

## Students increasingly turn to synthetic drugs to get high



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Marketed as a stain remover, White Lightning has caught on among college students looking for legal ways to get high.

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An easily accessible drug, often called White Lightning, has made its way onto Eastern's campus.

The drug, known as "legal cocaine," has become popular for being just that – legal, and cheap.

"It won't show up in urine, [and] it's cheap," said Henry Spiller, director of Poison Control in Louisville. "This is why people are buying it, to replace other drugs, like methamphetamine and cocaine."

Being packaged as a variety of products, such as bug repellent, bath salts and plant food, the drug has yet to be regulated by the FDA.

Spiller said the substance began making an appearance in Kentucky around late fall and has evolved into an issue all over the state. Users are

typically in their 20s and have a history with illegal drug addiction.

Effects of White Lightning include agitation, paranoia and hallucinations.

"I don't mean hallucinations like [those from] LSD, but combative behavior, like people are coming to get them," Spiller said.

"They were calling it bath salt or bug repellent, everything, but what it really is – a drug. Those products don't do that to a person."

Spiller said blood samples from patients contained MDPV, a stimulant that has never been tested in humans nor intended for use in hu-

**"MDPV is what was found in these. This is what is sending people to the ER."**

**Henry Spiller**  
 Director of Poison Control in Louisville

mans. He said it is one of many "analog," which are altered versions of illegal drugs.

"This is what is sending people to the ER," Spiller said. "This has never been seen before. It is very new, so we are learning (about it) as we go."

Many students, like Ben Prewitt, say they know a lot of students who do White Lightning, but other than the reasoning for doing it, they know very little about the actual substance.

"People snort it to feel like they are on cocaine," said Prewitt, a 20-year-

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## Marijuana viewed as safer alternative to harder drugs

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It's 9:15 p.m. Monday night. A smoky haze blurs the view of the Louisville basketball game playing on the television, the chattering of voices drowning out the commentator's voice.

Another puff. Pipes and bongs litter the scene, and the smell of marijuana fills the room.

"It's better smoked in a pipe or bong," says Mr. X, a senior at Eastern, who asked to remain anonymous. "All of your friends come over and hang out, and that's what we do – it's like a social event."

Drug abuse has been a recurring problem in Kentucky for decades. And college is often where many students do their first real experimenting with illegal drugs.

Eastern is no different. While alcohol still holds the crown as the drug of choice, marijuana has a firm hold on second place.

**An "unofficial" cash crop.**

The drug's prevalence in Kentucky shouldn't surprise. Kentucky produces more marijuana than any other state, save, for California, according to 2007 reports from the Office of National Drug Policy's Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA).

Marijuana is harvested in the state's national forests, farms and even backyards, as the region's climate is very conducive to the plant's growth.

In fact, Mr. X said he is a strong believer in the cultivation of marijuana to help give a boost to Kentucky's economy.

"It's stupid that [marijuana] isn't legal," he said. "It's the unofficial cash crop."

**The routine**

While some students acknowledge they smoke weed only now and then, Mr. X said he finds time to light up twice a day – once in the morning and then after school or work.

"Just before I walk out of the house, I'll hit the pipe once," he said, adding that in the mornings he smokes less than a gram.

In the evenings, however, he jumps to four grams.

"It's not addicting," he said. "It feels good. It's relaxing, euphoric. It allows me to think of unreasonable thoughts I wouldn't have thought of before. It allows my imagination to be active."

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DRUGS ON CAMPUS

## Gender studies director leaving Eastern

STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAY MARTA MIRANDA'S SHOES WILL BE HARD TO FILL

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There's soon to be a job opening at Eastern. But the faint of heart need not apply. It requires long hours, dedication, empathy and an unconditional love and devotion to Eastern and its students.

On Feb. 15, Marta Miranda, director of Eastern's Women and Gender Studies Program (WGS), will step down and head to Jefferson County to take on the task of President and CEO at the Center for Women and Families in Louisville.

Although sad to leave her home, Miranda is honored and excited to take on



Marta Miranda

this new adventure. It will serve as the perfect ending to a lifetime of social work, as Miranda will be eligible for retirement in seven years.

"I am really thrilled about the new job," Miranda said. "It is a capstone to a 31-year career."

Miranda's boss, Sara Zeigler, interim dean of university programs, said that she is sad to see Miranda go, but thinks she will be a great asset to her new program.

"She is a great advocate for all marginalized populations," Zeigler said. "We are sorry to lose her, but she will make a great contribution to the Center for Women and Families."

A native of Cuba, Miranda ended up at Eastern by chance. While living and working in Miami, Miranda made a trip to Lexington to visit a friend at the University of Kentucky. It was then she knew Kentucky was her true home.

"I had never felt at home in this country," Miranda said. "When I crossed the Tennessee line, I knew I was

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## Former Norton Center director hired to run EKU's Center for Performing Arts



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While at the Norton Center, Debra Hoskins was largely credited for booking a number of world-renowned acts.

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Debra Hoskins, the former director of the Norton Center at Centre College and an Eastern alumna, was made the director of the new Center for Performing Arts on Jan. 31.

"We wanted to find someone who would hit the ground running for this facility, and someone who had a proven track record in exactly the quality and scope for the programming and activity we envisioned for the center for performing arts," President Doug Whitlock said. "We didn't have to look very far, we found one of our own."

A working wife and mother, Hoskins went back to school in 1988 to get a bachelor's degree in public relations. She achieved

her goal within three years taking only night classes offered by Eastern.

Two years later, she decided to continue her education once more, and she returned to Eastern to earn a master's in public administration.

After earning her degrees, Hoskins was hired by Centre College as the assistant managing director and director of programs and public relations at the Norton Center for the Arts. During her tenure there, the Norton Center attracted a number of popular performers such as Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

During her speech, Hoskins promised the same determination to get acts for Eastern.

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## It's the time of year for FAFSA forms

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It's that time of year to fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday took place earlier this week, where students and parents everywhere began filling out and submitting FAFSA forms in order to be considered for the priority deadline for financial assistance, which is Feb. 15.

Shelley Park, director of student financial assistance, said students have to compete against hundreds of other students for this money, so it is important to fill out your FAFSA as soon as possible.

"Apply, apply, apply," Park said. "If you have 20 minutes, that's all it takes. I hear all the time, 'I didn't get around to it.'"

Park offered many tips. "Make sure you have tax information, W2's," she said. "You can do it (fill out the FAFSA) on estimated amounts (estimated taxes), but remember to go back and update. Please don't leave in May without coming by the office to see if there is anything you need to submit for the FAFSA."

In August, a line of 300 people stand outside of the Financial Assistance office, Park said.

Park offers ways to make filling out forms easier.

She said the office has FAFSA Fridays, where each Friday in February from 2 to 4 p.m., a financial aid expert will be available to answer questions or help students complete their FAFSA in Room 466 of the Student Services Building. Additionally, on Feb. 8, a financial session will be held in McGregor Hall at 9 p.m.

Students need to bring student and parent W2's, student and parent 2010 federal tax returns and their FAFSA PIN numbers to sign the FAFSA electronically.

The FAFSA can be filled out at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or you can contact the Financial Aid office at 622-2361 if you have questions.

### News Briefs

#### EKU Adventure Programs Cross Country Ski, Camp

EKU Adventure Programs is heading to West Virginia to cross country ski and winter camp. The Adventure Program will teach people to use backcountry skis and instruct them on how to stay dry while traveling in the cold. The group will travel by van. Contact Jason Burton for more details, 622-6867.

#### Jock N' Roll

Find out exactly how talented the student-athletes at EKU are. Jock 'N Roll will feature EKU's varsity athletic teams in a talent show with acts

of choreographed dances, skits and lip syncing. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the Bratzke Center or at Powell Corner during lunchtime. Donations are also appreciated. Contact Jon Healy at 622-8931.

#### The Vagina Monologues

On Feb. 9, Women and Gender Studies present the annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on Eastern's campus. The performance raises awareness about violence against women and encourages women and

girls to celebrate their sexuality. All proceeds are donated to the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center & Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Shelter. The performance begins at 7p.m. in O'Donnell Auditorium. For more information call Margaret Hale 622-2913.

#### Community Ed Computer Class

Community Education is hosting a class for people with little to no experience working with computers. The class will explain the main components of a computer system. Students will be taught how to do things, such as organize files and folders, surf the Internet and check e-mail.

### RSO funding meeting

February 7 is the last chance for RSOs to apply for funding from the Student Government Association. Applications for funding can be found online at [eku.orgsync.com](http://eku.orgsync.com).

All RSOs are encouraged to apply for funding. An average of 35-40 groups apply every semester, but more have been applying in recent years due to budget constraints at the department level.

According to Elizabeth Horn, the appropriations chair of the SGA senate, the SGA has budgeted roughly \$30,000 for RSO funding.

The SGA spring funding meeting will be held Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Jagers room of the Powell Building. For more information, contact Elizabeth Horn at [Elizabeth\\_horn5@mymail.eku.edu](mailto:Elizabeth_horn5@mymail.eku.edu).



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### THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR Week of February 3 - February 9

### What's Happening

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>5 p.m.</b> ■ Student Life Leadership Series- Conflict Management, Herndon Lounge  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> ■ Women's Basketball at Tennessee Tech  <b>8:30 p.m.</b> ■ Men's Basketball at Tennessee Tech	<b>10 a.m.</b> ■ Women's tennis vs Georgetown <b>10 a.m.</b> ■ Blood pressure screening, Powell lobby <b>1 p.m.</b> ■ Women's tennis vs University of the Cumberlands <b>2:30 p.m.</b> ■ RSO Essentials workshop, Powell Incubator classroom	<b>9 a.m.</b> ■ Men's tennis vs Xavier <b>1 p.m.</b> ■ Women's tennis vs Chicago State <b>3 p.m.</b> ■ Women's Basketball at Jacksonville State  <b>All Day</b> ■ Track and Field at Middle Tennessee Invitational	<b>All Day</b> ■ Last Day of All-A Classic	<b>11 a.m.</b> ■ African-American Read-In, Middle Powell	<b>8 a.m.</b> ■ Heart Smart Breakfast Seminar, Kenamer <b>10:30 a.m.</b> ■ Banner 101 Navigation Workshop, Coates 1	<b>All Day</b> ■ Track and Field at University of Washington Husky Indoor Open

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# Student Senate wants archive of instructors' syllabi

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For the last two years Student Senate members have been working on an act that, if passed would create a way for students to view syllabi for classes prior to registration.

The act, which is referred to by Student Senate members as the "syllabi index," could make it mandatory for professors to provide students with a copy of the syllabus for their class prior to registration. The compilation of syllabi will be stored together in a centrally located area for students to view. Cataloging the syllabi in such a manner will give students the opportunity to review class requirements prior to ever registering.

"I like the idea of being able to see a syllabus before I sign up for classes," said Korey Roberson, a 22-year-old

junior from Atlanta, Ga. in the athletic training program. "I hate getting into a class and they just throw everything at me in the first week. If they did this we wouldn't have to drop a class the first week and then hurry up and try to find a new one."

"Our goal is to give students the opportunity to see what will be expected from them in classes before they sign up for them," said Terry Masden, Student Senate Academic Affairs Chair. "We want to counter act the withdrawal rate for classes."

So far, Masden has met little opposition in his attempts to bring the syllabi index to Eastern.

"We've not seen any student opposition at all. We have had some problems with faculty members who say the index infringes upon their academic freedom. The biggest problem we've faced so far is trying to figure out where to put the index," said Masden.

Although the specifics of where the syllabi index will be stored are uncertain at the moment, Masden was certain that it will be available to students online and will have a listing of all the classes offered by Eastern.

"I think it's a great idea," said Michelle Meeks, a 21-year-old senior in the Athletic Training program. "I think it would be good for students to know what they're getting into and to be able to weigh their options before they actually register for classes."

"The index could possibly be available to students as early as the fall 2011 semester, but it's looking more like spring 2012 right now," said Masden.

There will be a forum for students and faculty to discuss their opinion of the syllabi index on Feb. 21 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Kennamer Room in the Powell Building.

## Chautauqua lecturer to discuss consequences of pride

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February is Black History Month, and it couldn't be a better time to have Dr. Michael Eric Dyson as a speaker for the Chautauqua Lecture series this semester. Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Brock Auditorium of the Coates Administration Building, Dyson's lecture, entitled "Pride and Humans," will look at the many dimensions of pride.

Dyson is a renowned scholar, ordained Baptist minister, author and public intellectual. He is known for his cultural criticisms of race, religion, popular culture and contemporary issues in the African American community.

Dr. Minh Nguyen, the coordinator of the Chautauqua series explains that Dyson's lecture includes pride because out of the seven deadly sins, pride is the only one with a virtuous side. Dyson's belief is that pride is a good thing to have in oneself, but if taken too far it becomes a deadly sin. Dyson offers a thoughtful, multifaceted look at this "virtuous vice" ranging from Augustine and Aquinas to Niebuhr and King.

In his lecture, Dyson will probe the phil-

osophical and theological roots of pride by examining its transformation in Western culture. He will also discuss how black pride keeps African-Americans from being degraded and excluded by white pride, which can be invisible, unspoken, but nonetheless very powerful.

During the lecture, Dyson wants to give mention to the teachers and books that shaped his personal pride and vocation. One of his key topics will point out the less savory aspects of national pride by mentioning how 9/11 has closed the ranks of pride and how it has effected Americans and the government.

Dyson illuminates this many-sided human emotion, one that can be an indispensable virtue or a deadly sin.

After the lecture, a Q&A session will be held as well as a book signing. Additionally a traditional dinner will precede the lecture at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information about Eastern's Chautauqua Series, visit [chautauqua.eku.edu](http://chautauqua.eku.edu) or contact coordinator Dr. Minh Nguyen at [minh.nguyen@eku.edu](mailto:minh.nguyen@eku.edu).

## Campus group continues push for marijuana legalization

NORML BRINGS IN MARIJUANA ADVOCATE AND GOVERNOR CANDIDATE GATEWOOD GALBRAITH

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Criminal Defense Attorney Gatewood Galbraith spoke at a NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) meeting on Tuesday in Ferrell Auditorium. Galbraith is running for Governor in November as an independent. He spoke about his life growing up in Kentucky and how he got into politics.



Galbraith

But, more importantly, he spoke to students about his reasoning for becoming an advocate on legalizing marijuana. He explained that he suffered from asthma his entire life until one day a friend of his offered him some marijuana. "It cured my asthma just like that," said Galbraith with a snap of his fingers. Since that moment, he decided to get into law so that he could change the legal system to make marijuana legal.

On smoking marijuana and becoming

a supporter for it, he explains, "I am not going to be apologetic about it ever again."

Galbraith ran for Governor unsuccessfully multiple times in the past, but in the 1980s was when he set forth the goal to make Kentucky the first state to make marijuana legal.

He continues to work toward this goal. He believes marijuana would be good for petroleum and medicinal uses. "We need to get medical marijuana in the hands of the sick and dying," Galbraith said.

After the meeting, Galbraith handed out free copies of his autobiography to students entitled "The Last Free Man In America: Meets the Synthetic Subversion."

Students from Eastern, University of Kentucky and Berea College attended the meeting. When asked what his response was to the lecture, Micah Perkins of Berea College said, "I felt like it went in a good direction and he has a very organized thought."

"After hearing his lecture, it has pursued me to vote for him," said Sarah Andrews, a student at Eastern.

NORML decided to bring Galbraith to speak at Eastern so that students and fac-

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# Weather delays construction of science building's exterior

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After several sticks of dynamite, thousands of man hours and some long winters, the landscape across from the Wallace building is starting to take shape, piece by piece.

Director of Facilities Management James Street said the new science building is "starting to look like a science building."

While the winter winds have halted exterior completion plans, crews have been working diligently to complete the inside, tackling jobs such as finishing dry wall and installing gas supply manifolds, as well as finishing case work.

Despite the delay, Street said

work is still on track and no design plans have been changed since the last update.

Substantial completion of phase one is expected to end by late summer.

"It is really exciting to see how it's shaping up, Street said. "It's a very attractive building and will do wonderful things for the sciences."

But, financing for the project is still in limbo. As Street said, phase two of the building is still awaiting funding from the state, and Eastern is planning to ask for more money in 2012.

The 174,000 sq. ft. classroom and office building will be the largest on campus once it is completed. Lectures and labs will be able to take place during the same

time, instead of being spilt up throughout the week.

The building will have a multitude of architectural and landscaping features, which will include dry river beds, an urban, forest, wetlands, a large lobby, and a 'green' environment plan. This plan will utilize natural light, polished concrete to reduce chemical use, bamboo, recycled woods and solar reflection panels.

The building was originally set to be completed by mid-summer of 2011 at an estimated cost of \$64.7 million. It is now expected to have only phase once completed by late summer 2012 and original design plans have been changed in order to keep from going over budget.



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The estimated completion date for the new science building has been pushed back to late summer 2012.

## Fraternal Christian shares relationship with his Father



"If a man cannot be a Christian in the place he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere," -Henry Ward Beecher.

This is a story of a Christian right where he is — Cameron Hundley, a junior sports business management major.

Hundley is social chair for Phi Delta Theta. He's an active member of Campus Outreach, recently joining the servant team. On the servant team, Hundley prays for the campus once a week with a group of other students.

Hundley grew up going to Southland Christian Church. His parents are both believers in the Christian faith, and his brother is currently a Christian minister. Even though he attended church growing up, he said his eyes were not open to the

truth in the gospel.

On the other hand, basketball was something Hundley and his family knew inside and out. He said he made basketball an idol in his life and that was all he knew.

Hundley went to Transylvania University to play basketball, but he ended up getting hurt and transferred to Eastern as a walk-on for one semester. He did not return to play the next semester. With basketball out of his life, Hundley said he began to try and fill that void with other things,

"I joined the fraternity and started drinking, going out all the time and trying to meet girls," he said.

Not long after the partying, Hundley said he met Travis Stephens, a Phi Delta Theta and Centre College graduate, who works for Campus Outreach at Eastern. Hundley said after getting to know him, Stephens asked if Hundley knew Christ.

"My first response was 'yes, of course' I was raised in the church," Hundley said. Stephens pushed a little deeper.

"Yes, but do you have a relationship with Him?" Stephens asked.

Stephens showed Hundley a diagram explaining what the Bible says about man's relationship with God, the Bridge Diagram. Hundley said he thought about that for a few days and then met with Stephens again in downstairs Powell.

"It's kind of an odd place to receive Christ, but that's where it happened," Hundley said. "Something changed in my heart."

He said being a Christian is about realizing you are a sinner, and the only redemption to a Holy God is a savior — Christ.

Hundley said his college life changed from being self-focused to helping others. He said the need to fill a void was gone, because he found what satisfied him.

Since he's become a Christian, Hundley points out that life hasn't been easy in college, and he struggles daily.

"Sometimes I think, how can people look at my life and see Christ?" Hundley asked.

"I want to introduce other people to Christ, but sometimes I'm unsure if I'm far along in my faith to lead others."

He said he's had to deal with the realities of partying in college.

"I might go out now, but my mission isn't to get drunk or get a girl," he said. "I want to give people rides and serve in that way. I don't want to lose myself. I want to be controlled with my mind, heart and body. Before people would ask me to do stuff (on a whim) and I would because I didn't care about anything. Now, I have more of a missionary way of thinking and plan my days. I've messed up a few times, but that is why grace is so good. I am redeemed."

Hundley said one of the biggest things, now that he has faith, is growing to love the things God loves and hate the things God hates.

Hundley's faith has also given him a rich outlook on tragedies, such as cancer.

"Cancer runs in my family and something I have to deal with, but I've seen that it shows us that God doesn't always promise tomorrow," he said. "It shows me that the most important thing is a relationship with Him."

\* Fourth installment of senior Jenny Johnson's article series profiling students of different religions and ideologies



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Everything is OK in moderation, he said, adding that he believes smoking marijuana is less harmful than drinking alcohol. He also said marijuana is not the "gateway" to harder narcotics that some contend.

"Smoking has never made me want to do other drugs," Mr. X said. "It's just a healthier alternative to drinking. You feel more in control than getting drunk. People automatically think you do these wild things, but that's not true."

Still, Mr. X has had his share of close calls with weed, one of which landed him in jail for 20 minutes after a police officer conducted a search of his friend's car.

"I didn't want to let him go down alone, so I said half of it was mine," Mr. X said.

His case was dismissed after being sentenced to 10 hours of community service. Mr. X even defended himself in court, saying he researched the state's laws on marijuana and ultimately had his case diverted, owing to the first offender's clause, which advocates a more lenient treatment in criminal sentencing for people who have not committed previous felonies.

"I escaped conviction because weed made me want to study law," he said.

**A Different Path**

For most pot smokers, weed isn't considered all that bad or considered a "hard" substance.

The label of a hard drug, they said, is reserved for the more-addictive substances, like Oxycontin, crystal meth or cocaine.

For Mr. Z, another student who agreed to speak with the Progress on the condition that he remains anonymous, said his marijuana use has served as his retreat after repeated bouts with heavier drugs.

"Now, I just smoke weed because it chills me out, and I drink sometimes," he said. "[In the past] I liked perc's, Xanax, oc's, but my favorite was acid. I quit because I had just had enough. It wasn't worth being sick when I didn't have a pill."

Still, Mr. Z acknowledges that his drug use originated with marijuana, ultimately leading him to stronger drugs.

"I started smoking pot when I was 12, nothing else until

I was 15, and from then on I just got messed up for the next three and a half years," he said. "I snorted pills. I did perc's, xanax, oxy's roxy's, triple c's, tabs, adderall, and just about any combination of those. I tried coke once, and molly. Mushrooms were good too."

A native of Powell County, Mr. Z said he wasn't alone in his addiction, as several of his friends joined in. He said the peer pressure was there, and it often proved difficult to resist.

Mr. Z said he soon began spending nearly a hundred dollars a week to feed his drug habit.

"It got to where I could do three or four perc's a day," he said. "And eventually I could do them all day long."

"I stopped a year ago," he said. "It was really hard, but I just kind of stayed in my room for a week to get it all out of my system. I was really sick when I was detoxing, withdrawals are the worst."

The detox process, however, is better than overdosing — something he acknowledges he's had a few scares with.

"Once I thought I was going to overdose," he said. "That was on perc's, though. It was scary as hell. I took too much. I was throwing up, I was confused, couldn't breathe and I was high as hell."

**Mr. Z Student**

**Seeking Treatment**

Meghan Scott, coordinator of H.E.A.T., or the Health Education Action Team on campus, said her organization offers in-depth, educational programs on drugs. But if students are seeking treatment, H.E.A.T. refers them to Eastern's Counseling Center, which specializes in substance abuse.

Kevin Stanley, a senior staff psychologist with the Counseling Center, said the process for seeking substance abuse treatment is generally the same as seeking treatment for other issues.

"At one time students were a little shy about asking for help with substance abuse," Stanley said. "Now they seem more comfortable reaching out."

He said society's softening stance on drug abuse has helped encourage some students to lower their guard and seek help, but he said that doesn't prevent other students from falling into similar traps.

"The most common problems with substance abuse we see in the Counseling Center are that a student's use has started generating some negative consequences, such as getting in trouble with the university or with law enforce-

**Eastern by the numbers**

According to a recent survey, the following substances are the most commonly abused at Eastern, as students weighed in as reportedly having used them within the past year. Surprisingly, these numbers are similar to national averages, in fact, slightly lower, said Meghan Scott, coordinator of H.E.A.T.

- Alcohol—75 percent
- Marijuana—20 percent
- Amphetamines, including Adderall and prescription diet pills—4 percent

ment, relationship problems or academic problems," Stanley said.

Stanley said his experiences suggest freshman seem to be the students most at risk of developing destructive drug habits, but he said he didn't have any specific data that would bear this out.

"We seem to get more referrals of freshman based on campus violations," Stanley said. "And one of our substance abuse counselors has heard that freshman in the first six weeks of a fall semester engage in the riskiest activities."

Stanley added male and female students at Eastern are equally likely to acknowledge using marijuana in the last month. However, he said, males are more likely to admit consuming alcohol. And those students who have already passed the legal drinking age are more likely to have some experience with drugs other than marijuana.

Stanley also said the use of prescription pain medications and products similar to synthetic marijuana have also appeared in rare occurrences with students at the Counseling Center.

"Abuse of prescription pain medication certainly does happen here, but only about 1 percent of students report using these drugs in the past year," Stanley said. "We've (also) seen some issues with various herbs that have been treated with synthetic cannabinoids, which are closely related to the active components of marijuana."

For more information on drug-related treatment and information regarding substance abuse, contact the Counseling Center at 622-1303. The counseling center offers confidential assessments

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# PERSPECTIVES

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Kaylia Cornett, editor

## More efforts needed to educate on hard drugs

Every college student knows the risks—drugs are bad and you should just say “no.”

Alcohol should be consumed with caution, and any paraphernalia that hasn't debuted in a Seth Rogen film shouldn't even be tampered with.

It's been ingrained in our brains from the start, with D.A.R.E programs in elementary school, all the way up until the first week of college.

We've all been exposed to the facts, but only some of us have learned how to be on our best behavior when venturing into college inebriation.

The rules are always the same. Utilize the buddy system and don't surpass your limits.

But that's where education ends.

Eastern has pushed the programs and information to keep us safe from our own college excitement.

H.E.A.T and New Student Days present a plethora of programs and informational sessions for freshmen to make sure they understand the consequences of their actions.

The Counseling Center is also advertised multiple times to incoming students, so when the bad decisions begin to pile

up, they'll know they have somewhere to turn to and where to go for treatment and help.

Students do often turn to the Counseling Center when negative consequences of drug use begin to become a part of daily life, such as legal trouble, relationship problems or academic problems.

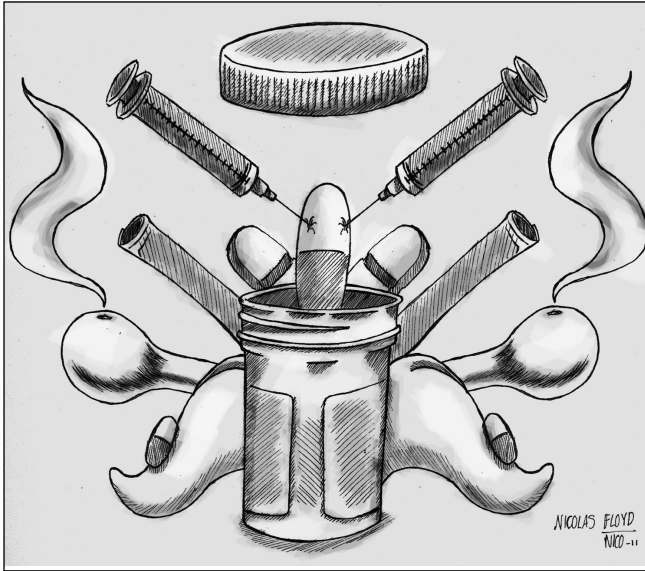
If any student thinks they may have a problem, they should be in contact with the Counseling Center.

As adults, we should be grateful for these resources, because not everyone comes to college with prior knowledge of an intensified drug culture, and these resources may be the reason we, as a campus, do not frequently have to deal with a high number of drug-related deaths, date rapes and overdoses.

But as adults we should be aware of the reality of what is around us.

Use of prescription pills has been increasing, with 6.3 percent of students age 18 to age 25 reporting use on a national level and the use of Ecstasy has doubled from surveys in 2005 to surveys in 2009, according to a National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

About 6.5 percent of college students report using amphetamines and 3.6 per-



cent of students report using designer drugs, according to the same survey.

While Eastern students do rank lower on these statistics, with only 4 percent of students saying they've used amphetamines and 2 percent of students said they've used designer drugs, the fact of the matter is, that Eastern should be talking about a lot more than alcohol and marijuana abuse.

Kentucky is one of the five states in the “marijuana belt” and a major supplier to the rest of the country, as Kentucky's environment is very conducive to its growth. In addition, one-fourth of drug cases in Kentucky involved

methamphetamine, and hydrocodone and oxycodone were listed as highly abused drugs, according to the most recent report in 2007 by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

“Club drugs” were also listed as being prevalently used in Richmond, specifically.

Kentucky is also in the process of reviewing proposed legislation that would ban Salvia, a plant that can be smoked for its hallucinogenic effects, and K2 also known as “spice,” which is a form of synthetic marijuana.

Miley Cyrus was recently filmed using Salvia, and it was posted to the ever-popular site YouTube.

The Counseling Cen-

ter has said Eastern's average for drug use ranks lower than the national average. This is a positive we can all agree helps our community.

But just because 1 percent of Eastern students report using prescription pain medications for recreational purposes does not mean only 1 percent of the student population is being affected.

That 1 percent extends far beyond, reaching roommates and friends even casual acquaintances at work and parties. We are not implying drug use is contracted like a disease, but often students seek information after first exposure.

And the information on other drugs—prescription pain pills, meth, synthetic forms of drugs, MDMA—is lacking.

We must step away from this taboo that alcohol is the only drug college students come across.

College is the metaphorical melting pot, all of us bringing our own spices from past experiences and stirring the pot with our opinions. College is the starting point for truly trying “new things.”

The reasons why anyone chooses to use are varied and cannot be summed up in a statistic, but college students have a new found

sense of independence often combined with distance between themselves and the shelter of home life.

For many of us, this is the first time we are away from our hometowns, freedom surrounding us, often with money in our pockets to burn. The temptation is there to be not quite a rebel, but an adult who can now make their own decisions.

But not everyone has the information to make those decisions.

Eastern should be a place where we can openly confront and discuss the drug problem that is more than college experimentation, but a Kentucky culture identity.

Suggestions have been offered on how to combat college student drug use, many of which Eastern utilizes, such as offering counseling centers, recreational centers and libraries with extended hours and monitoring Greek life.

But the secret might be in talking and not always doing.

To do this, students need to take the time to seek information and make healthy decisions. After all, we are students, and in order to learn, the information needs to be somewhere and needs to be taught.

## It shouldn't come as a surprise that there's prostitution at massage parlors



When hearing about “happy endings” at massage parlors, I tend to laugh. It seems this would be every guy's dream after getting an outstanding full-body massage from some hot chick. We as a society joke about such instances, but in reality, it is not a comical situation.

Recently, three massage parlors in Richmond were raided and six women were charged with prostitution after a three-month investigation. My first thought was “Duh, of course these parlors were offering more than just massages.”

I unfortunately live close to one of them and they would be open all hours of the night. And every time I drove past one at 10 or 11, I smiled thinking that someone was getting their “happy ending” for the night.

I try not to laugh when I think about it because the

biggest concern right now is the idea of human trafficking. Officials do not know if the women who were arrested offered prostitution services willingly or against their will.

To think of this, I am amazed prostitution has gone on for so long here.

Richmond is not that big a city and for not one, but three massage parlors to be under investigation for prostitution is unbelievable. Especially when the idea of human trafficking is brought up. Not only do I wonder about these women, I also wonder about the clients of these parlors. I wonder about their status in this city. Are these men city officials, lonely men, married, rich or poor? I wonder if the clients think about whether these women want to provide extra services or if they are forced into it.

As far as I know, anyone with money can walk into these parlors and get serviced, so to speak. Even a simple search on Google for massage parlors in Richmond lists these parlors as erotic businesses. And to find out what they offer, a

person can pay a small fee to become a VIP member. I'm not a police investigator, but I think this would be a redlight that these places offer more than the standard massage.

There are many unanswered questions about how these businesses have stayed open for so long. In fact, some of these parlors have been shut down before and yet somehow they found a way to re-open.

Has our society gotten so desperate for sex that they need to pay for it?

If so, should prostitution be legal in order to cut down on human trafficking? I'm not saying sex for money is the right way to go about it, but it seems to me a compromise of some kind needs to be brought up.

I am sure within time, these parlors will be up and running again with all new girls on the list of “massage therapists.” There will be the regulars coming back and maybe some new clients desiring their services. If the city wants to keep this from happening, then they need to get off their padded seats and do something about it.

### >Letters to the editor

## For anyone who frequently uses a tanning bed: Please educate yourself on cancer's warning signs

I noted that in last week's Progress, section one featured a story about a brave professor who has survived melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, along with one and a half pages of advertising for tanning beds.

I have a special interest in this subject because my daughter, Jackie, died of melanoma in 1999.

She graduated from Eastern in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in social work. She was married to the love of her life, and was pursuing a Master's of Divinity degree at Asbury Seminary at the time of her death.

She was a beautiful, vibrant, healthy young woman. She was also a blond, blue-eyed, avid tanning bed user who gave no thought to the effects of tanning, other than exhibiting that “healthy glow” that tanning beds provide.

However, by the time her melanoma was discovered, it had spread throughout her body (Stage IV) and could not be stopped. She spent many weeks in the hospital, participated in an experimental study involving interferon injections, and patiently endured chemotherapy, gamma knife (brain) surgery and many other procedures.

I watched her fight a courageous, losing battle that lasted 14 months.

I can assure you that watching a daughter die of melanoma is an experience that no mother should have to endure.

My purpose in writing is not to protest the use of tanning beds. I am realistic enough to know that tanning beds will always be a part of our culture. However, I also know that the Skin Cancer Foundation states that indoor tanners face a 74 percent increased risk for melanoma and other forms of skin cancer, and that the American Cancer Society reports 120,000 new cases of melanoma each year.

I encourage everyone, including tanning bed users, to examine their skin, and to visit a dermatologist regularly for skin checkups. I urge you to be aware of the ABC warning signs of melanoma: Asymmetry—moles of irregular shape, not round; Border—irregular borders; Color—moles that might be two or more colors; Diameter—bigger than a pencil eraser; Evolving—changing size, color or shape. If you are a tanning bed user, I urge you to be informed, be aware, be safe. Your life depends on it.

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## President Whitlock did the right thing by approving policy to give veterans right to register early for classes

On Jan. 18, Eastern's Student Senate voted down a proposal to extend "priority registration" status to military veterans. The proposed amendment to the university's registration policy would have enabled veterans — students currently either on active or inactive duty, as well as students who have previously served in the military — the ability to register for courses in advance of the general student population. Passage of the measure would have allowed veterans to join other groups who already have priority registration status, including student-athletes, cheerleaders, honor students and the disabled. The measure failed by a vote of 15-6.

President Whitlock, doubtless embarrassed by the manifest immaturity and poor judgment displayed by the Student Senate, did with the stroke of a pen what the Student Senate would not. Shortly after the Senate shot down the proposal, the President made registration for veterans a university policy.

Still, some may ask, as did *The Eastern Progress* in "Priority: where does it end?" Jan. 20, 2011...

Is this fair? Yes. And it's the very least we can do.

**War is a shared sacrifice.**  
Ironically, the Student Senate's vote coincided — nearly to the day — with the 67 anniversary of the introduction to the United States House of Representatives of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of

1944. This landmark legislation, widely known as the "GI Bill," granted military veterans special access to and funding for higher education. The law opened the doors of higher education to millions of Americans for whom such a goal had once been unattainable. Nearly 8 million returning servicemen and women took advantage of the educational provisions of the bill. Their contributions changed the social, economic and cultural landscape of the country and helped usher in an unprecedented period of growth and prosperity.

The GI Bill was made possible by funds from a newly progressive income tax (i.e., the wealthier pay more), a measure whose passage was fueled in great part by the notion of "shared sacrifice," the concept that, in a great nation, the burdens of war shall not be shouldered solely by the few. But that is precisely what has happened over the past decade, as military veterans and their families pay the price for two long wars.

Is priority registration for fewer than 600 students too great a sacrifice for the rest of us?

**We are here because they serve. Really.**

Today, only a tiny fraction of our citizens bear the burden of military service. Our all-volunteer military enables the United States to forego compulsory military service or enforced conscription, even as we fight years-long wars on two fronts. In a very real sense, our vet-

erans' service makes it possible for the vast majority of Eastern students to attend school without fear that they will be called up, without worries over completing their military obligations. For many college-age people across the globe, this kind of freedom is unimaginable. In the U.S., the bill for this freedom has been footed by servicemen and women, who have suffered repeated deployments that have interrupted their family lives, jobs and education.

Granting these vets priority registration seems a small price to pay for the privilege of not going to war.

**It's good for us.**

For years, the university has offered certain kinds of students priority registration because it's good for the university. For example, athletes and honor students have priority status because the university recognizes that this privilege makes Eastern more competitive in recruiting and retaining desired students, who, in turn, benefit the University by their presence.

Eastern's veterans, tempered by training and tested by war, bring to our classrooms a level of discipline, maturity and experience unmatched by any other group. (It is no mystery why, historically, a disproportionate number of CEOs, company presidents, Congressmen and women and U.S. Presidents have been veterans.) And Eastern veterans' ability to gain entrance to some of the most sought-after

Eastern courses—such as those required for nursing, pre-med, or homeland security, for example—benefits those of use who share the classroom with them, and ensures that these students have the opportunity to serve in these fields where their temperament and experience is so needed.

**They need it more than we do.**

Over the past ten years, active military and National Guard members have suffered repeated deployments. These redeployments have disrupted graduation schedules, forced students to abandon current studies and postponed graduation dates. When they return, these vets often have to compete for limited seating in courses they need to satisfy graduation requirements. Without priority status, veterans, who need a full schedule to retain their funding, often just load their schedules with elective classes. However, intellectually enriching such classes may be, being forced to take them in lieu of required classes only pushes graduation further away.

Additionally, veterans have obligations unimaginable to many of us. Many who have served in combat often bear scars, both emotional and physical. And while it is our moral obligation to provide vital healthcare services to them, we sure don't make it easy. Veterans must be treated at specific, approved sites (not necessarily near school), and at specific times. In the absence of priority registration

status, veterans would essentially have to choose between pursuing medical treatment and pursuing an education. Priority registration would help them do both.


It seems a small thing to ask in return for what they have done.

**Let's not mess this up again.**

Over the past hundred years or so, our nation has vowed repeatedly to have learned the lessons of previous eras, when we neglected or mistreated our returning servicemen and women. World War I veterans were forced to march on Washington and camp out on the Mall just to get their pay. After World War II, we declared that would never happen again, and so we passed the GI Bill. Then came the Vietnam War, and soldiers returned home only to find themselves either vilified or viewed as uncomfortable reminders of a war the country would rather forget. When the "War on Terror" came around, we held rallies and adorned our cars and clothes with symbols of our commitment to the troops. But yellow-ribbon magnets, flag lapel pins and "Support our Troops" bumper stickers are just advertisements of our own virtue. They don't improve the life of a single veteran and they don't demand an iota of sacrifice from us.

President Whitlock's reversal of the Student Senate vote was an act of common sense and moral courage.

Catherine Engelke  
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50. Attacker
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56. Chicken
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12. "i" lid
13. Strip
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30. Object passed by relay runners
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old sophomore from Williamsburg. "That's basically all there is to it."

But Spiller said while it offers a pleasurable euphoric feeling, it is not the same and causes harmful damages.

One source, who preferred to remain anonymous, said she watched her best friend spiral down after she began using white lightning.

"At first she told me it's like a diet pill that makes you happy. I believed her," the source said. "I then began to see less and less of her. We had always been so alike, I knew something was wrong when she began to act different, mostly careless as if she was on top of the world and nobody else mattered."

The source warned, while White Lightning is legal, its dangers can compare to those of illegal substances.

"I would say if you have an addictive personality, don't use this drug. It's as addictive as anything else. I love my friend, but I hate White Lightning. I've seen firsthand how it affects people," she said.

Spiller said, initially, there were 20 White Lightning cases in the first couple of

months, but that number has increased to roughly 20 cases in the past two weeks.

He and a Louisiana colleague believed the drug is being created outside the U.S. with New Orleans being the port of entry. They are still looking for facts, such as the endurance and half-life, which is the time period it takes for a dying substance to decrease by half.

Brandi Reynolds, a 20-year-old sophomore from Cincinnati, said she believes the "high" effect of the drug is short-lived.

"I have a friend that does White Lightning before work to stay energized," Reynolds said. "She will sometimes do it every 20 minutes."

The drug has been banned in several places, including the state of Louisiana, but in Kentucky it is still found in a variety of gas stations and head shops.

In Lexington, White Lightning is sold at Purple Haze, a tattoo parlor, as a stain remover.

A quarter-gram sells for \$15, while a gram sells for \$45.

A store clerk at Purple Haze said they recently began taking a copy of the consumer's ID and having them sign a release form, authorizing they will not use the product for any other purpose other than stain remover.



## MIRANDA

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home when I saw those mountains."

Miranda then quit her job, sold all of her belongings, moved to a small cabin in the woods of Mt. Vernon and took a \$40,000 pay cut to come and work at Eastern as a tenure track faculty member in the department of anthropology, sociology and social work. She has been a "Cubalachian," as she says, ever since.

"I am Cuban by birth, but I'm Appalachian by the grace of God," Miranda said. "This is home. They are going to bury me in a pine box in some holler somewhere."

Miranda has graced Eastern's campus with her warm smile for the last 17 years, and she has left nothing short of a lasting impression and impact on her students, colleagues and the university, colleagues said.

Robyn Mooreland, one of Miranda's former students and director of Hope's Wings Domestic Shelter in Richmond, is just one of the many students Miranda touched through her work.

"I think every student she has had in the last 17 years has taken a little piece of her with them," Mooreland said. "You can't meet her and know her without taking a little piece of her with you."

Likewise, Miranda said seeing her students become her colleagues is very rewarding.

"The job of a good student is to surpass

their teacher," Miranda said. "That keeps this teacher feeling very proud."

And Mooreland is more than proud to have become one of Miranda's colleagues.

"It's nice to go from being a student to a colleague," Mooreland said. "It's nice to know I'm almost in the same league as her."

Over the course of her tenure here at Eastern, Miranda has moved the WGS Program leaps and bounds ahead of what it was when she got here. When she took over the program five years ago, it was based out of the third floor of the Miller Building.

"We had no elevator and there was pigeon poop coming in," Miranda said.

WGS now has a home in the Keith Building.

Included in the Keith building is The Center and the Healing Space, part of ECU-SAFE, one of Miranda's accomplishments at Eastern. ECU-SAFE, was funded by a \$300,000 federal grant Miranda was the co-investigator for.

In addition to ECU-SAFE, Miranda has expanded the curriculum of WGS from two courses to 15 courses, made "The Vagina Monologues" a yearly tradition, helped WGS courses to gain inclusion in general education and succeeded in including men in WGS with the founding of Men Advocating Awareness about Rape/Sexual Assault (MARS).

But above all else, Miranda is a social worker at heart. This is her calling in life.

"As a little kid I knew what was fair and just and what was not," Miranda said. "I was born a baby social worker."

## NORML

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ulty would be aware of what their mission is.

"We are not advocating smoking marijuana, we are here to reform it," said Ashley Sharp, the executive director of NORML and a sophomore in psychology.

They are instead advocating the medical and industrial uses of marijuana. NORML came to Eastern last fall and is the first chapter in Kentucky. At the moment, the organization has 37 members. Those who are interested in finding out more about NORML and when their next meeting is contact Ashley Sharp at ashley\_sharp8@mymail.eku.edu.

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"Many of you have known me for a long time," Hoskins said in an address at the ceremony. "And you know that I would work diligently to make this the best venue in the state, leading some to say, 'how did they make that happen?'"

Hoskins made it clear that the new center would open up a lot of jobs for students.

"Eastern Kentucky University's students will become ambassadors for this center," she said. "Their lives will be enriched as they greet patrons at the front door with valet service, or at the box office or serving as ushers or working

backstage unloading trucks for a large production company of Broadway, or perhaps escorting Willie Nelson to his dressing room."

Hoskins also addressed the local government officials attending the ceremony, giving them a precursor as to what will come when the center finally opens.

"Mayor Connelly, Mayor Barnes, Judge Clark, get ready. Your county is getting ready to grow even more," Hoskins said. "This is just the beginning. Hold on to your hats, folks."

The Center, located on Eastern's south campus, is approaching completion. When finished, the center will host a variety of acts, from country and rock concerts to Broadway productions. The main stage of the center will be surrounded for 2,000 people. In addition,

there will also be a "black-box" room for a more unique and intimate concerts as well as for local talent.

Tammy Cornett, the director of marketing for the Center for Performing Arts, said that the center is expected to be complete in June, with the first performances happening around September.

"This is going to be a marvelous place when it is finished," Whitlock said.

Whitlock said he was proud that Eastern has two buildings under construction that support the arts and sciences. He expects that the new center will become the premier venue in Kentucky.

"You've seen over the years the outstanding performers in the wide variety of genre at the Norton Center," Whitlock said. "We aspire to that and even more at Eastern Kentucky University."



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# FEATURES

## LESS THAN JAKE:

### MORE THAN YOUR AVERAGE PUNK BAND



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Today's music environment caters to the constantly changing tastes of today's listener. Genres and bands flow in and out of the music spectrum on an almost daily basis, faster than ever before.

But, occasionally there will be those bands that stick it out and help define a music scene, instead of just becoming a part of it.

Less Than Jake (LTJ), a ska-punk band from Gainesville, Fla., first appeared in 1995 with their album *Pezcore* and has spent 17 years becoming an important facet of the ska scene. They will be playing in Lexington at Buster's on Feb. 8.

For those who don't know, Ska is a pop-punk genre backed by a horn section, usually including saxophones, trombones and trumpets.

LTJ are now considered Warped Tour "veterans" by playing with bands that have come to define the punk and ska scenes, such as Reel Big Fish and Bad Religion.

JR, saxophonist and back-up vocalist for LTJ for the past 11 years, said, "I'm not trying to be Arcade Fire. I'm not trying to get Spin Magazine to write an article about us. The dream isn't over. It's just been modified."

JR, who by band policy only goes by his first name, joined LTJ in 2000.

"I literally walked off the graduation stage and onto the bus with Less Than Jake," he said. "It's been 11 long, drawn out years."

JR graduated from Berkley College of Music with a degree in music education. He said his interest in music be-

gan early, playing piano at age six and saxophone at age 11.

The Beatles, Elvis Costello and The Descendents are his main influences as a musician. All, The Descendents, Iron Maiden, Snuff, Operation Ivy and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones are LTJ's overall influences as a band.

JR said the current U.S. tour, lasting Feb. 1 through Feb. 26, has been fun with large, energetic crowds.

"We've had 1,000 kids here and 1,300 kids there," he said.

This tour has also invited local bands to open for the tour's lineup, in addition to touring with The Super Villains and Off With Their Heads.

"We like whiskey too," he said. "[If] you like drinking beer and raising hell, you'll like our band. Hey man, we're from the south too."

Following the U.S. tour dates, the band will go to Australia and Indonesia.

"We've done Australia, but never Indonesia before. Very excited about that."

Ska and punk shows may be unfamiliar to some students at Eastern, especially a LTJ show. JR advises the only way to truly understand it is to come to a show.

"On stage, it's high energy, pretty intense. People have said to me before, 'It's like you're two different people out there.' In a sense, I am. Coming to a Less Than Jake show is different every time. We don't script. One night it might be a kid getting his hair cut off and the next it's three overweight people having a three-

way kiss. Very improvisational. You have to come see it for yourself," he said.

Punk may have some connotations that imply more than what it is, JR said.

"Ska is just fun, come check it out. When you hear the

word 'punk' you get very intimidated. You think of mohawks and earrings in the nose, but that's just fashion," he said. "Fashion doesn't define the music. I think our music is exciting and has energy. It's everything music should be."

Less Than Jake has followed what they felt the music industry should be through their career, bouncing from major labels, including Fat Wreck Chords and Capitol Records, to their own label in 2008. Sleep It Off Records was started by the band, and JR says it's been an overall positive move.

"I mean it's our own label. We do all our own stuff, all our own work and it's very rewarding. It's different, not better. It's great to not have to ask permission of 15 people," JR said.

Sleep It Off Records has been in the processing of re-releasing the LTJ classic albums, with *Losing Streak* and *Hello Rockview* being released on the current tour.

"The records we re-release are kind of considered our classic records. So if you didn't have the chance to buy them the first time around, you can get them now. Some people get all offended that people don't buy CD's any-

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JR  
Saxophonist & back-up vocalist

## THE BEST DEALS AROUND TOWN

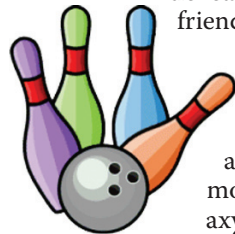
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For many of us growing up, college seemed like a far-off, exciting and mysterious place. A time and place that would define us as people, educate us and broaden our horizons, and help transition us from our past lives into our future place in the world.

Throughout all of this romanticizing, however, a key fact about college life is shoved aside and forgotten, a fact that most students know all too well: college is expensive. Expensive enough to make the possibility of any sort of social life seem less and less likely.

Luckily, help is available in the form of discounts, coupons and savings for many local businesses and restaurants.

Given that Richmond is a college town, many places have long offered specials that cater specifically to students short on cash. Here are some of the more popular options you may not have heard of, here to help your wallet breathe a little easier next time your friends want to go out.



### BOWLING

Located on Amberly Way across from the Richmond Centre, the Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center offers several killer deals perfect for a night out on the town. Alongside the coupons offered in the "EKU Campus Coupon Mint" book available around campus, Galaxy has two specialty nights that can't be missed. Tuesdays from 9

p.m. to 1 a.m. is "Nifty Fifties" night, where games, rental shoes, hotdogs and beer are all only 50 cents. At the same time on Thursday nights, "College Night" takes place, where entry is buy one, get one free.

### MOVIES

Cinemark at the Richmond Centre is Eastern's first stop for a quality movie-going experience. Like most other Cinemark's nationwide, Richmond's offers several discounts throughout the week. If you don't mind catching a movie earlier in the day, Early Bird First Matinee show times are only \$4.50. All other showings before 6 p.m. are \$6.00. "All-Day Tuesdays" admission is \$6.00 as well. By going online and subscribing to their weekly e-mail, you can also receive coupons for free popcorn and drinks.

### WINGS, WINGS, WINGS

Plenty of quality restaurants in Richmond offer great savings for students, especially those with chicken wings on the menu. Buffalo Wild Wings in the Richmond Centre has two specialty wing nights. Tuesdays are 45 cents



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## Hot trends for cold weather on campus

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When thinking about winter, there's more to dread than look forward to. Things like walking through the snow to get to class, not having a tan and

worst of all, exchanging your shorts and flip-flops in for coats and boots.

But that doesn't mean you can't still show off your fashion sense this season.

There are many ways to stand out in this dull weather; ideas can come from television shows, or even the people around you.

If you look around Eastern's campus, the most common trend for women this winter is a pea coat. This dressier coat has replaced the usual bubble coats that were common last winter. Typically the coat is black, but there are also bolder prints available, such as plaid and tweed. Paired along with these coats are vibrant scarves and Ugg boots, with skinny jeans tucked in.



If you want to be bold, you could try to pull off thigh high boots, which are seen countless times in magazines this year.

Other bold moves include patterned tights, lace shirts and cut out clothing, styles frequently seen on campus.

For men, darker colors are more evident this winter. Topcoats are the men's version of pea coats, and are seen regularly this season. These are usually worn with a 'Chuck Bass' scarf and simple boots.

Trends for both men and women are cardigans, which are worn with T-shirts or tanks underneath. Leather jackets are also seen everywhere and can be worn with virtually anything from a T-shirt to a dress. It can be paired with boots for men or heels for women.

These styles are a hit this winter, but who knows what's in store for next year.



# WHERE WILL YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?

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Deciding on a career is a big decision. But it can easily be defined in four simple steps.

Step one: go to college.

Step two: decide on a major.

Step three: graduate.

Step four: get a job or go to graduate school.

But after all that work, the one thing on every student's mind is, what can my degree do for me? Where can I get a job, and just how much money will it churn out?

Believe it or not, prospective employers not only pay attention to your degree, but also your background. How diversified are your skills, and what have you participated in while securing your degree?

Laura Melius, director of Career Services, said employers want to see your "depth of skills." If you're a freshman, focus on registering for classes that challenge thinking and incorporate job-related skills. Seniors, it is never too late to learn new skills before you graduate.

But aside from learning new skills, most seniors are anxious about what kind of job they'll be qualified for after walking across the stage in May.

If you're planning on graduating with a nursing or education degree, it would seem obvious what kind of job you could apply for. But what about a more diverse major, such as criminal justice, general business or even English?

In 2009, nearly 750 students enrolled in the criminal justice program. This is a large group of students to compete with when it comes to finding a job.

Or is it?

A criminal justice degree offers jobs available in corrections, victim advocacy, legal research, forensics, Internet security and teaching. The list is endless since the program offers a wide range of courses related to crime, policing, corrections, criminal justice and criminal law.

Andrea Mack, a criminal justice major, knows exactly what she wants to do.

"I want to work as a warden in a women's maximum security prison. I know I will probably have to start off as a correctional officer, but I'm hoping my degree will help me move up the ladder," she said.

But with what seems to be an endless array of job opportunities, does the pay reflect the same advantages?

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), federal correctional officers can make an average \$53,000 a year.

Computer forensic investigators who specialize in recovering, analyzing and presenting data from computers for use in investigations or as evidence, can make around \$41,000 annually, depending on the company and location.

Much like in criminal justice, a degree in general business can take you into many different directions. Jobs are available with this degree in management, sales, insurance, banking, real estate and human resources are available. These jobs are projected to rise in the future, according to the OOH.

Sierra Little, a freshman management major knows what she wants to do with her major.

"I plan to open my own bakery," she said.

Depending on her location, she could make around \$37,000 a year. For real estate, again depending on the location, a person could make on average around \$40,000.

English majors are often asked, "What are you going to do with that degree, teach?"

But, there are many options for numerous careers depending on your concentration.

Eastern's English department offers concentrations in creative writing, technical writing, literature, teaching and theatre. Jobs available for English majors are writing, editing, publishing, teaching, advertising, public relations, business and law.

Travis Stidham, a senior double-major in English and psychology, said, "I was hoping to become the next Dexter with my double major, but I guess I will have to settle with a job teaching creative writing at a community college or a university."

Stidham expects his salary to be somewhere around \$50,000 a year.

Is he right?

According to the OOH, he could earn around \$58,000 a year, depending on his location.

Writers and editors can earn between \$49,000 and \$53,000 a year, depending on what publication the person is working for. English majors can even go on to law school and become a lawyer, making well over \$100,000 a year.

But does all of this mean finding an amazing job should correlate with an outstanding income?

Not at all.

In the end, you are the one that gets to decide what is most important — the job itself or the pay.

Finding a right career path is hard, but knowing all the facts and doing some research should ease the pain a little. If you are still in doubt on your major, visit Career Services, or check out their website at [www.career.eku.edu](http://www.career.eku.edu).



## New 'Mechanic' builds and improves on original

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Need a mechanic? Call Arthur Bishop. He will not be interested in fixing your car, more like killing someone for you.

"The Mechanic" is a remake of the 1972 version starring Charles Bronson. In this remake, however, they did not stick to the original. Instead, director Simon West, who directed the first Lara Croft movie, and writers Richard Wenk and Lewis John Carlino, who happens to be the writer for the original, took a new and improved approach.

No disrespect to any Charles Bronson fans out there, but the new direction this version took is much better, plus Jason Statham adds more depth and intrigue to the character. The original takes a while to unfold, as the first 15 minutes only involves Bronson setting up to kill his target and then there is an explosion. Plus the 1972 version focuses more on the character of Bishop's personal habits than the remake.

Jason Statham plays Arthur Bishop, a hitman who is hired by a secretive company to make his targets look like they have died by accident. For each hit, he gets paid a large amount of money. Also, Bishop doesn't get personal with his targets. How they

die and why has no bearing on his decision to kill until a name is given to Bishop that he must take out that happens to be his dear old friend Harry, played by Donald Sutherland. Bishop then encounters Harry's son Steve played by Ben Foster. Steve wants to become Bishop's protégé, and so begins a twisted partnership. Foster brings a dark sense of humor to his character and together Foster and Statham make a great team.

Of course, in every action film there has to be deception involved within the plot, in order to intrigue the audience. Bishop is lied to by the secretive company on why he must kill Harry, and Bishop avoids Steve's concerns about who killed his father.

In the end, the audience is wondering who will survive.

Will it be Steve or Bishop?

I will not divulge that information, as you will have to go see this movie for yourself to find out.

Compared to the original 1972 movie, this version has more action and a plot circled around the idea of revenge. I was disappointed to see that Statham did not incorporate his usual martial arts fighting style in this film. Instead, many weapons were used. However, the movie still kicked major butt. **VERDICT: A-**

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# DEALS

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traditional wing nights, while Thursdays offer 60 cents boneless wings. Located on the Eastern Bypass, Hooters offers coupons featured in the aforementioned coupon mint book and also sells discounted wings on Wednesdays. Lesser known, but equally inexpensive, is Stop and Go on East Water Street. Nearly everything on the menu is available for under \$5, including their eight piece wing entrée.

# LTJ

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more, but they don't, I mean some people still do," he said. "But, really a lot of people don't buy music anymore."

The re-release records include a live DVD, in addition to the CD and photos and "all those kinds of goodies."

Also, by being able to release "classic" records, LTJ has gained veteran status on the music scene and seen the differences from when they started and young bands starting now.

"It's impressive to see these young bands who are just working hard and squeezing the most out of us as they can," he said. "It really balances out all the Justin Bieber in the world along with the rest of the shitty pop music out there, like Lady Gaga. A lot of emerging artists have weird expectations, they think to survive in the world of music they need to keep changing. In reality, they should just keep being the band they are. That's the reason they got signed to the label."

Expectations for LTJ, range from what fans expect of them, to what the band expects of themselves and how to control the uncontrollable.

# RENTALS

Finally, Richmond's premier spot for movies, music, gaming and books is Hastings in the Richmond Centre. Thousands of products are available—both used and new—to populate your dorm room and provide you with hours of entertainment. Also, by signing up for a store account you can build up store credit through trading in items, as well as by returning movies and games earlier than they are due. Eventually, your purchases can pay for themselves.

These deals and many more are available all around Richmond to help you stretch your last dollar into a good time.

"The only expectations that really hold you back are the ones you put on yourself. The only expectation that the fans have is that we put a record out and we put a good record out. We want every song to be great, a lot of the times you end paying \$10 for one song. It shouldn't be like that," JR said. "We have to focus on the things we have control over, like the songs. We can't control radio play, we can't control what video channels that are out there play our videos, or what corporate guy is going to pick up the licensing to advertise his shitty product."

JR said the new tour has brought in input on their most recently released *TV/EP* (October 2010). *TV/EP* covered television theme songs, everything from "iCarly" to "The Animaniacs" to "Married with Children."

"It's an idea, something that we've talked about for years. Just something we've always wanted to do. It's meant to be a fun record. The reaction? So far, been really all-good. Hate it? Don't listen to it," he said.

LTJ plans to begin recording a new album in the fall with a release date planned sometime before the next year.

"We know what we are going to do, but like any great magician, we do not reveal our tricks," JR said.



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# 'Hey there, what's your sign?'

In recent weeks, a lot of debate has been brought up about the zodiac signs—which ones were changed, which ones were added, how many tattoos were made meaningless and so on. Though it seems to have blown over with most of the controversy surrounding the alleged change in our stars losing its weight, the constellations' presence in the news and media has certainly re-sparked interest in our signs once again. For those of you unaware of the implications of your sign, or perhaps don't know your sign at all, here is a small refresher course on the astrology of our lives.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20- Feb. 18  
Element: Air  
Ruling Planet: Uranus  
Symbol: The Water Bearer  
Life Pursuit- To understand life's mysteries

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19- March 20  
Element: Water  
Ruling Planet: Neptune  
Symbol: The Fish  
Life Pursuit: To avoid feeling alone and instead feel connected to others

**Aries**  
March 21- April 19  
Element: Fire  
Ruling Planet: Mars  
Symbol: The Ram  
Life pursuit: To live for the thrill of the moment

**Taurus**  
April 20- May 20  
Element: Earth  
Ruling Planet: Venus  
Symbol: The Bull  
Life Pursuit: To have emotional and financial security

**Gemini**  
May 21- June 20  
Element: Air  
Ruling Planet: Mercury  
Symbol: The Twins  
Life Pursuit: To explore a little bit of everything

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June 21- July 22  
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Life Pursuit: To have constant reassurance and intimacy

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Life Pursuit: To survive against all opposition

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Life Pursuit: To live the good life

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# MEN

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to make them into drivers even though we knew they were pretty good off the bounce. We just picked up our defense, because guys were picking each other up — they got beat and we helped out.”

Eastern attacked the Tigers throughout the game, getting to the free throw line 25 times.

“Our play-calling tonight was more trying to get the ball to the basket, especially when we got them in the bonus, we were trying to attack them and draw fouls to get to the free-throw

line,” said Daniel, who scored 19 points. “Offensively, we played great. Probably one of our best offensive games of the year.”

Perrin also scored 22 points, while battling inside. During one stretch he had several consecutive dunks and lay-ups around the rim.

“When Spencer Perrin can score inside, it really does change our team,” Neubauer said. “Tennessee State switches on a lot of screens. When they switch that was our objective, to get him the ball on the post and take advantage of those situations.”

### A look ahead

Eastern will try to keep its streak of four straight wins on the road alive when they

travel to Tennessee Tech Thursday.

The previous meeting between the two schools, on Jan. 8, resulted in a 78-66 loss for the Colonels.

The Golden Eagles outmanned the Colonels in the paint, outscoring them 40-16 for the game. Then Tennessee Tech used its inside presence inside to open up the outside shot, going 58 percent for the game and making 4-of-5 three-point attempts in the second half.

Perrin scored a game-high 20 points, but it wasn't enough for Eastern, who reportedly made mistakes on the defensive end.

Tip-off is set for 8:30 p.m.

# ZANCAN

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Most of the players stay in school four years, earn their degree and then start the next chapter in their lives. If that includes a shot in the NBA, then so be it.

But it's hard for me to feel the same way with players that are “one and done.”

College programs want to win titles too, but if they are drafting players knowing full well they are not fully invested into the program, what's the point?

Eastern recruits players that stay. Some may argue that we are a mid-sized school that gets minimal recognition, therefore players have no shot at a draft.

Whether you are wrong or right, I believe having a roster that sticks around for four years gives the university a bet-

ter chance at building.

Unfortunately, a lot of these kids that play for one year do so because they get more exposure so they can climb the draft charts.

It's happening more and more recently.

Whether it's wrong or right? Fair or unfair? Debatable or not, I think the NBA should adapt a set of rules and stick to it.

I know this argument could be made for any sport, like baseball or football, but I am concentrating on college basketball stars, because college basketball is one of the most watched sports.

A lot of factors go into recruiting and a lot of factors go into jumping to the professional ranks, I just feel like spending a few more years in college will ultimately give you several more years of life experience and prepare you for the grinding lifestyle of professional sports.

# WOMEN

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62-59 lead with 2:42 left in the game.

“I was feeling it and I was pushing it down and they were going in,” Coles said.

Coles injured her shoulder the previous week in practice and Roberts made a little joke with her after she nailed the consecutive three pointers.

“I was joking with her that her shoulder must've gotten loose,” Roberts said. “Those were some gutsy shots and she wanted the ball in her hands and she knocked them down.”

Coles had a career high 26 points and Carpenter tied a career high 25 points. Sophomore guard Shakeyia Colyer had 13 points and Alex Jones had 17 points and 15 rebounds. The Lady Colonels had season highs in assists (20) and in scoring, with 91 points.

### A look ahead

The Lady Colonels go on the road to take on Tennessee Tech University. The Golden Eagles (16-4, 10-1

OVC) play well at home, with a record of 7-1 in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Golden Eagles are currently riding a seven game winning streak and their last defeat was on Jan. 6 when they lost at Morehead State University, 78-53.

The Golden Eagles lead the all-time series with Eastern, 57-21.

Roberts hopes the rebounding battle will be closer than it was the last game.

“They are a team that

out rebounded us by 10 last time, and it has to be important to us to control the boards,” Roberts said.

One of the areas the Lady Colonels plan to improve on is their transition defense.

“They can straight up shoot the ball from behind the three point line,” Roberts said. “It has to be important for us to sprint up and check them up quick beyond the arc.”

Tipoff is Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



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Eastern's guard Marie Carpenter (right) had 14 points in the Lady Colonel's win over Austin Peay Thursday.

# TENNIS

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level of tennis last week. They were free swinging and just as confident as can be.”

### A look ahead

Eastern will put that 23 home-game winning streak on the line with a double-header on Saturday. The Colonels face off against Xavier University and Chicago State University.

Xavier comes into the match having lost its first three matches to Kentucky, Ohio State and Ball State. The preseason's pick for No. 1 in the Atlantic-10 Conference, has struggled of late, but results in a tough test for the Colonels.

“They will definitely be our toughest home match of the season and they beat us last year with basically the same team,” Oertel said.

Xavier, the defending A-10 champion, edged George Washington, 4-3, in the championship match last season, to earn its third consecutive conference title and the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

This year the Musketeers return a pair of all-conference second team selections in senior Bobby Deye and junior Richard Canelas. Deye is a two-time all-conference pick.

“We are definitely looking for revenge, because we thought we could beat them last year.”

The Musketeers seem to have the Colonels number lately. Eastern has dropped their last two meetings with Xavier by a score of 6-1.

In last season's match, Schroeder at No. 2 singles, was the only Eastern player to tally a singles victory, with a 7-5, 6-3 decision over Canelas. Two years ago, Verma was the lone Colonel to pull out a win.

“Well, we lost bad last year and the year before,” Das said. “We played them in a double-header and that doesn't help, we really need to be at our best to beat them. It's always a close match and we will need to play very good to be beat them.”

Chicago State also comes into the match with Eastern without a win on its record.

The Cougars have dropped decisions to Western Illinois, the University of Chicago and Marquette.

Sophomores Armaan Choudhary and Ankit Chopra lead Chicago State. Choudhary, who despite being winless this season, had some success in the fall series, capturing the Flight 'B' singles consolation title in the Louisville Winter Invitational back in October.

Chopra, at No. 1 singles, was able to take his match against Marquette into a tiebreak in the second set, but eventually lost 6-0, 7-6.

The Cougars only have four players on their roster. Two singles points and one doubles point will automatically be won by Eastern.

“I'm just looking for a good weekend of tennis from our team,” Oertel said.

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Eastern junior Philip Janz defeated his opponent from Georgetown 6-4, 6-1. The Colonels, as a team, won 7-0 over the Tigers. It was their 23rd straight win at home.

## Colonels blank Tigers for 23rd straight home court win

By Ryan Alves  
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The Greg Adams Indoor Tennis Center has been a safe-haven for Eastern's men's tennis program.

The 9-0 win over Georgetown College Saturday, ran the Colonel's home winning streak to 23 consecutive matches. Eastern hasn't lost at home since a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Minnesota back in February 2009.

"Everybody was pumped up and we played very well," Eastern's Parul Verma said. "We got a lot of confidence for the high quality of tennis we played against Virginia and Virginia Tech."

Eastern (3-2) cruised past the Tigers winning all seven singles matches in straight sets. The Colonels only surrendered 10 games total to the Tigers. At the five through seven spots, Eastern shutout Georgetown 6-0, 6-0.

Alex Das, Eastern's No. 1 singles player, handedly won his match over Benjamin Aspillaga 6-1, 6-0.

"I think we played well," Das said. "It was one of the easier matches of all year, but it really helped us prepare for our next matches."

Verma was one of the Colonels to blank

his opponent. The junior defeated Zach Thomas 6-0, 6-0.

"Coach gave us a target of 24 wins and two losses, and we are all following that right now," Verma said. "We are really focusing on playing well and only losing a maximum of two matches."

Georgetown (Ky.), out of the NAIA division, was playing its first match of the season. The Tigers were at a noticeably skill disadvantage to the Colonels, but it was important for Eastern to take care of business early.

"Sometimes when your expecting an easy match it makes it hard when the match becomes tougher," Das said. "But I think we handled it pretty good."

Juniors Hugo Klientovsky, Niklas Schroeder and Philip Janz defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 and 6-4, 6-1 respectively.

Eastern also won the doubles points decisively. The closest match was Janz and Schroeder's match at 8-5.

"Our guys had tons of energy because we didn't play any other matches on the weekend," Head Coach Rob Oertel said. "And we just got done playing that high

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Parul Verma



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Freshman Milena Poffo returns a volley Friday in her match against East Tennessee State. The Colonels put up a fight but fell short in the series, losing to the Bucs, 7-0.

## Women's tennis makes strides despite weekend home losses

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Eastern's women's tennis team started its 2011 campaign with two home losses over the weekend.

The Lady Colonels dropped a 7-0 decision to The Bucs of East Tennessee State Friday and a close match, 4-3, to Xavier Saturday.

Tennessee State came in as the preseason favorite to win the Atlantic Sun Conference.

The Bucs won five of the six singles matches, convincingly, in straight sets. Only sophomore Esmira Gheisary, at No. 6 singles, could force her match into a third set.

Against Xavier, Eastern went on a torrid tear to come back from an early 3-1 deficit.

Senior Myriem Mhirit, at No. 4 singles, and freshman Milena Poffo, at No. 5 singles, won a pair of straight-set matches to even the team score at 3-3.

The deciding match would come down to Gheisary and Xavier's Kally Alkire at No. 6 singles. Gheisary fell short and the Musketeers won the match 4-3.

"I'm never happy when we lose, but after walking away from it I was very

pleased," Head Coach Rob Oertel said. "Our effort on Saturday was awesome. Our girls played as hard as they could. I really think they maxed out Saturday. We made huge strides from Friday to Saturday. We just came up a little bit short, but I was really pleased."

The Colonels are back in action next weekend when Eastern hosts three indoor matches.

On Friday Eastern plays against Georgetown College (Ky.) and the University of the Cumberland.

Georgetown and the Cumberland have yet to play a match this season.

The Georgetown Tigers finished last season ranked No. 22 in the NAIA women's rankings.

Adrienne Bartlett is coming into the match as a three-time Mid-South Conference First-Teamer.

"I expect some quality tennis on Friday," Oertel said.

Chicago State also has not played a match this season.

"They have several good women that play for them," Oertel said. "We will have to be on top of our game when we face them. I don't know what to expect from them, but from what I have heard they are very good. It will be serious business."



Esmira Gheisary

# Bouchikhi and Forbes lead Eastern at Rod McCravy

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Soufiane Bouchikhi and Bianca Forbes were hard to beat last weekend in the Rod McCravy Memorial Invitational, which took place at the University of Kentucky's E.J. Nutter Field House.

The pair had best times in the men's mile and women's 400 meters.

Bouchikhi finished second out of 52 runners, with a time of 4:06.50, losing only to Cincinnati's Eric Finan. Bouchikhi's time was the third fastest in school history and just three seconds shy of the school record.

Bouchikhi said he was very pleased with his time. However, endurance will be the order of the day as he prepares for his next meet at the University of Washington Husky Indoor Open on Feb. 12.

"My main focus will be endurance," Bouchikhi said. "I

had been working on speed, but now I will focus more on endurance and less on speed."

Forbes had a good showing for the women as well. She finished 10 out of 48 runners, with a time of 56.19. Forbes was a little more critical of her time in the women's 400 meter.

"I had a decent time," Forbes said. "I want to drop my times in both, but especially the 400."

Junior Evans Kiptoo and sophomore Victor Kemboi compiled the second and third fastest OVC times in the men's mile. Kiptoo had a time of 4:10.20 and Kemboi ran a 4:11.96.

Kemboi defeated Bouchikhi later in the day in the men's 800 meters, finishing 11th out of 43 runners with a time of 1:53.88. Bouchikhi placed 16th with a time of 1:55.04. The times are currently second and third in the OVC, trailing only Eastern Illinois' Wes Sheldon's time of 1:53.10.

Other notable performances for the women's team included junior Lydia Kosgei, who ran the second

fastest time in the OVC, and the fifth fastest time in school history, in the women's indoor 800 meters with a time of 2:14.30. She finished fifth out of 37 competitors. Senior Kat Pagano also ran the second fastest time in the OVC in the women's mile with time of 5:02.57.

Sophomore DanHeisha Harding ran the second fastest women's indoor 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.75. Senior Jasmyn Norris ran the third fastest time in the conference at 8.95 and freshman Shiyana Mahendra ran the fifth fastest, with 9.04.

After this meet Eastern now holds four of the top five spots in the OVC in the women's 60-meter hurdles.

But speed is not at the top of the team's list of priorities right now.

"We have to get in better physical shape—that is our main focus and point of concentration in preparing for the next event," Coach Erdmann said.

The team's next meet is at the Middle Tennessee Invitational in Murfreesboro, Tenn. this weekend.



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## 'WHITE OUT' IN MCBRAYER ARENA

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COLONELS SPLIT PAIR OF OVC GAMES WITH LOSS TO GOVS AND WIN OVER TIGERS

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Eastern happily took a 31-25 lead into the locker room during the McBrayer Arena "White Out game" against Austin Peay Thursday.

But the Colonels knew out-playing the Ohio Valley Conference's top team for 20 minutes wouldn't equate to a victory.

**APU 61** They were right.  
**EKU 52** The Govs used a 15-2 run over the first five minutes of the second half to silence the Colonels en route to a 61-52 win.

"They definitely turned the intensity up," Eastern senior Spencer Perrin said. "They came with a lot of heat. We just couldn't respond."

Senior Justin Stommes hit 5-of-6 threes in the first half to keep the Colonels hot.

But after intermission, the Colonels came out flat.

"We came out slow in the second half," Stommes said. "They hit us real quick and we were fighting back the whole time and couldn't get back on top."

Stommes didn't score again until a little less than four minutes left in the game, when he hit his sixth

three-pointer of the night, a new career-high.

"When a guy has 15 in the first half, they're going to make a point to really guard him in the second half," Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said. "Terry is a very athletic defender and he was glued to Justin in the second half and when Justin did try to drive by him, Terry just did a really good job moving his feet."

In his place, Perrin did all he could do to keep the Colonels within striking distance, scoring 13 of his game-high 19, after half time. The senior also grabbed 10 rebounds to record his second career double-double.

"Spencer had a really good stretch in the second half offensively," Neubauer said. "He drove the ball with both hands, attacked the rim and caught the ball in the lane and had a good finishes. He did have a good stretch in our response to Austin Peay's run."

### Tennessee State

No comeback was needed Saturday against Tennessee State.

**EKU 86** The Colonels took an early lead and held it the rest of the night for an 86-72 win over the Tigers.  
**TSU 72**

"We said we had to bounce back and they're a good team," Eastern's Josh Daniel said. "We came in here

focused and were able to get the win."

Daniel, along with his fellow seniors Stommes and Perrin, helped Eastern (12-10, 6-5 OVC) jump out to a 16-6 lead early, and eventually poured in 63 points to stave off the Tigers down the stretch.

Tennessee State came into McBrayer Arena as the No. 2 ranked team in the conference. Eastern had won four of its last five, thanks to stellar defensive play.

But on this night, it wasn't the defensive effort that secured the victory for the Colonels. Eastern instead shot 61 percent from the floor, a number which shines in comparison to their season low output (30 percent) in the first meeting between the schools back on Dec. 21 in Nashville.

"We certainly did not win this with our defense," Neubauer said. "We did score tonight and that's the difference between this game and the game in Nashville."

The Colonels shot 47.4 percent from the three, making 9-of-19, but did hold the Tigers, one of the OVC's top shooting teams, to just 31 percent from behind the arc.

"That was a pretty big focus," said Stommes, who scored a team-high 22 points. "Coach let us know they could all hit threes. We were trying

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Spencer Perrin



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Senior Spencer Perrin slammed home an alley-oop in the opening minutes of Eastern's 61-52 loss to Austin Peay Thursday. Two days later, Perrin chipped in a team-high 22 points to help his Colonels beat Tennessee State, 86-72.

## Double-overtime is Lady Colonel's good luck charm in win over OVC foe, Lady Tigers

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It's been nearly six years since the Lady Colonels played a double-overtime game.

The last came in a victory over Southeast Missouri State in the 2005 Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Maybe double-overtime is a good luck charm for Eastern.

The Lady Colonels scored the first 10 points in the second overtime en route to a 91-86 victory over Tennessee State University (5-16, 2-9 OVC) Saturday. Eastern (6-14, 3-8 OVC) bounced back from their 10 game losing streak by pulling together two straight victories.

"I thought they handled the overtimes as well as they could," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said.

An overtime game, let alone a victory, did not look plausible for the Lady Colonels as they trailed the entire first half. The Lady Colonels struggled shooting from the field (32 percent) and from the free throw line (46 percent). However, they were only down by three points heading into the half, 27-24.

Eastern went scoreless the opening four minutes of the second half and saw their three-point halftime deficit expand to 11 points before freshman guard Marie Carpenter converted on a layup.

Carpenter struggled in the first



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Eastern's Shakeyia Coyle's (center) final four points, all of which were free throws, helped secure the Lady Colonels win over Tennessee State Saturday.

half hitting only 1-for-7 from the field. But she caught on fire in the second half, something Eastern needed.

"I wanted the ball in my hands more and I knew my teammates had my back," Carpenter said. "I just calmed down more and let the offense come to me."

Eastern began chipping away at the Lady Tigers, lead with baskets by Carpenter and sophomore guard

Brittany Coles. Carpenter sank two crucial threes with nine minutes left in the game. Her first three-pointer cut the Lady Tigers lead to one and her second one tied the game at 43.

The Lady Tigers clung on to a narrow lead until the four-minute mark, when Coles erupted for the Lady Colonels. Coles nailed three straight three-pointers, cutting the lead to one, tied the game and then took a

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## NBA eligibility rule should be 'one and done'



Darren Zancan

Reggie Harding was the first basketball player drafted straight out of high school to play professional basketball in 1962. But National Basketball Association rules prohibited graduates from playing professional ball until a year after graduation.

Harding spent a year in the minor league circuit then was drafted again in 1963.

The rules changed throughout the years. In the past 30 years, NBA rules changed from four years of required college play, to no college, to one year, which is where it stands now.

More than 40 high school graduates have gone on to play professional basketball, headlined by a list, including Kobe Bryant, Dwight Howard and LeBron James.

But then there are players like Darius Miles, Leon Smith and Jonathon Bender who had a few years

of basketball in them, then washed out, floating around the league.

Recently there has been a lot of debate on whether high school basketball players should have to go to college longer or get to play immediately. Currently NBA officials are looking to change the rules from one year after graduation to two years.

But what's the point in changing the rules?

All you are telling these athletes is that it's OK to drop out of college two years earlier, instead of three.

I understand some players that deserve to be in the NBA enter because of financial hardship, but for a lot of these "kids" they see the dollar signs and want to jump at the chance of playing for millions.

Instead of earning their degree, maturing and learning how to handle life, they throw themselves to the wolves.

I admire and respect the entire Eastern basketball team.

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