

Moberly's reach went beyond Eastern

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The New Year is typically heralded with celebration, but Eastern rang in 2011 with the loss of a staunch legislative supporter it has leaned on for more than three decades — former State Representative Harry Moberly, who retired at the end of December.

But few on campus may understand the length of Moberly's reach or how strong his dedication to Richmond and the university actually was.

"From my perspective, Harry

gave Richmond the most effective representation in Frankfort it's ever had," said President Doug Whitlock.

The Colonel

For Moberly, 60, his role as a legislator was inextricably linked with his role as an educator. By his reckoning, he's had a hand in every new building erected at Eastern since 1980 — though the Harry Moberly building on campus is not named after him; the athletic center actually honors his father, also a large contributor to the university.

Moberly graduated with an Eastern degree in 1974, and 14 years later, returned to teach political science classes as a visiting professor. He covered both American government and state and local government, but perhaps unsurprisingly "Government and the Law" was his favorite to teach, he said.

In August 1990, Moberly took over as the Director of Judicial Affairs at Eastern; and from November 2007 until Dec. 31, 2010, he served as the Executive Vice

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Former State Representative Harry Moberly retired in December.

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- Walter Borowski

Professor conquers cancer



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Tom Lierman, left and far right, returned after a semester of medical leave. Lierman, assistant professor in the geography and geology department, underwent surgery to remove a tumor in his brain. Since 2007, he has had four surgical procedures on his skin, lung and brain.

TOM LIERMAN BEATS ILLNESS THROUGH POSITIVE PHILOSOPHY

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Just take one day at a time. That's Tom Lierman's philosophy.

Lierman, an assistant professor in the geography and geology department, is back teaching after taking the fall semester off to recover from an operation to remove a brain tumor that was discovered in July.

The tumor was the latest in a three-year battle that included several serious medical conditions dating back to 2007.

Lierman never once complained about the cards he was dealt.

"There's nothing you can do

about it," he said. "You make the best of it."

In 2007, Lierman underwent surgery to remove melanoma from his back.

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and the surgery required an opening that stretched from his shoulder blades down to his waste.

"It was on a part of my back where I couldn't see," he said. "The part (melanoma) they took out was phenomenal."

For a year Lierman underwent intensive interferon therapy, all while teaching his classes.

Interferon therapy is a protein used to treat patients suffering from malignant melanoma that has spread to lymph nodes. It has been shown to reduce the rate of recurrence in patients with melanoma.

For a month he had interferon injections, then for the remaining 11 months had weekly self-injected treatments.

Once the surgery was over, Lierman thought therapy would do the trick.



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Despite Lierman's illnesses he said his love for teaching and challenging his students was just one of the many reasons he kept coming back.

During the surgery, doctors biopsied three lymph nodes, one of which turned out cancerous. Lierman said roughly 20 lymph nodes were removed in the next surgical procedure.

He continued to teach, and to his co-workers and peers, his love for teaching and for his stu-

dents showed. "Attitude means something in the recovery process, and he stayed positive," said Walter Borowski, associate professor in the geography and geology department.

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Annual art exhibit opened Monday

CHAUTAUQUA DISPLAY IS REFLECTION OF NATURE'S HUMAN

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The annual Chautauqua art exhibit in the Giles Gallery in the Campbell building opened Monday. The exhibit will be open through Feb. 18, displaying various submitted works of art depicting this year's theme, "Nature's Human."

"The art exhibit is a joint effort between the art and design department and the lecture series," said Chautauqua coordinator Minh Nguyen.

Nguyen said the art exhibit is done annually as part of the Chautauqua series because it brings variety to the series.

"Art is a visual form that provokes thought," he said.

Esther Randall, director of the Giles Gallery, said the exhibit has been juried (judged) by Ann Tower Gallery in Lexington. Randall said art has been submitted from various locations including Georgia and Colorado, as well as local submissions.

Isaac Powell, assistant painting and drawing professor at Eastern, described his paintings as being in box-like structures. Powell used acrylic and graphite on wood panels to create his art. One of his paintings is blue, titled "Aboveboard."

"The scene is of a table top with still life, flowers and different plants at different states of completion," Powell said.

Powell described the flowers in his art as being vivid, while other flowers were "scribbled." The boarder of his work is black and white with lots of straight lines.

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IN MEMORY

Inspiration lives on after student death

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Anthony Lynn Horsman, a junior at Eastern, loved to help others. He was known for taking a negative and turning it into a positive, all the while with a smile on his face.

Anthony died on Jan. 10, due to complications from cystic fibrosis, according to his family. He was 25 years old, studying business at Eastern and engaged to the love of his life.

Cystic fibrosis is a disease that affects the lungs and digestive system, making it hard for the body to break up mucus that forms in the body naturally. Anthony's lungs functioned at 24 to 32 percent during his last years at Eastern. Despite this, Anthony was remembered for one thing, how helpful he was to those around him.

Anthony was not without struggles. His disease hin-



Anthony Horsman

dered him as he tried to achieve his dream of being a police officer.

"The reason he went to ECU is because he wanted to be a police officer," said Gregory Horsman, Anthony's father.

Anthony tried twice to make it into the basic training program for the Kentucky State Police, but both times he missed the running qualifications due to poor lung health. That didn't stop him. He switched his major to business and kept working towards new goals, never shying away from helping those he met along the way.

Anthony would go to the gym five days a week to work out in order to keep his body healthy. During the last months of his life, he was often seen with an oxygen tank in the gym working out.

"He met people in the gym," Gregory said. "And he was always trying to help anybody and everybody. If anyone wanted to know how to build up their muscles, or their cardio-vascular he would help them."

Working out and attending class was not all Anthony did. He worked 20 hours a week at Wal-Mart, started his

own small business and played a prominent role in the CF community.

Anthony worked in the electronics department at Wal-Mart, and during his time there he noticed that people who had broken screens on their iPhones and iPods would bring them in to get them fixed only to be told that wasn't a service Wal-Mart offered. He decided to start his own small business, called Anything iWare. The business was a hit with Wal-Mart customers, and it also spread to Eastern's campus.

"He was running his business on ECU's campus," said Diana Walsworth, Anthony's fiancé from Ottawa, Canada. "He would make appointments, meet people and fix

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See A4: A complete listing of those from the Eastern community who have recently died.



All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Jan. 21

■ Trint Webb was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, alcohol intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia after an officer observed Webb sitting a parked car on University Drive and observed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his person, slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and was unsteady on his feet. Webb gave consent for the officer to search the vehicle where they found 3.3 grams of marijuana, a glass pipe and two crushers. Webb was

lodged at Madison County Detention Center.

Jan. 20

■ Vincent Foright was cited with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after housing staff found alcohol, marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Foright's room. Housing staff entered the room after Foright poured "bong water" out his window that hit the husband of the RHC. Officers found 8.4 grams of marijuana valued at \$84 and various items of drug paraphernalia valued at \$155.

Jan. 18

■ A female reported that her laptop computer and bag had been stolen after she left her computer outside of the Moore Building while she smoked. She reported that when she came back outside to get it, the laptop was missing. The

total stolen value is \$630.

Jan. 14

■ A male student reported that his car had been vandalized while parked in Lancaster Lot sometime between Jan. 12 and Jan. 14. The car's radio had been smashed, the glove box door was ripped off and had urine inside and on the car. The damage is valued at \$180.

Jan. 11

■ A female employee reported a male employee had been coming into the Crabbe Library to argue with her. The male employee is dating the female employee's mother and the arguments have started because the female employee has been seen talking to "colored individuals". The female employee did not wish to press charges at the time.

News Briefs

Spring Semester Colloquium

"Being Unimpressed with Ourselves: Reconciling Humility" will be discussed at the first Spring Colloquium of the year 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Crabbe Library in 204G. Dr. Mike Austin will moderate and discuss what humility means, the relationship between moral responsibilities and humility and if humility may be classified as a moral virtue. Refreshments will be provided by EKU SGA. For more information contact Rob Sica at 622-3052.

Horses for Heroes Volunteer Training

Students and faculty are invited to attend volunteer training with EKU VETS for the Horses for Heroes program Jan. 28

and 29 at the Bluegrass Army Depot. The program was established by the Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center to help veterans with civilian re-adjustment. The training sessions will take place at the new Lodge. Those interested in volunteering should contact Mark Martin at 606-965-2158.

Belly Dance Class Offered Jan. 29

The first Belly Dance instructional class will be offered at 12:15 Jan. 29 at the Fitness and Wellness Center. The class can be taken alone or in conjunction with classes on Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16. Those interested should register at the front desk at the Fitness and Wellness Center.

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THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR
Week of January 27 - February 2

What's Happening

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Laser Crystal Imaging, Powell Lobby <p>5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ White Out Event, Women's Basketball <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ White Out Event, Men's Basketball 	<p>All Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Track and Field at Rod McCravy Memorial Meet in Lexington <p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis vs. East Tennessee State 	<p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis vs. Xavier <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Tennis vs. Georgetown <p>4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee State <p>7 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Basketball vs. Tennessee State 	<p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ College Goal FAFSA Workshop, Student Services Building <p>8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Royal Rumble, Powell 	<p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Greek blood drive, Powell Lobby 	<p>5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Zumba Class in Keen Johnson <p>9 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Asia Project Poetry Slam, Social Services Building ■ ConneXtions FAFSA Workshop, Palmer Hall Lobby 	<p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African-American Read-In, Powell Lobby <p>4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Feminists for Change meeting, Keith 126 <p>9 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Five Times August, Social Services Building

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President for Administration.

"I was very proud, in difficult budget times, to keep up benefits for employees," he said. Flexible work schedules were maintained. No one was laid off."

He considers improving services for students with disabilities, another feather in his cap during his time as an administrator at Eastern. It's the top campus for deaf culture in the state, he said.

Linking Eastern's budget with the school's strategic plan caused some contention, but was worth the effort, Moberly said.

In the past, a Budget Advisory Committee existed, but had no real power, he explained. President Whitlock wanted input on the budget from all the campus community when he took over.

The issue, of course, was how much input should come from different areas. Under the new system Moberly helped birth, all parts of the budget are linked to a specific purpose: student success, regional stewardship, or furthering Eastern's Quality Enhancement Plan.

A new financial planning council with actual power was set up, Moberly said, to gather input for the budget.

The 'Quintessential Legislator'

Rep. Jody Richards found an ally for education in Moberly (despite Richard's dubious affinity for Western Kentucky University and The Big Red Blob). Richards dubbed him "a good man, a good friend and a quintessential legislator."

The two of them intimately understood the needs of comprehensive universities, such as Eastern and Western, Richards said.

"Education was clearly his passion," Richards said. "He understood it, he cared about it and he wanted to fund it properly, even if that meant sacrificing political

funds, for educational."

When Richards decided to run for Speaker, he made it clear Moberly would chair the Appropriations and Revenue Committee if he won, he said.

The committee, according to the state legislature's website, covers matters ranging from levying state and local taxes, to state debt, to state audits and revenue bond projects.

Moberly was chair for 14 years until he retired Dec. 31, 2010.

"He knew more about the state budget than anyone I know," said Rep. Lonnie Napier, who served on the Appropriations and Revenue Committee alongside Moberly.

"He could be tough on what he believed in. He would fight to see it stay on the budget. He kept his word," he said.

A project important to Napier had been cut from the budget in the Senate, and a conference committee was called to iron out the differences.

"You don't have to worry," Napier said Moberly had told him. "If your project doesn't make it in the budget, there will be no budget."

Superintendent of Madison County Schools, Tommy Floyd, put Moberly's effectiveness as a legislator a simpler way — "He flat got it done."

But how? While some in Congress are idealists, he prefers a more pragmatic approach, Moberly said.

"I learned to work behind the scenes with people I didn't agree with ideologically to get things done," Moberly said. "Some representatives come to Frankfort and never learn that."

Napier said party affiliation never interfered, either.

"I had a mantra of results-oriented politics," Moberly said, "rather than just being there to make a lot of noise."

The Comedian

But Moberly wasn't all business all the time, even when situations were serious.

He could play hardball, but his



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Moberly, along with Ben Chandler and other officials, participate in ribbon cutting ceremony for the Center for Renewable and Alternative Fuel Technologies.

sense of humor was always there to lighten the mood, Richards said.

A session during which Richards and Moberly were attempting to finalize the state budget came to mind.

"Speaker, you walk too fast," Richards recalled Moberly saying. "I don't feel well."

So Richards sent for a congresswoman who also happened to be a medical doctor — and a Republican. She determined Moberly was having a heart attack.

"Does it feel like an elephant standing on your chest?" Richards said she had asked, citing it as a common heart attack symptom.

"No," Moberly joked, "feels more like a donkey."

The Retiree

These days, though, Moberly is packing school lunches instead of crunching budgets, and juggling drives to afterschool practices with caring for his wife, Kerrie, who is recovering from one surgery and will need another soon.

Positions in the legislature:

- State Rep. from January 1980 to Dec. 31, 2010
- Served as chair of appropriations and revenue for 14 years
- Education Commission for 31 years
- Co-chair of the State Task Force for Teacher Quality
- Co-Chair of the State Task Force for Public Education
- Co-Chair of Assessment and Accountability of the General Assembly

Positions at Eastern:

- Visiting professor in the Department of Government, 1988-89
- Director of Judicial Affairs and Services for Individuals with Disabilities, August 1990 - November 2007
- Executive Vice President for Administration, November 2007 - Dec. 31, 2010

The Richmond native — who, save for graduate school at the University of Louisville and two years in the Navy Reserve, has lived there all his life — said more time with his wife and two

sons, Harry Robert and Matthew George, is certainly the most rewarding part about life out of the public eye.

"I'm playing 'Mr. Mom,'" Moberly said.

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IN MEMORY

Professor known to challenge, encourage students

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The sudden passing of veteran Eastern English professor Dr. Jim Kenkel stirred and shocked family, friends and co-workers Thursday, Jan. 20.

Colleagues of Kenkel said his passing is a true loss for the Department of English and Theatre.

"When I arrived at Eastern in 1997, Dr. Kenkel was one of the first colleagues to come to my office and introduce himself," said Paula Kristofik, a professor. "We shared an interest in language study and found many occasions to work together. His senior leadership and strong presence will be missed."

Kenkel's senior leadership was evident to many in the department, as he had a hand in hiring some of the current teachers, such as Gill Hunter.

"I am indebted to him for the chance he gave me," Hunter said. "He was director of composition when I was hired and we had talked quite a bit my first couple years

about teaching and learning."

But Kenkel and Hunter shared more than teaching.

"I remember him as a huge golf fan, and when I was hired, he was very interested that I had gone to Purdue, he went to Illinois, another Big Ten school, and he knew lots of folks at Purdue that he liked to ask me about."

Hunter said Kenkel's family is in his thoughts.

"I really feel for his family," he said, "and know that the loss I feel cannot compare to theirs. I have been praying for them."

Professor Lisa Day said although she and Kenkel didn't always agree with one another, she respected him for his professional commitment to the university.

"Throughout the past nine years of working together and sometimes disagreeing, I'd think about our early friendship and realize our shared goals with different

paths," Day said. "We didn't always agree, but I think both of us respected each other for the reasons behind our beliefs. We wanted the best for the students, for the department and for the university."

And the impact Kenkel had on students was inspirational, as Eastern alumna Ami Blue (now studying for her PhD at Michigan State) admitted Kenkel's support was one reason she attended graduate school in the first place.

"I had next to no confidence about my ability to succeed in graduate courses, but Jim continued to encourage me and to bolster my own confidence in myself," Blue said. "His was one of voices in my head driving me forward."

Day echoed those sentiments. "He challenged his students," she said, "as well as colleagues, to think harder, to produce better writing and to construct more logical arguments."

In fact, logic was one of Kenkel's most outstanding characteristics, said Marshall Myers, professor.

"He often reminded us that knowledge by itself was not enough," Myers said. "We had to take that knowledge and use it as a way of arriving at well-reasoned arguments."

In addition to intellect, Kenkel was well respected for the kind of person he was.

Blue said Kenkel always treated her as an equal, as she said over the years she and Kenkel stayed in touch over e-mail.

"In our final e-mail exchange in December, I suggested he watch a French documentary that I'd written a paper over; he spoke French and spent time there," Blue said. "He, in turn, gave me the name of the last article he published so that I could look it up."

"This kind of exchange was typical for Jim," Blue said. "He always corresponded with me as though we were equally intelligent. I respected that about him and valued myself more because of him."

Funeral services for Kenkel are Thursday, Jan. 27 in Cincinnati.



Jim Kinkel

Freshman loses life, leaves smile

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Amanda Little did not simply live her life, but instead she danced through it.

On Dec. 11, Little was killed after her vehicle slid off Barnes Mill Road in Richmond. She was on her way to pick up a friend when the back of her car collided with a tree after crossing the yellow line.



Amanda Little

Little, a 2010 graduate of Madison Southern High School in Berea, was attending Eastern as an art and design major with minors in art history and humanities. She sought to become involved in the Eastern dance program.

"She loved dancing," said her grandmother, Norma Curry. "She had been dancing for as long as anyone can remember."

Others remembered her for her "never

give up" attitude.

"She knew what she wanted to do and nothing was going to stop her," said Stevi Combs, sophomore undeclared major from Berea. "She wasn't going to let anything get in her way." Combs said Little knew she wanted to become an art teacher for as long as she had known her, and ambition defined Little's life.

Little had been honored as a Whitlock Scholar at Eastern for her academic excellence throughout high school, as well as her high school leadership roles.

In addition to her scholarships, Little chose Eastern because it allowed her to stay close to her family.

"I think she wanted to be close to home," Curry said. "She loved her family and her friends. She was just the most precious granddaughter anyone could have."

She was honored as 2010 Prom Queen and had been actively involved as senior

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Nelson remembered for love of teaching

By DARREN ZANCAN

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Dr. Robert Nelson, 62, never asked for help. Even in the last days of his life, he felt he could still handle things on his own.

Nelson, assistant professor in the math and statistics department, passed away last Tuesday after a yearlong battle with skin cancer.



Robert Nelson

"His sister had been calling daily and was offering to come and help, but he said he could take care of things," said Patrick Costello, interim chair for the math and statistics department. "But finally, last Sunday she called and Robert said he needed help."

Before Nelson's sister could make arrangements to come down, he had passed away.

"He helped people in many ways," said

Robert Thomas, assistant professor in the math and statistics department. "A lot of the faculty told stories at his visitation that showed he helped everyone in very private ways and how he mentored people."

Nelson started teaching at Eastern in 1983 and continued teaching through the fall, but took medical leave this semester as his battle with cancer worsened.

One thing many of his peers shared was his love of origami.

"It was a fun hobby for him," said Ed Wilson. "I've seen him make all sorts of birds and uses of multiple colors. They had a lot of his work at the visitation."

"He was always generous about giving out his origami," Costello said. "That was something he loved."

Most knew Nelson as a quiet teacher who could answer any question about a calculator.

"He was very intelligent," Costello said. "But he loved and enjoyed teaching."

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"But you could see in his demeanor that he was tired, because it's an illness, but he never let it get him down."

Every three months Lierman would go for a routine CT Scan to make sure there were no more spots of cancer.

During a visit in the spring of 2010, a tumor, two centimeters in diameter was found on his left lung.

"All it takes is a single cell to get loose," said Lierman about the formation of the lump. "It happened to lodge itself on a granuloma on the left lung."

This was the first time Lierman had to cancel classes. The operation, called a lung resection, kept him in the hospital for two weeks.

"This was the hardest one," he said. "After the surgery I couldn't take a full breath of air for two or three months because of the pain."

Just like the past surgeries, after a full recovery, he was back in the saddle teaching again.

But this past summer, Lierman started getting headaches, suffered from equilibrium problems and was often nauseous.

So he returned to the doctor to see if something was wrong.

An MRI determined he had a tumor on the right frontal lobe of his brain.

And it was growing.

"It was scary," he said. "I asked the doctors if I would have a brain left. When they determined I had a tumor, everything just stopped. I could not drive or do anything."

The surgery and recovery time made it impossible for Lierman to teach in the fall, so faculty picked up his classes for him.

"The faculty was extremely helpful," he said. "They were very supportive the entire way. I couldn't have done it without their grace. You really appreciate the people around you. In my case, every time this happened people volunteered to help."

Lierman said doctors were happy with the removal of the brain tumor. Since the operation he has had no complications and is teaching once again.

"He's a wonderful colleague," Borowski said. "He's a professional and cares so much about his students. We're glad he is back."

But for Lierman, life is not about what happens next year or next week, it's more about what's happening tomorrow.

"I hope this is all over with because it was a strain," he said. "You pretty much have to take life one day at a time."

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Brandon C. Smith, adjunct professor of QEP at Eastern and adjunct professor of the art department at the University of Kentucky, submitted figurative paintings. One he calls "Man with a tree," depicts an overweight man next to a maple tree with a smoking tower in the background.

The other he calls "Woman traveling with a bird," which depicts a woman with a stick in her mouth and a bird sitting on it. Smith won the purchase award this year, meaning his painting will go into the university's permanent collection. Smith said he makes his paintings "purposefully enigmatic."

"It says something about the nature of what it's like to exist," Smith said.

HORSMAN

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phones while on campus."

In addition to all the work he was already doing, Anthony would make time to assist those who also suffered from CF.

"He gave speeches and worked with fundraisers," Walsworth said. "He was a team leader."

Anthony was part of a CF online community called cysticlife.com. He would give advice to people younger than him who had CF to how they should work out and take care of themselves to maintain their health.

"Twenty-five, sadly enough, is a relatively high age to live to," Walsworth said about CF patients.

Anthony shared his experiences with patients younger than him. Through Cysticlife and Facebook, he motivated people to get out and work to improve their health. Anthony inspired many CF patients to live healthier lives, and his father thinks it was because of his attitude.

"CF did not define him," Gregory said. "His life was his car and working out. He loved working at Wal-Mart and that little business he was able to start up."

Walsworth agreed.

"He was generous, he touched a lot of people," said Walsworth. "He was... Anthony."

LITTLE

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captain of Madison Southern's Southern Belles Dance Team while in high school.

Her friends remembered her as having various interests and being more than what met the eye.

"Everybody likes to talk about her being prom queen and captain on the dance team, but she was just Amanda," said Lindsey Harrison, sophomore broadcasting major from Berea. "She would have wanted everyone to know she was just Amanda."

She was known for her love of Harry Potter novels and movies, as well as an interest in world religions. "She was just a different kind of spirit," said Harrison. "She was just a happy person."

Her friends and family recalled Little's smile as her trademark.

"Her smile, she was just always happy and very easy going," Harrison said. "She just had the greatest outlook on life."

Landscaping project still in limbo

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A hefty landscaping project is still sweeping across the entrance-way to the Keen Johnson building, as it began last semester on Oct. 18, 2010, in an effort to improve the visibility of the historic building, said Rich Middleton, director of facilities services.

As weeks slip past the original completion date, which was set to

be five to six weeks after the October ground-breaking, progress is at a stand still as workers have been forced to delay further planning due to inclement weather.

Workers have still yet to finish the pathways and native planting.

Other specifics with the update will include new and re-directed sidewalks, as well as an increase in plants within the landscape design.

Plans for the design have not

changed; crushed brick pathways will be constructed as cold winter weather ceases, along with planting.

"It will be late February or early March before we start doing any plantings," Middleton said.

No other problems have been encountered at this time, and by early spring everything should be in place, he said.



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Across

1. Tiny country between France and Spain
8. Fodder harvested while green then stored (pl.)
15. Moving in a circular motion
16. Womb-related
17. Sound
18. A shelter or disguise (pl.)
19. Provide, as with a quality
20. Aggravate
22. Arm
23. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
24. Lifted, so to speak
26. Radial, e.g.
27. 2004 nominee
28. Gloves without separate finger sheaths
30. "Dig in!"
31. Rhythmic contractions of the heart
33. Growls
35. Affirm
36. Cashmere, e.g.
37. Nickname of Peregrin Took in The Lord of the Rings
40. Players in the front line
44. "Catch-22" pilot
45. Relationship between living or

ganisms and their environment

47. "___ we having fun yet?"
48. "D"
50. Circumvent
51. Mine entrance
52. Ill-suited
54. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
55. Con
56. Worse
58. Run
60. Magazine
61. Crook
62. A card that can win a trick and regain the lead
63. Mouth (slang, pl.)

Down

1. Very attentive
2. Twelve o'clock, not at night
3. Summer time
4. Codeine source
5. Houston university
6. Biochemistry abbr.
7. Sparkling
8. Nurse
9. "Am ___ believe ...?"
10. Dolly ___ of "Hello, Dolly!"
11. "You ___ kidding!"

12. More effeminate
13. Inside the intestines
14. Some stanzas
21. Decomposes
24. Absence of sound
25. Glut
28. Three-reeler, e.g.
29. Covered with winter precipitation
32. Bug
34. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine and herbs, and served cold)
36. Game bird of the sandpiper family
37. Widely liked
38. Magnetite, e.g.
39. Copious
40. Apartment
41. To spread out from the center
42. Tramp
43. Dogs trained to crouch on finding game
46. Too
49. In heaven
51. Capital of Pas-de-Calais
53. Hair colorer
55. Orders to plow horses
57. Ring bearer, maybe
59. ___ Beta Kappa

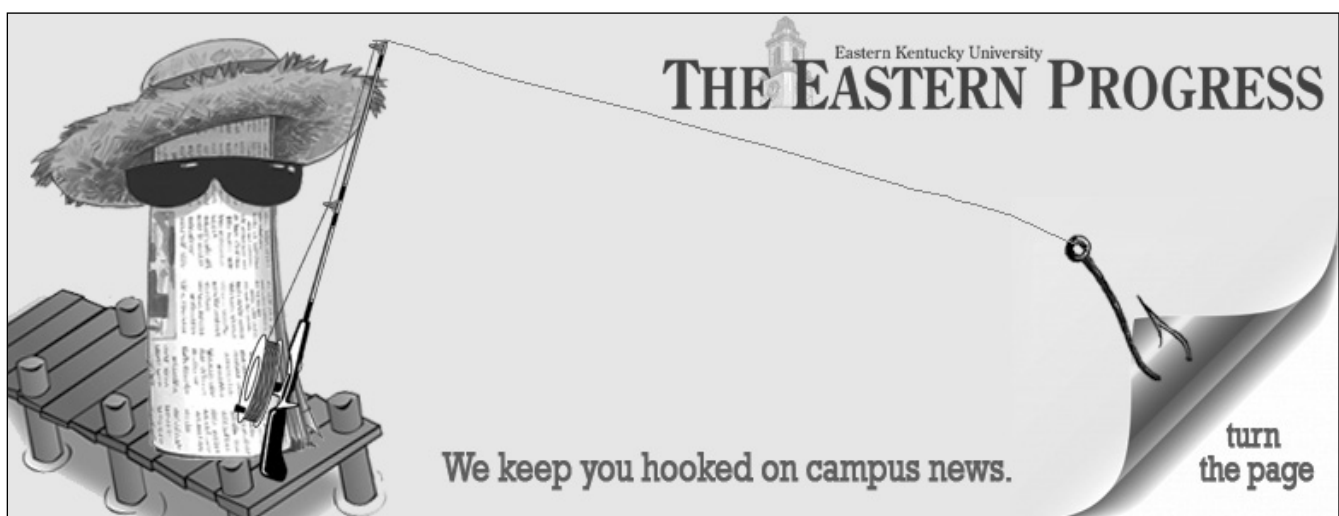
Correction:

The Eastern Progress would like to retract the following statement, which was misquoted in last weeks issue following the story discussing a movie kiosk.

"If approved by SGA, the university would provide the funding for getting a Redbox on campus."

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Kaylia Cornett, editor

Even in loss, we must play the game

Nick Adenhardt pitched his first Major League Baseball game May 1, 2008.

With his father watching in the stands, 22-year-old Adenhardt pitched six scoreless innings for the Los Angeles Angels.

That would be the last game Adenhardt would pitch.

Just a few hours after Adenhardt's debut, he, along with two others, were killed by a suspected drunken driver.

As a team, the Angels could have folded up shop and called it quits just a month into the season.

Instead the team rallied around the loss of one of their own, and with the inspiration from their fallen teammate went out and won their division, never forgetting what he meant to the team.

Some of the players barely knew Adenhardt, but they were a community and a family, and because of that, they bonded and celebrated his life by putting on their uniforms with a special patch in his honor, and played the game they loved.

In the past month, Eastern has lost five members of its team: two students, two teachers and a former athletic trainer.

Last semester saw the passing of two more students. One was a senior who never got the chance to graduate.

In less than a year, we have lost seven members of our team.

And for some of us, we barely knew those who passed away. We never got to feel the impact they had in our community.

One was a former prom queen who just started college. Another helped injured athletes return to the field.

They all brought something different to the team. But what is important is the fact they are members of our community. We need to band to-



gether and celebrate who they were.

It's easy to get caught up in our daily lives and forget about what happened. But there are families out there that just lost a part of their world.

One student stood up and fought for cystic fibrosis. Now he does not have the chance to fight for others.

But fortunately, we can take the ball and run with it for him.

In a society that is sometimes filled with selfish acts and greed, we have the chance to make a difference. Eastern can start a foundation; raise money for scholarships, name parts of the campus after each of them, etc.

Instead of saying it, let's do it.

In the spring a memorial will be held on campus honoring those who we lost the last year.

But is that really enough?

No matter how big or small a community is, or how well we know someone, what matters is we are linked together as a family, and when tragedy strikes, we must form an alliance and honor those who may not have gotten to finish what they started.

It should not just be in the form of tragedy that we celebrate, but most of the time that is when it happens.

On the first day of class last semester students, friends and family came together to honor Hillary Hadley. Though tears were shed, the feeling of inspiration swept over the church.

Even though lives would forever be changed, she left her mark on a community that would never forget who she was, or what she brought to the university.

We are faced with several sudden losses, all of which happened in several different ways.

Now is the time to pick up the pieces, put on our uniforms and play every day for each of them.

>Letters to the editor

Student reflects on professor's kind-hearted teachings

Two years ago, per the recommendation of Dr. Sarah Tsiang (my Introduction to Linguistics and History of English professor), I studied "Grammar, Traditional & Modern" under the guidance of Dr. James Kenkel. I wanted to improve written content on Eastern's website and I wanted to rub shoulders with the kinds of students I might be getting in an honors online publishing course I would be teaching in spring 2010.

I got both wishes, and more.

Last fall I took Dr. Kenkel again for a class he taught on the theory of second language acquisition. We did not take one test and, yet, learned much. It was the embodiment of Eastern's QEP-style critical thinking. For each class meeting, we wrote responses to questions Dr. Kenkel had proposed regarding research papers, which we read in conjunction with our class textbook. We learned how to consider historical and other factors as we weighed the merits of researchers' analyses and conclusions.

No big deal, right? Actually, it was.

By some strange spin of fate, every single one of us in this class participated and responded well to Dr. Kenkel's inquisitive, precise, multiple perspectives, relevance conscious and

sensitive, yet, demanding conversational style of class.

Then, a little over a month into the semester, Dr. Kenkel had to take time off to get a detached retina repaired. During the semester, he ultimately had to have three eye operations.

As a class, we were disappointed we could not continue to meet with him face-to-face, so we started meeting without him, recording class discussions and presentations on Blackboard, and even calling him at his home (with his prior permission) towards the end of some of the classes. I know it was depressing for him not to be able to meet with us, because he told me so. Dr. Kenkel did review and comment on our progress via an iPad his family had given him because of his eye ordeal. We were finally able to meet with him just before the take-home final and afterwards for over three hours at Casa Fiesta on the day of the final.

I'm usually "Mr. Last Minute," but this time, because of Dr. Kenkel's inspiration, I purchased and read half of my current spring semester's English course textbook during the semester break. Of the 10 students that were in his class, seven of us are now taking a follow-up course on teaching English as a second language from Dr. Paula

Kristofik.

We found out today that Dr. Kenkel died yesterday.

I know I'm going to miss him greatly. We appreciated his careful and expert listening and his ability to take advantage of teachable moments. Dr. Kenkel was first and foremost a kind and warm-hearted teacher who taught from a non-judgmental, non-prescriptive perspective. Then he was a tough teacher and passionate about his subject. Here's some inspiration for English majors, English as a Second Language teachers, and anyone studying or working at Eastern that wants to make their mark in the world. It is a curious understanding of language, which he shared with me on one of those days when we stayed talking after class.

"Language is not built for communication, although its primary use may be communication. Language's primary use may be to organize our thinking and encode it into memory so that we can replay our shared memory and build culture."

These were his exact words.

I know because I asked him to repeat them so I could write them down.

Ron Yoder

Technology & Student Organizations Administrator

Childcare a necessary tool for university

"Where students and learning come first" has been a long held motto at Eastern Kentucky University. It underscores that students and their educational success are critical to the success of the University as a whole.

When thinking of this motto, it is easy to conjure up images of professors who are approachable and lead classes of smaller sizes – especially in relation to some of our larger state institutions of higher learning. But it is also all too easy to forget the image of many of our students – those who not only have classes during the day, but those who also have a family and children for which to care.

Gone are the days where overwhelming majorities of students went straight into college out of high school and capped the college career by getting married. Today, more and more students have jobs going out of high school; they start families and maintain a home – all before going to college.

"Traditional" roles of employees are changing too. Women are no longer getting married, having children and staying at home to raise the children, while the father goes off to work to provide for the family. Today, many people of both sexes work (sometimes two or more jobs), in addition to having a family.

These changes in society are expressed at Eastern. Yet, Eastern has failed to recognize them. By not

providing childcare services for our students, faculty and staff, we as a University are neglecting to realize that success in the classroom is also contingent upon providing the tools necessary to help meet the needs of our campus community outside of the classroom.

It should also be noted that other state institutions of higher learning (including the University of Kentucky) already provide such services. Thus, not only is this a necessary tool for the success of our University community, it is also a necessary requirement for our recruiting and retention efforts.

Learning is difficult enough without having to worry about jobs and a family on the side. We can lighten this load by expanding the current childcare services offered on campus.

But the University must make this a priority. This initiative has been stalled by bureaucratic, political and financial constraints for too long. If success in the classroom is our goal and not just a motto, we must find a way to help meet the childcare needs of our University community.

I urge our campus leaders – students and administrators – to come together to make our motto a reality this year.

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Writer embraces feminist liberation and beliefs



A man recently asked me what my “deal” was for being a single woman that had little concern for a relationship.

“Did someone hurt you?” he asked me. “Or are you just jaded?”

I will honestly admit his assumptions struck a nerve with me. Are those the only two options I have? Hurt or jaded? But his question did not surprise me.

Our society’s culture, whether it is restricted to this university or as broad as our nation, is a crop that has been planted; its roots of expectations have been grown and flourished into every man and woman, defining their decisions and their lives.

Over time, the impact of gender roles and behavior has been studied and any college student has been introduced to the common gender stereotypes and roles.

For example, women are often expected to be more sensitive and active in child rearing, while men act as a financial provider for “his” household and a pillar of emotional strength. It’s 2011 and understandably, we were all raised in diverse families that likely contradicted these roles. However, certain ideas of what a woman or man should be like are still widely entertained in our culture. Even circumstances we have come to accept still trigger a silent alert in people. For instance, when they meet a male nursing major or female fire fighter.

As I said, our ideas of gender roles are securely intact. These, among various more complex issues, have come to be challenged by women, as they might raise a subtle notion that women are inferior or subject to men. These women are what we recognize in our society as feminists.

Feminism is a word that has been misconstrued, ill-defined, rejected, chewed up and spit out. It is also a word that has brought solitude, meaning and friendship into the lives of many. Yet, like many taboo ideologies and philosophies, very few people are willing to take the plunge into this title. Some people would prefer to wear a scarlet letter, than to dub themselves feminists.

Ironically, most women agree with the basic ideas of feminism, which is an act or

movement toward equality for women (the female firefighter) and furthermore, the equality of both genders, alike (the male nurse). Beyond this vague definition lies an endless array of personal liberation for feminists, as each person’s experience is unique.

I have contemplated what liberation means to me as a feminist. What comes to mind is my childhood, back when the world was painted in black and white. Men and women belonged together, there was always a mommy and a daddy and they had a family. The end. My childhood self would have met an assumption like the man’s I mentioned above, with indifference.

In my adult world, life is a bountiful color scheme of options. I have found beauty in knowing life is what I make it because I choose it. I am not confined to the role of women in generations before me.

Perhaps the man who questioned my motive as a career-seeking woman still sees the world in fewer colors. I can’t say that for sure, but I would hope he and others understand women like me have taken hold of the opportunities women’s suffrage has given us. Just because I am more concerned with an education right now than chasing men, does not make me broken.

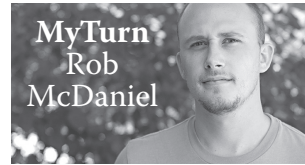
I envision liberation as resembling the breaking of a barrier, in all areas of my life. My experiences thus far have taught me to challenge my beliefs and question my ideas. Often, I have found my answers to be shocking or not well received by my family or friends and that is OK, because if there is any phrase that irritates me, it is when people say, “That’s just how I was taught to believe.” My being different than those I love and respect does not make me a disappointment, but rather gives my life purpose.

A feminist can be a housewife, a model, have a career, or go to the moon, so long as she embraces her options. Being a feminist does not mean you will suddenly have a crew cut, lose your figure and basically become asexual. It means you will learn to think more critically about what makes you a woman and let go of pre-conceived notions and assumptions.

So has somebody hurt me in life?
Undoubtedly, yes, but this does not define who I am. My love for feminism thrives on knowing I am only defined by that which I consent to.

Have I been jaded?
No, I have only been enlightened.

Veteran’s epiphany stirs a new appreciation for life



I’ll never climb to the peaks of Mount Everest. I can’t even climb three flights of stairs without losing my breath. I’ve had to wrestle with the concept of mortality, and I know I’m going to have to face it again when I have the inevitable, third open heart later in my life.

None of that stuff really matters though. It’s OK because I’m alive. I am a survivor.

I spent most of today (Tuesday) sitting in the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, being poked and prodded; giving blood and going through tests to make sure my heart is still working correctly.

It’s something I’m always going to have to deal with, and sometimes I let the whole thing get me down.

But, when I saw the other men and women at the VA Medical Center, I realized I don’t have it as bad as some of the people there.

Yes, I’ve had these surgeries and I feel residual effects from my health condition, but all things considered, I’m fairly healthy.

I have both arms, both legs and I can take care of myself.

What I went through is nothing compared to the loss these men and women have been through and what they have to deal with on a regular basis. After being in their company all day, my problems seem insignificant. I think, sometimes I feel a little too sorry for myself.

I forget what I went through was a tempo-

rary pain. I have the scars, I have to take the medicine and I have to be checked out by a physician twice a month, but my health concerns aren’t really going to be an issue again until I’m much older.

There were people my age at the VA Clinic who couldn’t walk, people who had been injured in the war and would appear to their parents as complete strangers. There were even people who couldn’t use the bathroom without the assistance of machines.

Going to the VA puts all of that in perspective for me.

First of all, I see first-hand just how much people really give for our country. It’s humbling and makes me grateful we have such brave men and women willing to defend our nation.

I am honored just to be in their presence. Secondly, I realize there are people out there who have it so much worse than I.

It amazes me how positive and cheerful a lot of the veterans I meet at the VA Clinic are. Here I am, in my mid-20s, with a chip on my shoulder because of a couple surgeries, sitting next to a man with no legs and only one arm who is cheerful and outspoken.

It really humbles me to be in the presence of people like that.

It makes me feel ashamed of myself for having so much self-pity. Most of all, it really makes me appreciate my life and the second chance I have been given.

The point I’m trying to make is there is always someone out there who has it worse than we do. It doesn’t do any good to feel sorry for yourself. Sometimes we are dealt some bad cards, but as the people at the VA Clinic showed me, we have to do the best we can with what we have and just enjoy life.

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EASTERN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT MAJOR DOUBLES AS A STUDENT TUTOR FOR THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Eastern sophomore Maddie Ruhl, 19, loves shooting guns.

Ruhl, a wildlife management major from Louisville, just recently began exploring hunting as a sport.

"Shooting is my new favorite hobby," Ruhl said. "I hope people don't think that I hate animals. I mostly just do target practice, but it is so much fun."

To say her interests are unique for a city girl is an understatement, but nothing about her is particularly "typical."

Ruhl is one of Eastern's best and brightest, choosing to lend her academic skills to the athletic department as a student-athlete tutor.

Ruhl claims to have first gotten involved with tutoring almost by accident.

"I actually had a friend who was interested in tutoring so she gave me some names of who to contact, but it wasn't quite what I was looking for," she said. "So I went online and applied and it was basically just luck that I came across the athlete tutor job."

After some time, she was eventually hired and paired up with her first athlete.

Director of the Brazke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center Randy Kennedy explained the process of matching student and athlete.

"Depending on the requests we are getting from our students, we will try to find a tutor who is able to, and feels comfortable, teaching that specific subject," Kennedy said. "We try to have them meet each week at the same time to provide consistency for the students to get to know the tutor and for the tutor to become a little more comfortable and understand how to help them best throughout the semester."

Once Ruhl began working, she was pleasantly surprised.

The assumption about student-athletes seems to be that they are lazy and uninterested in doing any of their own work, hoping their tutor will step in and do it for them, but Ruhl's experience proved otherwise.

"Oh no, they do not expect that at all. They are all so super nice and very, very appreciative of everything you do," she said.

Athletic Academic Adviser Jennifer Skinner agreed.



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Maddie Ruhl, 19, a sophomore wildlife management major from Louisville, is a tutor for several of Eastern's student athletes. Above, Ruhl works out an equation during a recent study session.

"It kind of defies the stereotype," Skinner said.

"We try to help students dispel the myth that tutoring is only for the bad students," Kennedy said. "I think by and large our student-athletes really do a great job in the classroom. About 50 percent of them earned a 3.0 or higher last semester. Ten percent had a 4.0. We really try to encourage them to get as much out of this experience as they can and to prepare for life after sports."

Skinner added that a surprisingly large number of athletes do utilize the services.

"Right now we probably have about 50 sessions a week. As the first round of tests comes in, you start to have more people sign-up, and at midterms we always get a big rush," Skinner said. "We're lucky that we have a lot of really good tutors who are able to teach a wide variety of subjects and can help us out in that way."

The more Ruhl worked with the athletes, the more she came to empathize with their hard balance between school and their sport.

"Their schedules are so insanely busy. You can't even imagine," Ruhl said. "Like you think we're busy? I try to imagine having our schedule on top of 20 plus hours of practice each week and then travel everywhere. I don't know how they do it. I don't think I could do it."

Kennedy further explained the athletes' situation.

"Student-athletes are held to a different standard than all other students on campus because they have to meet the NCAA eligibility requirements. They not only have to maintain a certain GPA, but they have to pass a certain number of hours each semester and have to be making progress toward their degree each year," Kennedy said. "Add practice and their game schedule, and you can see there are a lot of things they have to work around within Division 1 athletics."

Ruhl is no stranger to busy schedules herself.

On top of being an active athlete tutor, she is a 4.0 student involved with the Honors Program. She is taking 18.5

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Journalist learns new things through 'useless facts' search



Kaylia Cornett

As a journalist, I'm always interested to learn new things, and sharing those things with others is a plus.

Besides, mamma always did say it was good to have a wrinkly brain.

That's about the only wrinkly thing I want, though.

At any rate, as boredom set in last night, I decided to Google "useless facts."

Mind you, I should have been doing something productive, like working on my senior honors thesis or deciphering some strenuously twisted genetic code for a rare breed of llamas in Indonesia.

Or something.

Not Googling.

Surprisingly, it didn't bother me that I was burning up the popular search engine. I only cared that its banner didn't reflect the intricate design commemorating the legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

What a shame to waste all that design and gigabytes for only a day.

Despite that, I began skimming a plethora of factoid sites, and came across a few outstanding items that I'll share with you, dear reader, here.

One particular site started out with some more general facts, such as "to escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eye-

balls — it will let you go instantly" and "most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin."

Aside from already knowing the dust filtering through my mucus membranes, is in fact, little pieces of me (which is indeed, just plain nasty — heck, dead pieces of me are floating through the air), I immediately thought, *Well, what animal wouldn't let go of something if said victim gouged it's eyes out?*

Isn't that typical?

If I had something in my mouth and it poked me in the eyeball, I'm spitting it out!

But as my reading continued, I learned the name of John Lennon's first girlfriend was Thelma Pickles, which led me to assess that he sure must have liked those gals with the oddball names. I also learned Tommy Lee Jones and former Vice President Al Gore were roommates at Harvard.

I knew Al Gore was somewhat of a smartie, but how'd Tommy Lee get into a school like that?

Hmmm...

I learned only 55 percent of Americans know the sun is a star.

Perhaps it's because people in America *don't have maps* of the solar system to teach them. *Such as, such as.*

And just a mouthy tidbit, every time you lick a stamp, you're licking up a tenth of a calorie. From now on, I'll stick to peeling.

But whatever the case, the fact that made me

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Adventure Programs to host trips you'll be climbing all over



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Looking for adventure this semester?

Break away from that boring assignment and stop stressing about that test — The Adventure Programs offers chances to escape from boredom and indulge in the outdoor world. Each semester Adventure Programs (AP) takes students on trips to various places around the region, and country, to show students the values and enjoyment that can be derived from the outdoors.

And the spring 2011 semester is no different. Some popular trips include the rock climbing and bouldering excursions, and AP is even offering three of these trips this semester. The first two are bouldering trips, where students can bound on boulders without ropes in a completely safe environment.

The bouldering day trip in northern Tennessee on Jan. 29 (\$15) has an abundance of easy, moderate and difficult obstacles for all skill levels. The second trip is more suited for those with some bouldering experience and takes place in North Carolina Feb. 18- 20 (\$35) and includes two nights of camping next to the boulders. Many students have tackled the climbing wall in the Fitness and Wellness Center, but few have ventured into the wild to conquer the real thing.

AP is offering that camp on two trips, teaching two types of climbing.

On April 2, sport

climbing, the usual climbing done at the climbing wall, will be offered for \$12. Traditional climbing, where the climber sets his own anchors, will be offered on April 3. Students can choose one trip, or go on both for \$20. This winter, AP is taking students on two snow-based adventures.

The first is a cross-country ski/camping trip Feb. 4-6 in West Virginia (\$89). This trip will teach students how to traverse a snow-scape and how to stay warm in such an environment.

The second is a typical ski trip Feb. 11-12 (\$25, or \$40 if you need to rent gear) at Perfect North in Indiana.

For those who are a little short on cash, AP will take students on a hiking trip to The Pinnacles and Anglin Falls on Jan. 30 for just \$10. This is a perfect trip for those who just need to get away from campus for a day and enjoy the fascinating views of central Kentucky. If you missed the horseback-riding trip last semester, AP is bringing you another opportunity to get out and tour the area around Georgetown by horse on April 10 (\$40). Frankfort has some first class mountain biking that suits all ability levels. Even if you're a beginner, this trip will give you some great opportunities to learn the sport of mountain biking, with an AP staff that really know the area. This trip is the last of the spring semester and is on April 16 (\$15). Unless otherwise stated, AP will include transportation, food, gear, guiding and a great time.

Contact Brian Clark at 622-6867 for more information on trips or general questions. Students can sign-up for trips at the front desk near the climbing wall in the Fitness and Wellness Center.

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American Idol still hitting all the right notes

By ADAM TURNER
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For months and months now, endless speculation and gossip have been spread about the newest season of "American Idol." Who are the new judges? How will the format change? Will it ever be the same without Simon Cowell? After 10 years, is the show even relevant anymore?

Once the new panel had been revealed, consisting of Steven Tyler of Aerosmith, singer/actress Jennifer Lopez and "Idol" staple Randy Jackson, many magazines, bloggers and even longtime fans' conversations turned toward the negative. The show would never be the same. The newest additions were predictable, uninspired and could never match the sharp wit of Cowell. It would not be worth watching.

Given that the show's ratings took their biggest drop yet this season premiere, it seems clear many fans shared these feelings of disappointment and uncertainty about "Idol."

This is a shame, however, as the tenth season of "American Idol" surprisingly started off with a bang and proved this was exactly the shake-up the show desperately needed.

Jennifer Lopez had already proved herself a worthy mentor in seasons past, and



she takes to her new role as judge quite well. She seems to be filling the old Paula Abdul role as the nicer, gentler judge, but with a more critical, less silly vibe. She struggles somewhat throughout the premiere with saying no to contestants due to fear of hurting their feelings, a trap that Ellen DeGeneres fell into last season as well. Hopefully, Lopez will grow firmer and more assured as the season progresses.

Randy Jackson, once seen as somewhat of a punch line with his constant use of "yo dawg" and "pitchy," now rules the judging panel as a kind of wise, old "Idol" veteran,

persevering through countless lousy performances and bad notes over the years to contribute his experiences with this show and knowledge about what it truly takes to win the title.

Steven Tyler rounds out the table as an immediate fan favorite. Seen before as kind of an odd choice for a judge, it's now abundantly clear what the show's producers saw in Tyler. He brings an undeniable presence to the table, a rock star vibe and swagger that cannot be contained. He has an obvious passion for the show and its contestants which shines through in every audition. He

is at times hilarious with his strangely poetic criticisms, opinions and non-sequiturs, while also able to dish out the hard truths that Simon once specialized in. If for nothing else, he alone is worth checking out the show.

The new crew of the show seem to mesh together better than ever before, as constant laughing and smiling can be heard and seen on screen and in the background of the audition rooms. Their joy is infectious. "Idol's" format is as addictive as ever, with the first episodes perfecting the balance between showing true, raw talent and allowing us to laugh at those not as vocally gifted. But for once, it does not seem as mean-spirited. Whereas recent seasons had become borderline cruel in their treatment of bad singers and fame seekers, this season, while the skewering of them is present, it is never wicked. The focus seems to be primarily on talent, which is a huge relief.

It's unclear whether the show's rating will continue to drop or if fans will flock to the show once again. It's also uncertain whether the early good vibes will last long, as this show still depends on its contestants' talent to determine its quality. For now, however, the newest season is a refreshing, enjoyable ride that changes the "Idol" formula just enough to capture our hearts and minds once more.

MOVIE REVIEW

'No Strings Attached' is not your typical date movie

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Judging by the early trailers and hype, "No Strings Attached" seemed like it was going to be another boring, predictable date movie. When it comes to this genre, there are generally no surprises because in the end the guy almost always gets the girl. However, I was genuinely pleased with this film and found it to be entertaining throughout its entirety.

"No Strings Attached" directed by Ivan Reitman, creator of classics like "Ghostbusters" and "Meatballs" tells the story of Adam (Ashton Kutcher) and Emma (Natalie Portman), and how they experiment with the status of "friends with benefits."

The movie starts with a flashback showing Adam and Emma's first meeting at a summer camp years before. After a heartfelt, comforting speech from Emma, Adam's only response is to awkwardly make a pass at her.

My thoughts on the predictability of this movie immediately changed after his first crude, hilarious line.

Years pass, then suddenly Adam and Emma run into each other. As the movie progresses, it turns out Adam's dad has been hooking up with Adam's recent ex-girlfriend. A depressed Adam then calls all the girls in his phone in a desperate attempt for a one-night stand. He then ends up at Emma's apartment naked on her couch, although no sex was involved until about five minutes later. And this is where the story begins.

Ashton Kutcher does a solid job playing to his type: the handsome, loveable and funny love interest. And Natalie Portman who is coming fresh off her widely praised role in "Black Swan" plays Emma wonderfully, adding depth to what could often be seen as a two-dimensional archetype.

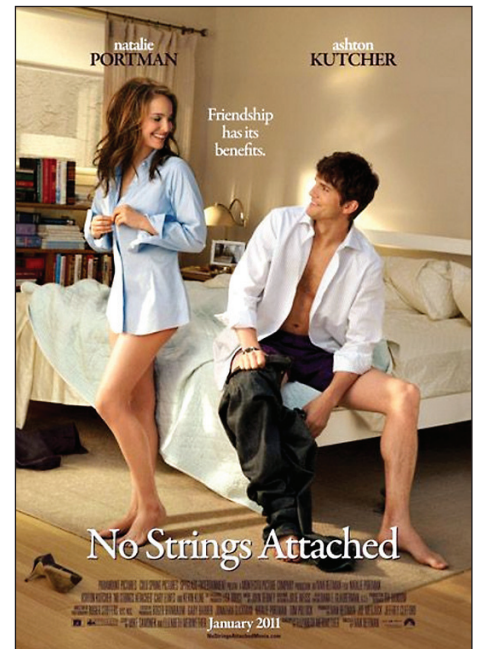
Other actors such as Cary Elwes, Ludacris, Mindy Kaling, Lake Bell and Kevin Kline

make great additions to the cast as each does an exceptional job chiming into conversations to either ruin the romantic vibe or to give the audience a quick laugh.

Probably one of the most memorable moments in the movie would be after Adam and Emma's first sexual encounter. Adam greets Emma at work with a balloon that says in a colorful display "Congratulations!" "I just wanted to congratulate you on good sex," he explains.

There are many other funny and unexpectedly risqué moments as the movie progresses, but by the end it tries to teach the moral lesson of love and how having a "friend with benefits" can be enjoyable, ultimately you end up having feelings for one another.

I was very impressed by the performance of both main actors and the overall quality of the film. I'm not much of a fan of the date movie genre, but if I had to pick a movie to watch on a date, this would be it. Verdict: A-



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'AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...'

WRITER ARGUES FOR 10 BEST PICTURE NOMINATIONS



Going to class on Tuesday morning is usually a miserable affair for me. After a night of last minute homework and newspaper scrambling, I smack my alarm around, rush through a quick shower, put my shirt on backwards, miss breakfast and slug along my way to class.

This Tuesday, however, was different. The winter air wasn't as oppressive, the shower temperature wasn't as fluctuating and even rolling out of bed didn't seem like such a chore.

Why the change, you ask? The 83 Academy Award nominations were revealed Tuesday morning. And for the second year in a row, they didn't disappoint.

Films such as "Inception," and "The Social Network" dominated the proceedings as expected, while less-

er-seen gems and underdogs also now have their chance to shine, including "The King's Speech," leading the pack with 12 nominations. For the most part, besides the particularly awful snub of Christopher Nolan as Best Director, the best of the best were given their due.

This may seem fairly obvious to some and hardly noteworthy. Yes, the best films of the year were nominated just like they should be. Yet it was only two years ago when this was a seemingly rare to impossible occurrence.

For years, the Best Picture category was limited to five nominees per ceremony. Out of the hundreds of films put out each year, only five were ultimately considered worthy of praise and special recognition. The obvious issue with this is there is normally many more than five high-quality films released each year. As a result, tons of classic, memorable movies have been denied cinema's greatest honor.

Ready to be surprised? "King Kong," denied. "The Shining," no go. "Singin' in the Rain," nope. "Dirty Harry," "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Spartacus," "Psycho," "Cool Hand Luke," "Snow White and the Seven

Dwarves," "Easy Rider," "Reservoir Dogs" — All denied a Best Picture Oscar nomination.

Science fiction films have been especially mishandled.

"The Empire Strikes Back," "Return of the Jedi," "Alien," "The Terminator," "Jurassic Park," "Back to the Future," "Planet of the Apes," "Blade Runner," "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "The Matrix." Those movies easily populate many a top-10 list, yet not a single one was considered come Oscar season.

Recent years have had particularly bad exclusions, but none were as egregious as 2008's shocking omission, "The Dark Knight." It was the snub heard 'round the world. Thousands of fans cried in unison. Thunderclouds filled the air and fire and brimstone fell down from the skies. The end was surely near.

Due to the uproar over "The Dark Knight's" omission and the increasingly declining viewership of the program, Academy Award executives decided to shake things up last year, adding five more slots for the Best Picture award, allowing 10 films to be nominated each year.

This, of course, led to a huge debate among filmmakers, critics and regular moviegoers nation wide. Was the change to 10 nominees really a good idea? No, of course not, many have argued, such as *Entertainment Weekly's* Owen Gleiberman. It waters down the proceedings and the category's "prestige." It makes an already long ceremony even longer. It removes the drama and excitement that make or break an award show. Without true competition, what are the Academy Awards really for? To me, they have always been about honoring the movies that changed us, entertained us,

inspired us and thrilled us.

All of the points made above by many critics are certainly valid. Five extra slots do ensure there will be less fingernail biting over whether or not a favorite will be acknowledged. And the show is often excruciatingly long.

But by extending the category to 10 nominations, it ultimately brings the focus back to what the Oscars are and should be about: the movies themselves.

More nominations ensure less winter season "Oscar-bait" films whose only purpose is to earn accolades and prestige by tackling gritty topics. More nominations ensure less pressure from studio heads on filmmakers to make a hit, freeing them to go wherever their vision takes them. More nominations allow the blockbuster hits that are often looked down upon by critics as "lesser" or "popcorn flicks," a chance to shine. It removes the false sense of urgency and competition created by each award season and allows the movies to speak for themselves. If your film is good enough, it will receive its due. That is certainly refreshing and is a guarantee that definitely didn't exist three years ago.

Still, the debate rages on and will probably never be resolved until the show's format is shaken up again. Until that day, I will surely wake up easy Tuesday mornings following each year's nominations reveal, knowing the Academy has finally done something right by putting its heart back in the right place.

It remains to be seen, however, how I'll sleep the night after the show if Christopher Nolan goes home completely empty handed. I'd hate to be in class with me the next morning.

TUTOR

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hours this semester, plays the saxophone and is involved with several wildlife organizations on campus as well.

"I just love being outside," she said. "I'm involved with the Wildlife Society and Ducks Unlimited, which we need people for, so ... Tell all your friends."

Wildlife Society is an organization where students can volunteer their services with various outdoor projects, such as tagging birds for research.

It is fairly prominent on campus. Ducks Unlimited, in which Ruhl holds the PR position, is lesser known.

"It's a wetlands conservation/hunting group," she said. "Everyone thinks we are stupid because nobody understands that hunting is a form of wildlife management and conservation. But basically we raise money to buy land and restore the wetlands that have been destroyed which we can then hunt on again."

Ruhl hopes to eventually make her passion for the outdoors her career.

"I just can't imagine having a job where you're stuck inside all day," Ruhl said. "I think I'd go crazy. I want to work at a national park out west. I'd really like the Rocky Mountains, but I would take anything honestly, whatever I can get."

As she looks ahead to her bright future, for now Ruhl will just have to settle for being one of Eastern's most promising young students, assisting others with her tutoring skills and expanding her own horizons through her individual pursuits.

For more information about student-athlete tutoring, contact Kennedy or Skinner or apply online through Eastern's employment page. If interested in joining either wildlife organization, contact Ruhl herself or search for them on Eastern's webpage.

SEARCH

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laugh a little was ... No, it wasn't that Hitler had one testicle, as supported through historical inquiry (quite the egotist, he was; I guess he felt he had some things he needed to compensate for), but that a whale's member is called a dork.

Now, every time I refer to someone as a "dork," I will immediately insert the following definition instead.

For example: *Gosh, Stew is such a "whale's penis."* Good thing I wasn't out unraveling llama DNA, or I'd missed that great fact!

But all that matters is that mamma would be proud. I added a few wrinkles.

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BASKETBALL

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With 8:29 remaining senior Justin Stommes hit a three and on Eastern's next possession Daniel tied it at 37-37 with a lay-in.

Morehead State answered with four consecutive points, but Eastern responded again.

Daniel and Spencer Perrin then hit back-to-back threes to give the Colonels their final lead at 45-41.

The Eagles cut it down to one point, 45-44, but Daniel swished one in from deep, his fourth three-pointer of the night with 2:28 left. Eastern then went on a 10-0 run to seal the deal.

"Josh Daniel is playing the best basketball of his life right now," Neubauer said. "He's giving this team anything they need right now, whether it's rebounding, defense or making the shot. He's been a very good senior."

A look ahead:

When Eastern returns to McBrayer Arena after a four-game road swing, Austin Peay, who is tied for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference, will be waiting for them.

The Colonels, who have won four straight, look to exact a little revenge for the 78-51 defeat to Austin Peay earlier in the year.

The Governors (13-8, 7-2 OVC) defeated Jacksonville State 80-66 last Saturday. In the game against the Gamecocks, TyShwan Edmondson led Austin Peay with 23 points. It was the 12th time this season he has scored 20 or more points. Edmondson currently leads the league in scoring.

In the last game between the two schools, Eastern never held a lead and shot a dismal 16.7 percent from the three. Austin Peay went on a 25-3 run over the last nine minutes of the second half to close out the Colonels.

"Austin Peay is playing the best basketball in the OVC right now," Neubauer said. "We really didn't play very well at all down at their place. It was the worst transition defense we've played all season. We're eager to show them the steps we have taken since December."

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

COLES

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Earlier this season, on Nov. 22, the Lady Colonels were on the road against Florida Atlantic University and were struggling to find any offensive consistency.

Coles helped lead a furious comeback, dropping 24 points, including 5-of-7 from behind the three-point line. Though the Lady Colonels lost 60-57, Coles made an immediate impact on the game.

With Alex Jones sidelined for most of the game against Austin Peay on Dec. 19, Coles stepped in and led the team in scoring (24), rebounds (9), blocks (2) and steals (4).

The Lady Colonels lost the game 70-60, but her contributions kept the game close.

Roberts and her coaching staff are thankful that Coles chose to become a Lady Colonel and they believe that Coles, though still young, will develop into one of the program's finest players.

"I believe she can get us a 20 point performance night in and night out, Roberts said. "Add in six to eight rebounds, along with four to five assists. That's asking a lot but I know she is capable of doing that."

Lady Colonels lose tenth straight

WOMEN RETURN HOME, DETERMINED TO END LOSING STREAK VERSUS AUSTIN PEAY

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The Lady Colonels held a seven-point lead a little less than midway through the second half against Morehead State last Saturday.

But after managing just six points in the final eight minutes of regulation, they couldn't hang on, losing 69-56 to the Eagles.

The loss was the Lady Colonels 10th straight, which ties for the longest losing streak in team history.

Despite struggling on the offensive end, Head Coach Chrissy Roberts was more worried about her team's defensive let down.

"We stopped defending," she said in a post-game interview. "We had lapses on defense we couldn't afford to have."

Eastern (4-14, 1-8 OVC) came out of the gates fast, shooting 45 percent in the first half. The Lady Colonels made 3-of-6 beyond the arc to build a 10-point advantage before the half.

Eastern held Morehead (14-6, 7-2) to just 25 percent from the field before

halftime.

The game changed in the second half.

Morehead shot 55 percent from the floor and hit 4-of-7 three-point attempts.

Fouls played a big part for both teams as Eastern managed just two free throws compared to 26 for Morehead.

"What it boils down to is being tough," Roberts said. "Going 40 minutes and shooting two free throws? That is not being tough. Being tough is going 40 minutes and shooting 26 free throws."

Morehead was able to slow down Alex Jones, who was held to just seven points on the night.

In her place, Marie Carpenter scored a game-high 23 points, but Roberts preached consistency and the need for another player to step up.

"Someone else is going to have to step up," Roberts said. "She (Carpenter) scored 23, but we lost. We have to have players start playing consistently. We have no consistency. We are just all over the place. We show up for a game and then it is two or three games later before we decide to show up and play again."

A look ahead:

Eastern looks to avoid an all-time record 11 straight losses when they take

on Austin Peay Thursday.

In their first meeting on Dec. 19, Eastern lost 70-60.

The Colonels struggled on the offensive end with only Brittany Coles and Alex Jones scoring in double figures.

Coles led the team with 24 points, while Jones chipped in with 11 points.

Freshman guard, Nicole Olszewski lead the Lady Governors in scoring with 18 points. Senior guard, Darcie Warner dropped 17 points, while Jasmine Rayner added 12 points of her own.

Roberts plans to make some drastic changes with her team.

"I'm going to shake up the starting lineup and we need to make some changes in ourselves and the team," Roberts said. "We are going to have new people run the point guard position for us."

Like most of their losses this season, rebounding has hurt the Lady Colonels. In their first meeting with the Lady Govs, Eastern was out-rebounded by 18.

"We have to control the boards and play tough," Roberts said. "We have to grind it out and fight, I have to go with the players who will give me everything we do to make things happen."

Tip-off is for 5:30 p.m.

WIREMAN-BAYES

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She didn't want her students to worry about her health so she continued working until complications with pneumonia arose.

One of Napier's favorite stories of Wireman-Bayes' work came at the hands, or ACL, of a student-athlete. Wireman-Bayes helped the student-athlete recover in half the time it would normally take.

Eastern's current Assistant Softball Coach Megan Ink, who was a catcher for the Colonels at the time Wireman-Bayes was at Eastern, had a similar experience.

Ink suffered an injury to her ACL that should have had her out of actions for nearly eight months. But after only four months of rehab and with the help of Wireman-Bayes, she was back on the field for her senior year.

"She was very close to me and a big part of my life," Ink said.

Head Softball Coach Jane Worthington noted Wireman-Bayes' sincere passion for her student-athletes. She spent much of her free time with her students on and around campus and was always trying to get them back on the playing field as soon as possible.

"She always had the welfares of getting the students back on the field and had a great strength with rehab," Worthington said. "To her this wasn't just a job. She cared about the students as individuals and not just players."

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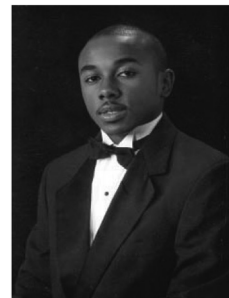
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Women's tennis open season with rematch against Bucs

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Eastern's women's tennis team begins their 2011 season Friday with a home-match against East Tennessee State University.

The Lady Colonels hope to start their season off better than last year, when they were blanked by the Bucs 7-0.

Eastern finished the 2009 campaign 14-16 overall, and 5-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Anouk Faure finished the fall series at 7-4, and had her best outing in the Ohio Valley Regional Championships when she won two qualifying matches and then reached the round of 32 after winning her

first round match 6-4, 6-3. She eventually fell to the tournaments No. 1 seed.

"These girls are really excited to get this season going," Oertel said.

Sophomore Jessica Albuquerque also finished her fall series strong, by winning a pair of consolation singles matches in straight sets at the Regional Championships.

"We have several girls who will be playing their first tennis matches ever," Oertel said. "So it will be important for our up-



Jessica Albuquerque

per classmen like Anouk to really be vocal and be leader. The move to team tennis can kind of be a culture shock."

East Tennessee State won five of the six singles matches in straight sets in last year's match against Eastern. The Bucs, out of the Atlantic-Sun Conference, finished 2009 at 17-5 overall and a perfect 10-0 in the conference play.

The preseason A-Sun's topped-ranked team opened up their 2011 season in impressive fashion as they swept past Milligan 7-0 last Thursday night.

The Bucs begin the evening, sweeping all three doubles matches as Paula Jaime and Karina Kedzo led the way by blanking their opponents 8-0, at No. 1 doubles.

East Tennessee State then rode the doubles team's momentum winning all six singles matches in straight sets. Marine Wieliczko made quick work at the No. 3 singles spot, winning 6-1, 6-0. At the No.1 singles, Jaime won 6-2, 6-0 and in the No. 2 position, Kelly Holtzhausen won 6-0, 6-1.

Oertel knows the defending A-Sun regular season champs, will be a stout test.

"It going be good tennis from the get go," Oertel said. "Unfortunately its not a warm-up weekend. This team is playing good tennis. They lost their No. 1 player but it's a very minor fall-off if any at all. They are rock-solid."



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Forward Justin Stommes only scored six points in Eastern's previous game against Austin Peay, but the senior dished out a team-high three assists and had a game-high two steals.

Suffocating defense snaps Eagle's 24 home-game winning streak

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Last season, when Eastern was riding a 19-game home winning streak, Morehead State came into Richmond and put an end to the dominance at McBrayer Arena.

Last Saturday the Colonels returned the favor.

The 59-49 win for Eastern (11-9, 5-4 OVC) snapped the Eagles (12-8, 5-4 OVC) 24-game home winning streak. It was the fifth longest home winning streak in all of college basketball.

"You couldn't ask for anything better," guard Josh Daniel said in a post-game interview. "A rival game, away, everybody is against you. It's on national TV. And to come in and get a win feels great."

Daniel finished with a team-high 18 points, but the win was predicated on a scrappy defensive battle from Eastern. Eastern has now held four straight opponents to fewer than 52 points for the game.

"Our defense has been very good and that's why we're winning right now," Neu-

bauer said. "I really like how our guys are competing at the defensive end. Our guys have played the best defense in probably in the last two and a half years."

Through the first half, the Colonels held Morehead to under 30 percent from the floor.

"Both teams really did defend," Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said in a post-game interview. "It kind of reminded me of an OVC Tournament game. When you get to the postseason and your league is on national television, quite often the final score is 42-41. That's kind of what this felt like."

Eastern's defensive effort also shut down reigning OVC Player of the Year in Kenneth Faried. The senior was held to just six points on 2-of-11 shooting.

Morehead won the rebounding battle 50-28. Twenty of those were on the offensive end for the Eagles but it couldn't negate the team's turnovers (18) and lack of scoring down in the paint (14).

The game was neck and neck until Eastern got hot in the final nine minutes of the second half.

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Colonels fall to ranked teams, face Tigers at home

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Facing the nation's best competition is tough.

Eastern's men's tennis learned all too well just how tough it could be, as the Colonels fell to No. 24 Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. 7-0, last Saturday, then turned around Sunday and lost 9-0 to top ranked Virginia.

This was the season opener for the Hokies and the Colonels dropped their first match of the year.

"Nothing but positive game out of these games," Head Coach Rob Oertel told ekusports.com. "We saw how close we are to a teams ranked this high And we're not that far away. It was all positives for our team."

Juniors Niklas Schroeder, playing at No. 4 singles, and Parul Verma, playing at No. 5 singles, each forced their match into a third set.

Schroeder won the second set 7-5 to force the match into extra play. He was unable to overcome the Hokies' Will Beck who eventually closed out the match 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Verma lost his first set 6-3, but won his second 7-5. He then loss the third and final set to Lucas Oliveira, 6-3.

Despite losing in straight sets, Alex Das (No. 1 singles) and junior Hugo Klientovsky (No. 2 singles) played very competitively.

Das was defeated 6-4, 7-5 and Klientovsky lost the first set 6-4, but took the second set into a tiebreak, eventually falling 7-6 (5).

On Sunday, Eastern traveled across the state to take on Virginia. The nation's top team proved their ranking after dropping the Colonels (2-2) 9-0, extending their home-match win streak to 78 straight.

Freshman newcomer, Joao Maio was the only Colonel to win a set from the Cavaliers and nearly won the match at No. 8 singles.

After dominating the first set 6-1, he fell in the second 3-6, but extended the third set into extra games, finally running out of gas at 8-10.

Even though Eastern wasn't able to pick up a singles point, the Colonels almost notched the doubles point.

Juniors Carles Pons and Parul Verma won the No. 3 doubles match 9-7. The other two doubles matches were decided by a tiebreaker.

Das and Klientovsky nearly pulled off the upset at No. 1 doubles losing 9-8 (8), while Philip Janz and Schroeder lost 9-8 (3).

"I'd be very surprised if Virginia doesn't win the national championship this year," Oertel said. "They hit a different level of ball compared to Virginia Tech, but to play against that kind of competition is really good for our team. I certainly can't ask for more from the way our players competed this weekend."

A look ahead:

When Eastern returns home to host Georgetown College Saturday in the Greg Adams Tennis Center, they face someone very familiar to the program.

Lane Ortttenburger was the head coach for Model Laboratory School's tennis teams since 2007, and now serves as the head coach at Georgetown.

The Richmond native also helped

with Eastern's tennis program, serving as building manager of the Greg Adams Tennis Center since 2005 and finished his collegiate playing career as a Colonel.

"It's a unique opportunity to get the chance to coach against your hometown team, especially in your first match," Ortttenburger said. "I know all of the guys and consider them friends, but on Saturday I'll have to put that aside and try my best to get a win for my team."

The Tigers have yet to play a game this season and are very young, but Ortttenburger expects good things from his squad.

"I expect my team to compete hard and to fight for every point," he said. "This is our first match of the season so I also expect them to try and learn as much as they can from the match. Hopefully my players will see how good ECU's team is and realize that they are capable of achieving the same success ECU has if they put in the work."

Last season Georgetown finished at 6-15 during the regular season and 1-3 in conference play.

Junior Carlos Del Valle returns after a successful 2009 campaign, where he went 14-8 in singles play for the regular season and 4-1 in singles-league play.

Oertel expects a good test from the Tigers, but knows his team must not let up against the NAIA school.

"Georgetown is a team that is very top-heavy," Oertel said. "So I feel like if we take care of things up top things will go pretty smooth for us. We will definitely need to be prepared and our top guys have to take care of [business]."

Match time is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Greg Adams Indoor Tennis Center.



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Alex Das showed his strong play against the Cavaliers and the Hokies over the weekend. The senior lost his matches at No. 1 singles 6-4, 7-5 and 6-0, 6-2.

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Losing leads to lessons learned

Darren Zancan



Who really wants to hear their coach say, "Well we came away with a moral victory?"

Not me. Not most people.

I remember coaching a premier soccer team that had all the talent in the world. One season we were dynamic. The next season victories were hard to come by.

Each loss got harder and harder on us mentally. I'd go home and ask myself if I was just a bad coach. I would work harder after each loss hoping something would break.

Who wants to lose? And as a coach what do you say to your team when it happens?

Do you just rip them apart, or do you give them the all-important motivational speech?

When it was all said and done, I think I learned more when I lost than when I won. Just follow me.

When we won games, and we won a lot, we were blinded by the fact that we thoroughly beat another team. So heading home I thought, after beating a team 9-1, there's not much to work on.

We dominated them. So often times winning you can become complacent. I would head into practice continuing to work on the same old stuff.

But when you lose a game, say by the score of 9-1, you see everything differently and realize there is so much more to learn.

This year alone, Eastern has suffered through losing spurts.

The football team lost two-in-a-row and three-in-a-row.

The volleyball team had losing streaks of two and six.

And now the women's basketball team is riding a 10-game losing streak.

As an athlete losing is the hardest part. Getting up for a game, in front of your home crowd or just for yourselves and after 40 minutes walking away shorthanded. It's just hard.

But I think the lessons are the most valuable in those situations.

Those are the moments you dig deeper, evaluate yourself and ask yourself what needs to be done to win.

If you believe in what your coach is teaching and preaching, you work harder in practice to get the monkey off your back.

The season honestly looked lost for the football team in my eyes after each loss.

But they turned it around in dramatic fashion and showed how dominant they could be.

They may not have made the playoffs, but the Colonels just might be the hottest team in the OVC heading into next season, finishing with a winning record.

It took losing to wake them up. They would not accept losing anymore.

After the volleyball team suffered through a six game winless stretch, guess what happened?

They won their next five, and seven out of nine games. That stretch helped them secure a postseason berth.

Now the women's team is suffering through the same fate, but looking at each score, it's not like they are getting blown out. They get closer and closer to getting that one victory they need.

They have good talent, and a good coach who is passionate about the game. And they have a lot of young guns, so the future is bright.

But with each loss, I think they are learning a lot about themselves and what they need to do. And I think they will get it done.

Once they do, the sky is the limit.

Winning cures everything.

A loss is a good learning tool, and sometimes that's just what we need.

IN MEMORY

Trainer leaves behind a legacy

By GREG SCHULTE
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While working with the San Diego Chargers, Johnda Wireman-Bayes was just one of two women certified to be an athletic trainer in the National Football League.

But what she is best remembered for is her work as the Head Athletic Trainer and Director of Sports Medicine at Eastern from 2003 to 2008.

On Jan. 15, at the age of 45, Wireman-Bayes passed away from a six-year battle with cancer.

Wireman-Bayes studied for her degree at both the University

of Kentucky and Marshall. From 1999-2001 she worked as the head trainer at Morehead State University.

In 2003, Wireman-Bayes made her way to Eastern where she quickly made an impact.

Bobby Barton, who works in sports medicine at Eastern, had a hand in hiring Wireman-Bayes. He said her experience at Morehead played a big factor into her hiring.

Barton said that Wireman-Bayes took heart transplant training classes at the University of Kentucky, because her mother was undergoing a heart transplant at the time.

"She was very outgoing and a

great addition to Eastern," Barton said.

Eastern's current Assistant Athletic Trainer Tiffany Napier, who worked with Wireman-Bayes from 2001-2002, agreed.

"She loved being a certified trainer and cared very much for the students that worked with her here," Napier said. "She had a great smile, great courage and if you were having an issue you could go talk to her about it."

Wireman-Bayes was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 and battled through it while working at Eastern, Napier said.

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Johnda Wireman-Bayes
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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

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BRITTANY COLES LETS HER GAME DO THE TALKING

During Brittany Coles' final years of high school and AAU basketball, Head Coach Chrissy Roberts was just arriving at Eastern.

The new coach knew there was one player she had to get for her program: Coles.

"I knew some people in the state who were telling me about certain players and they told me to look at her," Roberts said. "Coles is long, athletic, can play multiple positions and just watching her play with her AAU team, I saw a lot of talent in her. I told my staff we had to get her."

Before her senior year she visited Eastern and liked what she saw. Coles made the decision to play college basketball close to home.

"I got along with the coaches and I met the team and they seemed really cool," Coles said. "Eastern was close to home, it was a good school so I decided I wanted to be here."

The sophomore was brought in with hopes of becoming a leader for the Lady Colonels.

But you won't find her yelling every time she's on the court.

Instead her actions speak louder than words.

"I like to lead by example on the court and I hope my team follows," Coles said.

She's not afraid to take control of the game if her team needs an offensive spark.

Coles can single-handedly keep the Lady Colonels in the game and bring them back from any deficit. In three games this season, Coles has scored at least 20 points.

"Coles is a type of player that can take over a game and you have seen that this year," Roberts said.

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Colonel Corner

Q&A with Anouk Faure



Anouk Faure finished 20-6 in dual singles matches last season.

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Senior Anouk Faure from Versoix, Switzerland is expected to fill one of the top spots on the women's tennis team this spring. She likes to play a baseline game and is strong off of both wings. In addition, she won all nine of her Ohio Valley Conference matches last year.

Q: Why did you decide to attend Eastern?

A: "Coach Oertel was the first coach to call me. He told me that Eastern had a program that he thought would really work for me. Also, he sounded very nice and welcoming."

Q: Have you always played tennis?

A: "I love gymnastics. But my dad plays tennis. I began playing with him when I was younger. I couldn't play in competitions until I was 12. I began competing at age 12, and

have been playing tennis ever since."

Q: What do you miss most about Switzerland?

A: "Public transportation. In Europe, a person can go just about anywhere using public transportation because it is so accessible. It is not as prevalent in the United States."

Q: Which professional tennis star would you most like to meet?

A: "I would love to meet Roger Federer and get his thoughts on all matters concerning tennis."

Q: Who is your inspiration?

A: "My dad has always been my inspiration for playing."

Q: What are your personal goals for this season?

A: "The only goal I have is to win the Ohio Valley Conference."