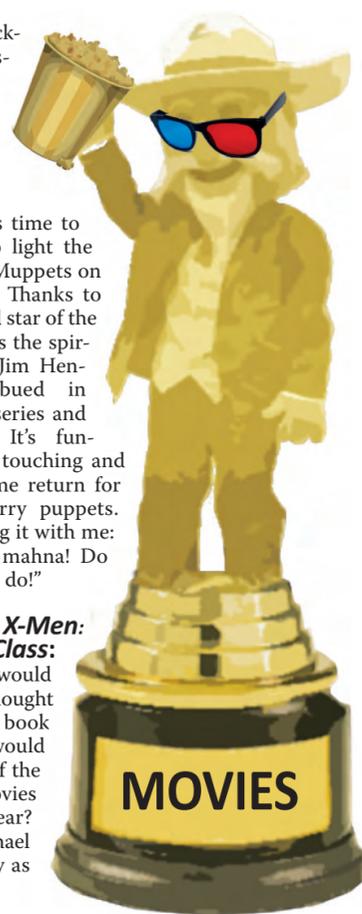
**5. The Muppets:** "It's time to play the music. It's time to light the lights. It's time to meet the Muppets on *The Muppet Show* tonight!" Thanks to Jason Segel, screenwriter and star of the film, *The Muppets* recaptures the spirit and humor that creator Jim Henson imbued in the old series and movies. It's funny, silly, touching and a welcome return for these furry puppets. Now, sing it with me: "Mahna mahna! Do do do do do!"



**4. X-Men: First Class:** Who would have thought a comic book reboot would be one of the best movies of the year?

James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender are cast perfectly as

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## GAMES

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**4. Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary Edition**  
Since its debut Nov. 15, 2001, the *Halo* series has spawned six games and nine novels. 2011 marks the 10th year of the legendary *Halo* Franchise. 343 Industries has decided to commemorate this special occasion with the release of *Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary*.

*Halo: Anniversary* is a revamp of *Halo: Combat Evolved*, the game that launched the highly successful *Halo* franchise. The United Nations Space Command is fighting a losing war with the Covenant, a faction of multiple alien species united under a religion that demands the extermination of humanity. The player takes control of Master Chief, the last living super soldier of the UNSC, who must find a way to defeat the Covenant before humanity becomes extinct.

*Halo: Anniversary* utilizes the same game engine as *Halo: Combat Evolved*, albeit with updated graphics and the introduction of hidden terminals, which give insight into the back-story of *Halo*. While this sounds like 343 was cutting corners with production, this is exactly what *Halo* fans wanted. Besides, the original game had no flaws I could find. Definitely one of the best of 2011.



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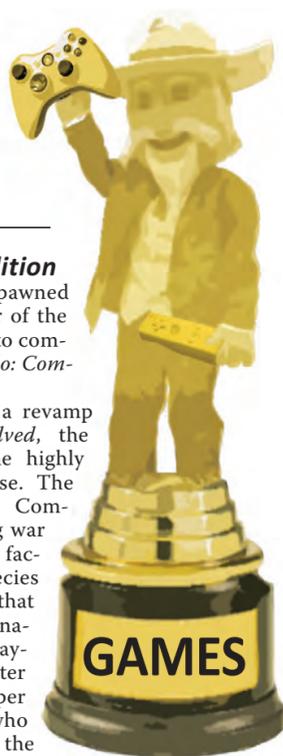


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**3. Batman Arkham City**

Holy sequels, Batman! To cut right to the chase, *Batman Arkham City* is by far the best super hero game to date. *Arkham City* borrows a lot of elements that are

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## MUSIC

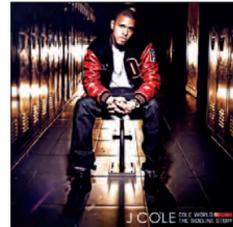
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**10. Bad Meets Evil—Hell, The Sequel:** This is simply some of the best lyrical work we've heard from any artist this year. Royce Da 5'9 is finally getting some of the shine he deserves for his rapping skill after squashing his beef with Eminem. And though the album is extremely short, I actually wished the chemistry Eminem and Royce have on this album was apparent on the amazing *Watch The Throne*.



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**9. Royce Da 5'9—Success is Certain:** I don't have very much to say about this. I just really hope after this album he gets far more praise for his work. It has great production, great lyrics and not much content, but great album to have in your CD player. Solid piece.



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**8. Wale—Ambition:** This guy Wale finally sold albums like he should. *Ambition* is very poetic, exciting, has love songs, dance songs and the typical rap songs that establish him as a lyricist. The album is all around good with a perfect amount of songs.

**7. J. Cole—Cole World, A Sideline Story:** A little cheesy with some of the hooks, a few forgettable moments, but J. Cole provides a debut album with essentially no bad songs. It has structure, great song writing and for the most part, enough content to make up for the bad artists this year. Cole's going to be around for a while.



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**6. Pharoahe Monche—W.A.R.:** This man is extremely underrated and is very, very talented. Those intel-

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## TECH

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This year has seen a handful of products and projects that will make our lives as students better. Granted, some items on this list may be more helpful than others in the future, but they all appeal in some important way to the student lifestyle.

**1. Motorola Atrix** from AT&T. The Motorola Atrix came out at the start of 2011, but has created a new type of smartphone. Not only was it the first dual-core smartphone, the first AT&T "4G"

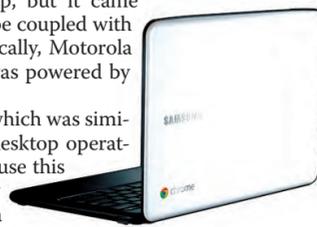
phone or AT&T's first Android flagship, but it came with a killer feature: It had the ability to be coupled with a laptop shell and provide life to it. Basically, Motorola brought a full desktop experience that was powered by a phone.

Later on in the year, Ubuntu arrived, which was similar to the Atrix in that it offered a full desktop operating system inside a phone. Of course, to use this feature, a person had to pay \$300 for the dock (shell) and a \$45 4-gigabyte tethering plan, but it presented a revolutionary idea. In years to come, people will point back to this device as the beginning of the merger between the desktop/laptop experience and mobile phones. The idea of this phone received such high praise that Motorola announced it would make a variety of products for a range of price points that would utilize this ability to connect to a laptop dock.



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In 2011 alone, we have seen devices utilizing the desktop/phone combination idea: Atrix 2, Droid Bionic, Droid Razer, and the Photon 4G. Price points of these devices range from \$49 to \$300 on two-year contract. The price of the



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dock has dropped to about \$250. What this means for students is that you can always be connected with your computer, whether you have it with you or not. Prices still need to drop and more features need to be added on to make the base product more, well, productive, but the idea has been planted for future devices.

**2. Amazon Kindle** can now be purchased for as low as \$80. Bringing the price of the Kindle down makes it an affordable option for college students. This highly popular device is what will bring publishers to release more textbooks in e-print form. In the e-print form, textbooks are significantly cheaper than their hard-back brethren.

Also, e-print can allow students to purchase updated versions more easily. Instead of having to restock bookstores with the latest editions and re-purchasing teacher's editions, publishers could simply just release updates to the e-book. The adoption of this device and its platform will make college more affordable for all of us and offer a

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# Beauty and the Beast guest of Center for the Arts

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In an unsurprisingly magnificent performance that captured both the spirit of the original movie as well as creating its own identity in the style of a musical, the theatrical production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at Eastern's Center for the Arts Sunday was one that was both memorable and fun to enjoy.

The show follows the Disney classic to a tee, along with its own well-placed songs and moments that create a unique experience for the audience to enjoy. A standout scene would be the song featuring the story's villain Gaston and his sidekick Lefou, which was the most entertaining and well-choreographed musical number.

The show had an amazing cast. Not only was the play itself a great show, but the atmosphere of the Center for the Arts was unforgettable. The energy presented by the attendees, both young and old, made you keep a smile on your face no matter what happened.

If anything negative must be said about

the production, it's that a few of the songs featured throughout the show are seemingly unnecessary to the plot and break or ruin fluidity of each scene. One scene in particular, right after the climax where Beast is sitting in Belle's arms bleeding to death, the actress feels the need to sing a song about her emotions at the moment. This song was less than 20 seconds and in general had no place in the scene other than communicating the obvious to the audience.

Other "new" songs seem to pad out the play, which can be annoying when your favorite parts are being held up for it. Other than that, the play hits several high notes, both literally and figuratively, and the good most certainly outweighs the bad.

To call this a masterpiece is an understatement. The time and money spent are worth it because it is truly a classic in its own right. People of all ages can and will enjoy this spectacle of sound and imagery. From the goofy antics of the supporting cast to the dramatic love story that unfolds, the theatrical production Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* gets a definite thumbs up.



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The *Beauty and the Beast* musical was first performed in 1994 and has since grossed more than \$1.4 billion worldwide. It follows the original Disney film, but with additional music.

## MOVIES

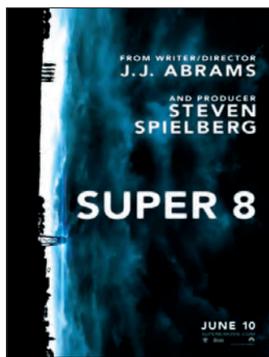
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Xavier and Magneto in their pre-mortal enemy years, and Kevin Bacon is surprising as the weasely villain. If it's possible, they make mutants seem human. The only disturbing aspect of the film is seeing Xavier out of a wheelchair; good thing they fixed that.

**3. Bridesmaids:** In case anyone had any doubts after watching her on *SNL*, Kristen Wiig is hilarious. Thank goodness she and Annie Mumolo had the opportunity to write *Bridesmaids*. Not only did they prove that women can be funny on the same caliber as *The Hangover*, but

they can go even more over the top. Seriously, Melissa McCarthy is the new Zach Galifinakis.

**2. Moneyball:** Another home-run for Brad Pitt and Aaron Sorkin. Sorkin, writer of instant classics *A Few Good Men* and *The Social Network*, delivers yet again with this tight, fast-paced, hilarious and genuinely moving tale about the Oakland A's 2002 season and the drastic changes General Manager Billy Beane attempts to change the way baseball is played. And Pitt, as the



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charismatic Beane, gives the best performance of his career. The greatest sports movie in years, hands down.

**1. Super 8:** I think it's safe to say we all trust J.J. Abrams. He never comes right out and says what he's doing, but we all watch his productions, and it all turns out great in the end. *Super 8* is no different. Though we may not have known that it was a monster movie going into it, you really didn't feel like you've watched a monster movie coming out of it. It was more like the childhood bonding adventure of *Stand by Me*...with an alien. And it is one of the best films of the year.

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lectuals out there that like a musician with some controversial content or really thought provoking songs will find something to like here. Pick up a copy of *W.A.R (We are Renegades)*. You will not be disappointed. This is what Lupe Fiasco's *Lasers* should have imitated. Maybe that puts the greatness of this album a bit more in perspective for you.

**5. Jay Z & Kanye West—*Watch The Throne*:** I think this album alone proves this was a good year for music. Two of the biggest names in pop culture joined forces to put together a giant of an album that spawned probably one of the most used phrases on the Internet: "That shit cray."

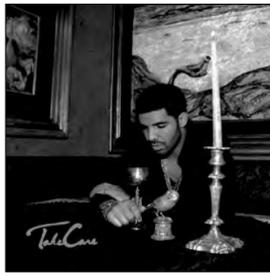


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**4. Tyler The Creator—*Goblin*:** This album has been heavily criticized for not be-

ing as good as Tyler's debut. People fail to realize it doesn't matter when the album comes out. You're only supposed to review the album you're currently listening to. Regardless, *Goblin* is still better than Tyler's debut *Bastard*. On *Goblin*, Tyler leaves right off from where he did on *Bastard* and allows us to see he has new things to talk about and new beats for us to hear. Tyler proves that he is apart of the most talented groups in hip-hop.

**3. Childish Gambino—*Camp*:** Donald Glover. What can't this man do? I mean, honestly. He's a musician, writer, actor, comedian and so on. The fact he even has time to put together an album this good is crazy. *Camp* is a superb piece of work with a surprise ending that I can't even talk about here without completely spoiling it; just go buy it. Even if you've never heard of him before, go buy it.



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**2. Drake—*Take Care*:** I enjoyed *Take Care* a lot. Despite some hatred from the hip-hop community, I see all Drake has to

offer with this album. Drake provides a glimpse of humility and vulnerability rarely seen in rappers. Then after all this, he takes us back and paints a picture of his journey to fame. We just get a lot of information about who Drake really is which we can't find anywhere else. With the lyrics being just okay, the amazing structure and production still make an incredible album.

**1. Kendrick Lamar—*Section.80*:**

This album is almost perfect. Lamar brings us through a journey with his debut album that will not be forgotten. With the potential to be a classic, Lamar talks through the perspectives of those of the Ronald Reagan era. The production is experimental and the storytelling is theatrical. It is a must hear for 2011. Nothing really has even come close. At this rate, this man will be a legend. You haven't heard anything this good since Kanye's *MBDTF*. Promise.



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# GAMES

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similar to that of its predecessor. The combat system is exciting, the gadgets are fun and the map is expansive.

While pulling off purely badass combos to take down thugs is invigorating, the free-roaming map keeps things interesting. Sure, you can follow the story line, or you could start collecting all 440 Riddler trophies. Yes, that's right: 440 trophies. While you are gliding through the city off to save some person in distress, chances are that the glowing green tantalizing Riddler trophy that is begging to be collected will distract you. It's an understatement to say that you will get sidetracked in this game.

Overall, if you are a fan of Batman or are looking for a good superhero game, then this is the game for you.

**2. The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim**

The *Elder Scrolls* series has always been known for vast, open worlds in which the player can play the game in any way possible, and *Skyrim* is no exception.



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*Skyrim* is an open-world RPG developed by Bethesda Game Studios, which created *The Elder Scrolls* series and developed *Fallout 3*.

*Skyrim* takes place 200 years after *The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion* in the Nord homeland of Skyrim. With a civil war between the in-power Empire and the rebelling Stormcloaks, as well as the sudden return of the immortal dragons, *Skyrim* is in a state of chaos.

The player assumes control of the Dohvakin, the Nord word for "dragon-born." After choosing one of 10 playable races, the Dohvakin sets out to find out why the dragons have returned and must prevent them from ending the world as they know it.

*Skyrim* is as close to a perfect RPG experience as one can get. *Skyrim* is a huge country with many different types of environments. *Skyrim* is also the best-looking game of *The Elder Scrolls* series.

As a non-linear RPG, the player is free to decide how he/she wants to play *Skyrim*. The story will also have you glued to the controller

**1. The Legend of Zelda Skyward Sword**

This is the game that *Zelda* fans and gamers alike

have been waiting for. While other companies seem to be losing faith in motion gaming, Nintendo remains strong. Going into the story of *Skyward Sword* would in itself be a spoiler. While, yes, the story is deep, immersive and constantly keeps you guessing what's around the next corner, the gameplay is what really makes the game shine.

*Skyward Sword* utilizes Nintendo's Wii Motion Plus to its full extent. For those who are unfamiliar with Wii Motion Plus, it's an add-on for the Wii Remote that enhances the motion sensor on it to make gameplay more interactive. No matter where one moves the sword, Link, the main character, will follow your exact actions.

Speaking of swordplay, combat in *Skyward Sword* stands out the most among the other actions within the game. Not to say that the other actions aren't entertaining. Enemies can actually block attacks, and quite well at that. Gamers can't just run to an enemy and flail their arms, hoping to win. It requires some strategy and careful thinking. One wrong move, and you're wide open for an attack.

There is so much more that could be discussed about this game and how much fun it is, but this review barely scratched the surface. This is the game that Wii owners have been waiting for. It even has "Game of the Year" potential.

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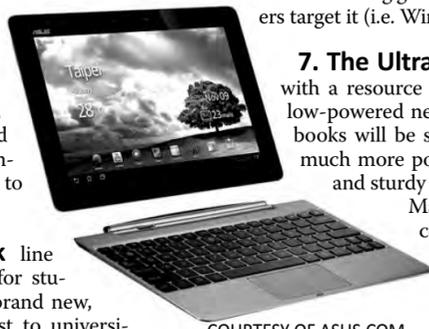
**3. The Asus Transformer Prime**, which has yet to be released, but is scheduled to be launched in December. The predecessor to this device was the Asus Transformer, which brought together a marriage of netbook and tablet in April this year. But before the first anniversary of this marriage, Asus has already brought another version to market, this time for another set of reasons: quad-core processor, 10-hour battery life and laptop-class performance. With this kind of power, versatility and mobility, it will allow college students to work from anywhere and in any position. Couple this with the idea of the Atrix, it brings the ability to work and learn in any place you wish and at any time the moment strikes you.

**4. The iCloud** and true auto-save. This year, Apple brought iCloud to market, which allows users to sync all their devices access information downloaded or saved on

another device. This idea of syncing to the iCloud allows students to worry less about losing a paper or project because it is "auto-magically" saved to the cloud. Granted, this only works right now if you have an iPhone/iPad/Mac, but it provides the rest of the computer users something to look forward to because the competition will soon bring those features to their customers.

**5. The release of the Kindle Fire** was also a hallmark for students. Not only is it affordable—it only costs \$199—but it also gives owners access to the Kindle Store, Amazon Appstore for Android, Cloud Music Player, Cloud Storage and Instant Videos, providing users access to tons of free content from the get-go.

**6. The new Chromebook** line from Google is also revolutionary for students. What is so great about this brand new, unpolished line of laptops? The cost to universities and students. For \$20 per month, anyone can have a laptop. The cost also covers a three-year hardware warran-



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ty and all Google productivity software. For students on a shoestring budget who need a laptop, this is most affordable alternative outside of going to the library and borrowing a laptop for a brief period of time. The best part is that all information will be stored in the "cloud," so it won't always be necessary to have one's laptop to access information. Also, for the time being, Chromebooks are virus-free. Of course, once something gets a large enough user base, virus makers target it (i.e. Windows, Macintosh and Android).

**7. The Ultrabook** from Intel provides students with a resource that improves upon the handy, but low-powered netbooks. Intel announced that Ultrabooks will be smaller than the average laptop, but much more powerful, with a better set of features and sturdy build quality.

Many more technological advances could have been added to this list, but these are the ones that could revolutionize the way we as students give and receive information, which may possibly make our lives easier. Hopefully, 2012 will make just as big of a technological impact as 2011.

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# FALL AWARDS

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## Male athlete of the season:

*Soufiane Bouchikhi*, men's cross-country – Nobody does it like Bouchikhi. This kid is scary good. The defending OVC champ, repeated again this year, defeating a field of 74 runners, covering the 8K course in a time of 24:53.83, two seconds faster than his winning time a season ago. He was also voted the OVC Male Athlete of the Year by the league's head coaches, again for the second year in a row.

The Belgian was named the adidas OVC Male Cross Country Runner of the Week three times this season, and after qualifying for the NCAA Championships, finished 47th out of 252 runners with a 10K time of 30:20.7 in the national meet.

Want to know the more impressive part? He's only a sophomore...

## Female athlete of the season:

*Lydia Kosgei*, women's cross-country – After an injury-riddled season in 2010, Kosgei came back stronger than ever. She began her season with a win in the Greater Louisville Classic, defeating a field of 262 runners with a time of 16:51.12.

A native of Eldoret, Kenya, was named the adidas OVC Female Cross Country Runner of the Week three times this season, and added her first-ever OVC cross-country championship.

But the icing on the cake was Kosgei placing second in Southeast Regional Championship to become the first woman in Eastern history to qualify for the NCAA Championships. She finished 37th out of 254 runners and was given All-American honors. Not a bad way to end a career.

## Performance of the season:

*Women's golf, September, 20* - After shooting a team score of 292, the lowest one-round score in school history, on the first day of the Great Smokies Intercollegiate Eastern one-upped itself with a day-two score of 282 Tuesday, shattering its previous record by 10 strokes.

Eastern also tied the Great Smokies Intercollegiate record for a single-round score of 284 and two-round total of 576. Eastern's 36-hole total of 576 was 33 shots better than the previous school record of 609, set at the 2009 Pinehurst Challenge. Whew.

## Game of the season:

*Football vs. Jacksonville State* – This one was a no-brainer. I still can't believe what I saw this game. Eastern trailed by 24 points, but with less than eight minutes to go, scored 28 straight unanswered points to take a four-point lead with 1:24 to go.

But what happened next was even more impressive as Eastern's ironclad defense stuffed the gamecocks at the half-yard line to seal the victory. This game had it all - 1,140 yards of offense, 16 scoring plays, six lead changes and two ties.

Quarterback T.J. Pryor set a program single-game record with five touchdown passes, and Matt Denham eclipsed the 1,000 yard mark in this game, while rushing for 200 yards – his fourth 200 yard-game in the last five games.

Unbelievable.

## Newcomers of the year:

*Hannah Burkle and Abbey Cvelbar, volleyball* – Burkle, a freshman, finished second on the team with 335 kills and led the Colonels with 103 blocks. She finished the season ranked eighth in the OVC with an average of 0.87 blocks and 10th with 3.50 points per set.

Cvelbar concluded her first season ranked ninth in the conference with an average of 8.71 assists per set. She also recorded enough attacks at the setter position to lead the OVC with a .315 attack percentage. Cvelbar led the Colonels with 36 service aces while averaging 1.29 kills and 2.15 digs per set.

And both were chosen to the OVC All-Newcomer team at season's end.

## Team of the year:

*Football* - Little else can be said about the year the football team. The team won six of its last seven games en route to the program's 21st OVC Championship, secured an at-large bid in the FCS playoffs and hosted their first round game at Roy Kidd Stadium, the first time since 1994.

And the Colonels were a field goal away from the second round, but fell to James Madison. They were also about two minutes away from knocking off a top 15 FBS team in Kansas State earlier in the year.

The group of seniors on this team is a special group – two OVC championships and two runner-ups. Eastern is losing some key components, but you can bet your last meal swi-pe on Eastern being near the top again next season.

# HOOD

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than 8 minutes in the game.

Eastern won its final game on senior day over UT Martin to clench the OVC championships.

The Colonels have now captured two OVC championships in Hood's four seasons as head coach. The other two seasons they finished as runner-ups, just barely missing out on a share of the title.

One of Hood's mantras with his team has been just that: preparing his players for the real world.

"It is amazing to look back on all my years and know I have a coaching staff that equipped me well for the real

world, where things will not always be warm and fuzzy and sometimes you have to accept responsibility and do things that you don't want to do," Attig said.

Other coaches around the nation that won the region-based award were: Towson's Rob Ambrose (Region 1), Georgia Southern's Jeff Monken (Region 2), North Dakota State's Craig Bohl (Region 4) and Sam Houston State's Willie Fritz (Region 5) were the other honorees. All five coaches guided their teams to at least a share of a conference title and a berth in the FCS playoffs.

The 2011 Regional Coach of the Year winners will be recognized at the AFCA Coach of the Year Dinner at the 2012 AFCA Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10.

# WOMEN'S BBALL

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hand, leaving Chicago scoreless for almost six minutes. The score near the end of the first half was 21-14. Eastern shot 50 percent from the field in the first half.

Eastern shot 41 percent for the game, even though they only made four of 17 shots from the three-point range. On the other hand, the Lady Colonels slammed 19 of 22 from the free-throw line, compared to Chicago State's 17 of 30.

"We had a really good team effort and played a lot of defense," Booth said.

Eastern will next travel to Ohio to face off against Miami University at 1 p.m. Dec. 10.

## Vs. Belmont

After trailing to Belmont at halftime by four, Eastern came out like gangbusters on the defensive end in the second half, en route to a 60-46 win.

Eastern (4-5, 0-0 OVC) trailed 42-41 with less than 12 minutes remaining in the game, but then went on a 13-0 run over the next eight minutes. Then went on a 19-4 run to end the game with their second win in a row.

"We made a commitment defensively to make stops," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "The game was won on the defensive end."

At the half, Roberts message was simple: more defensive pressure.

"We knew we had to put more pressure on the ball," Marie Carpenter said. "We played team defense there at the end; we applied ball pressure and made it hard to pass into the post. I think we played smart defense in the second half."

Eastern also made the decision to lag off different Belmont players in order to better defend Haley Nelson, Belmont's center.

Nelson scored 22 points, but was the only player on her team to score after the break.

"They play a four-out-one-in," Roberts said. "We keyed on No. 22 and didn't even bother guarding No. 1...We did turn it up a notch. Any time you can hold a team to 14 points in a half it's huge."

Jones finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds, recording yet again another double-double.

Carpenter led the Lady Colonels with 14 points. She also had six rebounds and four steals. Junior Alex Jones finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds, recording yet again another double-double. Jade Barber added 12 points and eight rebounds.

After a home win, Eastern goes back on the road Saturday at Miami (Ohio) University.

"It's nice playing at home, but winning on the road is important too," Jones said.

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# Career night by senior leads Colonels past Eagles



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Junior guard Mike Dinnuno looks to push the ball on the fast break during Eastern's win over Brescia University. Dinnuno, who sat out last season per transfer rules, tallied 14 points in the win over Brescia and nine more Tuesday in the win over North Carolina Central.

## COLONELS WIN TWO STRAIGHT AT HOME OVER NON-CONFERENCE FOES

By RYAN ALVES  
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Jaron Jones knew this season wouldn't be like his last.

"Coach told me in the offseason that I needed to find my confidence, and that my role would be bigger this year," Jones said.

Jones is doing just that, as the senior went on a scoring tear - a career high 30 points - in Eastern's 75-62 win over North Carolina Central Tuesday night.

Jones scored the Colonels' first 11 points and then their final six points, netting Eastern's second straight win at McBrayer Arena. "I was taking what they were giving me," Jones said. "Coach told me to be more aggressive. It felt good, so I kept being aggressive...I felt like I was on."

The mark was the most points by a Colonel since Mike Rose scored 30 points in 2007 against Morehead State.

With the game tied at 27 at halftime, Eastern jumped out to a 59-51 lead early in the second half.

But North Carolina Central wouldn't quit and cut it two with under six minutes to go.

"We didn't get many stops throughout the second half," Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said. "We had a tough time guarding them but when we needed stops down the stretch, we

did get a few."

Neubauer called the game a breakout for his team.

"I really believe this is the best we've played this year," Neubauer said. "To me, this is a breakout game. Defensively our first-half effort was outstanding to hold a team to 27 points."

Part of that effort was due to 22 North Carolina Central turnovers, in which the Colonels scored 22 points off of.

Eastern - with the help of the "Miguel," something guard D'Mitri Riggs has perfected - were able to pick-pocket North Carolina Central most of the night.

"He saw me doing it one day in film," Riggs said of Miguel, which helped him finish with seven steals. "It's named after his dog. It's like a little puppy pawing at you."

NCC shot 54.8 percent from the field for the game, which was higher than Eastern's 51.9 percent, but also told a story of the Colonels' patience for good shots.

"I'll have to look at the film, but I don't think we took a bad shot the whole game," Neubauer said.

Eastern was led by Jones, but Riggs scored all 17 of his points in the second half.

The Colonels continue their home stand when they play Georgia Southern next Saturday.



Jaron Jones

# Eastern cranks up defense in back-to-back wins

## WOMEN'S HOOPS BEAT CHICAGO STATE, BELMONT FOR SEASON'S FIRST WINNING STREAK

By GREG SHULTE and RYAN ALVES  
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Eastern may have fallen to Evansville, but the women's basketball team came back with a vengeance to take the win against Chicago State in the Aces Winter Classic.

"We have to work on continuing to get better, including communication," said Head Coach Chrissy Roberts.

The Lady Colonels finished the first game against Evansville with a score of 63-56. Sophomore Marie Carpenter led Eastern with 22 points, while junior Brittany Coles went in with a career-high of 11 rebounds.

Eastern and Evansville were tied 25-25 at halftime with the help of junior Raechele Gray, who knocked down a three-pointer and converted half-court steals into lay-ups. Eastern was only able

to put in 12 turnovers, though, compared to Evansville's 17. Another setback for Eastern was that the Lady Colonels only made 33 percent of their shots and were out-rebounded by 11.

"They played harder than us, and we had a bad shooting game," said freshman Carla Booth.

After the loss to Evansville, the team automatically put its attention to Chicago State. Eastern finished the tournament with a winning score of 67-56 against Chicago State.

Junior Alex Jones made 20 points and 11 rebounds, making this her 18th career double-double. Junior Jade Barber put in 14 points with 11 rebounds, making this her third double-double of the season. This marked the first time two players recorded a double-double in the same game since March 2005.

"After Evansville, the players came in with a different focus," Roberts said.

In the first half of the game, Eastern had Chicago State in the palm of its



SONYA JOHNSON/PROGRESS

Sophomore Marie Carpenter (No. 25) drives to the basket in Eastern's 63-56 win over Belmont University. The guard led Eastern in scoring with 14 points.

# COLONEL CORNER

## Carla Booth

By GREG SCHULTE  
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Class: Freshman  
Major: Sports management  
Hometown: Warfield, Ky

What's your favorite food/dish? Chicken alfredo  
What's your favorite movie? Love and Basketball  
If you could have any car, what would it be? BMW  
One word that describes you: Successful  
What makes you angry? Doing something wrong  
What's your dream job? Playing or coaching pro-

fessional college basketball  
What is your favorite class this semester? Life-time Wellness  
If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would it be? Michael Jordan  
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## Hood named Regional Coach of the Year



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Dean Hood, Eastern's head football coach, was honored with the American Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year award. His Colonels won the school's 21st Ohio Valley Conference championship.

HEAD COACH NOT ONLY EXCELS AT X'S AND O'S, BUT ALSO TEACHING HIS TEAM ABOUT LIFE

By RYAN ALVES  
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After his team began the season 1-3, head football coach, Dean Hood, led his Colonels to the program's 21st Ohio Valley Conference championship.

And Tuesday, for his coaching efforts, Hood was awarded an NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Regional Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Hood was unavailable for comment as of deadline Wednesday afternoon.

"It's great to see Coach Hood receive an honor like this," senior defensive lineman Emory Attig said. "He has done a great job changing this program into being about something more than just championships, awards and football. He has turned this program into a place where kids arrive in August for football camp and leave as men with integrity, shaking the president's hand and receiving something that no one can take away

from you because you earned it."

Hood, who relinquished his defensive coordinator position in the off-season to take a more general head coaching approach, led his Colonels (7-5) to six wins out of their final seven regular season games en route to hosting its first NCAA FCS playoff game since 1994.

The move didn't go unnoticed by his team.

"It says a lot about Coach Hood to step back from DC and hand over something he was so close to," Attig said. "It shows that he had faith in God to let it be in another person's control. I know it was not easy for him, but he did an exceptional job keeping his distance, and I believe Coach Hatmaker did a great job picking up where he left off."

The Colonels were struggling at a 1-3 record, and coming off a loss to the conference's worst team in Austin Peay when the team went on its bye week.

But then Eastern reeled off five straight wins before losing to Tennessee Tech on Nov. 12.

During that stretch of game, the Colonels pulled off a remarkable comeback against Jacksonville State when they scored 28 unanswered points with less

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## 'Tis the season for fall sports awards



Ryan Alves

With all the fall sports seasons wrapping up and Eastern leading the race in the 2011-12 Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Cup standings, it's time to give out midseason awards – some holiday cheer if you will.

P.S. Don't forget my milk and cookies.

### Breakout team of the year:

**Women's soccer** – Head Coach Lindsay Basalyga, in her seventh season, started the year with only two seniors on the roster. With an influx of freshman talent and a boatload of sophomores, Basalyga and Co. finished with a 5-3-1 conference record, the best all-time at Eastern, which was good enough for second place in the regular season. They made their fourth straight trip to postseason play.

Under Basalyga Eastern is now one of only three teams to finish in the top six in the regular season OVC standings each of the last four years. Her team showed maturity and toughness beyond its age, stifling teams on the defensive end: Eastern didn't allow multiple goals in any of its last 12 regular season games.

Though her team didn't finish the way they hoped to, Basalyga has established Eastern as a conference mainstay.

### Breakout athlete of the season:

**Matt Denham, football** – Nobody broke out like Denham this fall. The junior running back was a powerhouse in the backfield for the Colonels. Denham finished with 1,570 yards rushing, good enough for tops in the conference and third in the entire nation.

Denham rushed for at least 100 yards in eight straight games, and his season total was good enough for sixth best all-time at Eastern. He averaged 130.5 yards a game, and scored nine touchdowns.

Coaches and teammates say his vision and patience through the hole is what makes Denham like no one else. I say it's the fact that for every 100 yards rushing game, he took his linemen to a buffet. Major cool points right there.



Matt Denham

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## Eastern leads in Commissioner's Cup standings after fall season

FOOTBALL, MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY HELP EASTERN LEAPFROG SEMO FOR FIRST PLACE IN COMMISSIONER'S CUP STANDINGS

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While the University of Kentucky is battling the University of Louisville each year for the coveted Governor's Cup, the Colonels are battling to win their own prestigious cup: the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup.

The cup, which represents overall excellence in conference-sponsored sports, was instituted in 1962 for men and 1980 for women.

With 46.5 points, Eastern currently is first in the Cup standings after the fall championships. Southeast Missouri is second with 41.5 points, and the University of Tennessee-Martin is third with 37 points.

This is the fourth consecutive year Eastern has been at the top of the standings after the fall. However, Athletics Director Mark Sandy cautions against becoming too optimistic after the fall.

"Leading in the fall can be misleading because things can change," Sandy said. "It's pretty far ahead."

Points are awarded based on a team's finish in several sports, such as men's and women's cross-country, track and field (indoor and outdoor) and football, to name a few. For example, in all sports except rifle and men's indoor and outdoor track, 11 points are awarded for first, 10 for second and so on.

The scoring for the aforementioned exceptions is a little intricate. In rifle, 11 points is awarded for first,

but subsequent point totals are calculated by dividing the number of OVC member institutions by the number of schools sponsoring the sport. With men's indoor and outdoor track, this number works out to 2.0 or less. In rifle, the number is 2.75.

Eastern's place at the top of the standings was aided by top finishes in men's cross country and football, as well as second-place finishes in women's cross country and soccer.

Sandy said some schools are strong in certain sports.

"SEMO is good in track and field; this is where they will gain a lot of their points," he said.

Sandy said Eastern lost by just 1.5 points last year.

Each school has 13 championships left to play: rifle, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, basketball, tennis, golf, baseball and softball.

Sandy said his disdain for second is his driving motivation for wanting to win the Cup this year.

"We've come in second the last three years," Sandy said. "I'm tired of losing."

### 2011-12 Commissioner Cup standings

How it works: All conference-sponsored sports may earn a possible 11 points. For all sports (except rifle, men's indoor track, men's outdoor track) the first place team earns 11 points, the second place team 10 points, etc. Schools are required to count four main sports (football, volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball) in their total plus the next eight highest place finishes among remaining sports regardless of gender. Tournament champions will receive one additional point added to their total points earned for that sport.

	Eastern	SEMO	UT Martin
Volleyball	6	8	9
Football	10	4.5	6.5
Men's CC	11	11	10.5
Wom's CC	10	9	7
Soccer	9.5	9	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>37</b>



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## EASTERN BASKETBALL

holiday schedules

### Men

Tuesday, Dec. 20 – at Arkansas State - 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 29 - vs Austin Peay - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 31 - vs Murray State - 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 4 - at Murray State - 8 pm.  
Saturday, Jan. 7 - vs Southeast Missouri - 7 p.m.

### Women

Thursday, Dec. 20 - at Jacksonville State - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 31 - vs Tennessee State - 4 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 2 - vs Austin Peay - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7 - vs. Southeast Missouri State - 4 p.m.