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Artisans center proposed on I-75

Plan slated to boost local economy, aid area artisans

By RITA FOX

Some say an ill wind blows no man to good. If the Appalachian Kentucky Artisans Center (AKAC) plan becomes a reality, Berea artisans and craftspeople would have to disagree.

In April 1996, a tornado ripped through the artisan shops in Old Town Berea.

"The tornado was the catalyst," said Cheryl Fowles, projects manager for the Eastern Kentucky Technology Center (EKTC), a federally-funded economic-development university center at Eastern.

"But the artisans told us they were hurting already," said Fowles.

"During a four-year period (1992 to 1996), Berea tourism declined 16.4 percent," she said. Similar declines were reflected in state-wide figures, as well.

Fowles and her technology center staff were charged with finding economic-development solutions for the hard-hit area.

The EKTC created the Appalachian/Kentucky Artisans Center Development Committee, composed of representatives from Berea College, the City of Berea, Eastern Kentucky University, the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and the judge executive of Madison County, as well as individual artisans, local business people, tourism officials, and others interested in the project.

The centerpiece of the commit-

tee's plan is the Appalachian Kentucky Artisans Center, which will be located off Interstate-75 near Berea. The proposed artisans center includes a Galleria to display and sell arts and crafts made by Kentucky artisans, as well as a visitors center.

"The I-75 sales Galleria will provide work for a lot of people in cottage industries," said Fowles. All items available at the Galleria will be chosen through a jury process.

"Quality will be key," she said.

But the I-75 Galleria is just the bait, according to Fowles. Once hooked, tourists will be reeled into other artisan and educational facilities in the area, including:

- a resource center for promoting artisans and their works;
- a network linking students and tourists to artisans studios throughout Appalachia, and potentially Kentucky as a whole; and
- an educational facility for students—ages from children to adults—offering seminars, workshops and long-term classes.

Fowles said the real mission is the creation of jobs statewide, but the center will target the Eastern Kentucky region in the first stage. The plan expects to bring some Kentuckians off the welfare rolls without relocating them to other areas by providing viable job opportunities in or near their homes.

What is the outlook for the success of the center?

In the short-run, the center is expected to reverse Berea's recent decline in tourism by tapping into an enormous resource—drive-by traffic on I-75. The heaviest traveled

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Don Knight/Progress

Richard Carr, a senior special education major from Lexington, won a national riding competition in 1989. These days, he perfects his technique on the quarter pipe he helped build at the tennis courts outside Alumni Coliseum.



Vision leads couple to bring 'craft' to Richmond

“The Goddess chose this spot. The Goddess chose us to have this store.”

Eric Batchelor, store co-owner

By LAETITIA CLAYTON

On Tuesday, April 29, in his car, Eric Batchelor had a vision from Aradia, the Goddess of Witchcraft.

Two days later, Batchelor and his fiancée signed a lease to open a store they named Sacred Earth.

On June 2, the specialty store opened at 201 Water Street in Richmond.

While the store doesn't cater only to witches, it is a realization of Batchelor's vision.

"This entire store was a vision exactly as you see it now," Batchelor said. "It took only 30 days from concept to open doors." Before the vision, he and his

fiancée, Vonda Whited, had planned to open an Italian restaurant. Aradia changed all that.

"I am a witch...and Vonda is a witch," Batchelor said. "The Goddess chose this spot. The Goddess chose us to have this store."

What you see when you enter Sacred Earth is a tastefully decorated room with dark lavender walls contrasted by the grayish-black carpet and black ceiling.

Track lighting illuminates the four shelving units lining the left and right walls.

On these shelves are displayed candles and candle accessories, crystals, tobacco pipes, gargoyles, chalices and various books cover-

ing topics from how to use herbs for healing, to how to cast spells. One book is titled, *What Witches Do* and another *Magical Aromatherapy*.

For the curious or those seeking information, there is also literature pertaining to Wicca and other Pagan religions.

One also can't help but notice the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters scattered on the floor.

This is in harmony with an old Celtic blessing.

"Money on the floor means money in the door," Batchelor explained.

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Eking out a living on an Eastern salary

Eastern's administrators may pride themselves in offering educational and economic opportunity to the residents of Eastern Kentucky's 22-county service region, but they fail miserably in providing the same to their own classified (hourly) employees.

The university's classified employees are its front-line ambassadors—secretaries, maintenance, service, skilled crafts, and technical support staff—the people who keep this place running on a day-to-day basis.

Yet Eastern's 754 classified employees, 66 percent of whom are women, also may be the lowest-paid employees in Kentucky's state university system.

Exploitation begins on day one. The university starts classified employees at the same low entry-level rate for a given position's pay level. (There are 18 pay levels, but most employees fall within the first five, where the current entry-pay rate ranges from \$5.42 to \$6.12. By comparison, the federal minimum wage will soon rise to \$5.15 an hour.)

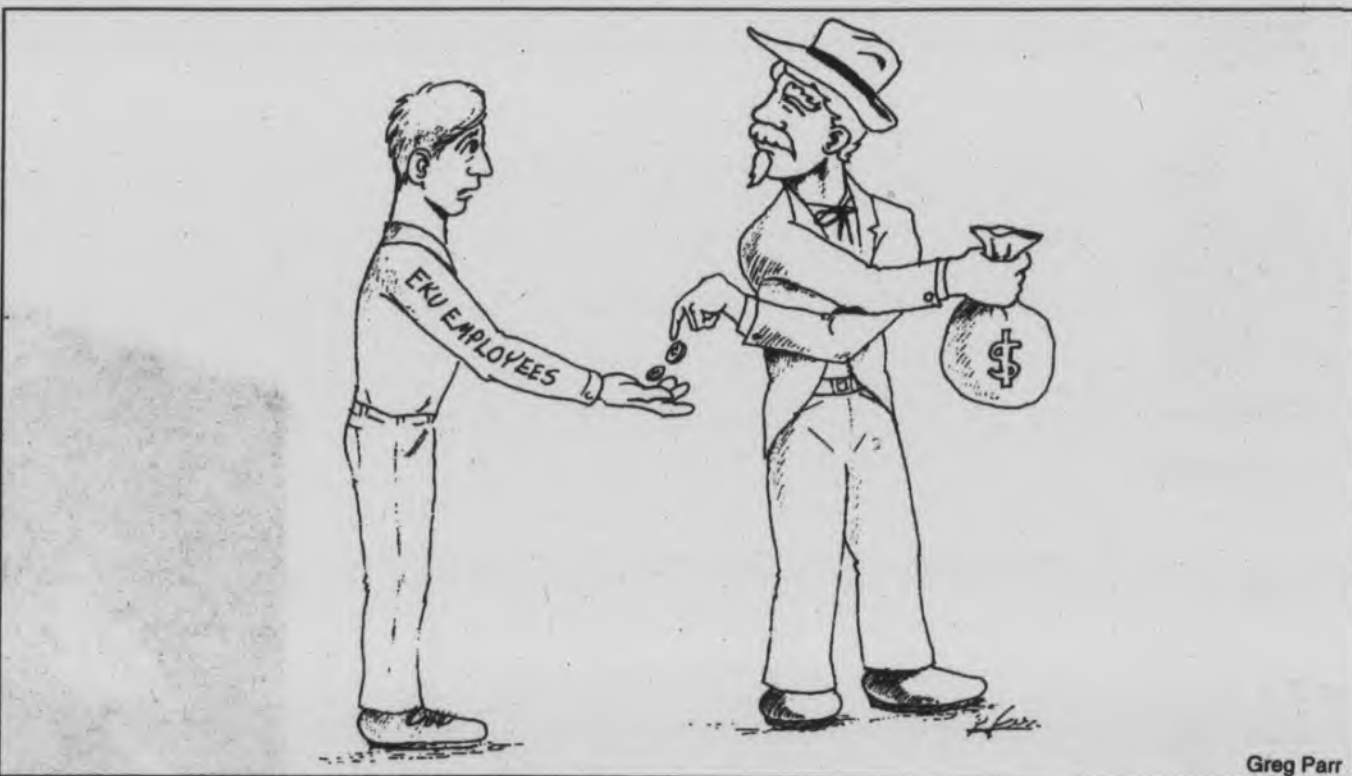
Therefore, recent high-school graduates begin at the same rate as those with many years of experience, or even college degrees. Likewise, former employees who are rehired must start over at the bottom of the pay and benefits scale.

Not only does Eastern's outdated compensation plan lead to the loss of highly skilled employees, who seek better-paying jobs elsewhere, it also creates morale and productivity problems among the hired staff.

Many of Eastern's lowest paid employees are also the primary wage earners in their families. Some are forced to take additional jobs just to make ends meet. The economic outlook isn't as dire for those employees with a spouse among the faculty or administration, but they, too, suffer frustrations with the system.

At Western Kentucky University, the regional university most comparable to Eastern, starting salaries for hourly employees are much higher. In addition, new hires are compensated for their previous experience and educational background.

Western attempts to pay a new employee as close to the midpoint of the salary range as possible, rather than its lowest rate. Its first pay band (primarily entry-level custodial and maintenance workers) ranges from \$5.78 to \$8.83 per hour; the targeted midpoint, \$7.31. (Western has two pay scales—one for technical and one for secre-



Greg Parr

tarial/maintenance—each having 10 pay bands.)

For a new Eastern employee to be hired at Western's lowest targeted midrange salary, he or she would have to be hired at Eastern's level 10 or higher—a rare event.

Change at Eastern may need to come in the form of an edict from the General Assembly or the newly formed Council on Postsecondary Education.

That was the case with the new benefit providing employees the opportunity to take an additional tuition-waived course during the fall and spring semesters. While Western employees already were entitled to that benefit, Eastern granted its employees the privilege only after Patton's postsecondary-education plan made it mandatory for all state-supported institutions.

Regardless, many classified employees won't be able to take advantage of the new benefit because of the high cost of textbooks and materials. The annual raise won't help much. An employee who made \$7.50/hour last year and received the average 6.8-percent increase will make only \$995 more in pre-tax dollars during the coming year. Already struggling to survive in today's economy, most won't be able to afford the luxury of spending that money on their own education.

Other obstacles include inflexible supervisors and policies that make it difficult for some to take classes during work or lunch hours. At an institution of higher education, where the administration should be doing ev-

erything in its power to provide educational opportunities to its employees, Eastern needs to look for innovative solutions. Rather than place your hopes on a new administration, employees need to start now. Change doesn't come fast to conservative institutions, such as Eastern.

Here are some suggestions that would put the university on the high road in the 21st Century:

- Conduct separate surveys of the classified and salaried staff to determine their needs and issues of concern.
- Conduct a reclassification study of all staff positions (as Western, the University of Kentucky, and Berea College all have done in recent years).
- Provide a textbook loan program at the bookstore for all classified staff.
- Set a campus-wide policy offering flexible work and lunch hours, with lost time either made up or taken without pay (at the choice of the employee).
- Offer scholarship benefits to the spouse and children of employees. (Again, look to Western, which offers tuition breaks for both.)
- Offer health-insurance benefits to part-time employees working 20 hours or more.
- Implement positions with job-sharing, telecommuting, and other flexible working arrangements.

- Establish a newsletter for employees to discuss issues of concern and to disseminate university human-resource information (funded by the university, but editorially free of the administration).

- Provide valued, long-term employees with an occasional bonus, a percentage based on their number of years of service.

Employees need to become actively involved in the process if they want the administration to stop ignoring them. For starters:

- Voice your concerns to supervisors and to administrators (anonymously, if you fear retribution).
- Write to your staff representative on the Board of Regents (Ronnie Mink, Physical Plant, Coates Box 6A1) and tell him what changes you want proposed on your behalf at upcoming meetings.
- Attend board meetings and hold Mink accountable.
- Voice your concerns in whatever public forum you have available—*The Eastern Progress*, *The Richmond Register*, on bulletin boards, or on internet newsgroups.

Eastern can become a great place to work and learn. It also could be a place of new opportunity for its employees. But to get there, employees are going to have to come out of the shadows and push campus administrators onto this road to the 21st century.

I didn't want 'one of ours' to sign McQueen's death warrant

The same man who signed Harold McQueen's death warrant isn't the same man I remember from a cold wintry marching field in a small Eastern Kentucky coal camp.

When Wendell Ford was elected governor of Kentucky, I was a freshman in high school. Our band was going to march in the parade in Frankfort. Our band teacher felt we were not polished enough for the 15 mile march. So, she called in one of the band parents to teach us how to turn military corners.

Paul Patton showed up straight from the mines in coal dust covered clothes with one pant leg caught up in his work boot. But he knew what he was talking about, and stayed with us until dark to teach us the strange staggered turn of a corner that he had learned in the Navy.

Patton and his wife were always there when the school needed them; both were scout leaders and active band parents. As long as I can remember he has been an active member of the community. He also is the first governor from Eastern Kentucky in 30 years, so that makes him a part of us, one of ours. That is why I did not want him to sign Harold McQueen's death warrant. I did not want that on the shoulders of a governor from home.

Patton wants to be remembered as the higher-education gov-

ernor, but now he may well be remembered as the executioner.

This issue has raised many voices across the state and I, for one, am against the death penalty. I know that sometimes there is no other course except death. I have heard the arguments pro and con.

When McQueen pulled the trigger on his victim, no one saw how the innocent young woman died. No one even knew for a few hours. But when McQueen died 17 years later, we knew immediately. We listened, we waited, we watched, while our judicial system methodically planned the murder of Harold McQueen.

His pleas for life were denied. His claim of innocence went unheeded. He was in the news every day and on television, where we heard his voice, and in the newspapers where we saw his face. He became familiar.

And people watched.

Now he is buried on a quiet hillside about two miles from where I live. He won't leave me alone. I think of him every day, of how our media paraded him across the television screens and newspapers, of how he was so visible to us every day for weeks. And, then suddenly he was dead.

Just as nothing we could do or say could bring back Rebecca O'Hearn, nothing we could say or

do could stop this other killing. It was the law, no matter how much some of us disagree with it. A law Patton chose to uphold, a law he chose not to question.

I didn't want him to be the one to sign the death warrant.

I didn't want him to be the one to teach us all to march to the executioner's song.

Barker is a senior journalism major from Berea.

“ Patton wants to be remembered as the higher education governor, but now he may well be remembered as the executioner. ”



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Habitat work project comes to Richmond



Bill Allbright, a recent emigrant to Richmond from Iowa, was one of 203 volunteers who worked on three habitat houses in Richmond.

Orville LaPlant, tribal chief of a Sioux Indian tribe from South Dakota, caught his breath between installing roof trusses on a Habitat home. This year's Hammering in the Hills project was LaPlant's sixth Jimmy Carter work project.



Photos by Don Knight/Progress

203 volunteers join former president Carter in building six homes in Madison County

By DON KNIGHT
Photo editor

Last month, 203 volunteers braved heat, humidity and rain to build three new houses in Richmond. The houses were part of the annual Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project, which built 52 houses in one week.

All of the Habitat houses were located in the Appalachians of Kentucky and Tennessee, including six in Madison County.

Former president Jimmy Carter, his wife Rosalynn and Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, came to Richmond Tuesday, June 17, to lend a hand, survey the progress and offer encouragement to volunteers.

"This is not a sacrifice," former president Carter told volunteers.

"I think we all realize after we've gotten involved with Habitat—building houses side by side with wonderful home owners—that this was a blessing given to us by God, as well as a blessing for the home owners."

Cost effective

Habitat homes cost only \$38,000 to build, compared to the average cost in Richmond of \$59,700.

Owning a home in Richmond, where the majority of housing is targeted toward buyers at the higher end of the market, is becoming increasingly difficult.

When the bypass and the widening of Interstate 75 are completed, rising property values will only make the situation tougher.

According to the 1990 census, only 41 percent of Richmond's housing units were owner occupied.

The census also listed the average cost of a house in the city at \$59,700, while 24 percent of families here lived below the poverty level.

In contrast, a Habitat house costs an average of \$38,000 and is sold on a low-interest, approximately 20-year mortgage.

Habitat home owners also contribute their own



"This was a blessing given to us by God."

Jimmy Carter, on Habitat for Humanity founder

labor—or "sweat equity"—on their homes, typically 300 to 500 hours per household.

Now, thanks to this year's Habitat volunteers, several low-income families in Richmond have joined the ranks of local home owners.

Many of the volunteers were from the Richmond area.

Michael Blakeney, a professor of emergency medical care and a nurse in Pattie A. Clay's emergency room, was hammering on his third Habitat house.

Blakeney said volunteering makes him feel good and addresses a need in the community. "We are avoiding the waste of government by going right to the source of need," he said.

The weather didn't always cooperate with the Habitat volunteers, but the high spirits of the volunteers never dampened.

Bob Bachman, from Richmond, spent three weeks on the houses fighting the weather.

"We would dig out the foundation and the rain would cave it in, and we would dig it out again," he said.

Leanna Howell, one of the new home owners, didn't let the rain affect her excitement about building her new home.

"I've waited 16 years to own a house," she said. "The rain might slow us down, but I can wait a little while longer."



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Center: Plan entering phase one

From the front page

north-south corridor in the central United States, I-75 averages 42,000 vehicles a day.

"People come in here all the time and they'll say 'I've been driving on I-75 for years and I never knew this place (Berea) was here,'" said Sally Gastineau, co-owner of Gastineau Jewelry in Old Town Berea. She and her co-owner husband, Ken, worry about the effect of continually declining tourism figures on their business.

"If we don't do something now, it'll just get worse," Gastineau said.

"The (artisans) center won't be a competitor to the existing studios," said Tim Glotzbach, an EKTC economic-development specialist also working on the project. "It will be an enhancer."

"We need the strongest, brightest jewel on the interstate," added

Glotzbach, a professor of jewelry-and-metallic arts at Eastern. "Once they've stopped, we'll get them to the treasure chest that is Berea."

With this in mind, committee members included shuttle buses in the economic-development plan. Visitors will park in a beautifully designed lot, hop on a bus, and be transported from the artisans center to various drop-off points in town. Once there, they can tour artisans shops, dine at local eateries and pick up souvenirs or works of art.

But the committee doesn't want their visit to end there.

"We want them to spend the night," said Fowles. "To learn about our state and this area." And, of course, come back to Berea for future visits.

There will also be a major educational component to the plan, as well, encouraging people to come back for future visits.

"We want to give visitors the

throughout the state.

Other members of the planning and development committee represent the Mountain Association of Community Economic Development (MACED), Bluegrass Area Development District, Will Linder & Associates, and Richardson & Associates.

On July 1, the committee embarked on phase one of the two-phase planning and development plan—the design phase.

Land-use specialists from the engineering firm JJR in Michigan were on campus last week to present the preliminary design. This week and next, members of the AKAC committee travel to North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia to look at successful artisan and/or visitors centers.

On Aug. 5, the AKAC committee will present the plan to the Berea City Council in its first

public forum.

If phase one progresses as planned, in January, the committee will move immediately into phase two—obtaining state legislative approval and grant funding.

Fowles is confident the artisans center will become a reality.

"I believe that five years from now, we will drive down I-75," said Fowles, "and it will be there because so many people at the same point in time recognize that we need to do something."



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opportunity to learn the design and aesthetic skills that go with a handmade product," said Glotzbach.

Artists, as well, novice to professional, will come to the artisans facility—not only to learn more about how to make items, but also how to market them.

Eastern and other Kentucky universities will coordinate the state-wide educational center, which will provide even more potential to develop new business

Back to campus edition available August 20

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

The Back to Campus Edition of *The Eastern Progress* will be available on Aug. 20.

This special edition will have information, dates, dining guides, updates on campus technology and other tidbits to make the tran-

sition back to school easier.

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High on hemp

Owners of new Richmond store hope to educate others about industrial hemp

By AMY KEARNS

Most Kentuckians have never seen the crop that once covered farmland in the state, much as tobacco does today. Why not? Because industrial hemp, a distant cousin of the marijuana plant, is illegal.

With the opening of Botany Bay, Richmond's first hemp store, two local residents, Ginny Rife and Steve Watts are working to change that.

A small group of friends, supporters and members of the media gathered for the June 14 grand opening at 218 S. Porter Drive.

Gatewood Galbraith, a Lexington lawyer and long-time hemp advocate, attended the opening to show his support.

The small retail outlet features a variety of products made from industrialized hemp, including soaps and lotions, hats, backpacks and clothing. Watts and Rife hope to add a line of food products later this year.

But Watts and Rife aren't just in the business to sell imported hemp products. They also want to sell Kentucky residents on the "re-legalization" of hemp. To that end, the store provides an informative display showing raw hemp in the various stages of production.

By re-introducing hemp products in the area, Watts and Rife also hope to bring hemp production back to the state's farms.

"This is our way of teaching the public about something that we feel deeply about, as well as offering the highest quality products available," said Watts.

Rife, a 1993 Eastern graduate, said there is a lot of misinformation about hemp production.

"Not only does this make good



Amy Kearns/Progress

Gatewood Galbraith examines clothes made from 100 percent hemp at the opening of Botany Bay. The Lexington lawyer and longtime hemp activist attended the opening to show his support for the legalization of industrial hemp.

business sense, it will be a good move for Kentucky ecologically and economically," Rife said.

Hemptech, a booklet printed on hemp paper with soy/hemp ink, states that hemp can be grown in almost any climate without herbicides or pesticides while conserving timber and oil resources.

Kentucky was a top hemp producer in the nation years ago, but the government made it illegal to grow hemp in the United States after World War II.

Industrial hemp is a cousin to marijuana. Hemp and marijuana are two varieties of *cannabis sativa*. Marijuana contains three to five percent tetrahydrocannabinol

(THC), the chemical that causes the "high" associated with the drug. Industrial hemp contains less than one percent of THC, not enough to induce a high.

Anti-drug forces and law-enforcement officials argue against the legalization of hemp because of its association with marijuana. Opponents say that hemp fields would be used to conceal marijuana plants.

Hemp supporters say that, not only are the plants cultivated differently completely distinguishable, but cross-pollination of hemp and marijuana would always weaken the marijuana to an unusable state.

In 1996, Hawaii, Missouri and Vermont passed legislation support-

ing research of hemp.

In Colorado, a bill endorsed by actor Woody Harrelson, that would have made Colorado the first state to grow industrial hemp in 40 years passed the Senate but was later voted down in the House.

While it is not legal to grow hemp in any of the nation's states, processed hemp products can be imported.

Rife said hemp produces food, fuel, fiber and medicine. Because Kentucky has the perfect climate for hemp growth, it could provide the state farmers with a viable alternative to tobacco.

Today, most of the world's hemp is grown in China, England, France, Holland, Hungary and Russia.

The German government began allowing the cultivation of hemp last year, after intense pressure from farmers.

Late last year, Daimler-Benz, the German auto manufacturer best-known here for its Mercedes-Benz subsidiary, began researching ways to use hemp in the structure of its vehicles. Hemp can be made into rubber, plastic and upholstery.

Australia and Canada allow test crops to be planted to research hemp.

Watts said they only want people to give them a chance.

Before forming an opinion, they invite residents to come into the store and discuss the possibilities of hemp production as a viable crop.

"We especially want people who don't agree with us to come by," said Watts. "That's how we're going to win this thing."

"Hemp will be re-legalized," said Rife. "There is no doubt in my mind. It is just a matter of educating the people."

Hemp trivia

- The Chinese invented the first fishnets in 4500 B.C. with hemp fiber. Later, they created the first paper with hemp.

- The word canvas comes from "cannabis." Many of the Renaissance painters painted on hemp canvas.

- In Colonial Virginia and Connecticut, the cultivation of hemp was mandatory.

- The first two drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written on hemp paper.

- George Washington and Thomas Jefferson owned hemp plantations.

- A 1938 *Popular Mechanics* article called hemp the "New Billion-Dollar Crop" and said that hemp can be used to produce more than 25,000 products.

- In 1942, the U.S. Army and the Dept. of Agriculture started their "Hemp for Victory" campaign to encourage farmers to grow hemp for use in military equipment.

- Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren and Adidas are using hemp in their clothing lines.

- Hemp yields two to four times as much fiber per acre as wood.

- Estimated sales of hemp in 1997 are \$200 million, an almost 400-percent increase over 1993.

- A University of Kentucky phone survey of 675 Kentuckians showed 76.8 percent favored legalization of hemp.

Information obtained from *Community Farm Alliance*, *Hemptech* and *The Washington Post*

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Funderburk search committee to be formed this summer

By LAETIA CLAYTON

With President Hanly Funderburk's retirement less than a year away, plans to find his replacement are advancing.

In May, Eastern Board of Regents Chair Jim Gilbert expressed interest in a consultation service based in Washington, D.C., to help with the search for a new president.

This service, the Academic Search Consultation Service, will work with a search committee from Eastern to find Funderburk's successor. Although a search committee has not yet been formed, Gilbert said he will be putting one together later this summer.

Gilbert has not decided the exact procedure to use in forming the committee, but said he will most likely get suggestions and lists of names from various groups.

"I may get a panel," Gilbert said. "But I will make the ultimate decision."

Gilbert will chair the search committee, which will have approximately 10 members. While he

hasn't determined the precise makeup of the committee, he wants all university constituents to be fairly represented. The committee most likely will be represented by students, staff, faculty members, a dean, a department chair and an alumnus.

"What I want to make sure is that we have diversity on this," Gilbert said.

The search committee will meet in September and discuss the pre-search study, Gilbert said. The study will be used to determine a list of desired characteristics for potential candidates and review national recruitment strategies.

After the pre-search study is completed, the committee will meet with the consultation service to discuss advertising placement for the presidential position.

Although no specifics have been discussed as far as characteristics they are looking for in potential candidates, Gilbert said "we want the very best possible candidate to lead us into the next century."

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Jim Gilbert, Board of Regents chair

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Tuition increases \$30 for Fall '97

By LANCE YEAGER

Prepare to pay more for your Eastern education beginning this fall. In-state undergraduate students will pay \$30 more each semester in tuition fees; out-of-state students \$90 more. At the same time, salaries for faculty and staff will increase an average of 6.8 percent.

Both increases were included in the \$136-million operating budget passed by the university's Board of Regents on June 14.

"From a resource standpoint, this budget is significantly better than recent ones," Eastern President Hanly Funderburk said following the meeting.

The 1997-98 budget is \$23 million greater than the project budget for the last fiscal year.

Effective with the fall in-state undergraduate tuition will be \$900/semester; out-of-state undergraduate, \$2,700/semester. Graduate tuitions rose by the same amount—in-state students now will pay \$990; out-of-state, \$2,970.

In addition, all full-time tuition bills will include a \$15 increase in the student-activity fee, which is now \$130. Eastern's student-activity fee is

still below the state average of \$142, said Jim Clark, director of planning and budget at Eastern.

Seventy percent of Eastern's revenue comes from tuition.

Funds allocated in the budget not only come from tuition, but also state appropriations recommended by Gov. Paul Patton and approved by the General Assembly during its special session in May, as well as in the earlier regular session.

The legislature approved a 9-percent increase for Eastern, or \$5,233,400, said Clark.

In other Board of Regents business, Funderburk provided members with a progress report on the proposed wellness center. The building's preliminary drawing plans were available outside the meeting room for review.

"It (the plan) takes into account all the requests from those involved in this unit," said Funderburk. "It will be a fine addition to the athletic department and university."

He added that \$750,000 had been raised for the facility. The university hopes to begin construction in the fall.

News Briefs

Compiled by Rita Fox

Staff Regent re-elected

Ronnie Mink has been re-elected as the staff representative to Eastern's Board of Regents. Mink said he is looking forward to working with the Board on issues such as selection of the new president and implementation of Patton's recommendations for higher education.

In a thank-you letter to staff, Mink said, "our University is the best in the state of Kentucky and it is because we the employees work together as a team."

Mink ran against Hayward "Skip" Daugherty, Donna Masters, and Bennett Rowe.

O'Brien Wins Lindy Boggs Award

Shirley O'Brien, associate professor in the department of occupational therapy and coordinator of the graduate occupational therapy program, recently received the Lindy Boggs Award from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

The award, given to individuals who have shown "outstanding leadership in national, state and local legislative and regulatory activities," honors O'Brien for her contributions in the field of occupational therapy.

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Student skateboarders, cyclists, and abandoned tennis courts under the watch of the courts and limited their use there because the university had little concern of non-students using the area. DeWitt is concerned about the liability associated with the ramps in the courts is safe. Vickers said, "Cars harass us and

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Pedro Magaling flies through the air cheating gravity on the quarter pipe.



Jason Satterly, a junior philosophy major from Richmond, was a regular on the ramps.



Nick Turner, a freshman from Richmond, flies over one of the several ramps at the tennis courts.

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Some Air

ts, and in-line skaters for a short time created a recreation area at the abandoned water tower next to Alumni Coliseum. The university has since locked the area to the intramural inline skating hockey team. They have been locked out of the area, and were concerned about the liability. David Williams, assistant director of physical plant said, "the university wanted a little bit tighter control." Local skaters claim that skating is safer than skating in the Alumni Coliseum parking lot. Local skater Nathan and try and run us over."



Richard Carr, a senior special-ed major from Lexington, won the grand nationals in 1989, and spends his spare time perfecting his technique.



Zack Banks, a sophomore sociology major from Richmond, uses a saw to cut the transition on a quarter pipe.



Steve Coy, from Richmond, came to campus to skate. Coy said, "Anywhere else, we get in trouble."



Pedro Magaling from Corbin shows onlookers how it's done.

Disadvantaged students get head start on health careers

High schools not preparing students in science and math

By AMY KEARNS

National statistics show that students from rural areas have only a 9-percent graduation rate compared to 20-percent for Americans overall.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) in the College of Allied Health and Nursing is working to improve those statistics for some economically or racially disadvantaged students from eastern Kentucky.

HCOP administrators also try to tackle another need in Appalachian Kentucky—the lack of available health care, by encouraging students to return home after graduation to work in the allied-health field.

The program's students say they are choosing allied-health majors because the job expectations and salaries are good, as well as having a strong desire to help people.

Julie Brown, assistant professor in medical assisting technology, said the program, now in its fourth year, helps students prepare for an allied-health major at Eastern.

HCOP recruits and assists incoming freshmen from Appalachian counties, who intend to enroll in one

of eight majors. Associate-degree programs include clinical laboratory technology, emergency medical care, health information technology and medical assisting technology; bachelor's include clinical laboratory science, environmental health science, health information management and administration and occupational therapy.

Brown said most of the program's participants come from high schools that, in general, have not prepared them well for the heavy science and math components in these programs.

While 19 previous HCOP students had been tagged by the university as requiring developmental courses, all but one tested out of those remedial classes after attending HCOP.

This year, 29 students are going through the HCOP Summer Enrichment Program, which runs from June 23 through Aug. 1. Approximately eight hours a day, students attend classes designed to prepare them for success in their chosen program major.

During the summer, HCOP students also tour the university, take field trips and learn study techniques and stress-management skills.

The federally funded program is free to participants. In addition, each student receives \$40 a day for expenses. Most HCOP students live in campus housing during the six-week program.

Allison Stephens said she was anxious about her chances of being accepted into the highly competitive program.

To apply, prospective students must write an essay explaining why they are interested in participating in HCOP. From these essays, administrators choose candidates to fill the five slots available for each major.

The students know they are in for a lot of studying.

"It is really like boot camp, just getting them ready to know how to

do it in the fall," said Brown.

"It's hard and challenging, but it helps us prepare," said Casey Stamper, an 18-year-old from Whitesburg.

But students also feel the program helps them form friendships with others who will go through their particular programs with them.

"We have all made a lot of good friends here this summer," said Ritchie Hunley, a 17-year-old from Leslie Co.

Christie Caudill, 18, from Letcher Co., said the program gives students one-on-one attention from the faculty, as well.

In 1994, Karen Miller, a senior in occupational therapy, participated in the first HCOP at Eastern. She describes the program as being a major help to her.

"Meeting all the people is like

Dr. Peter Creighton, associate professor of environmental health, helps Kristy Dennis, a 17-year-old HCOP student from Irvine, make synthetic aspirin in chemistry lab.



Amy Kearns/Progress

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having a positive support group," Miller said. She also credits the staff with preparing her for the rigorous academics of the program.

This fall, for the second year, Miller will help others succeed in the program, too. By participating in the Supplemental Instruction component of the program, Miller will attend anatomy class with some of this year's HCOP students. Throughout the semester, she will provide tutoring sessions, as well as serve as a mentor to them.

Other Supplemental Instruction areas of focus are math, chemistry and physiology, depending on a person's major.

Brown says HCOP is a proven success at Eastern. In four years, 100 percent of the students who completed the program have come back for their sophomore year.

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'Contact' works as intelligent look at extraterrestrial life

By SHERRI STEBBINS

Scientists will love the science. Others will just love the story. But if it's little green men from outer space you want, "Contact" is not the film for you.

A Robert Zemeckis (he also directed "Forrest Gump") film starring Jodie Foster, "Contact" is excellent and critically acclaimed. Based on a book by the late Carl Sagan, the film is an intelligent and extraordinary vision of how meeting extraterrestrial life might happen. And it's also a look at ourselves as seen in our reactions to such an event.

Jodie Foster portrays Dr. Eleanor "Ellie" Arroway, a young scientist who relentlessly pursues proof of extraterrestrial intelligence. She continues her pursuit at all costs to herself and her career, despite all discouragement. Her character is the center of "Contact," and Foster's portrayal of her the center of "Contact's" success.

In the beginning, Ellie meets and has a brief affair with Palmer Joss, played by Matthew McConaughey, a man as spiritual as she

is scientific. She soon leaves him behind when her project in Oregon is cancelled by Dr. David Drumlin, played by Tom Skerritt, a science adviser to the president. Skerritt is probably the closest thing to a villain in this movie.

Ellie strikes out on her own with her friends' help and financial backing from S.R. Hadden, played by John Hurt, an eccentric billionaire making his dying contribution to mankind through Ellie.

Just as it seems that she has lost and will be shut down for good, Ellie hears her signal. Then the battle for her rightful place as leader of the scientific investigation begins, and now having world influence, Joss reenters her life.

James Woods portrays National Security Advisor Michael Kitz, and Angela Bassett portrays Rachel Constantine, a high-level advisor to the president of the United States. Together these two represent the voice of those not so ready to trust, those who suspect possible malevolent intentions on the part of any aliens. And Rob Lowe plays Richard

Rank, the right-wing leader of a conservative religious coalition.

At two and a half hours, the film is a bit slow in getting started. It doesn't have as many special effects as some others released this summer, and you have to wait for them,

but they are spectacular.

But what's truly worthwhile is the character development. It is superb, the best I've seen in any film this year. My favorite line in the movie, referring to the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence, "...if not,

it would be an awful waste of space." So simple, so logical, I'm converted.

If you like a serious and intelligent film, see "Contact." If you're looking for lighter sci-fi fare, try "Men In Black." And if you like slapstick, rent "Mars Attacks!"

FILM REVIEW



Jodie Foster as Dr. Ellie Arroway listens for signals from outer space in this summer's intelligent sci-fi film, "Contact."

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Conference focus is better writing rather than sales and publication

By **AMY KEARNS**

Tension is in the air. Nerves are a bit on edge. Dinner is over. For the 12 participants, it's time to share.

Among those waiting are a retired minister, a physics professor, a college sophomore, and a retired high school science teacher. Each is an aspiring writer.

Eventually, each stands to share with the group poems and short stories he or she has written. Then the works are discussed, critiqued and hopefully improved.

This diverse group comprised Eastern's 35th annual Creative Writing Conference held this year during the third week of June.

The dozen participants attended lectures and workshops with Eastern faculty members Hal Blythe, Harry Brown, Charlie Sweet and Dorothy Sutton.

Three visiting writers - Richard Haugue, Kristina McGrath and Joe Survant held group discussions and



and become better writers.

Sutton says the conference is one of the nation's longest running. She attributes some of the program's success to the small number of participants. Organizers intentionally try to keep the group small, about the size of a class, she said, so participants can get the individual attention they would not receive at larger conferences.

The emphasis, she said, is on the fact that the most important step in writing is to get better, not think about money or trying to get published.

"Most of us are not published writers, but this thing has potential for every student. This is not for slick prose. It is for all of us who have stories to tell," said Kenneth Chafin, a retired minister from Louisville.

Participants can audit the class or receive one hour of English credit. All must submit a manuscript to enroll.

private conferences with those who attended the week-long workshop.

This year's conference director, Harry Brown, said the writers often need the support that comes from being in a group.

"That's what makes it so much fun - age, gender and experience," said Dorothy Sutton, next year's conference chair.

She says it's a chance for traditional, non-traditional, beginning and advanced writers to come together

Hurley is commencement speaker

By **RITA FOX**

Summer commencement exercises will be held in the Ravine at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

Humorist Carl Hurley, an Eastern alumnus and former secondary-education faculty member, will speak at the ceremony. Hurley will receive an honorary doctor of let-

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Cherilyn Nelson reported a criminal trespass 2nd degree incident in room 102 and in the Living Center of the Burrier Building.

July 3
Dennis A. Kirchner, 41, Richmond, was arrested on a warrant from Henderson Co. District Court and charged with receiving stolen property over \$300. Upon further investigation, Kirchner was also charged with possession of a forged instrument 2nd degree.

July 2
Diana Pence reported the theft by unlawful taking of 10 boxes of coffee from a storage room on the ground floor of the Powell Building.

June 30
Charles Turpin reported tire damage on two university-owned trucks parked in the alley between the Moore and Cammack buildings.

June 27
Lisa Hudson reported damage to two storage buildings owned by the Traffic Safety Institute, located on the southeast side of the Leach Driving Range near the Stratton Building.

June 26
Michael R. Clark, 26, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of a suspended operator's license.

Phillip S. Begley, 22, Richmond, was arrested and charged

with having an improper registration plate (expired decal), driving with a suspended license, having no insurance card, and possession of marijuana.

June 24
Jerretta Hill reported that a fire alarm had been activated at Burnam Hall. It was a false alarm.

June 22
The Simplex Alarm System notified the division of public safety of a fire alarm in the Powell Building. It was determined that a buildup of methane gas from garbage stored in the area had triggered the alarm.

June 21
Shirley Richards reported damage (two cracks) to doors in the Brewer Building.

Carlie T. Rose, 20, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of a suspended operator's license and failure to produce an insurance card.

June 20
Elizabeth Satterfield reported damage (scratches) to her vehicle, parked in the Commonwealth Lot.

Christopher M. Clayton, 25, Richmond, was arrested and charged with improper registration plate (expired decal); no proof of insurance (failure to produce insurance card), driving with a suspended license, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

June 19
Elizabeth Satterfield reported that her vehicle had been damaged in the Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot.

June 18
David Hepburn reported that a glass door had been broken at the Model Laboratory School.

Jeffrey Otis Harris, 20, was arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking on 6/3/97 at Arlington.

June 15
Timothy Maines reported a stolen air conditioner at Brockton. Upon further investigation in the area, other items were discovered to be missing.

June 14
Cynthia R. Hilton, 38, Berea, was arrested and charged with having an improper registration plate (expired decal), failure to produce insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked license.

June 13
Patsy Howard reported that her wallet, containing approximately \$52 and miscellaneous items, had been stolen. The wallet was later recovered with approximately \$2 missing. (Most of the cash was in a hidden compartment.)

June 12
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Advanced Cartography (GEO 555) teaches advanced techniques (including computer applications) of cartographic presentation of data. Prerequisite: GEO 355.



For more information, call the geography and planning department at 622-1418.

Planning Topics: Environmental and Land-use Planning (PLA 300) deals with the principles of land-use planning, regulating measures, environmental factors/impacts and land-use/environmental problems facing planners. No prerequisites.

For information, call geography and planning at above number.

Seminar in Computer Information Systems: Developing Computer-Based Training (or CBT) (CIS 370). Using Toolbook II Instructor, Virgil Brewer, chair of the department of information services will teach the fundamentals of developing CBT in a multimedia environment. The finished product will then be exported to the World Wide Web. Non-CIS faculty and students can audit the course; permission is required to



earn credit. Also this fall, watch for Toolbook II Instructor professional-development classes being offered by the Office of Special Programs.

For information, call Virgil Brewer at 622-1574.

Feminist Theory and Practice (WMS 400) is intended to be a capstone course for Women's Studies minors, but others are welcome, too. The course enables students to develop a coherent framework for their women's studies experiences, while providing a formal overview of feminist theory. Students will read historical and contemporary works that examine feminist approaches to explaining women's experiences, their representations and their relative positions in societies.

For more information on this course or the Women's Studies Program minor, call Isabelle White, director of the women's studies program, at 622-2913.

Special Topics: Hand Rehabilitation (OTS 875) is designed to increase skills in the assessment and treatment of persons with hand injuries. The course is open to licensed occupational therapists and meets on alternate Saturdays throughout the fall semester, beginning Aug. 23.



For information, contact Linda Martin in the occupational therapy department at 622-3300.

Advanced English Composition: Writing for the Internet (ENG 301) is an online course that introduces students to professional writing and research as practiced on the Internet. Prerequisites are ENG 101 and ENG 102, or ENG 105 (or HON 105).

For more information, see the course's online "syllabeb" at http://www.arh.eku.edu/eng/harnack/eng_301/source.htm, or call Andy Harnack at 622-3079.

Theories in Modern Astronomy (AST 330) will survey alien worlds, follow the life cycles of stars, and probe the distant reaches of the cosmos—all via cyberspace. The course, taught via the Internet, will explore topics related to the creation of the universe, the formation of the Earth and other planets, the motion of the stars and the structure of space and time. Students must have access to a computer and the Internet.



For information, call John Wernegreen in physics and astronomy at 622-1521.

Writing and Selling Nonfiction (JOU 480) focuses more on the business end of writing and selling freelance nonfiction, rather than writing techniques. Prerequisites are ENG 101 and 102, or ENG 105 (HON 105).

Call Elizabeth Hansen in mass communications at 622-1488 for more information.

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New course begins revisions to teacher-education program

By DON KNIGHT

After four years of planning, revisions to the teacher-education program will take effect this fall. Among other changes, students admitted to the program after Aug. 1 will be taking a new course, Introduction to Education (EDF 103).

Revisions to the teacher-education program are a result of changes in the state's requirements and feedback received by the college from its alumni.

What makes EDF 103 unique is that it exposes students to the classroom environment starting with their first class in the College of Education. During the course, students will observe classes in four different schools—Madison Central High, Kit Carson Elementary, Model Laboratory and Clark-Moores Middle. Education-program administrators chose these schools because they offer a broad spectrum—a variety of grade levels coupled with urban

and rural settings.

"It will help them in choosing the level they want to teach," said Kenneth Henson, dean of the College of Education.

The old program will be phased out by the summer of 1999. Students currently in the teaching program and graduating before summer 1999 need to discuss with their advisor taking Transition to Education (EDF 310).

EDF 310 (one credit hour) covers new material, such as portfolios and service learning, that were not covered in the old program. Students with enough core courses in the old program will be allowed to take EDF 310, rather than retake revised courses in the new program.

Those already in the teacher-education program, as well as anyone seeking to be admitted, are urged to discuss with their advisors how these and other changes to the program will affect them.

'71 grad first black Alumni Association president

Jack Jackson, one of the first African-American student-athletes at Eastern more than three decades ago, is again making history.

The 1971 graduate has agreed to serve as the first black president of Eastern's National Alumni Association.



Jack Jackson

"Eastern was certainly a school of opportunity for me," Jackson said, "and remains so today. I'm pleased that I can give something back and help make a great university even better."

Jackson is employed by the Dayton (Ohio) Housing Authority and has held a variety of offices in the alumni association. He will represent the more than 67,000 Eastern graduates located throughout the world.

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Gifted and talented • Workshop explores new methods to identify, teach gifted students

By Rita Fox

Fourteen women—classroom teachers, gifted-and-talented-program coordinators and school counselors—gathered at Eastern this summer to explore new ways to identify and serve Kentucky's gifted students, especially those who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

"Students who are gifted in the visual and performing arts may not be successful in school because they do not excel in memorization and analytical tasks," said Dorie Combs, project director for the three-week Summer Academy on Gifted and Talented Education.

These students do not fit the traditional profile of a "gifted" child, said Combs, who is an assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction at Eastern.

To make matters worse, identifying gifted children from dysfunctional or low-income families present their own special challenges for teachers.

The summer academy was held at the Model Laboratory School June 16 through July 3. Participants represented schools from as close as Berea to as far away as Clay, Lincoln, Powell, Rockcastle and Woodford counties.

As recently as a few

years ago, gifted children were identified primarily by their intellectual, academic or creative abilities.

"Now, we also need to look for students with leadership skills and fine-arts talents," said Teresa Locker, the gifted and talented teacher/coordinator for the Berea Independent School.

"We're learning to use different testing tools and are continually trying to come up with new ways to identify gifted students," said Locker.

Workshop participants also had lots of hands-on fun.

"This (workshop) brought out the child in all of us," said Jean Turner, facilitator at the workshop. She now teaches gifted and talented children from kindergarten through sixth grade in the Garrard County School District.

To learn better ways to teach and appreciate the visual and performing arts—dance, music, drama, and art—the teachers-turned-students participated in interactive demonstrations with noted professional artists, including Berea-area folk singer Jennifer Rose.

By the last two days of the workshop, it was time to put their newfound knowledge to work. Breaking into small groups, participants worked on lesson modules—including ones for Renaissance music and Appalachian dance.

With their resource books and dozens of pages of notes scattered across their tables, the teachers worked at a fevered pace. Ideas were tossed out and discussed, then refined or discarded in rapid succes-

sion as each group identified age-appropriate activities and resources for their chosen discipline and theme.

Sharon Mandt, a consultant in the workshop, helped participants in creating their modules.

She listed three crucial elements—identify resources, carry out activities and evaluate/celebrate the students' accomplishments.

Mandt, of Pulaski Co., also reminded workshop participants to put students on an even playing field. Provide the necessary supplies, she said, because some students are economically deprived.

"Can you imagine them going home and saying they need to go to the store to get a poster board?" she asked.

Other gifted and talented children come from dysfunctional families.

"Don't give them a responsibility without a process." For instance, Mandt said, rather than asking students to make a poster, show them how effective posters are made.

"We want them to succeed," she reminded the academy's students.

When Mandt reached the third element in the process, she made sure teachers placed the emphasis on celebrating the students' participation.

"If you evaluate creativity, it's hurtful," she said. "Have a celebration instead—perhaps a Renaissance or history fair, similar to your school's art and science fairs."

But one teacher said students don't like to do something if they don't get a grade for it.

"You want it to work for your students," agreed Mandt.

To help achieve both goals, Julie Cruse, who teaches senior English in Rockcastle County, suggested setting up a point list for grading a student's creative effort and sharing it with students ahead of time.

"For instance, you get 10 points if it's in a box," said Cruse, "and you get 10 more points if it's bigger than a shoe box."

Cruse also shared her experience in using student peer review in her classroom. "A lot of times, gifted students get validation during such reviews," said Cruse. They are recognized by their classmates for the skills they brought to the project.

"As long as they aren't cruel," said Lisa Foster, a high-school music teacher in the Berea Community School.

"They never are," responded Cruse.

The teachers plan to test their modules on students in their classrooms this fall. On Oct. 29, with videotapes to show their colleagues, the workshop participants will return to Eastern to share their experiences and fine-tune the modules. Once revised, the modules will be duplicated and shared with elementary, middle

and high-school teachers throughout the state.

The academy was sponsored by the College of Education and funded with a \$35,000 grant from the state

Department of Education. Assisting in the project's videography are husband-and-wife team Tom Crow and Jane Dewey, of Lancaster.

Turner was amazed to hear

from some of the workshop's participants during the week following the workshop's end. Teachers already had pitched new ideas to their school and district officials, she said.

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Brad Harkelroad celebrates after winning the 25-meter butterfly

ATHLETES Exceptional

Eastern hosted Special Olympics competitions on June 7. Rain cancelled outdoor events, leaving about 600 athletes unable to compete. These indoor competitors, however, had their chance to shine.

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Harkelroad, from Independence, Ky., dove in to begin the butterfly race. He competes on the Area 4 swim team.



Jeremy Baker, who trains at the YMCA in Richmond, pauses before his next bench press in the powerlift competition.



Dave Fogle, from Owensboro, competes in the bench press with his father supporting him from behind.



Fogle celebrates after a successful attempt.

Kidd sees greater commitment; doesn't plan to repeat 0-3 start

By DON KNIGHT

Coach Roy Kidd's Colonels will open this year's football season Sept. 6 in Alabama where they face off against Troy State. The Colonels will be looking to avenge their loss against the Trojans in the final seconds of last year's season opener.

The first three opponents of this year's schedule are the same as last year, but Kidd doesn't plan on history repeating an 0-3.

"Nobody was happy with the 6-5 season last year," Kidd said. "This season, there is more commitment out of everybody."

Several starters are returning for the '97 season giving the Colonels good reason to be optimistic.

Simon Fuentes returns as starting quarterback. He saw limited playing time last year, airing out a total of only 11 passes for seven completions totaling 77 yards.

Fuentes will have the opportunity to make wonderful things happen in the air for the Colonels with the return of receivers Bobby Washington and Rondel Menendez.

Washington finished the '96 season with 42 catches for 721 yards and five touch downs. Menendez had 38 catches for 716 yards and seven touchdowns.

On the ground, the Colonels will have two returning rushers who had big numbers last year. Drew Hall, returning to tailback, had 40 carries for 233 yards and two touchdowns. Returning to the fullback position will be Jonathan Butler who carried the ball 39 times for 156 yards and four touch downs last season.

Defensively, the Colonels are strong with returning linebacker Britt Bowen and safety Scooter Asel. Bowen finished last year with 55 tackles and 63 assists. Asel had 67

tackles and 29 assists.

On the coaching staff, Don Landholm comes in to replace assistant Teddy Taylor who took over the head coaching position at Madison Southern.

Landholm comes to Eastern after four seasons as the offensive line coach at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas. Blinn College has had back to back 12-0 seasons and won two consecutive national junior-college championships.

Landholm said, "I'm coming in unable to go through spring football, but knowing the past tradition of Eastern I'm expecting a successful season."

The future looks bright for Colonel football this year, but with a tough schedule ahead you won't see any players wearing shades.

1997 Football schedule

Sept. 6	Troy State
Sept. 13	Western Kentucky
Sept. 20	Appalachian State
Sept. 27	Austin Peay
Oct. 4	OPEN
Oct. 11	*Tennessee State
Oct. 18	*Murray State
Oct. 25	*Tennessee Tech (Homecoming)
Nov. 1	*UT Martin
Nov. 8	*Southeast Missouri
Nov. 15	*Middle Tennessee
Nov. 22	*Eastern Illinois

*Ohio Valley Conference Game
Home games are bold.



1997 Home Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 1	Japan
Sept. 19	Murray State
Sept. 20	Tennessee-Martin
Oct. 3	Tennessee Tech
Oct. 4	Middle Tennessee
Oct. 7	Morehead State
Oct. 24	Austin Peay
Oct. 25	Tennessee State
Nov. 14	Southeast Missouri State
Nov. 15	Eastern Illinois
Nov. 22-24	OVC Championships (away)
Nov. 28	NCAA Play-In (away)

New recruits must fit in quickly to insure successful '97 season

By LAETITIA CLAYTON

When the 1997 Colonels volleyball team hits the court for their first practice on Aug. 11, coach Geri Polvino said she will be able to tell in the first five minutes how the eight new recruits will meld with the 10 returning players.

"The key is how quickly we integrate these two groups," Polvino said. "How they challenge each other."

At the beginning of the 1996 season, Polvino said an improved attack was the main strategy for the team. This season, she said, they will strive for a quicker transition game by moving the ball out of defense and into offense as quickly as possible.

"Offense is going to be a critical component," she said.

Polvino said the team also will

work on improving passes, blocking and "playing with an attitude."

The team opens against Japan here on Sept. 1.

"In order to make that match work, we need persistent offense-endurance offense," Polvino said. The Colonels also will work to sideout the ball against Japan, which is known for its quickness, she said.

"I am really excited about one of our Kentucky recruits, Jeni Brockman, of Erlanger" Polvino said. "She has the ability to terminate the ball on the left side and has a lot of energy on the court."

Another recruit, middle player Allison Makow, of Marietta, Ga., has the potential to dominate the game from middle court, Polvino said. Makow is a little quieter on the court than Brockman, Polvino said, but concentrates well and is a very "court-

smart player."

Polvino mentioned two returning players, Amy Merron and Chelsea Bowers, who will both be seniors this year. Merron has moved from middle player to the right side and will be Eastern's force player, Polvino said.

"Bowers is a complete all-around player, a leader on and off the court," Polvino said. "Both are competitive, hard-core players."

In addition to the eight new team recruits, Polvino said the new assistant coach will be Carmela Akem of Lubbock, Texas.

There will also be a new graduate-assistant coach, Jonathan Bowman, from New York, who Polvino said will bring a "passion for the game and will add a very good dimension." Bowman will also help with recruiting and conditioning programs.

Perry hires two assistant coaches

Scott Perry, Eastern's new head basketball coach, has hired two assistants: former University of California assistant coach, Kurtis Townsend, and La Juan Lewis, an assistant coach for Sullivan Business College in Louisville.

Townsend is originally from San Jose, Calif. He transferred to Western Kentucky University after his sophomore year, and was there when the Hilltoppers won the Ohio Valley Conference in 1980.

"Kurtis is our most experienced coach and brings with him a wealth of basketball knowledge," Perry said.

Lewis graduated from the University of Louisville where he was a student assistant coach and graduate assistant coach. Last season Sullivan Business College finished second in the state with a 26-5 record.

"La Juan is an outstanding, young up-and-coming coach who is very well-connected in the Louisville area," Perry said.

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Summer Smash

Cristina Boyer, from Minford High School in Portsmouth, Ohio, returned a serve during a practice scrimmage at volleyball camp. Five teams totaling 40 players from West Virginia and Ohio attended the camp on campus this summer.

Don Knight/Progress

Tamarack model for Ky. artisan center

By Rita Fox

Tamarack, the West Virginia state-wide artisans center that opened May 1996, is a model being studied closely by the Appalachian/Kentucky Artisans Center (AKAC) economic-development committee.

Located on the West Virginia Turnpike in Beckley, where I-79 meets I-64, Tamarack projected 660,285 visitors in its first 12-month period (based on actual figures from May through February, then annualized).

As with most new ventures, the center did not clear a profit during its first year, but the outlook for the future is promising. The center calculated arts and crafts sales of \$2.8 million, plus an additional \$1.5 million in restaurant sales. In January, a dinner theatre was opened at the site.

"Tamarack is the best thing that happened in West Virginia for many, many years," said Charles K. Connor Jr., former executive editor of the *Charleston Daily Mail* in a recent opinion piece in the paper.

In comparison to Tamarack, the proposed center at Berea has a bright outlook, as well. Drive-by traffic on I-75 is 31 percent greater than traffic at the Tamarack center.

Another advantage to the proposed Berea area center is the existing international reputation of Kentucky's arts and crafts industry, which was fostered by the efforts of former Kentucky First Lady Phyllis George during the 1980s. Years ago, the city also was designated by the state General Assembly as being the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky.

"Kentucky has been resting on its laurels too long, though" said Cheryl Fowles, projects manager for the Eastern Kentucky Technology Center (EKTC) at Eastern.

Tamarack, named for a native tree in West Virginia, has received support from the state's governor and its legislature.

Fowles cited the support the AKAC committee has received from Gov. Paul Patton on the project so far, as well.

"This is what Patton is always talking about—collaborative efforts in education and government," said Fowles. She also credits him for a keen understanding of economic development.

"He understands economic development," she said. "He puts his cabinet secretaries behind it."

State government officials have offered to match local funds raised for the two planning and development phases. With a \$73,900 budget, local interests have surpassed the halfway point already, thanks to contributions of \$20,000 each from the City of Berea and Berea College.

The AKAC economic-development committee is also thankful for the work that went before them. A similar artisans-center proposal was mentioned in a 1983 study conducted by the Kentucky Department of the Arts and the Kentucky Arts Council. That study was expanded upon in 1993 by the University of Kentucky.

The EKTC will continue to coordinate efforts for the proposed artisans center through phase two. Located on campus in the Whalin Complex, EKTC is one of only 68 university centers in the nation, and is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. The university centers harness university resources and bring them into communities where economic development is a real problem.

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