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# Eastern

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Spider's Web



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Homecoming

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Johnson Building

10:30 a.m. - Campus Bus Tours

12 noon - Class Reunion Luncheons

3:00 p.m. - Campus Bus Tours

6:00 p.m. - Reception, Walnut Hall,  
Keen Johnson Building

6:30 p.m. - Alumni Banquet, Grand  
Ballroom, Keen Johnson Building

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## MAY 14

# ALUMNI DAY



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## Editor's Notes

From time to time in the past, we referred to milestones in the life of the University or the Alumni Association. This June 30, another legitimate milestone will pass in the life of the Alumni Association when J. W. Spider" Thurman, Director of Alumni Affairs since 1962, will officially retire from his post.

Now on a terminal sabbatical from the University, Spider came to Eastern directed the Association through a period of dramatic growth. His is a story of a "favorite son" who has endeared himself wherever he has lived and worked. Acting Director of Alumni Affairs, Ron Wolfe, tells of the web Spider has been weaving for some decades. It's the story of a man we all come to know and love over the past 20 years.

Those football Colonels did it our years! Sporting a 13-0 record, the '82 team is the only undefeated, led squad since 1940 when, who, Spider Thurman led the Maroons an 8-0 season. Roy's boys weren't supposed to be that good, so everyone, but steady progress and a little thing called pride kept them at the top of the NCAA's Division I-AA standings most of the season, and showcased them on national television for much of the year. One game was regionally televised by ABC sports, Ted Turner's CBS Superstation in Atlanta televised some of the Colonels games at Hanger Field, and CBS Sports broadcast the championship game from Wichita Falls, Texas, to a national audience. Winning

has become "A Matter of Pride" with the ECU football team, a slogan Roy Kidd and his Colonels have proudly earned and retained.

It has been a year of financial self-sufficiency for alumni programs, and so far, the new status has worked very well. Alumni services are thriving. The newsletter program has been re-activated; the magazine is still being sent to all active members.

Other alumni programs are being offered and participation has been good. The Memberloan program has apparently met a real need, particularly among our younger graduates. Our insurance program with New England Alumni Trust (NEAT) continues to offer low-cost term insurance to graduates who need protection at a reasonable price. Our travel program is geared up for trips to Germany and the Rhine River in July, and to Hawaii in November.

Alumni chapters continue to actively help promote the University. The Louisville Area Chapter under the direction of John Sizemore met this past fall. President Powell attended from the University along with the staff from Admissions and School Relations who were recruiting in the Louisville schools at the time, and Spider and Ron were also there from the Alumni Association. The Perry County Chapter met in November with a delicious pot luck supper. Ron presented the program; Martha Ogrosky directed the event with the assistance of Cynthia McIntyre and others in that chapter.

The Greater Cincinnati Area Chapter is slated to meet later this spring; however, organizers of that group hosted a highly successful reception prior to the ECU vs. Northern Kentucky basketball game January 4th. Jim Allender is president of that group

and is capably assisted by a host of dedicated alumni who have made it the largest and most active ECU Alumni Chapter.

There are many other programs and services in which alumni involvement is crucial. The Career Development & Placement Alumni Career Network is getting off the ground with excellent participation from volunteer grads. More than 100 are in the program with additional volunteers being added regularly. And, as we approach May 14th, Alumni Day, more graduates will be involved in the planning and implementing of that big event.

So, alumni programs and services continue at a brisk pace; hopefully, when alumni records are completely computerized (that's still going on, too), we'll be able to offer these even more efficiently.

In short, alumni affairs is alive and well, thanks to the thousands of graduates who have supported the Alumni Association with their time, talents, and financial commitments.

The University community was saddened recently by the deaths of two distinguished educators, Ira Bell, '28, past superintendent of the Wayne County Schools, and Dr. J. G. Black, a former professor of physics. One of the state's outstanding educational leaders, Mr. Bell was the 1965 recipient of the Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award, and throughout the years, a loyal friend to Eastern. Dr. Black came to Eastern in 1947 and served in the physics department for some 22 years, several as chairman. The J. G. Black Lecture Room in the Moore Science Building was named in his honor. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of these two individuals who served Eastern Kentucky University so well. □

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# Color my World

## Homecoming '82

By Ron Wolfe

**C**olor the parade gray. Paint the dance and buffet with the hues of the rainbow. Add a dash of sky blue as the clouds swept away for the afternoon game.

Make the game Maroon. . . and tint the postgame reception any bright shade that would do justice to the warm friendships that were reinforced there.

It was, despite the weather, a colorful day. . . Homecoming '82.

And despite a change in the date from October 30 to October 9, the reunion groups were back in force. . . the Eastern Eels, Gordon Nash Orchestra, Law Enforcement alumni, history and social studies alumni, the 1972 and 1977 classes, and the Alumni Band.

For reunion groups like the 33 former Eels who returned with their families for an "old timers" swim meet on Friday evening, it was a day to remember. Those who swam in the meet raised the water level a bit more than they had in past years, but the excitement of competition remembered was still there.

Paul Love, '52, who swam and coached in the late 1930's and early 1940's, was there as the senior member of the reunion team. . . Bob Parker, '60, came back from Arizona. . . Lacy Haygood, '69, from Maryland. . . Rick Hill, '68, a three-time All-American, was there to honor his

coach Don Combs who was given an award from his former athletes.

Organizers Dan Lichty and Rich Anderson, '69, have indicated that there will be a repeat performance. "It was very successful," said Lichty, the present Eels coach. "And we're planning to do it again."

While the Eels were splashing in the Combs Natatorium, the Alumni Band was rehearsing in the Foster Music Building. According to Jerry Martin, '73, "It was a very enjoyable experience, and although it was my first time back, I plan to do it again."

For some in the band, it was a repeat performance. . . for others, like Stanley Forsythe,



The Alumni Band made its contribution to the Homecoming Parade on the lawn of the Richards Alumni House on Lancaster Avenue.



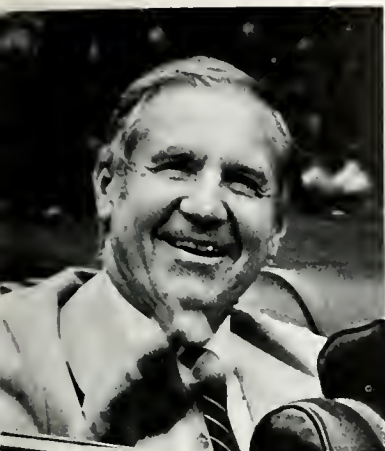
The annual Homecoming Run led the parade down Lancaster Avenue. Here hundreds of runners begin their 5,000 meter trek through downtown Richmond. Mike Johnson won in the Men's division while Cheryl Comb took top honors for women.

'72, and his wife Barbara Budke Forsythe, '73, it was a surprise appearance. Both came to watch, but ended up playing instead.

In addition to their contributions during the parade and game, Alumni Band members presented two undergraduate scholarships, one to Kathy



Some members of the 1972 class who returned for the day were (seated, from left) Kathy Greger Brussell, Pam M. Robinson and Deborah Bailey Powers. (Standing, from left) Jeffery Duff, Ben Reeves, Charles "Sam" Robinson, Jack Frost and Michael C. ton.



Grand Marshal of the 1982 Homecoming Parade was J. W. "Spider" Spideman, Director of Alumni Affairs. "Spider" will retire this year after serving the Alumni Association and the University for the past 20 years.

...ple of Marion, a child and family studies major who is the second member in her family to receive an Alumni Band Scholarship, and Brad Sherman, a music major from Asheville, Ohio. Bill Jones, '68, helped organize the musicians this year; Doug Horn, '82, and Marc Whitt, '82, will take charge next year.

For weeks, students had been making plans for a weekend that alumni would not forget.

Lambda Sigma's addition of stained glass windows to the Green Johnson Building cast a kaleidoscopic glow to the Homecoming Dance and the Saturday Buffet. Dorm councils and student organizations worked feverishly during the last days to put the finishing touches on their decorations and floats.

For Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Delta, their "Going for the Gold" proved to be a winner in the beauty category while Alpha Gamma Delta and the IET Club's "Raiders Show Their True Colors" took top honors for originality.

Dorm awards went to Dupree Hall for "Beat the Blue Raiders Rush to the Goal(d) Line" and Martin Hall for "Colonel Victory at the End of a Rainbow."

Mother Nature herself helped color the day with the oranges and golds amid the lush green leaves that were signaling the coming of a winter.

Maroon balloons, E mums. . .



Campus and community organizations sold Maroon Balloons during the day for the benefit of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Fans released the balloons after the first score in the afternoon game.



The Eels alumni gathered in Combs Natatorium for a friendly meet on Friday evening, and most displayed the kind of form that made them so successful over the years.



Like her 14 counterparts, Elizabeth Cummins of Somerset, the Lambda Sigma candidate for Homecoming Queen, rode in the parade with her umbrella up.

all the traditional accoutrements of Homecoming were back again and the world of EKV became a colorful place on October 9.

The series of events took place with some interruption from the intermittent showers, however.

Alumni gathered in Walnut Hall to reminisce and register. . . to see if an old friend might be there in a familiar campus setting.

The 1972 and 1977 classes returned for the five and ten-year reunions. From the '72 group, Mike Clayton of Frederick, Maryland, traveled farther than any other registered classmate,

while Patti McGrath Freeuw of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, took similar honors in the 1977 group.

Saturday morning Homecomings always mean a parade down Lancaster Avenue. . .rain or shine. This year, the former prevailed, as umbrellas went up over open convertibles and smiling queen candidates. . .soggy napkins drooped from floats after a long trip from the warehouse in the rain. . .and the candy thrown by the clowns landed in puddles along the way. . .

Retiring Director of Alumni Affairs and parade Grand Mar-

# Home-coming

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shal J. W. "Spider" Thurman and his wife, Margaret, greeted hundreds of alumni, students, and other friends of EKU who lined the route through downtown Richmond as some 78 units filed through the drizzle to the tune of "Hail, Hail. . ." and other snappy marching songs.

Leading the parade were some 200 runners who participated in the third annual Homecoming Run, a 5000-meter event that saw Mike Johnson, a senior from Syracuse, New York, win with a time of 16:01 in the men's division and Cheryl Combs, '77, the first woman finisher, cross the line with a time of 20:59. Alumni awards went to Combs, of Houston, Texas, and Samuel Cockerham, '73, of Beattyville, with a time of 16:45.

The parade spirit was not dampened by the weather. . . the Shriners stuffed themselves into their mini-cars and mesmerized the children along the way. There were the clowns. . . some horses. . . little twirlers. . . the Kazoo band. . . all those groups that make a parade a fun time — rain or shine.

The history and social studies



The Shriners' mini-cars added to the enjoyment of the parade as the drivers performed for homecomers along the way.



Among members of the 1977 class who returned for the day were (seated, from left) Ann Slucher and Susan McIntyre Frost. (Standing, from left) Karen Kell Patti McGrath Freeuw and Stephen Riley.

alumni have for many years made a post-parade gathering a part of their Homecoming activity, and 1982 was no different. They gathered in the University Building to share a bit of history of a different sort before going on to the buffet and the game.

The annual buffet was as colorful as the other trappings of the weekend. It was, as usual, a photographer's delight, as well as a chef's pride and joy. It proved to be a delicious interlude between the morning parade and afternoon game.

Throughout the week, 15 coeds prepared for the pre-game coronation ceremonies. They had started out as part of 48 pre-candidates who were narrowed in a campus-wide election earlier.

For them, there were the practices, the luncheon, the interviews, the dance presentation, the parade, and then the big moment.

The 1981 queen, Angela Hamilton, a senior from Lebanon, fought a bout with mono-



The Eels Alumni Reunion drew several members back to honor their former coach Don Combs. Returning swimmers are, from left, Don Combs, Jr John Meisenheimer, Bob Parker and Paul Love.

nucleosis and the rain to participate and assist in the crowning of her successor, Suzanne Fawbush a senior from London.

Miss Fawbush, a 4.0 alumni scholar, brightened the afternoon for all returning alumni, and with a little help from some sunshine, the afternoon blue overcame the morning gray and turned the war on Hanger Field into victorious maroon.

Coach Roy Kidd's Colonels



Gordon Nash (left) chats with a friend at the reception honoring the Gordon Nash Orchestra following the Homecoming game.



His path cleared by Nicky Yeast, a nimble Ed Hairston charges, determined to carry home the ball during the Colonels' Homecoming game with Middle.

ived some early game jitters bomb the Blue Raiders from Middle Tennessee 35-10 and rein atop the Division I-AA national rankings.

The Alumni Reception which aims to grow a bit each year moved to the larger confines of Kingston's Mulebarn as the Greater Cincinnati Area Alumni Chapter helped host the get together. The Law Enforcement Alumni joined grads from all eras and all classes to take one last look around and tell one last story about the way it used to

At the Holiday Inn across town, members of the Gordon Nash Orchestra celebrated their 50th reunion. Created in the 1930's, the Nash Orchestra was composed of campus musicians who played together for several years. They have gotten together periodically over the years, but 1982 was a special time for them.

Elsewhere, student groups celebrated the victory and continued the Homecoming fun into the afternoon and evening.

In small groups around town, many replayed the game. . .some

wondered where Juanita "Boots" Whitaker Adams, '56, last year's twirler with the Alumni Band, was. . .some conjectured that October 30, the original date set for Homecoming, would probably be a perfect weekend. . .

But the success of Homecoming is seldom tied to the weather. . .people come back in all kinds of conditions to see old friends, and football fans have been known to brave temperatures far harsher than those at Hanger Field on this particular day. . .

All things considered. . .color Homecoming '82 a happy occasion, undaunted by the weather. . .

Color Roy Kidd and Suzanne Fawbush and a thousand others proud. . .

Color Homecoming '82 a winner. . .□



When her name was announced as the 1982 queen, Suzanne Fawbush didn't hide her surprise. Suzanne, a 4.0 student is attending Eastern on an Alumni Scholarship.



The 1982 Homecoming Queen, Suzanne Fawbush, a senior from London, gets the traditional kiss from President J.C. Powell.





Not only was "Spider" a great quarterback, but he played on defense as well. An All-American on the 1940 undefeated, untied team, he kicked as well as he ran and passed for the Maroons. The Ben Flash was a leader who could do it all.

# Spider's Web

By Ron G. Wolfe

**A**s a child, they called him Jimmy. In college, he was Wyatt.

Some business acquaintances refer to him as J. W.

But during his days in the second grade at Benham Elementary School, he became "Spider" Thurman, thanks to a nasty bite from one of the testy arachnids which left him with a swollen eye and a convenient nickname conferred upon him by his classmates.

After 20 years at Eastern, this "Spider" has ensnared us all in his web of unselfishness; we've been mesmerized by the beauty of this thoughtfulness. We are all willing prey for this man whose warm, friendly, caring nature has made him special to us all.

He was born in Dayton, Tennessee, but grew up in Benham in Harlan County where he established himself as an extraordinary athlete whose reputation is legend in the eastern Kentucky mountains.

He was all-state quarterback in football, as well as all-district and all-regional in basketball. His performances didn't go unnoticed as the University of Kentucky recruited him for the Wildcat blue.

But, the tough mountain boy from Harlan County quickly realized that the "big" city of Lexington didn't suit him, and he made his decision to wear maroon instead.

Because he had not originally decided on Eastern, he became a walk-on that first year, although that situation changed quickly. In essence, he took his chances at Eastern that year, and became, according to many observers, the best quarterback ever to wear the maroon and white.

**T**he 1941 Milestone wrote that Wyatt "has been long recognized as one of the best quarterbacks ever to play in the state of Kentucky." Forty-two years later, Dr. Fred Darling, chairman of the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics Department at Eastern, a teammate on the 1940 undefeated team, and a close observer of Eastern football since that time, still thinks that "Spider" is perhaps the best.

"I believe he is the best of all quarterbacks," Darling said. "He was a triple threat quarterback; he threw a soft and accurate pass, was a better than average kicker, and was a very slippery runner."

Walt Mayer, also a teammate on that 1940 squad, echoes Darling's sentiments. "He was a walk-on at Eastern, but only for about five minutes." Mayer laughed. "He was cool-headed; he never got rattled. He played 60 minutes on offense and defense. Most people don't remember that he was a good defensive safety as well as a great leader at quarterback."

The state papers also took notice of the man who seemed to have eight legs when he was being chased by opposing defenses.

Wrote Alex Bower in the *Lexington Leader* following a 39-7 drubbing of Transylvania. "Spider . . . made himself at home by kicking, passing, running, and doing everything else that could be done



Thurman and Bill Baldwin, president of the Fayette County Alumni Chapter, pose before the chapter's charter.



(Far left) Thurman shares a moment with C. H. Gifford, '09, a member of the first graduating class, and a great benefactor of the University.

with a football except turn it loose. He isn't quite a one-man football team, but he gives a pretty fair imitation."

The adjectives cropped up as the Maroons rolled from one victory to another with "Spider" at the helm. Some called him a "hula-hipped halfback," another called him a "fleet-footed swivel-hipped halfback," and through it all, he continued to live up to his billing as the "Benham Flash."

The *Louisville Courier-Journal* wrote . . . "Coach Rome Rankin's Eastern Teachers College Maroons celebrated Homecoming Day by turning loose a running and passing cyclone named Thurman . . ."

Darling pointed out that during all his success, "Spider" called the plays himself because the coaches had supreme confidence in his ability to choose the right play for the right situation.

Coach Charles "Turkey" Hughes, a long-time Eastern coach and teacher who was on Rome Rankin's staff during those years, substantiated the fact. "He was one of the smartest quarterbacks we've had. He used his head . . . he never got excited. He would work plays to perfection after reading a scouting report, and he could read defenses like nobody else."

That 1940 team, by the way, went 8-0, allowed just four touchdowns, (shut out five opponents), scored 30 or more points in five of those games, and never put fewer than 20 points on the scoreboard themselves. The Maroon Men were 15-1 during Thurman's last two years at quarterback.

During these years of gridiron glory, the football hero, as the song goes, "got along with a beautiful girl" by the name of Margaret Muncy. They dated secretly because Coach Rankin insisted that his play-

ers concentrate on football, so after his graduation and subsequent enlistment in World War II which interrupted his master's work, they managed to get married on a three-day pass in November of 1942.

Following the war, the "old" quarterback did not return to athletic competition, opting instead for the business world. But two short stints in business . . . in dry cleaning at Horse Cave and insurance for Blue Cross-Blue Shield . . . left him with the realization that what he once did best, he still did best, so he returned to Manchester where he and Margaret opened a general merchandise store and he began a winning basketball coaching career at Clay County High School.

**T**hose same calming qualities that led to his success as a player also helped make him a winner as coach. In 12 years he led the Clay County Tigers from Region 13 to six appearances in the "Sweet Sixteen" State Tournament.

It was a time when emotion often carried parents and fans to extremes, but Spider Thurman never lost his cool. There were threats on the life of one of his players; bodyguards were assigned to keep feuding parents from doing harm to team members and each



Three of the first Alumni Scholarships awarded in 1964 went to (from left) Stephen Michael Holt, Pamela Arnett, and Bill Raker. This spring, the Board of Regents approved the naming of future scholarships the J. W. Thurman Scholarships.

"Spider was popular with alumni when he came in 1962. He had been a campus hero and was well-known. During his work with me, I have only praise for him. His low key manner was always helpful to him in promoting alumni affairs. Through the years, he served in a very wonderful way as our alumni director. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him many happy years ahead."

— Robert R. Martin, President Emeritus



Kentucky's Poet Laureate, Jesse Stuart, chats with "Spider" at the 1963 T State Alumni Chapter meeting in Ashland.

## Spider CONTINUED

other, but through it all, Margaret recalled, "He had a calming effect.

"He rarely got upset on the court," she said. "He would stay calm and keep the fans under control, but he kept everything inside him. It would have been better if he'd have let it go. It actually affected him physically, and because of that, I encouraged him to leave coaching."

Before he left Clay County, he had established himself as a kind of legend in the coaching world, mainly because of what she calls his "compulsion to work" coupled with what many had recognized as his talent to handle and motivate others.

Joe Tom Gregory of Manchester played on his 1953 Clay County team which was 35-0 before it lost by four points to Lexington Lafayette in the quarter-finals of the state tournament.

"We were a rowdy bunch," he recalled. "We should have won it all. Spider made it happen. He taught us the fundamentals; he worked us hard, and his calm personality motivated us. We would have done anything for him."

Shortly before he and Margaret left Clay County for Richmond, the people there showed their appreciation by giving him a new automobile as a token of their appreciation. Even today, the Little League football championship game in Clay County is called "The Spider Thurman Bowl."

But, in 1962, he, Margaret, and their two sons, Tommy and Scott, moved to Richmond where he became Director of Alumni Affairs and Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association. Since that time, he has used the same qualities in this job that he developed on the field as quarterback and on the sidelines as coach.

For the past 20 years, he has directed the dramatic growth of the Alumni Association which has increased tenfold since he arrived.

Almost immediately, he set out to develop a system of alumni chapters in areas where Eastern alumni lived and worked. Groups were organized in Kentucky, Florida, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., as alumni rallied around the man who still called the right plays.

With this development of alumni chapters came increased financial support and an endowment which allowed the Alumni Association to initiate a scholar-

ship program under his leadership. Since the mid-1960s, he has carefully nurtured this scholarship program which has enabled promising, deserving students to finish their education. From that one scholarship awarded to Bill Raker in 1965, there are now some 100 students receiving annual Alumni Scholarships from the association.



Jimmy C. Rogers, '64, receives his pin from Thurman as the 500th member of the Century Club.

The chapters and scholarships meant more involvement by alumni in all areas, including an Executive Council which assumed new roles at Homecoming and on Alumni Weekend each year. Active alumni increased dramatically; alumni giving rose to nearly 30 percent, a figure that is not often achieved anywhere.

Mrs. Mary Francis Richards, a retired professor of geography and for nearly 20 years Executive Director of the Alumni Association, sees "Spider's" success as a natural development.

"When he came to Eastern, he had the advantage of being well-known because of his football and coaching careers," she said. "But, beyond this, he kept the personal touch. He knew that alumni were people interested and concerned with other people. He is a gracious man who shows alumni that he's genuinely interested and concerned about them."

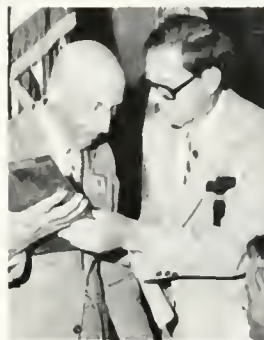
Those who worked with him in the Alumni Association honored him in 1976 for his "quiet, unassuming leadership." James Walters, then a member of the

"Spider Thurman has all those qualities that you would want in a Director of Alumni Affairs – dedication, sincerity, even temperament and high character.

I think he can take justifiable pride that during his tenure, the Alumni Association sponsored two capital fund drives—for the Chapel of Meditation and the Centennial Statue—and that the Alumni Merit Scholarship program was begun.

He is one of the few individuals for whom I have never heard a negative remark and from whom I have never heard a disparaging remark about another."

– J. C. Powell, President



Spider chats with Leslie Anderson, '09, Eastern's first graduate.

Council, recognized him as "one who continues to do so much and not take the credit himself."

Don Feltner, Vice President for Public Affairs and Spider's immediate boss, reinforces Walters' assessment. "The Alumni Executive Council has been comfortable with him because they know the kind of man he is," Feltner said. "He loves Eastern; he loves people, and he wanted to tell them first hand about his Alma Mater."

"His mere presence has given credibility, not only to the Division of Alumni Affairs, but to the University as a whole," Feltner continued. "He is a loyal, devoted friend whose sincerity is unmatched."

Coach Hughes is as quick to compliment him as an administrator as he was as a quarterback. "He's a good strong, loyal individual," he said. "You'll find him on the right side of everything."

Ethel Adams, of Jeff, a member of the Perry County Alumni Chapter and a long-time friend, cited the Chapel of Meditation as a kind of tribute to his efforts on behalf of the Alumni Association. "Spider has left his mark on EKU through his hard work on many projects, most especially the Chapel of Meditation," she said. "He is a kind and folksy person that brings out the best in everyone."

Coach Rome Rankin's window, Katherine, remembered him as a "good quarterback," but also as a "special thoughtful person."

Dr. Bill Berge, Director of the Oral History Center at EKU and a close friend, added to the accolades. "He's a gentlemen in the best sense of the word . . . the kindest man I've ever known.

"He's added to the image of Eastern with his genuineness. And he can sell Eastern to a total stranger. I took him to a meeting with me once, and he ended up introducing people to me."

There are, indeed, many dimensions to the web that "Spider" Thurman has been weaving over the years. The athlete, the patriotic young man who served in World War II and rose to the rank of Major while extending that service 21 years in the Air Force and Army reserves . . . the coach . . . the "Papa Spider" whose granddaughter took him to school so her classmates could see what a "Papa Spider" looked like . . . a Director of Alumni Affairs who inspired with his quiet, unselfish leadership . . .

And, in retirement, he will no doubt continue to develop other dimensions of his lifestyle . . . the gardener extraordinaire . . . the woodworker . . . fisherman accompanist (He goes with Margaret.) . . .

It is, indeed, an intricate web he's woven over the years . . . one that has been so skillfully and beautifully spun in all directions that it touches the lives of literally thousands who have had the pleasure of watching the nicest "Spider" of all do his work. □



(Above) Two stalwarts in the Perry County Alumni Chapter, John and Ethel Adams, stopped by the Alumni Office to look over an alumnus magazine in the spring of 1963. While hundreds of returning alumni visited in the Mulebarn at Arlington at a postgame reception (top), Thurman and "Piney" Fulker, an old friend, share some private moments on the patio.

# Nursing: We're Number One!

By Jack D. Frost



**"We're No. 1, And We Try Harder!"**

No, this isn't a new slogan for a car rental agency, nor is it the battle cry of Eastern's national championship football team. It is simply the watchword for the University's Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Nursing departments which continue to claim bragging rights as the top producer of nurses in Kentucky.

Under the leadership of Dr. Mary Sees, chair of the BSN department, and Polly Johnson, ASN chair, nursing education appears to have an even brighter future. Evidence of this fact can be seen in the staggering improvement that Eastern nursing students have shown on the State Board Examination, and the proposed development of a master's level program.

When Sees first arrived in Richmond in August 1980, students' success rates were considerably below the national average. In fact, during that same year, EKV four-year nursing students only had a 70 percent passage rate on the exam.

"It was a very serious concern at the time," reflects Sees, "so we decided something had to be done to help our students."

As she explained, the material covered in the examination was not reflective of what was being taught in the classroom. "So to assist our students in preparing for the state boards, we decided to present very intensified review sessions."

And what was the result? In July, 1981, Eastern BSN students compiled a 93 percent passage rate (37 of 40 passed). In February of 1982, 97 percent passed (30 of 31), and that same figure was repeated last July with 34 out of 35 passing.

The ASN students, who have had the advantage of state board reviews, continue to show strong exam scores. In July, 1982, all 43 students passed the state boards, while over the past two years 167 of 173 two-year nursing students have passed for a 97 percent passage rate.

"We are very pleased with the results of recent exams and feel it is a strong reflection on the quality of Eastern's School of Nursing which received a six-year accreditation in 1979 from the National League for Nursing, a voluntary accrediting body which identifies outstanding education programs."

Sees says that the four-year students should continue to score well now that the State Board Exam has been revised to more closely follow what is being taught in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum.

While Eastern is proud of its status as the state's top producer of registered nurses, it cannot afford to sit back and rest on its laurels. Many, many more nurses are needed in the state. How many more? Well, a study of nursing manpower requirements completed by the Council of Higher Education's Kentucky Nursing Education Project reveals that a 37 percent increase in baccalaureate nurses will be needed by 1985.

This fact presents somewhat of

a problem for Sees, who says the baccalaureate program is unable to take any more students than at the present. "We accept about 60 students twice a year (fall and spring semesters) into our program, and we take about 225 freshmen into our pre-baccalaureate program."

"Realizing that we won't be able to accept larger numbers of students, we are going to be concentrating on reducing attrition," said Sees, who has 27 years of professional experience, including the past 14 as a college administrator. "We will be taking a hard look at our student selection and academic advising processes. Those two are keys in curbing the attrition rate."

On the other hand, Eastern's associate degree program, just like those across Kentucky and the rest of the nation, feels no pressure to produce more nurses. In fact, the Council's findings suggest a large overproduction of nurses prepared at the associate level.

According to Johnson, the two-year associate degree program seems attractive to students because it can be achieved in a shorter time span. She also says older students many of whom are married, make up a significant number of two-year degree students. "I believe you find more married students at the associate level because they feel it somewhat more important to earn degree as quickly as possible in order to provide financial support for their families."

Whether a student elects to enter the two-year or four-year program also depends on a great number of other factors. If it is the student's goal to reach a decision-making level, then she will want to choose the baccalaureate route if at all possible. If a student has aspirations only for the technical side of nursing at the bedside care level, then the associate program will fit those needs. However, Johnson stresses that the associate degree program is a "terminal program" in that it does have a limit of responsibility. "This is not to say that a two-year nursing graduate cannot further her education if she so desires," said Johnson.

There was a period from 1972-74 when the supply of nurses at all levels was being met at the



Eastern's nursing program is in good hands through the leadership of Dr. Mary Sees, (right), chair of the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing department, and Polly B. Johnson, Associate Degree Nursing chair. The two have good reason to smile as Eastern continues to rank as the state's top producer of nurses. Sees has other reasons to be pleased as the passage rate of four-year nursing students has improved significantly since she arrived on campus in 1980.

national level, but then the numbers began to decline. Johnson, who came to EKU in August, 1982, after 12 years as department chair at Midway College, says the reason for the decline is simple to explain. "It was during the mid-70's that women began to discover new career alternatives. New doors began opening for women in such fields as business, law, politics, and professional medicine."

Today, we see a reverse in that trend. The nursing profession is once again an attractive field for women as salaries are becoming more competitive and jobs are being created with the boom in new hospital construction and outpatient clinics.

But while the trend is improving on the national scale and in the metropolitan areas of the state, Sees says the rural areas of Kentucky are continuing to have difficulty in recruiting new nurses. She cites the Council's manpower study which says the problems of attracting nurses in these areas appear to be socioeconomic--that is, there are insufficient employment opportunities in business and agriculture for nurses' spouses.

"There are tremendous career opportunities for nursing graduates, particularly those on the baccalaureate and masters levels, in the Appalachian region of the state, and we are trying our best to let our students know of the need for nursing professionals in Eastern Kentuc-

ky and the self-satisfaction they can have in serving these areas," she said.

Sees says it is somewhat encouraging to note the large number of students from the rural areas who elect to return to their home communities after graduation.

It is this joint concern over the career opportunities for its students and the welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth that Eastern first developed its nursing program 18 years ago. Eastern's nursing program is perhaps the best example of how the University has responded to its public service mission.

The red-letter dates for the development of a nursing program at Eastern occurred in 1965, when the first class of associate degree nurses was admitted, and 1971, the year the first baccalaureate students were accepted. Perhaps a third date will be added if Eastern's proposed master's program in community nursing is approved.

"The need for master's level preparation in nursing in Kentucky is well documented," says Sees. "The Council on Higher Education's subcommittee on Nursing Education recommends that the number of FTE (full-time equivalent) employed registered nurses prepared at the master's and doctoral degree levels should be increased by 74 percent by 1985."

At present, the burden of post-graduate nursing education is being shouldered by three state institutions--the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Murray State. Only UK's master's program is accredited. Collectively, the master's programs at these three schools offer advanced preparation in the clinical specialties of pediatrics, medical-surgical nursing, nursing midwifery, rural family health practitioner and community health, as well as preparation for teaching and administration. However, none of the universities offer the type of program proposed by Eastern.

According to Sees, the master's program proposed in community nursing would provide for additional career options in clinical specialization (community health nursing, occupational/industrial health nursing, or school health nursing); teaching; and administration.

"There is no question about the need of nurses trained at the master's level," said Sees. "This state has nearly a 98 percent shortage in the number of registered nurses with master's degrees and 34 percent more nursing faculty with MSN degrees are needed. The Council's data clearly demonstrates a critical shortage of master's prepared nurses in the eight area development districts that comprise Eastern Kentucky." She says there is a total shortage of 609 full-time equivalent MSN RN's required to fill positions in these eight districts.

The Council says this shortage of graduate degree level nurses means that many nurses are employed in positions for which they have limited or no academic preparation, and questionable opportunity to acquire knowledge or perfect skills. Eastern's Johnson says this is especially true of nurses trained at the associate degree level.

The prospects for approval of Eastern's MSN program in community nursing appear very good, says Sees, who noted that the Council's 1981 report said that the master's programs in Kentucky reported capacity enrollments. She said the proposed program would build on the present baccalaureate nursing program which began in 1971.

The first students would be admitted to the program in the 1984 fall semester. Minimum qualifications for admission will include: graduation from an accredited baccalaureate program with an upper division major in nursing; a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 in nursing courses; an overall GPA of 2.5; a score of 900 on the Graduate Record Examination; and professional nurse licensure. Sees has projected that the program will accept 10 students during the first year; 25 in 1985-86; and 15 to 20 in subsequent years.

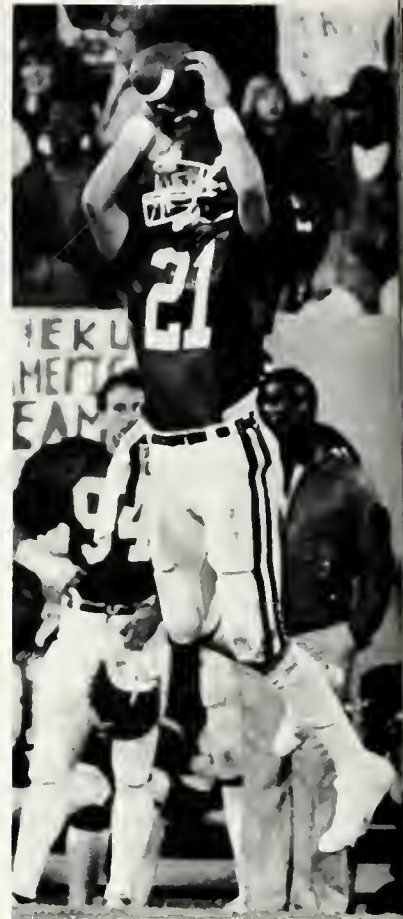
The bottom line for Eastern's nursing program expansion can be summed up simply with one word--concern . . . concern for the professional needs of nurses in this region of Kentucky . . . concern for the health needs of the public.

Being No. 1 is a gratifying feeling. That's why those involved with Eastern's nursing program will always be trying harder to stay there. □

Snatching destiny from the air, a flying Steve Bird (far right) goes for a first down in the relentless victory drive during the final minutes against Murray. Overcome with emotion at winning the Murray game, Coach Jack Ison is supported by a joyous Coach Tom Jones in the moments after the game.

# A TEAM OF DESTINY

By Ron G. Wolfe



**T**hey were a team of destiny . . . chosen by Fate to go down in history for many reasons, not the least of which turned out to be a perfect 13-0 record, the second in Eastern's history — the first since the 8-0 team of 1940.

From the first kickoff, the 1982 version of Roy Kidd's Colonels were not really supposed to be that good. Being "that good," however, means something in Maroon, and it was apparent from the beginning that this team was special. Just how special would become evident as the season's drama unfolded as four games were televised on three networks, and three of those games were beamed into millions of homes around the country.

It all started, of course, in the first game against South Carolina State when Allen Young blocked a punt in the last minute of play and Jamie Lovett kicked a field goal with 32 seconds left to give EKV a 20-19 win.

It continued throughout the season and into the final national championship game in Wichita Falls, Texas, when Gus Parks blocked an attempted field goal by Delaware and Richard Bell scooped it up and ran 77 yards for a touchdown. Only moments before, CBS announcers had interviewed Bell's mother as she sat in the stands to watch her son's part in destiny's drama.

**W**hat happened in between the first and the last was a Cinderella story that is every bit as exciting as

the fairy tale, the only difference being the season really happened.

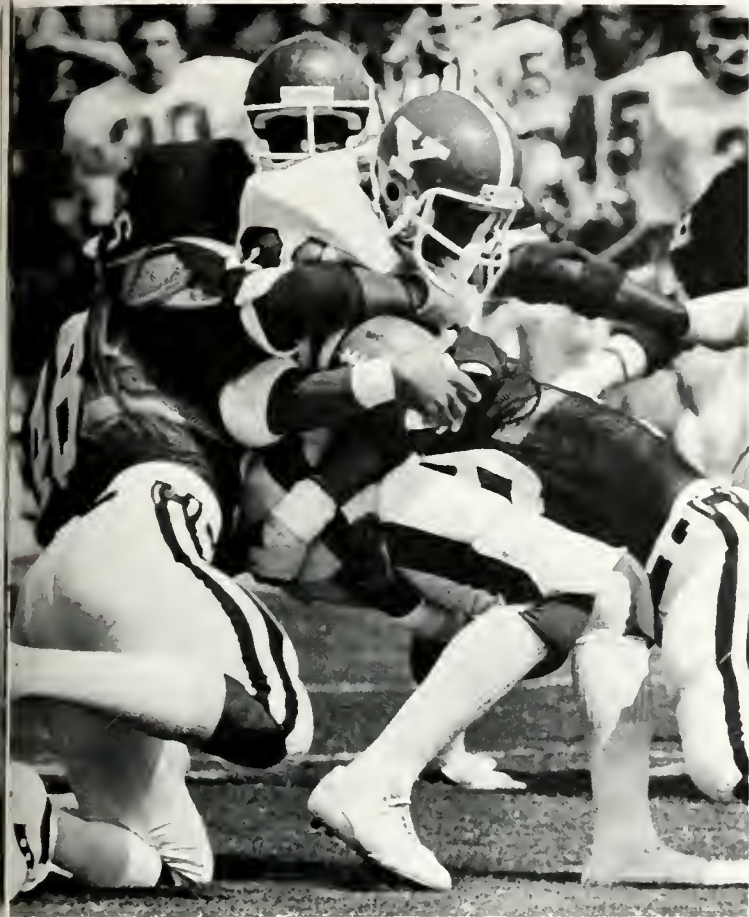
It was a season to ponder, to talk about on any occasion, to conjecture, to replay on Channel 6 or in coffee conversation.

Many remarked about the irony of the leadership between the only two undefeated teams in Eastern history . . . how, like Moses, both quarterbacks had come down from the mountains (of eastern Kentucky) and led those who followed into the promised land . . . two mountain lads, "Spider" Thurman of Benham in 1940, and "Tuck" Woolum of Pineville in 1982, who both possessed those qualities of leadership so essential to winning.

Along about Homecoming and a 35-10 rout of a good Middle Tennessee team, Colonel fans began to sense that something almost extrasensory was going on, and later, John Merritt of Tennessee State, whose Tigers fell to the Colonels in the semi-final game of the playoffs, indirectly attributed the Colonels' success to Divine Providence.

"Roy Kidd must go to church a lot," he said.

In retrospect, Merritt's assessment may have been more than a desperate man's explanation of what should have been but wasn't. After all, Murray had been leading 20-14 with just over four minutes left to play and a national television audience watching when Quarterback Woolum engineered a final drive that featured three fourth-down plays and two sensational catches by Steve Bird, one with 14 seconds remaining which tied the game at 20. Lovett's extra



The season was a consistent show of fundamental football. A Youngstown running back (left) was introduced to gang tackling while Tron Armstrong (above) gave Western a lesson in concentration.

point kick won it — 21-20.

It was an emotional experience bordering on the religious.

**A**nd, there had been the Western game . . . the Hilltoppers and their devilish red . . . it was supposed to be a close game; the men from Bowling Green were hoping to keep their playoff chances alive, and a win against EKU would have done that.

But, it was not to be. The game was close as expected, and since the Colonels had not won at Bowling Green in 14 years, Western fans naturally felt that history should and could repeat itself.

But, by this time, six games into the season, loyal Colonel followers knew something was up . . . or perhaps up there . . . the opponents called her Lady Luck . . . others called it Divine Intervention . . . Eastern players and fans called it Pride . . . but by any name, it meant winning.

Eastern 35. Western 21.

**T**he sun continued to shine, even in Florida when a winless Central Florida team played the game of their lives . . . and lost to the Colonels 26-14.

And the season ended with Morehead coming to Richmond, talking about a victory which would have been their first in more than a decade. Eagle players told reporters Morehead was going to do it, and no doubt at some time in the future, they will.

But, not in 1982 . . . not against a team of destiny.

Eastern 20. Morehead 3.

The moment of truth lay ahead, some said. The playoffs will be different.

The University of Idaho came from Big Sky Country to Hanger Field to see if they could be the first team in five years to beat the Colonels on familiar turf. They featured an aerial attack much like Idaho State had a year ago that puzzled the '81 Colonels and left them as runnersup in Wichita Falls.

But, the fickle finger of Fate once again pointed toward Richmond as Anthony Jones intercepted an Idaho pass within the last minute of play to preserve the victory.

Eastern 38. Idaho 30.

**S**urely the Colonels, who spent 11 games playing just well enough to win, could not handle the mammoth Tennessee State Tigers, who came to town with speed, depth, talent and the confidence to match. After all, they had averaged more than 30 points per game, and with two good quarterbacks and a version of the Incredible Hulk at fullback, they had run roughshod over opponents all year. Only one tie marred their otherwise perfect record.

But, a brilliant defensive effort tamed the Tigers, who were held 100 yards below their game average and 26 points below their usual per game production. Eastern 13. Tennessee State 7.





Randy Taylor (below) makes like an immovable wall as a befuddled Blue Hen player vainly seeks a way around the Colonel obstacle. Nicky Yeast (right, bottom) makes a solid block to provide an opening for twisting Anthony Johnson to carry the ball into Delaware's territory. Perched atop the shoulders of his victorious Colonels, a jubilant Coach Roy Kidd (right, top) is taken for a victory ride.



## DESTINY CONTINUED

By now, it was obvious that the thirteenth game of the season might have been unlucky for some teams . . . but not the Colonels. It was for the national Division I-AA crown, the first perfect season in 42 years, and despite Delaware's insistence that they were "the better team," destiny prevailed.

Eastern 17. Delaware 14.

**S**o, how do you take a quarterback who hadn't played enough in three previous seasons to work up a good sweat . . . an offensive line that had more holes in it than good Swiss cheese . . . a defensive backfield that had three of four starters gone via graduation . . . and have an undefeated season?

You work hard, move some people around in key positions and then you let Pride or Providence do the rest.

"This team just knows how to win," some said.

"They always make it close and then do what they have to do to come out on top," said one coach.

But, there are many who experienced the season who'll tell you that these Colonels were winners from that first flip of the coin on September 4 . . . that they could have been declared 13-0 back then and skipped the season . . . that some unseen power had already determined them champions.

**O**f course, they were winners on that first game day . . . they achieved the perfection that is so rare in college football, and luckily for those who watched the drama unfold game after game, they had to finish the season anyway . . .

But, they were a team of destiny . . . a team that couldn't lose . . .

Perhaps Coach Tubby Raymond of Delaware said it best . . . "Somebody has to lose," he said. "And unfortunately, today, it had to be us."

Yes, in retrospect, there is no doubt, it HAD to be that way . . . □



The time-worn phrase "an apple for the teacher" has taken on a new meaning in recent years at Eastern Kentucky University with the advent of the age of the computer. The modern-day meaning is that the teacher now has a computer of the brand known as Apple.

Whether it's an Apple or Atari or a TI 99/4A or any of the numerous other micro-computers which have deluged the market in recent months, the message is still the same — the Computer Age has arrived. What began with a drop in the price of pocket calculators to an easily affordable level in the early 70's has continued — but with greater fervor — in the computer rage. Lowered prices and the development of more ways in which the computer can be used in everyday life have brought it from the obscurity of the research laboratory and accounting department into the glare of public light as a commonplace consumer product.

Computers have now become an accepted fixture on the educational scene, including Eastern. The University has always taken a great deal of pride in providing academic programs which are meaningful and which serve a definite need of society, specifically the job market. The provision of instruction in the computer area meets this requirement.

Three of the University's academic departments offer instruction on some aspect of the computer field, a fact which surprises some observers. The departments include Industrial Education and Technology, Finance and Business Systems, and Mathematical Sciences.

"The presentation of instruction by three academic departments is perfectly natural, once you recognize the difference in the focus of the three departments involved," explains Dr. Marijo LeVan, chair of the Mathematical Sciences department. "Our students are working toward a degree in computer science and are mostly concerned with the software, that is, the programming which instructs the computer on the tasks it is to perform. On the

other hand, the students in the computer electronics technology program of the Industrial Education and Technology department are mostly concerned with hardware, the equipment which uses the programs our students create."

Dr. Clyde Craft, IET chair, agrees, but qualifies his concurrence, saying, "The days of the 'bench repairman' are over. No longer can we prepare students for jobs in the computer field where they will stand at their work station and repair the equipment which is brought to them. Today's technician must know more than just the equipment; he must also have some degree of knowledge about computer languages and programming. The functioning of the equipment and the software which causes it to operate properly are too closely interwoven for an effective technician to focus solely on one and ignore the other. He must have some knowledge of computer languages."

Dr. Virgil Brewer, whose Finance and Business Systems department instructs computer information systems majors, identifies end usage as the major focus of his department's instruction. "Our students not only need to be able to write computer programs, but they also need a thorough knowledge of business where the computers will be used. Without knowing the computer's business world application, the students won't be able to write effective business programs. The two go hand-in-hand."

When asked what spurred the recent explosion of public interest in personal computers, the chairs of each of the three departments responded almost unanimously. "Microchips," they proclaimed, "made it all possible." Prior to the development of the thin, microscopic pieces of electronic circuitry, the size of such electronic items was exceedingly large and the prices were prohibitively expensive. Pocket calculators, for example, were only made possible by the development of the microchip. But it wasn't until they were mass produced that the price of the calculators dropped from

# EASTERN ENTERS COMPUTER ERA

By Warren J. English



Making changes to a computer program, an Eastern student keys in the modifications as the program scrolls up the screen of the monitor.

about \$300 in the early 70's to today's inexpensive \$10 price tag.

Another not-to-be-ignored influence on the increase use of computers is the growing popularity of home video games. The phenomenal expansion of that aspect of the silicon chip, home entertainment consumer industry has produced an even greater demand for the miniscule electronic modules . . . this, in turn, has contributed to even lower prices.

# COMPUTERS

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The computer industry's insatiable demand for faculty to provide instruction on its intricacies has not been without its concomitant problems at Eastern.

Dr. Craft describes the extreme volatility of computer knowledge as a major challenge for the faculty. They must constantly work to keep themselves abreast in the latest technological developments or they will find themselves "quickly obsolescent." As a matter of fact, he points out, changes are taking place so rapidly in certain areas of industry that the faculty members are teaching "directly out of industry" into the classroom without waiting for the slow, time-consuming process of the development of texts. "It's much too slow," he explains. He cites CAD/CAM, an acronym for Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacture, which has been used in the design of some model automobiles, from the calculation of structural strength and wind tunnel performance to the outward appearance of the vehicle.

Dr. Brewer identifies similar problems, saying that computer applications in the business field are "changing so rapidly that it's difficult for instructors to keep themselves up to speed with the newer computer applications."

Dr. LeVan cites her greatest problem as keeping up with the demand for sufficient computer scientists, while at the same time maintaining adequate control. She describes her department's faculty as being deeply involved in teaching various aspects of computer-related classes.

The goal of each of the three academic chairs is to produce graduates who can perform effectively in the job market . . . and



Yard-long printouts of computer programs cascade down the back of the console as an Eastern student keys in more of the instructions.

they feel they've succeeded. LeVan, for example, holds up the graduates' reputation in the five years since the computer science major has existed at Eastern. She describes them as "highly ranked by the various industries which have hired them" in states ranging from New York and Florida to Texas and Washington.

Craft boasts proudly of the placement of no less than 14 EKV graduates in the Silicone Valley, the area south of San Francisco famed as the center of the computer industry. "This is no minor accomplishment," he said, "and it speaks well of our graduates."

Brewer points to the tremendous appetite of the job market for his computer information systems graduates. "The job market gobbles them up just as soon as they graduate. No matter how quickly we produce them, we'll never be able to keep up with the demand. It's estimated that by 1990 there will be about 120,000 unfilled CIS jobs."

As for the future, all three department leaders look forward with great expectation. "It will be a great challenge," says Brewer. "We've got to anticipate trends well enough that we can prepare our students for what lies ahead of them once they enter the job mar-

ket."

LeVan exclaims, "What has the computer NOT done! It has already taken us into the plastic society. It's hard to imagine where it will take us next."

Craft concludes that "change is inevitable. The computer is a new outlet — a new tool which has expanded the creative ability of man."

There are some, however, who fail to count the silicone chip as a blessing. They ask about the negative effects of computer arcade games on the youth of today. Will the rabidity of the fans of Pac Man and Space Invaders wane with time, a mere passing fancy? Or should the preoccupation with these games be fought as a habit-forming leisure activity which is injurious to the mental health of our nation's youngsters?

This issue has been examined by Peter Favaro, a Long Island psychologist who has been studying the influence of video games on children. Portions of his report, published in the October 1982 edition of COMPUTE! magazine, address the effectiveness of video games in the development of skills. Of three groups of youngsters — two playing video games and one playing a pencil and paper maze game — the groups playing the video game showed a marked improvement in hand-eye coordination. These skills, however, did not transfer to maze playing, thus seeming to establish that "children who play video games only get better at playing video games." Favaro only touched on video game "addiction," but in a thought-provoking way. He questioned the preoccupation of the public with concerns over the addictiveness of video games, saying that a child who "practices dribbling a basketball nine hours a day" is in just as much trouble as the youngster who is constantly at the control of an arcade machine.

But much more must be considered before the final judgement. However, Eastern and its faculty will continue to regard the computer as a device which enables man to expand his horizons.

Eastern is firmly ensconced in the Computer Age. □

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## CO-OP EXPANDING

by Jack D. Frost

Eastern's cooperative education program has undergone recent expansion as a result of a \$552,467 federal grant, according to division director Kenneth Noah. The funds received last fall cover the first two years of the three-year grant.

Noah says the federal government has allocated money to 260 co-op programs across the nation, but Eastern is only one of nine universities to receive such a substantial amount as part of a Comprehensive Demonstration Grant that will serve to show the U.S. Office of Education and other colleges and universities how to develop a comprehensive program with an optional one.

"Although there is no clear-cut definition in the federal guidelines of what comprehensive means, having 1,500 to 2,500 Eastern students on co-op would constitute a comprehensive cooperative education program," said Noah.

The Grant has allowed Noah to establish four new positions in the division. Named as the assistant director is Donald

E. Foster, a Master's of Public Administration graduate from Eastern. Two job developers now on staff are Henry C. Kenney, an ECU graduate, and Anita Crosthwaite, a Morehead State graduate. Janet Donato, a University of Kentucky graduate, serves as a career counselor.

At the time the grant was awarded, Eastern had 700 students enrolled in co-op study, but that figure is expected to triple during the next three years.

Cooperative education offers students the opportunity to gain practical experience through on-the-job training. Eastern's program is designed to allow students a choice in co-oping full or part-time. Students who elect to work a full eight-hour shift can earn six to eight hours of academic credit, while those who desire to carry a class load in addition to an outside job earn less credit.

Since its inception in 1975, Eastern's co-op program has placed about 3,000 students in outside employment.

### Island Creek Donates \$4,000 To Coal Mining Administration Program

Island Creek Coal Company with corporate headquarters in Lexington has donated \$4,000 to Eastern's College of Business for use by the Coal Mining Administration department. According to

Kent Royalty, director of the CMA program, the funds will be used to provide scholarships for coal mining administration majors and to help meet administrative expenses of the program.



John D. Black, a junior majoring in industrial electronics, receives a scholarship check from Wayne Pinkstaff, Personnel Manager of Parker Seals of Berea. Looking on are Eastern President J. C. Powell (seated) and Dr. John D. Jenkins, Black's advisor in the College of Applied Arts and Technology. The scholarship was established by the Berea industry under the University's Margin for Excellence program. Each year, Parker Seals contributes money for a scholarship which is awarded to a junior who meets certain academic and financial requirements.

### MPA Program Approved For Substantial Conformity Roster

Eastern's Master of Public Administration degree in the Department of Political Science has been approved for inclusion on the National Roster of Programs in Substantial Conformity with National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) MPA Standards.

EKU's MPA program was among 11 approved in 1982, bringing the number of approved programs to 62, representing approximately 30 percent of the total number of NASPAA programs. NASPAA is an institutional membership organization of 223 schools, departments, and programs which offer work in public affairs, public administration, public policy, and closely related fields. Approximately 190 of those programs offer the masters degree.



Old friends got together at the Greater Louisville Area Chapter meeting in October to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Powell and see a slide presentation on recent campus changes (left), and at Northern Kentucky University in December prior to the ECU - Northern Kentucky basketball game (right). Similar receptions and chapter meetings are held throughout the year to keep alumni in touch with their Alma Mater.



## EASTERN VS. WESTERN

October 22, 1983  
at Hanger Field

## EKU Registration Enters The Computer Age

No longer will students at Eastern face the grim prospect of long lines for regular registration or having to trudge to department offices all over campus to secure class cards as they had under the old system of pre-registration.



Eastern President J.C. Powell (right) and Dr. Joseph Schwendeman, dean for undergraduate studies, took a look at a computer terminal screen early this week as the University initiated its computer registration for the spring semester. With the new registration system, students will no longer be faced with the long lines of arena registration or the walks across campus to secure class cards under the old pre-registration procedure. About 700 students a day can be registered in the new registration center in the Combs Building.



The great great-grandchildren of Abraham Lincoln's sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Todd Kellogg, presented ECU President J. C. Powell (second from left) with a rare Lincoln letter for preservation in the University Archives. The great grandchildren are, from left: Clark Kellogg Orttensburger, Richmond; Mrs. Alice Alfont, Owensboro, and Mrs. Louise Lacazette, Versailles. Another letter recently added to the Archives collections is one from Thomas Jefferson to Madison Countian General Green Clay, father of Cassius Clay.

Under a computerized registration system which began in November, ECU's registration process will be greatly simplified. What once took at least half an hour will be reduced to only 10 minutes as the University eliminates the crowds and chaos of the former "arena" registration.

Dr. Joseph Schwendeman, dean of

undergraduate studies, says the new registration system is quite simple. "However," he adds, "a number of changes from the previous system will be confusing to those students familiar with the process."

The first student routed through the new registration system on November 1 will no longer be required to complete the packet of registration cards. In its place, students will receive a Demographic Data Form, containing pre-printed information on the student. "This undatable, one-page form is a welcome substitution for the old packet," said Schwendeman.

A second change under the new system involves the advising process. "All students, those with planned curriculum and those without, will be required to make an appointment with their advisor and secure a signed registration form before being allowed to register."

No longer will students with midterm grade deficiencies or those on probation be penalized as they were in the previous pre-registration system. "Everyone is eligible to register before the fall semester is completed."

## Eastern Hosts Kentucky Masters Swim Meet

Eastern served as the site for the Kentucky Masters Fall Short Course Swim Meet in November.

To be eligible, all swimmers must have registered with United States Masters Swimming, Inc. There was a 20 event schedule available at this meet for participants with six age groups, beginning at age 25 and running through those persons 75 years of age or older.

"We were pleased to have been able to help host this meet," said ECU head swimming coach Dan Lichty. "We believe the exposure of having this event here will help our overall program, and we're happy to have them here."

Each swimmer was eligible to swim a maximum of five individual events per day, plus relays. Each event was seeded by the submitted time of each swimmer with the fastest heats first. More than 100 swimmers from the surrounding states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Tennessee attended.

The two-day meet, held in the Don Combs Natatorium at ECU, was sponsored by the Kentucky Local Masters Swim Committee.

## Lilley Cornett Woods Registered As National Natural Landmark

A ceremony to dedicate Lilley Cornett Woods in Letcher County as a Registered National Natural Landmark was held in August. Lilley Cornett Woods is one of the natural areas protected and managed by Eastern's Division of Natural Areas under the direction of Dr. William H. Martin.

Taking part in the ceremony was Charles Schuler, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Atlanta; Wesley Leishman, National Park Service, Cumberland Gap Historical Park; and Dr.

J.C. Powell, EKU president. A plaque was placed in Lilley Cornett Woods to commemorate the event.

The Woods is a preserved remnant of the forests that once covered all of the slopes of the Cumberland Plateau and Mountains of eastern Kentucky. Several plant communities, numerous wildflowers and shrubs, and over 700 breeding pairs of birds can be found in Lilley Cornett Woods.

The area is named for the late Lilley Cornett who purchased the first of five tracts that today comprise the Woods. Cornett loved the forest and refused to allow one living tree to be cut. When he passed away, the woods were left to his children, who, like their father, refused to let the timber be cut.

In July 1969, the State acquired title to the area and gave Eastern responsibility for protecting and managing the area. The University uses the Woods for advanced ecological research and instruction in related college-level courses.

**Two Receive Honorary Degrees At Summer Commencement**

Eastern conferred honorary degrees upon University of Illinois vocational and technical education professor Dr. Rupert N. Evans and distinguished author Charles Bracelen Flood of Richmond during its summer commencement program in August.

Evans, who delivered the commencement address to about 600 graduates, received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws. He has been nationally recognized for his distinguished service as an educator in the field of vocational and technical education. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana State and

earned both the masters and doctorate from Purdue University. Evans has received honorary degrees from Purdue and Eastern Michigan University.

Flood, who holds the B.A. degree from Harvard, received the honorary degree Doctor of Letters. Since moving to

Richmond during the mid-70's, Flood has been active and productive friend of the University.

He has received the following awards and honors: Houghton-Mifflin Literary Award, 1953, for *Love is a Bridge*; Senior Fulbright Award for study in Taiwan, 1963; and the 1976 American Revolution Round Table Award for *Rise, and Fight Again*. His most recent book, *Lee, The Last Years*, on the postwar years of Robert E. Lee, has already won him high praise. Flood is presently working on his next book—the early years of Adolf Hitler.

**Calkin Named Kentucky Gymnastics Judge Of The Year**

Eastern's former men's gymnastics coach Dr. Jerry Calkin has been named 1982 "Judge of the Year" for the state of Kentucky. The award is made on the basis of a vote of the National Gymnastics Judges Association membership.

Active in judging in Kentucky for the past 10 years, Calkin published numerous articles in the area of gymnastics, including a number on gymnastics judging.

**Jennifer Bertram Receives \$500 Scholarship**

Jennifer Ann Hale Bertram, a sophomore medical assisting technology major from Columbia, has been awarded a \$500 Maxine Williams Scholarship from the American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment.

The scholarship is awarded to help finance her final year of work toward an associate degree at Eastern. She is married to Charles Bertram, also of Columbia, who is working toward a Master of Business Administration degree.



Officials from Eastern and the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service were on hand Aug. 1, at Lilley Cornett Woods in Letcher County to mark the 550-acre forest a national natural landmark. EKU President J. C. Powell, right, receives a plaque commemorating the event from Charles Schuler, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Atlanta Region.

**SUPERMOM !**

Martha Eades' life is reminiscent of the old movie, "Cheaper By the Dozen," and although she is five children short, her determination and philosophy of life still make for a compelling script.

When she graduated from Bryan Station High School in Lexington seventeen years ago, she did what girls were supposed to do. . .she married and started a family.

Over the years she worked as a bookkeeper in the family business, an electrical contracting company run by her husband, and this, coupled with her responsibilities as a mother, kept her on the run.

Then, 15 years and seven children later, her life changed abruptly when her husband left, and she was faced with the sole responsibility of rearing her three sons and four daughters.

"He left when Jamie (the youngest) was three months old," she said. "It was a time when I didn't have a whole lot of choices, but one that I did have was going back to school, so I decided to do it."

She started at Morehead, but transferred to Eastern as she pursued a degree in accounting. "I decided to major in accounting because somewhere down the line, I'll be responsible for the education

of seven children, and financially, accounting seemed to be the best choice to help me do that. Plus, I'd had some experience in the family business," she said.

So, Martha Eades came back to school, an older and wiser student who arranged her classes on two days each week, spent long hours at night studying, gave up any semblance of a social life, and learned more than any textbook or professor could teach her.

"Life doesn't go by the book," she smiled. "When I look at things now, I realize that my ex-husband is doing what he wants to do and I'm doing what I have to do.

"And, I've learned that if you can turn your back on your responsibilities, you can be free, but I can't do that, either.

"I guess you could say I've learned a lot of lessons that I really didn't need to learn, but I've grown from them, so in the long run, they'll be important to me."

Her children range in ages from 3 to 15 years, from pre-school to high school. They've been great," she smiles. "I'm not there every minute, but we have a disciplined home life where they all do their

particular chores. Once when I came home from school, one of them said, 'Look Mom, we're cleaning up the house for you.' No, I told them, you're cleaning up the house for YOU!"

Another lesson that Mrs. Eades has learned is the value of friends. "My family and friends have helped me so much," she said. "My sister-in-law keeps the preschool children on Tuesdays and Thursdays when I'm in class. I would never have made it without them."

Through it all, she has maintained a 3.67 grade point average along with her sanity and a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. "Every now and then I have the urge to go somewhere and be by myself for two days or so, but I never do," she said.

The times have been rough, but Martha Eades is ready to launch out on her new career soon. She's scheduled to graduate next year in accounting; then it will be job hunting, and hopefully work.

Her scenario at Eastern has had its ups and downs, but she's determined that it will have a happy ending. "I'll make it," she smiles. "There are at least seven good reasons why I have to." □



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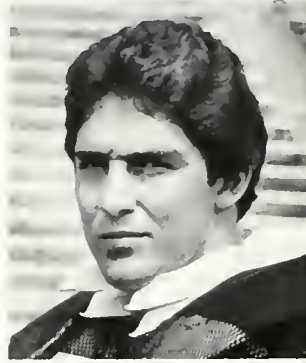


# sports

## BIRD TOPS LIST OF HONOREES



Steve Bird



Alex Dominguez



Chris Taylor

Six ECU Colonels received 1982 post-season All-American recognition, headed by senior flanker Steve Bird who was chosen on Kodak's first-team All-American squad.

Bird, who was also selected by the league coaches as the '82 Ohio Valley Conference Most Valuable Player on Offense, was also a second-team Associated Press All-American pick. He caught 63 passes for 1,056 yards and 10 touchdowns, while also running for an additional 69 yards and one score in '82.

Senior linebacker Alex Dominguez,

who was the team's leading tackler with 69 tackles and 64 assists, and senior offensive guard Chris Taylor were second-team AP All-American picks for '82.

Receiving honorable mention AP All-American notice were senior defensive tackle Randy Taylor (44 tackles, 35 assists); senior quarterback Tuck Woolum (137-254 passes for 1,923 yards and 14 TD's); and junior tight end Tron Armstrong (38 catches for 475 yards and four TD's).

All six Colonels were first-team All-OVC selections for 1982.

### EKU'S Women's Cross Country Team Champions Of OVC

Eastern's 1982 women's cross country team won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in early November.

EKU won with 35 points, while Murray State finished second with 44. Austin Peay (73), Middle Tennessee (92), and Morehead State (123) were the other teams competing.

"Murray gave us a real challenge. We were very pleased with the way we competed," said Eastern coach Rick Erdmann.

Diane Stewart (MU) finished first in 18:50 over the three-mile course. Second went to the Colonels' Maria Pazarentzos in 19:06. Third was Deanna Dennison (MU) in 19:10. Fourth went to Sharon Johnson (MT) in 19:12. Fifth was Mary Johnson (AP) in 19:25. These five made the All-OVC team.

EKU's Lisa Renner finished sixth with a time of 19:27. Eighth, ninth, and tenth went to Eastern's Barb Wildermuth (19:33), Ellen Barrett (19:41), and Linda Davis (19:49), respectively, giving the Colonels five of the top 10 finishers.

"We ran well as a group. The 43-second gap between our first and fifth

runners was the key to our success," said Erdmann.

EKU's Paula Garrett finished 14th in a time of 20:12, while Eve Combs finished 17th with a time of 20:51.

### Georgia Standout Is EKU's First Basketball Signee

Michael Saulsberry, a 6-7, 201 pound senior at Baldwin High School in Mill-edgeville, Ga., has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Eastern.

As a junior, Saulsberry averaged 14 points and nine rebounds a game as he helped lead Baldwin H.S. to a 26-4 record and third place in Georgia 4-A. His high school coach, James Lunsford, said Saulsberry was recruited by 150 schools before narrowing his choices to four universities.

"Michael, who is 18, has developed tremendously over the last two years and should be one of the top players in the South this year. I think he is a real super kid and has his best years ahead of him," said Lunsford, who added this is only Saulsberry's third year of organized basketball.

Last year he was named to the All-County team and an All-State honorable mention. During the summer he was

impressive in camps and was named to the All-Star teams at both of the prestigious B.C. Camps in Georgia and also the Super Sports Camp. He has been ranked as one of the 30 best big men in the south by Bill Cronauer.

EKU Coach Max Good says he is extremely pleased to sign Saulsberry and credits the recruiting efforts of assistant coach John Ferguson for landing the Georgia prep standout.

"Saulsberry comes from an excellent high school program which stresses discipline, team play, and tough defense," said Good. "He has the potential for more growth and could become one of the top players ever signed by Eastern."

### Several School And Individual Records Set In Winning National Title

The 1982 ECU Colonels football team, national champions in the NCAA Division I-AA with its 17-14 victory over Delaware in the Pioneer Bowl, rewrote the school record book in several categories, both team and individual, during the past season.

Seventeen seniors closed out their collegiate careers in grand fashion, sporting a 13-0 record this past season and a 46-7 record during the past four years.

"This whole season has been surprising," said ECU head coach Roy Kidd. "But I certainly don't want to take anything away from our young men. Each and every one of them gave a terrific effort. They believed in themselves and went out and proved that they were the best team in our division week after week. You have to like a team like that."

School records set or tied by the team this season included: most wins, 13; undefeated season, 13-0 (tying the 1940 team which went 8-0-0); and most consecutive games won — 13 (tying the mark set during the 1939-40-41 seasons).

Individual school records set or tied included: most TD's scored in a single game — 4, Terence Thompson (tied by three others on four occasions); longest punt return — 88 yards, Tony James vs Austin Peay; most extra points kicked in a season — 39, Jamie Lovett (tying 1977 mark of David Flores); and most passes attempted in a season — 254, Tuck Woolum.

Other season individual records were: most yards passing — 1,923, Woolum; most yards total offense — 1,983, Woolum; most TD passes thrown — 14, Woolum (tying 1966 mark of Jim Guice); and most kickoffs returned — 24, Tony James (tying Jerry Parrish's 1981 mark).

"The 1982 team will always have a special place in my heart and my memories because of its never-say-die attitude and gutsy performances," Kidd said.

Eastern, who has won 23 of its last 24 games, was ranked No. 1 in the nation for the last nine weeks of the season and won its second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference title in 1982, upping its undefeated string of OVC games to 18.

The Colonels have played in the national championship for the past four years, winning the I-AA title in 1979 and finishing in the runnerup slot in 1980 and 1981.

## Volleyball Team Wins Ohio Valley Conference Title

The Eastern women's volleyball team defeated Morehead State University 9-15, 15-9, 15-12 to win the Ohio Valley Conference title last semester. This is the second consecutive year the Colonels have won the honor.

Eastern easily won its opening contest with Akron University, 15-9, 15-6. The Colonels then defeated the host team, Tennessee Tech 15-8, 15-11.

The Colonels played rival Morehead State next. They were forced to change the offense after senior setter Joan Lesserknecht sprained her ankle early in the contest. The Colonels managed to give the Eagles a close contest before losing 13-15, 10-15.

The loss to Morehead dropped the EKU team into the loser's bracket of the double elimination tournament. They once again faced host Tennessee Tech. The Colonels defeated the Eagles 8-15, 5-12, 15-9.

The victory put the Colonels into the finals with Morehead State. Eastern took the first contest 16-14. Morehead came back to take the next two games to win the match and the conference title.

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Deanne Madden, All-OVC

another contest. After losing the first game of the contest, it was obvious that the Colonels wanted the win. They came back to take the next two games to win the match and the conference title.

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and spectacular defensive play in the contests with Morehead.

## EKU Hosts Baseball Tryouts For '83 Pan American Games

Fifteen athletes are one step closer to being part of the USA baseball team going to the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela, in August, 1983.

In tryouts held at Eastern, players were selected to a nation-wide pool for further evaluation by the United States Baseball Federation. Their skill and performance in the tryouts here also makes them potential candidates for the USA Olympic baseball team which will compete at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, CA, where baseball will be a demonstration sport.

Eastern players selected included pitcher Steve Engel, Reading, Ohio; catcher Joe Myers, Cincinnati, Ohio; outfielder John Miles, Louisville; infielders Gary Hardoefer, Cincinnati, Ohio and Jim Wroblecki, Dayton.

Tryouts here for the Pan American Games were conducted by Jim Ward and J.B. Caldwell, both of EKU, along with Sonny Denniston, Woodford County High School; Steve Hamilton, Morehead State University; and Marvin Stringfellow, Georgetown College. Eastern had one of the 30 camps being held around the country. □

# The EVOLUTION/CREATION Controversy

By William E. Ellis, Professor of History

The furor over the teaching of evolution did not end with the famous Scopes Trial in 1925. Moreover, the opposition to evolution instruction in public schools has not been confined to the "Bible Belt" South.

The Scopes Trial legacy has periodically drawn attention to the Volunteer State. In 1967 the Tennessee legislature repealed the Butler Law, the statute under which Scopes had been tried. However, six years later the General Assembly passed a law mandating equal textbook emphasis for the biblical account of creation if evolution were taught. A Tennessee court of appeals decision soon overruled this equal time textbook legislation.

Meanwhile, in the Epperson Case, the United States Supreme Court overturned an Arkansas anti-evolution statute similar to the old Tennessee law. It appeared that anti-evolutionist forces had run their course, having no legal or legislative weapons left in their arsenal.

Taking a cue from the partial success of Tennessee equal time textbook bills, anti-evolutionists changed their tack. Such groups as the Creation Science Research Center and the Institute for Creation Research, both based in southern California, took up the struggle against evolution instruction. Scientific creation, or creation science, became the rallying

cry for many fundamentalist Christians. In effect, creation science is the biblical story of creation without direct quotes from or mention of the Bible. Creationists, as they have come to be known, use a thin veneer of science to cover their otherwise mostly fundamentalist religious account of the beginning of life.

Mounting pressure has been exerted in recent years on local school boards, textbook publishers, and state legislatures. A few school boards across the nation have bowed to the will of creationists, and several textbook publishers have decreased their space given to evolution. The more-publicized triumphs of creationists came in equal time statutes passed in Arkansas and Louisiana in 1981. In early January of this year, an Arkansas federal judge struck down that state's creationist law, and the Louisiana statute will probably go to court soon.

Caught in the middle of these laws, court cases, and the attending controversy are the public school biology teachers of the nation. Yet, they are usually silent on these issues.

To determine teacher sentiment on these issues, questionnaires were developed, aimed at drawing out teacher response to the latest round in the anti-evolution controversy, the creationist movement. They sought three basic things: first, the educational background of the average teacher; secondly, the de-

gree of emphasis the teacher placed on evolution instruction; and lastly, teacher opinions about evolution and creation.

The first set of questionnaires were mailed to all of Kentucky's public school biology teachers about 18 months ago. To corroborate the findings of the Kentucky survey, random sample surveys were sent to teachers in Indiana and Tennessee last Spring.

Over half of the 20 percent random sample in Tennessee responded to the questionnaire, an indication that the state's high school biology teachers are concerned about the evolution/creation issue.

Like their counterparts in Kentucky and Indiana, over half of the responding Tennessee teachers reported that they place a moderate stress on evolution in the classrooms. Less than eight percent reported that they operate under school policies regulating the teaching of either evolution or creation. Evidently, most teachers have nearly complete freedom in deciding how much stress they will place on evolution and/or the biblical account of creation.

The majority reported that they allow students to discuss creationism. As a matter of fact, teachers sometimes encourage such dialogue. Only a few teachers claimed to have been coerced by students, parents, or school administrators for teaching evolution. Over three-quarter

ters have never had complaints about teaching evolution from parents. Even larger numbers have never been censured by school officials. These figures indicate that at present the teaching of evolution is not a major problem for Tennessee teachers. This does not mean, however, that creationists will give up attempts to eliminate evolution from school curricula.

Tennessee teachers were also given the opportunity to voice opinions about the current evolution/creation debate. Nearly 83 percent oppose mandating the instruction of scientific creation either through state law or local school board ruling. Over 60 percent propose either that evolution should be emphasized or that evolution should be stressed with

some mention made of the biblical creation account.

Many teachers wrote comments on their questionnaire forms. Several of these emphasized their belief that teaching creationism as science violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Others addressed the problems of presenting evolution in the classroom. One instructor carefully explained the safest approach to the problem: "Since most of my students have been taught that evolution is an ugly word, I approach the subject by giving a short lecture outlining how science and the Bible can and do agree on the order of events of evolutionary history. I believe the students need to see this concept rather than be

put on the defensive about their families' religious beliefs." Another emphasized that "evolution should definitely be taught with planning and tact."

Tennessee teachers take their personal religion quite seriously. Over 90 percent listed a religious preference on the survey, with one-third marking the Baptist column. Several teachers expressed fears that mandating creationism would be detrimental to the religious community.

Little difference exists between the Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee surveys. The Tennessee figures might be slightly more conservative than those of Indiana and Kentucky, leading to the conclusion that this is because of the legacy of the Scopes Trial. □

# alumni

## "THE GREATEST MAN IN KENTUCKY"

By Ron G. Wolfe

September 1940.

Several football players milled around the Recreation Room in the Keen Johnson Building at Eastern Kentucky State College waiting for meal time.

The training table upstairs was ready, but the players were still waiting — waiting for the coach.

Before long, he arrived, a short, burly, spectacled man who commanded attention and respect almost instantly, and who with time, earned it without reservation.

He walked up to the big tackle from Glouster, Ohio, and commanded, "Fred, who's the greatest man in Kentucky?"

"ROME RANKIN!" came the answer with all the volume and enthusiasm a hungry athlete could muster.

It was a common question asked by the coach almost every day. It became a "game" between him and his players, one technique he used to develop a bond of camaraderie that lasted more than four decades.

Sometimes the players would answer "Herman Donovan" (then president of the college), and the coach would threaten to "break their plates" and almost always would deliver a good-natured forearm to the one who failed to give the "right" answer.

Rome Rankin was a coach who played games on and off the field, a master teacher who coached football and basketball at Eastern for 11 years. His 1940 team, until the EKU-Morehead game on November 20, 1982, was the only undefeated, untied football team in Eastern history.

They still hold the school record for the most points scored in eight games

(273), least points scored against them by an opponent in eight games (27), as they held five of those eight opponents scoreless.

In addition to fielding what was perhaps the best team in Eastern history, he won more than 70 percent of his games in basketball and football during his 11 years, and once he captured the conference championship in both sports in the same year.



Rome Rankin

But, Rome Rankin was much more than a football coach. He was a scholar, disciplinarian, athlete, father-figure, psychologist, all rolled into one bundle of energy.

"He had his own theories of discipline," according to Fred Darling, chairman of Health, Physical Education, Re-

creation & Athletics at Eastern and the 1940 tackle who often played the "greatest game" with his coach. "He would get up at a certain time, go to bed at a certain time, and he saw to it that his athletes did the same.

"He taught us how to live together properly," Darling continued, "to have consideration for others in our daily living."

During those years, the players lived with the coach in Hanger Stadium itself. To insure the regimen he believed essential for his "boys," Rome lived in the first room at the entrance, and to get in, out, the players had to pass by his door.

"We were always in on time," on former Maroon smiled during a ceremony on campus last fall which saw Rome's players establish a \$10,000 scholarship fund in the coach's honor.

Rome Rankin was also a man who loved to win, and he made certain his athletes were ready to do that for him. He hired assistants from the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, and he recruited with a critical eye that allowed him to combine a moral sense of justice with his passion for winning.

It seems he recruited his athletes from poor depressed areas, broken homes where young men were in great need of a positive experience, and in even greater need of an education.

"I remember the tenant farmer's son who became chair of a large department of a major midwestern university," Darling said. "And there was the poor northern Kentucky boy who became a motel executive and another poor boy who became vice president of a major insurance company."

These successes were the rules, not the exceptions, of his skill and his dedication to help those who needed it. He took potential losers and made them sure winners, and to this day, they have not forgotten it.

He taught them his system of football. . .his pattern of living, down to the proper way to hold a teacup and use a knife and fork. He led them to the training table at each meal, insisted that they stand until he was seated, and then kept a fatherly eye on the way they passed the plates and how much food they took at any one opportunity.

His team meetings were as much lectures on the proper attitude toward life's bad deals as they were on play patterns. And his physical conditioning program separated the men from the boys quickly and always left his teams with a decided advantage against what should have been superior competition.

When the boys did not measure up, he helped them pack, bought them bus tickets, and sent them home. "He let athletes go," Darling remembered, "and it broke his heart to do it, but he did it to maintain the discipline he felt was necessary."

And, even as he developed his "boys" into men, he earned his doctorate at the University of Kentucky and taught classes with a flair that made him a campus favorite in the classroom as well.

Despite his great emphasis on discipline and regimentation, he knew there were times for a good joke, even if it was on him. John Ed. McConnell, a former president of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kentucky, remembered one occasion when a player placed a smoke bomb under Coach Rankin's brand new car.

"He came out of the cafeteria, got into the car and when he turned the key, there was a loud explosion and smoke came from everywhere," McConnell recalled during the scholarship luncheon. "Coach came out of that car without opening a door; he moved faster than any of his athletes ever did!"

Today, Rome Rankin's "boys" talk about him with the utmost reverence. Some weep when they recall their days on campus with him and the band of young men he assembled to make football history. Others remember him with such emotion they cannot speak at all.

Says Dr. Kenneth Perry, distinguished professor of accountancy at the University of Illinois who was one of Rome's "boys," "Many of the 'Camelot Years' of my life were spent at Eastern



President J.C. Powell, left, examines a \$10,000 check presented to him by John Ed McConnell, a former football player under Coach Rankin, for the Rome Rankin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

with Coach Rankin, and although we are separated from 'Coach' in both time and space, I shall treasure his memory always. While one may never return to Camelot, one can always have precious memories."

He was, it seems, a complex human being who was equally at home with Bear Bryant as he was with his local barber. . . a man who always kept the glamor of the gridiron in perspective.

"We won several games in a row," J. W. "Spider" Thurman, Director of Alumni Affairs at Eastern and quarterback of that 1940 championship team, remembered. "And to bring us down to earth, Coach would come in while we were still reading the newspaper stories and feeling pretty proud of what we'd done and he'd say, 'You can take those clippings, get a bundle of them and after you finish playing football, you can take them downtown and it will still cost you a dime to get a cup of coffee.'"

Rome Rankin, it seems, was many things. . .but above all, he was a compassionate human being who could transform his caring into a system that made successful men.

As coaches and men go. . .and depending upon the criteria used. . .Rome Rankin just might have been what the meal time "game" implied — the greatest man in Kentucky. □

#### Collegiate Pentacle Goes Mortar Board

The upcoming affiliation of EKU's Collegiate Pentacle with Mortar Board, the prestigious national honor society, may include alumni who have been in the local campus honorary, and may want to become charter members of Mortar Board.

According to Jeannette Crockett, dean of women and faculty adviser to Collegiate Pentacle, graduates who were in Collegiate Pentacle may pay the \$25 installation fee and become charter members of Mortar Board which is planning its charter installation in late March. "Alumni do not have to attend the charter installation," Crockett said. "They may join by simply sending their installation fee to us. They, in turn, will be notified of their acceptance into the organization."

Crockett also emphasized that this is the only time graduates who were members of Collegiate Pentacle will have the opportunity to join Mortar Board. "It's a one-time opportunity," she said, "so, those who are interested must join this spring."

Alumni who would like to join Mortar Board should send their \$25 initiation fee to Ann Cattarello, Box 141, Sullivan Hall, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475-1476. Applicants should also indicate whether they plan to take part in the installation banquet.

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# BLYTHE SPIRIT



By Ron G. Wolfe

Robert Blythe, '71, knew when he was 13 that he was called to the ministry, but by his own admission, "It was something I thought I didn't want to do."

So, for some 20 years, he set his sights in a different direction and channeled his innate "need to help people" into community organizations that clamored for his talent.

It was, for Blythe, 20 years of searching for something that was inevitable.

Born and reared in Richmond, he graduated from EKV with a degree in mathematics, and later did graduate work in French.

He worked as a radio announcer, played in and managed a rock band, gave piano lessons, and served as organist for the National Baptist Convention of America.

He was an intense and energetic individual who spawned high hopes for his career as a bright young black who had so much to offer the world could not resist.

Success seemed assured, and his start in that direction was, indeed, auspicious.

He had served as president of his 1971 class at Eastern. At the time he was serving as Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church in Richmond as well.

The community quickly recognized his ability to analyze and contribute to any situation, and before he could pray for deliverance, he found himself involved in a maze of community projects that placed great demands on his time and talent.

He served on the Board of Directors for Open Concern, Inc., a local charity; on the Board of Trustees of Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond; on the Board of Directors of the Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross; as secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky River Foot-hills Community Action Agency. . .and on . . .

When time permitted, he was involved with the B & B Taxi Company, a local business he started with a friend.

He also made time to continue work at the University of Kentucky and Purdue University in mathematics before returning to Eastern as a teaching assistant in French.

It was the kind of involvement that

resulted, not only because others wanted his services, but also because he wanted to be of service. "I ran in the City Commissioners race twice," he smiled. "I ran when I was 23 and had plans to challenge the law which required candidates to be 25 years old. In 1977 I ran a second time and lost by 11 votes."

It was an intensely demanding time which left him exhausted and physically ill. "All these things came down on me," he said. "I'd done more by the time I was 25 than most people do in their whole lives."

In retrospect, Blythe sees all the pressure leading him to Akron where he went to work at IBM in 1978.

"I was led to Akron to rest," he said.

In October 1979, he became a marketing representative for IBM's General Systems Division, a position that was financially lucrative, but one that left him unhappy.

"It was all money, numbers, and figures. The basic question was always, 'What did you sell today?' I got tired. . . I realized I wasn't happy, so I reevaluated what made me happy and I realized it was helping people."

And, he added with a knowing smile, "There's no money in that."

Acting on his convictions, he did what many thought the act of an insane man—he left behind the financial security of IBM.

"For two solid weeks I prayed that the Lord would make it plain to me where I belonged," he said. "As a sign of my faith, I told Him that I was going to resign without the promise of another job. I simply said, 'Lord, I'm going to rely on you to provide.'"

During his time at IBM and before, he had helped Rev. A.C. Goodloe, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Richmond, in the pastoral duties at the church, and as he was to learn later, it was Rev. Goodloe who was to be instrumental in his returning to his home church as pastor.

When Goodloe retired at the age of 88, the church called Blythe who had been driving the 700-mile round trip from Akron to Richmond to preach on Sunday mornings.

It turned out to be the prime example of the power of faith. Says Blythe, "If you cannot rely on your faith, it's worthless."

By his own admission, his new job minister at First Baptist presents new challenges for which he feels he's prepared. Even the time at IBM was important. "The training in business and administration, in financing. . .it was an education I needed," he said.

So now, the young man who was promising spokesman for the black community in Richmond. . .the young man who failed twice to achieve that status in the City Commissioners race. . .now finds himself as that spokesman, a more effective one, he feels, as pastor of the 400-member congregation at the First Baptist Church.

"I realize now that it was in my best interest not to be a commissioner," he smiled.

So Bob Blythe brings a wealth of experience to his church, along with a self-knowledge that he still must wrestle with his shortcomings to do the job.

"I'm impatient," he says without hesitation. "I have to remember my congregation, and when I talk change, I have to realize they don't often see the same need for it that I do. And, although they see me as too forceful at times, I know that what I do is administered with love."

"I tell them I think I have a responsibility to direct, so if you don't want that direction, say so and I'll back off."

It is a responsibility that Blythe accepts with gusto. Now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, he is enduring a demanding commuting schedule as he prepares for and does his job at the same time.

There are some who might say that's what he's been doing all along. . . □

## Thurman Retirement

Plans are being made to honor J. W. "Spider" Thurman who will retire as Director of Alumni Affairs this June 3 after 20 years of service to the Association and Eastern Kentucky University. Alumni interested in contributing toward a retirement gift for "Spider" may send their contributions to the EKV Alumni Association, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475-0932. Checks should be made payable to the "Spider Thurman Fund." Presentation of the gift will be made during Alumni Day festivities on May 14.

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The Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation presented its highest honor, the Walter H. Mustaine Award, to DR. FRED DARLING, '42. The award is given to a person that has made significant contributions to the education profession and who has been recognized previously by the association. Darling, who has been at Eastern since 1947, serves as chair of the Department of HPERA Services.

KARL D. BAYS, '55, chairman and chief executive officer of American Hospital Supply Corporation, has been appointed by President Reagan to the Executive Committee of his Private Sector Survey on Cost Control in the federal government and by Secretary of Health and Human Services Richard Schweiker to the 1982 Social Security Advisory Council. In the first capacity, Bays will counsel and assist a task force organized to study the operations of Executive Branch departments, agencies, and functions, with the aim of finding ways to reduce waste and inefficiency. In the second role, he and 12 other business leaders have been asked to study the Medicare program. Bays, an EKV Fellow and Outstanding Alumnus, is a trustee of Duke and Northwestern Universities, life director of Lake Forest Hospital, chairman of the Hospital Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association, director of the Northern Trust Corporation, International Harvester Company, Jewel Companies, Inc., Standard Oil of Indiana, and Delta Airlines. Bays

served on a presidential committee in the early 1970's and was a delegate to President Gerald Ford's Economic Summit.

COL. HAROLD J. FRALEY, '56, has assumed command of the 4th Psychological Operations Group, Fort Bragg, NC. Col. Fraley was formerly stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was the director of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. A member of the Maroon basketball team while on campus, he received his commission through the ROTC program at Eastern.

RON WALLACE, '62, named manager of personnel field operations for Ashland Petroleum Company where he will be responsible for all personnel activities at the company's refineries and related operations. Wallace joined Ashland in 1969 and has most recently served as area personnel manager in Canton, Ohio.

DR. BILL J. ELKINS, '62, former president of Southern Seminary Junior College in Buena Vista, Virginia, is the new academic dean of Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia. A former English professor at Washington Technical Institute in the District of Columbia, Elkins also has a law degree from Georgetown University.

GEORGE PROCTOR, '64 MA '66, part of the program for the College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Careers Seminar, member of the Eastern Kentucky University Alumni Executive Council, and Director of Personnel for Farm Fans, Inc., in Indianapolis, Indiana.

C. WAYNE JONES, '64, appointed

Dean of Program and Instruction for Southern State Community College in Hillsboro, Ohio, after serving that institution for 12 years in various capacities, most recently as Director of Program and Instruction for the North Campus in Wilmington, Ohio.

DEBBY MURRELL, '64, attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and serving the Walnut Street Baptist Church there as its Minister to Single Adults. The Southern Baptist Convention's monthly magazine *Christian Single* featured her in its July 1982 issue, citing her varied musical talents which she uses in directing several vocal groups at Walnut Street Baptist.

JOHNNY W. LEQUIRE, '66, promoted to first shift superintendent in Plant 10 for Cannon Mills, North Carolina. Lequire had formerly been superintendent for the third shift at Cannon's Plant 1.

THOMAS BONNY, '69 MA '74, a program participant in EKV's College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Careers Seminar. . .now principal of Estill County Middle School in Irvine.

JERRY R. CARTER, '69, an attorney with extensive corporate and financial experience, now with Bigelow-Sanford, Inc., in Greenville, SC, as general counsel and corporate secretary. Carter had formerly practiced in Atlanta and Greenville, serving a number of major businesses as a consultant on anti-trust matters, and had spent four years as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commis-

sion's Bureau of Competition in Atlanta.

ROBERT BARIE LAUX, '70, now practicing law at 15 Atlanta Street, SE, P.O. Box 324, Marietta, GA 30061.

SANDY CUNDIFF, '70, graphic artist with EKV and a program participant in the College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Careers Seminar.

JACK C. WHITNEY, '70, named Operations Manager for Portman Equipment Company in Lexington following nine years with the company's Cincinnati plant as facility manager and assistant rental manager.

JOE EDWARDS, '71, and CHARLES HOUSE, '71, both participants in the College of Arts and Humanities Careers Seminar. Edwards is a reporter with the Associated Press in Nashville where he covers the country music scene. House is presently managing editor of *The Sentinel-Echo* in London.

STEVE WATKINS, '71, promoted from sales engineer to Senior Sales Engineer after being selected AMP Incorporated's Ohio Valley District Man of the Year. AMP is the world's leading producer of electrical/electronic connection device. Watkins is associated with the Industrial Division of the company in Columbus, Ohio.

SONNY STRUSS, '72, now a consultant with Casting Consultants in Nashville, Tennessee.

VICKI DENNIS, '73, participating in the Alumni Careers Seminar on campus and working as assistant director for the



Fraley, '56



LeQuire, '66



Carter, '69



Whitney, '70



Smith, '74



Perkins, '78

Commission on Women in Frankfort.

STEVEN BAXTER SMITH, '74, living in Ormond Beach, Florida, and working as Director of Finance for the Flagler County School System. A former teach-

ing assistant in the College of Business EKV, Smith was an assistant professor business at the Madisonville Community College in Kentucky before moving Florida.

PAULA MOSCINSKI, '74, now management training specialist with the *Chicago Tribune*, and a participant in two seminars on campus this past fall one in interpersonal relations sponsored by the Division of Career Development and Placement and another on the College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Careers Seminar.

BETTY P. UNSELD, '75, a Lexington certified public accountant, elected Chairman of the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants... a native of Bardonia, she is associated with Radwan, Cranfield and Fulmer CPA's in Lexington.

RON BALL, '76, now serving as assistant to the president, Cumberland College, in Williamsburg.

MINDY SHANNON, '77, anchor reporter and producer with WLEX-TV Lexington.

BILL WIGGLESWORTH, '77, management skills trainer with Exxon Corporation in Houston, Texas... participant in the College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Careers Seminar as well as the Division of Career Development & Placement's seminar on interpersonal relations.

THOMAS R. PERKINS, '78, transferred within Elanco Products Company to the agricultural marketing division of Eli Lilly and Company, to the Elanco corporate headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, as an animal products communications associate. He had previously worked as an animal products sales representative in Minnesota.

TOM NEWMAN, '79, now minister of the Baptist church in Brooksville.

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