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## Glasser Pledges Passionate Leadership for Excellence



TENTH PRESIDENT – President Glasser waves to the audience during inauguration ceremonies.

As its 10<sup>th</sup> president, Joanne Glasser promised Friday, March 8 to help EKU become a university of national distinction.

“This will not be a one-woman show starring Joanne Glasser,” she said at inauguration ceremonies held in Alumni Coliseum. “It will be an ensemble production, where every member of the cast receives equal billing and a chance to participate in shaping this university.

“I don’t intend to issue orders from on high,” Glasser added. “We are all partners in this endeavor. Together we will help create EKU’s future.”

Glasser, formerly executive vice president at Towson University in Maryland, assumed the EKU presidency Oct. 29, 2001. She is the institution’s first female president, but made no reference to that milestone.

“This ceremony,” she said, “is not about Joanne Glasser. Rather, it is a celebration of Eastern Kentucky University, its rich heritage and traditions, its wonderful academic programs,” students, faculty, staff and alumni.

“The essence of EKU is its solid foundation, built over nearly a century, of passionate commitment to educating generations of Kentuckians, especially those who live in the

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## Earth Days to Include Kennedy, Backstreet Boy Richardson

The third annual Earth Days in the Cumberland observance at EKU will conclude with visits from environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson.

Kennedy, who was on the EKU campus for Earth Days two years ago, and Richardson, an Irvine native, will participate in the launch of a Kentucky Riverkeeper Project May 5-6. Kennedy is the founder and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance and chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper. The Alliance, an environmental “neighborhood watch” program, is the umbrella organization for 80-plus Waterkeeper programs throughout North and Central America.



Kennedy

The Riverkeeper event caps several weeks of activities – lectures, roundtable discussions, arts events and participatory exercises – designed to heighten awareness about environmental issues facing the Commonwealth and beyond.

Cross-disciplinary participation on campus and contributions from the local community have been instrumental in the success of Earth Days, according to Dr. Alan Banks, director of EKU’s Center for Appalachian Studies.

Several academic programs, offices and

centers at EKU have come together to sponsor Earth Days events, including the Center for Appalachian Studies, Women’s Studies, Chautauqua Lecture Series and the Departments of Geography, Leisure Studies, Chemistry and Biology.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Events and dates are subject to change. For more information, call 622-1644 or visit

[www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/earthdays](http://www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/earthdays).

### Friday, March 29

- “Bluegrass Choices: Smart Growth for the Bluegrass,” Steve Austin, Bluegrass Tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building.

### Saturday, March 30

- Road Cleanup with Boonesboro Boat Club, 10 a.m., meet at River View Marina, call 622-1644 for more information.

### Tuesday, April 2

- Public presentation by Appalachian poet Diane Fisher, 7 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbe Library.

### Wednesday, April 3

- Kentucky Birds of Prey, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Salato Wildlife Education Center, 1 p.m., Ravine.

### Saturday, April 6

- Road Clean-Up with EKU Greens, 10 a.m., meet at Lake Reba.

### Monday, April 8

- “Coal: The American Story,” film, 3:30 p.m., Room 128, Crabbe Library.

### Wednesday, April 10

- “The Ralph Stanley Story,” Appalshop film and discussion featuring filmmaker Herb E. Smith, 7 p.m., Room 108, Crabbe Library.

### Friday, April 12

- Tour of Solar Homes in Madison County, Bob Fairchild, 2:30-5:30 p.m., depart from Jones Parking Lot at 2:30 p.m. Because of limited space, RSVP requested at 622-1424.

### Saturday, April 13

- Clays Ferry Road Clean Up Day, 10 a.m., meet at Circle H parking lot, 9079 Old Richmond Road. Volunteer groups, individuals welcome. Call 622-1644 for more information.

### Tuesday, April 16

- “There Is A Law: The Clean Water Act and Industrial Hog Production in North Carolina,” Rick Dove, Waterkeeper Alliance, 12:30 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building.
- “Innovative Building Techniques for Sustainable Housing,” roundtable with David Kennedy, Josh Bills, Craig Sheehan, Wayne Bennett and Richard Futrell, 7 p.m., Perkins Building.

### Wednesday, April 17

- “There Is A Law: The Clean Water Act and the Appalachian Coalfields,” David Rouse, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 3:30 p.m., Room 128, Crabbe Library.

### Thursday, April 18

- “Mountain Melodies: Stories and Songs of Civil Action in the Appalachian Coalfields,” Rob Mercure, brown bag luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Room 201, Crabbe Library.

### Saturday, April 20

- Earth Days Hike and Picnic with Jim Hays, The Nature Conservancy, Horse Lick Creek, Rockcastle County, 10 a.m., van will leave from Alumni Coliseum at 10 a.m., rain or shine. For more information, call 622-1644.

### Sunday, April 21

- “Songs of the Earth,” Earth Day recital, vocal division of EKU Department of Music, 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Richmond,

reception follows.

### Monday, April 22

- Earth Day Environmental Fair, music, booths, open mike and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., outside Powell Building.

- Free concert, 7:30 p.m., Ravine.

### Thursday, April 25

- “The Changing Relationship between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge,” Wes Jackson, 7:30 p.m., Room 116, Moore Building.

### Friday, April 26

- “American Ginseng: A Novel Alternative in Cancer Treatment?” Linda Murphy, chemist, Southern Illinois University, and Al Fritsch, Appalachia: Science in the Public Interest, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Room 111, Roark Building.

### Saturday, April 27

- 5K Race for the Planet, 10 a.m., begin at Stratton Building. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, cost is \$6 without t-shirt. Pre-register by April 19 in Begley Room 202 for \$2 discount. For more information, call 622-1244.

### Wednesday, May 1

- “Safe Disposal of Chemical Weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot,” panel discussion including invited representative from Sen. Mitch McConnell, Douglas Hindman of Citizens Advisory Committee and representatives from the Chemical Weapons Working Group and the Army, 7 p.m., Perkins Building.

### Sunday, May 5

- Kentucky Riverkeeper Fund-Raising Dinner with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Waterkeeper Alliance, and Kevin Richardson, Just Within Reach Foundation, 6-10 p.m., Perkins Building. Additional details TBA.

### Monday, May 6

- Kentucky Riverkeeper Launch with Kennedy, Richardson and others, 10 a.m., Fort Boonesborough State Park. Additional details TBA.

Events

Tuesday, March 26

**Trailblazing Women**

“Women Athletes Blazing A Trail (1860-2000),” Kitty Baird, professor emeritus, Centre College, Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. (Bring a lunch or go through cafeteria line.) Sponsored by ECU Women’s Studies Program.

Wednesday, March 27

**Softball Twinbill**

EKU vs. Dayton, 2 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

**Colonels Back Home**

EKU vs. Marshall, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**‘Manly Grace, Zulu Sports’**

4 p.m., Dr. Peter Alegi, historian of African History, “Manly Grace, Zulu Sports and British Cultural Imperialism,” Crabbe Library Room 108. Sponsored by the ECU History Department.

Thursday, March 28

**Kentucky Teacher Network**

3:30-7 p.m., University of Kentucky Student Center, recruiters from more than 100 school systems in Kentucky and other states will attend. Recruiters are looking for teachers, counselors, administrators, occupational therapists, interpreters for hearing-impaired, school psychologists, speech pathologists and other school personnel. No pre-registration required. For more information, call 622-1567. For an up-to-date list of recruiters and information about parking, visit [www.career.eku.edu](http://www.career.eku.edu). Event is sponsored by career services offices of ECU, UK, Morehead State and Kentucky State University.

**‘A Relative Matter?’**

“A Relative Matter? Human Rights Standards in Theory and Practice,” Dr. Kenneth Johnson and Dr. Sara Zeigler, ECU Department of Government, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua series on human rights.

**Women Out Loud**

Comedienne Deidre Flint and ECU student singer/songwriter Ronica Brandenburg, 8 p.m., Ravine (rain site: Grise Room, Combs Building).

**Women’s Issues Discussion**

“Out of Kenya: A Discussion of Women’s Issues,” Dr. Isabelle White, director, ECU Women’s Studies Program, 12:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. (Bring a lunch or go through cafeteria line.)

Friday, March 29

**Professional Skills Conference**

Beginning at 8 a.m., Brock Auditorium. ECU graduate Rodger Bingham (“Kentucky Joe” from “Survivor”) will speak at 8:40 a.m. Other events follow. Noon luncheon in Keen Johnson Building will honor outstanding alumni of academic departments in College of Business & Technology, including Bingham. Balcony-seating tickets for morning session available to public for \$5 and may be obtained by calling 622-1574 in advance. Students who are enrolled in College of Business & Technology 300- and/or 400-level courses are required to attend the event. The registration fee of \$5 must be paid in advance in Combs 313.

Saturday, March 30

**Softball Doubleheader**

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

**Art Exhibit and Book Signing**

Regional women artists and writers, 6:30-10 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, Lancaster Avenue and Water Street. Sponsored by ECU Women’s Studies Program.

**Raison D’Etre Performs**

Raison D’Etre vocal trio, performing a mix of medieval, Shaker, pioneer and contemporary folk songs, Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, Lancaster Avenue and Water Street, tickets \$5, \$4 for students and senior citizens, co-sponsored by Richmond Area Arts Council and Women’s Studies Program.

**Sock Hop**

Weaver Gym, 8-9 p.m., swing (jitterbug) lesson; 9-midnight, general dancing; \$3 for students, \$8 for others, 50s dress encouraged. For more information, contact Marianne McAdam at 622-1901 or [marianne.mcadam@eku.edu](mailto:marianne.mcadam@eku.edu).

Sunday, March 31

**Softball Homestand Continues**

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

Monday, April 1

**Guitar Ensemble Performs**

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 2

**Retired VP Rowlett Honored**



Rowlett

Unveiling ceremony for framed photo of John Rowlett, retired vice president of academic affairs, 10 a.m., Rowlett Building, reception to follow, University community invited.

Tuesday, April 3

**Women’s Studies Recognizes White**

3:30-5:30 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building, short program at 4:30 p.m. will recognize Isabelle White for her years of service

as director of the Women’s Studies Program and founder of WILL (Women Involved in Living and Learning), refreshments, sponsored by the Women’s Studies Advisory Committee.

Thursday, April 4

**Softball Action**

EKU vs. Morehead State, 2 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

**Vocal Jazz Ensemble Performs**

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

Thursday, April 4-Sunday, April 7

**First Weekend**

All events free to full-time ECU students; for schedule of events, see [firstweekend.eku.edu](http://firstweekend.eku.edu).

Friday, April 5

**Motor Fitness Clinic Open House**

Special Motor Fitness Clinic Open House, 6-7 p.m., Telford YMCA, 110 E. Main St., sponsored by ECU Department of Exercise and Sport Science and Telford YMCA. The Clinic is a 10-week program for children with disabilities ages 3-11 and allows ECU students a chance to gain experience providing direct physical activity programs to children with special needs. ECU faculty, parents of children currently enrolled in the program and parents interested in enrolling their child in future clinics are invited. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Dr. Louisa DeBolt, 622-1891.

Saturday, April 6

**Choral Classic**

7 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Sunday, April 7

**Choral Classic**

3 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Monday, April 8

**Robin Roberts Talk Rescheduled**

ESPN sports broadcaster Robin Roberts, 7:30 p.m., Brock Auditorium, postponed from Jan. 28, part of “Women and Sports” series sponsored by Women’s Studies Program.



Roberts

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**Forum Focuses on Terrorism, Civil Liberties**

As patriotism surged in the wake of the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001, many Americans have expressed concerns over perceived threats to their civil liberties.

Three panelists at ECU’s annual Law and Justice Forum Tuesday, April 2 will address “Terrorism and Your Civil Liberties.”

The event, free and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Posey Auditorium in the Stratton Building. It is sponsored by ECU’s College of Justice & Safety, the Department of Government, The Graduate School and three student organizations, the Student Paralegal Association, the Association of

Justice and Safety Graduate Students and the Barristers (Pre-Law) Association.

Brig. Gen. C. Allen Youngman, Kentucky adjutant general, will offer “An Assessment of the Threat of Terrorism.” Greg Van Tatenhove, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, will

*“It’s the classic debate about ... safety versus freedom of expression and other liberties.”*

– Dr. Jim McCord

discuss new laws, such as the Patriot Act, and why he believes such legislation is necessary. Jeff Vessels, executive director of the Kentucky American Civil Liberties Union, will address “Threats to Your Civil Liberties as Congress and

the President Act to Fight Terrorism.”

After their presentations, the panelists will discuss the issues with each other and then invite questions from the audience.

“It’s the classic debate about ... safety versus freedom of expression and other liberties,” said Dr. Jim McCord, professor of government and director of ECU’s Paralegal Program. “Gen. Youngman will lay the foundation for the discussion and the other two panelists will present their perspectives. Our goal is to provide a very balanced forum.”

The Patriot Act, according to McCord, gives additional powers of detention and surveillance to the executive branch of government and reduces the amount of judicial oversight over some of those decisions.

A 6 p.m. reception precedes the forum.

## AT&T Grant Funds Technology Program for Teachers

EKU's College of Education has received a \$100,000 grant from AT&T to develop and deliver an on-line technology certification program to P-12 teachers throughout Kentucky.

A series of content-rich, interactive technology modules will lead to a certificate in educational technology at one of three levels – Educational Technology Specialist, School-Wide Technology Implementer and Technology Facilitator. A “test out” mechanism will allow participants to move rapidly through the program at their own pace and concentrate on specific areas of need.

“In the past five years, Kentucky has become one of the most technologically connected states in the nation,” noted Dr. Mark Wasicsko, dean of EKU's College of Education, “but many teachers feel underprepared to use technology. This program will provide teachers throughout the region and Kentucky the



**AT&T AWARDS EKU \$100,000 FOR TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM** – From left are Dr. Steve Hyndman, project director and technology coordinator for EKU's College of Education; Jim Keith, director, EKU Division of Information and Technology Delivery Services; EKU President Joanne Glasser; Eric Lewandowski, national accounts manager with AT&T; and EKU College of Education Dean Dr. Mark Wasicsko.

technology skills they need.”

Dr. Steve Hyndman, project director and technology coordinator for the College of Education, cited a recent Milken Study that confirmed that Kentucky teachers were not spending sufficient time developing their technology skills in structured learning situations but were in favor of teacher standards in technology.

Wasicsko said the College is working closely with the Education Professional Standards Board

to ensure that all requirements are met for an endorsement in educational technology.

The final requirement for participating teachers is to pass along their proficiencies to parents at training workshops.

“Often the only exposure students receive to technology is in the schools,” Hyndman said. “To make systemic change, it is critical to have computers in the homes of more families in our service region. This will happen more readily when parents can have experiences with technology that now are reserved only for kids in schools.”

EKU and AT&T have enjoyed a long, productive partnership. Since 1986, AT&T has awarded \$2.1 million to the University for various projects and programs.

“AT&T's generous support of this project underscores the importance and impact of philanthropy from corporate America,” said EKU President

Joanne Glasser. “This partnership will allow us to develop an innovative approach to meeting the needs of Kentucky schoolteachers and, ultimately, all Kentuckians.”

Eric Lewandowski, national accounts manager with AT&T, who presented the \$100,000 check to Wasicsko, said, “Anytime we can work together and use technology in improving communities, we consider it a very good investment. EKU got us excited” about the project.

## Board Approves Insurance Plan for 2002-03

At a special called meeting on March 15, the EKU Board of Regents approved the University's Health Insurance Plan for 2002-03.

The approved plan calls for no changes in plan options or benefits. The three current options, Blue Access High, Blue Access Low, and Blue Preferred (HMO), will continue with all current deductibles and co-pays. However, because of increasing health care costs, premiums will increase approximately 15 percent. The University will continue to cover the full cost of single coverage and employees will cover the additional costs for family plans.

The University currently spends approximately \$6 million per year in health insurance premiums for employees paid from the general fund. This premium increase will cost the University an additional \$900,000 for the upcoming year and this amount has been factored into 2002-2003 budget planning considerations.

Enrollment for 2002-2003 health insurance coverage will take place during the EKU Benefits Fair April 1-5 in the Powell Building. Those unable to attend the Benefits Fair can make enrollment arrangements by contacting the Human Resources office as soon as possible.

## Eastern Family Portrait

### Name: Patrick Nnoromele

#### Current Position at EKU:

Associate professor of philosophy and religion and the University Chaplain.

#### As Chaplain what are your duties?

I oversee all activities in the chapel. That includes meetings for campus and religious organizations, performing wedding services, counseling students on various religious matters, managing the chapel for different student events and arranging other group activities including memorial services.

#### How long have you been in this position?

I've been in both positions for seven years.

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

The fulfillment I feel when I'm teaching.

#### If you weren't doing this job, what would you like to be doing?

I am people oriented, so I would enjoy any job involving human interaction.

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

I was a professor at the University of Kentucky in the Honors Program and Philosophy Department. I also taught at Cedarville University in Ohio.

#### What are your interests and hobbies?

I jog, watch news and sports and I read on topics of interest to me.

#### Tell me about your family.

I'm married with four beautiful children. My wife's name is



Salome, my daughters are Nmeli, who is 11; Christa, who is 9, and Hannah, who is 7. My son, Patrick, is about 2.

#### What is your favorite food?

Stewed rice, Nigerian style. It has tomatoes, onions, green peppers and meat, served over a bed of rice. I like it best with fresh fish instead of beef.

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

My idea of a vacation might be perceived by some people as idiosyncratic. I do not consider anything a vacation, if it means returning home more tired than I was before I left. A vacation, for me, is any quiet place devoid of long hours of driving, or traveling where I can go and stay undisturbed to read and/or listen to music.

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

Yanni's “Dare to Dream.”

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

The Bible! I believe it contains wise precepts to guide one's everyday actions. It is uniquely refreshing to study it, and I would recommend it to anyone, Christians and non-Christians alike.

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

Yes. It happened during my first year in America, when I told my friend's mom that she was robust. I was only trying to be complimentary. I came from a culture where being robust was considered an evidence of good living and a happy life. But she gently corrected my culturally misguided comments.

#### Can you recall the proudest moment of your life?

When I passed with distinction and “credits” all the courses I registered for with the West African Examination Council, which qualified me for a degree program at the university level without going through a formal high school education program.

#### What person do you admire most?

My hero is Jesus. Through him I have learned some enduring prudent principles of life.

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

My mother always told me to love God and to allow God's guidance to govern my life choices.

#### What makes you happy?

Serving others. Helping students reach their academic goals makes me happy. But I'm happier when those around me are vocationally happy. I believe it is healthy and that makes me very happy.

#### One thing nobody ever knew about you until now is.

I am an open book.

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

In my position as a teacher, my pedagogical style is highly influenced by Socratic methodology.

#### If my secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would you be?

To be me!

## Presidential Inauguration



## Passion for Life and Learning

Clockwise from left: President Glasser enters the Keen Johnson Ballroom through a sabre arch provided by ROTC students; ECU's 10th president is flanked, from left, by State Sen. Ed Worley, Regent Ernie House, Board of Regents Chair Fred Rice and Gov. Paul Patton; President Glasser takes the presidential oath from Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, with children Jared and Jackie at her side.

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Bluegrass and in Appalachia. Our challenge now is to enlarge upon that foundation, to ensure that Eastern remains accessible to all who wish to attend, regardless of their economic circumstance, race, gender, religion, ethnicity or national origin. And that we make that extra effort to give our students the support, guidance and extra instruction they may need to graduate from ECU.

"We will remain a student-centered institution, where the unwavering objective is to open students' minds to exciting new possibilities in a way that can make a positive difference for themselves and their families."

That, she said, is "the Eastern way."

Dr. Jack Fruchtman Jr., a political science professor at Towson, said his former colleague will lead the way by personal example.

"She is unmatched when it comes to her desire to perform at the highest level of excellence you could imagine," Fruchtman said. "In my judgment, this inauguration puts formally into place the most exciting university president ... in the entire nation."

While at Towson, Glasser planned and directed a highly successful \$17.5 million capital campaign, the first in the institution's history. The Daily Record, a statewide business and legal news publication in Maryland, named her one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in 1997 and again in 2001.

She vowed to share her vision for ECU all across Kentucky and throughout the nation.

"Rest assured, I will not be a stranger ... in Richmond, Madison County, or throughout Kentucky," Glasser said. "I will be visible and accessible. You will see me at the Richmond Mall, at local shops and restaurants. You will see me on the streets chatting with people. You will see me visiting legislators and government

leaders in Frankfort. You will see me with business and civic leaders in Lexington and Louisville. This is now my home, my New Kentucky Home. I intend to get to know it, and to make fast friends with the warm and wonderful people of this region."

ECU, she said, has played a key role in the life of Kentucky and especially its primary service region, but "we know we can not rest on our laurels. The world is rapidly changing, and we must keep pace. We must be bold in our visions and hopes. We must dream big dreams and inspire others to do the same."

"I challenge you today to think big. And dream big. But remember that it requires attention to many small steps to turn dreams from wishful thinking to concrete achievement."

She said the steps that will "move Eastern forward and upward, into that rarified atmosphere of an elite, comprehensive regional university of national distinction," include improved access for all students, improved services to students, improved support of faculty and staff development, improved physical facilities, improved and enlarged scholarship programs, improved use of technology and building on the reputation of a "nationally prominent" Honors Program.



"Together," Glasser said, "we will create a new, vigorous vision for our university in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With enthusiasm and commitment, we will drive this institution to new heights."

Other speakers at the ceremony included Gov. Paul Patton and representatives of various segments of the University and local community: Student Regent Nick Bertram, who also served as master of ceremonies; Dr. Pamela Schlomann, chair of the Faculty Senate; David Williams, staff regent; Terry Collis, president, ECU National Alumni Association; Richmond Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Strong (speaking on behalf of Mayor Ann Durham) and Madison County Judge-Executive Kent Clark.

Special music was provided by the ECU Department of Music, Model Laboratory School

and First Baptist Church, Francis and Collins Streets, Richmond.

That evening, the Joanne K. Glasser Student Scholarship Endowment was announced at a special dinner. The \$40,000 endowment was established with proceeds from the dinner and matching funds from the Commonwealth's Regional University Excellence Trust Fund.

"Students are my priority ... my passion," Glasser said. "That is why I am so pleased and very excited about this new scholarship fund that has been established here tonight."

"This scholarship will make a difference in the lives of our students. And, after all, that's what Eastern Kentucky University is all about — touching and changing lives and helping make dreams come true."