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# Retired professor makes crayfish find

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It's not everyday a new species is discovered, but retired Eastern professor Guenter Schuster and his partner Chris Taylor have recently made waves in the realm of aquatic biology with the discovery of a new species of crayfish, found at Shoal Creek in Tennessee.

"We were ready to call it quits and go to another place searching for it," Schuster said. "And I noticed there was a very large boulder right under the bridge where we were collecting. So I said, let's just try that boulder and it will be our last one."

It's a good thing the team did, because they found exactly what they had been searching for.

"As soon as we turned it over, this huge crayfish came out from underneath the rock," Schuster said. "We were so excited about it, and we immediately saw that it was [what we were looking for]."

With a new rush of adrenaline, the team continued working for another hour or so, resulting in the capture of a large female, and two specimens, total, to research.

"It was very cool," Schuster said.

Schuster and Taylor, a professor and "crayfish taxonomist" at the University of Illinois, have been working together for almost 15 years, writing several papers and a book, with another in the works.

"We're both so into crayfish," Taylor said. "It just kind of goes hand-in-hand."

Schuster began working at Eastern in fall 1979, and during his 30 years of teaching, taught courses in zoology, ecology and aquatic insects, and essentially dealt with water quality issues and conservation.

He said administrators were very supportive of his work.

"I was very pleased to have such a long career at Eastern, my 30 years were a joy," he said.

In those 30 years, Schuster described nearly seven species of new critters - four aquatic insects and three crayfish.

But this recent find is what the media latched on to. "The other six species, no one has taken notice of," Schuster said. "And this one, people took notice of, simply because of how it was portrayed in the press, that it was a 'giant' crayfish."

Aside from that, Schuster said the significance of the find wasn't its large size, but where it was found, adding Shoal Creek had been searched several times by other biologists and, yet, this crayfish had never been discovered.

Taylor said the find was important to him because it was such a unique species; it was so distinctive and large, and was collected in an area that wasn't expected.

"Heck, I had been there several times in the past and

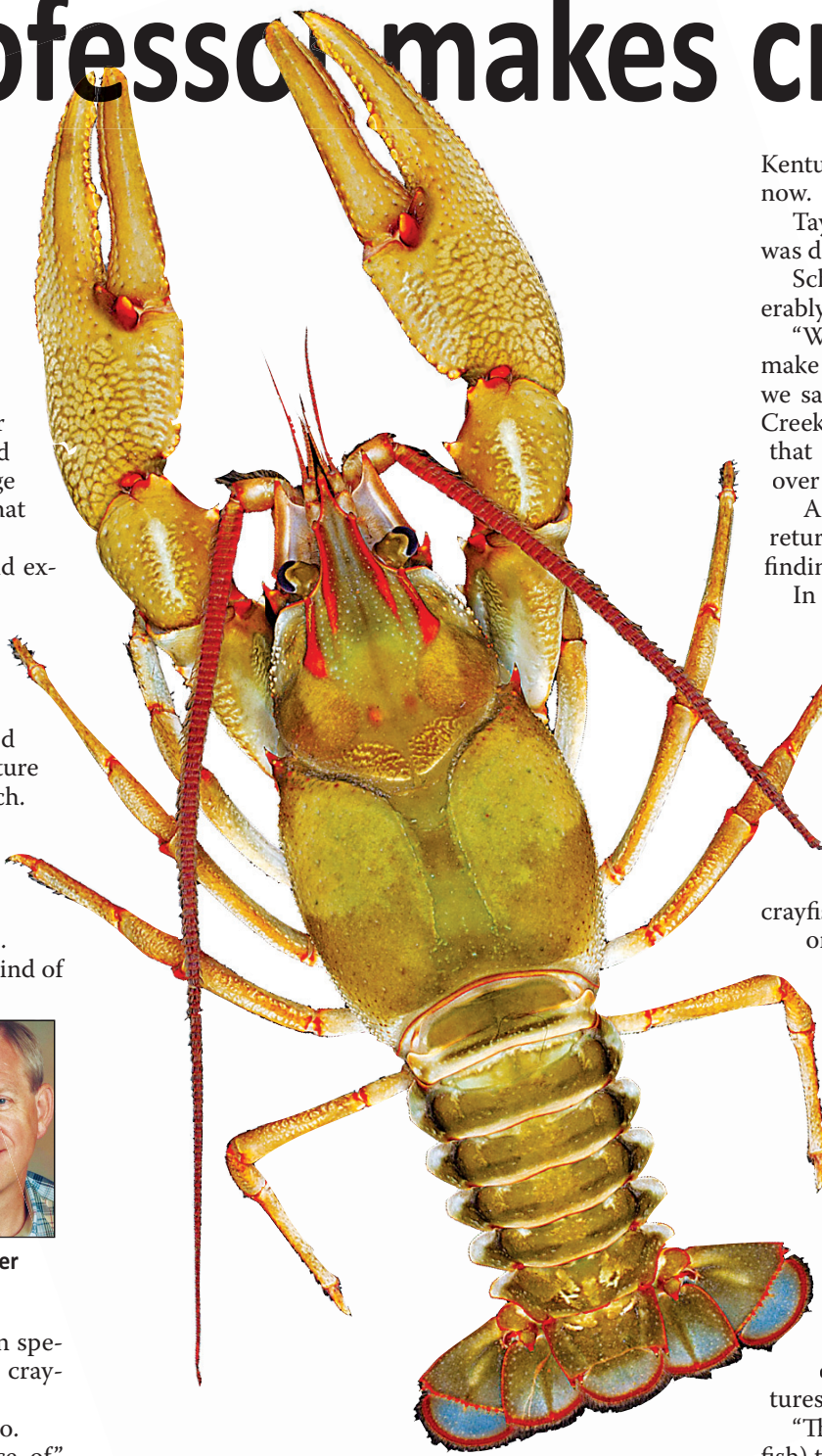


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This new species of crayfish was recently discovered at Shoal Creek in Tennessee.

had not found this thing," he said.

In addition, Schuster said they received a photo of the species from a local man in Tennessee, taken at Shoal Creek, which sparked their initial interest. The photo resembled that of the bottlebrush crayfish, which is found in

Kentucky and really the only known one of its kind, until now.

Taylor said this original species of bottlebrush crayfish was discovered in the 1800s in Kentucky's Green River.

Schuster said the photo sparked their interest, considerably.

"We decided to take a field trip to Tennessee, just to make sure, and see what it was because the photos that we saw from Shoal Creek..." Schuster said. "...well, Shoal Creek is way outside the range of bottlebrush crayfish, so that in itself was very interesting. How did crayfish get over there?"

After the initial expedition, Schuster and his team have returned to the area three times since, resulting in the finding of five specimens.

In addition, Schuster and Taylor have also been working on studying the Alabama crayfish, which they have been doing for roughly five years, beginning after publishing of their book titled, "Crayfishes of Kentucky," in 2004.

Taylor said it took about 10 years to piece together, gathering data and then, writing, which took a year and a half.

"As we were finishing [that book] up," Schuster said, "some folks from Alabama called and wanted to know if we wanted to work on the Alabama crayfish. There was no one down there that was working on it."

Schuster said after the initial species find in Tennessee, they realized the species would also have to inhabit parts of Alabama, as Shoal Creek runs south into the state; the team have now found the new species in Alabama, as well.

Taylor said the two were working on a "Crayfishes in Alabama" book as well, which is projected to be completed in about five years.

"When it's completed, it will be the feather in both our hats," he said.

Schuster said what made this new find so unique was its antennae, which have hair-like structures on them, called setae. Schuster said this recent find and the bottlebrush crayfish in Kentucky are the only two organisms of crayfish that have these features.

"There was only one other species (the bottlebrush crayfish) that had this character," Taylor said.

Schuster added the front part of the organism's head has a projection with a ridge-like characteristic, its male reproductive structures are a bit different and its less-dsetae (the hair-like structures) are what make it so special from the other 370 north American species.

To distinguish the species from the others, Schuster and Taylor named the new crayfish "The Tennessee bottlebrush crayfish," but its scientific name reflects that of Jeff Simmons, who originally collected the first specimen.

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# Newest organization raises concern for Appalachian region

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A new club on campus, EKU Students for Appalachia, had their first meeting Jan. 31. The club aims to foster learning, discussion and concern for the Appalachian region.

EKU Students for Appalachia have already scheduled numerous activities that are coming up soon.

On Feb. 14 the group is going to Frankfort for the "I love Mountains Day" rally to lobby against mountain top removal. Anyone is welcome to join.

The club will also do volunteer projects in the community, research projects, bring in speakers, field trips and conferences highlighting positive aspects of Appalachia and people's success stories.

"I really didn't hear that much about it (Appalachia), my family moved around a lot," said Katherine Kauffman, an environmental studies major from Berea and vice president of EKU Students for Appalachia.

"I knew about the Appalachian Mountains, but that's about it," she said.

According to the Appalachian Regional Commission, Appalachia is a 205,000-square-mile region that follows the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern



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The organization's next meeting is Feb. 21 at the Martin House.

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**Katherine Kauffman  
vice president of EKU students  
for Appalachia**

Mississippi, covering 13 different states. More than 42 percent of the Region's population is rural,

compared with 20 percent of the national population.

"Everyone knows the stereotypes, but they really don't know anything else," Kauffman said. "Instead of focusing on the negative aspects, we want to focus on the positive."

EKU Students for Appalachia President Kathryn Engle agreed. "We are a group that's open to any EKU student," she said. "You don't have to be doing a minor (in Appalachian studies), we focus on a variety of issues. Issues facing the environment, politics and poverty."

EKU Students for Appalachia's next meeting is Feb. 21. It will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Martin House on Summit Street.

# Lecturer reflects change in black culture

MICHEAL DYSON DISCUSSED POVERTY, PRESIDENTS AND RACIAL STEREOTYPES

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Black History month keynote speaker, Dr. Micheal Eric Dyson may be one of the nation's most inspiring African-Americans. Dyson is a two-time NAACP Image Award winner, ordained Baptist minister, scholar and critically acclaimed author.

Eastern welcomed the Chautauqua speaker to Brock Auditorium last Thursday night where he talked about poverty, presidents, racial stereotypes and the

way music has transformed the sonic landscape of this nation before a crowd of more than 800 people.

Dyson talked about slavery and asked the audience to think about what it means to be black in America today.

"Race is a way to organize human categories," Dyson said. "Anthropologists have told us that race doesn't even exist."

In other words, we are all part of the same race.

"Thomas Jefferson, the great

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Dyson



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Dr. Micheal Eric Dyson is a two-time NAACP image award winner.



All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

**Jan. 31**

■ A male student reported that he had been shot with a paintball gun outside of the Disney Building. The student had orange paint on the back of his right thigh, and was hit on his ankle and wrist that was consistent with the bursting of a paintball. The student suspected that the four white males who had driven past him

in a black dodge sedan with the license plate 219LAB were responsible for shooting him.

■ A female student reported that items were taken from her wallet while she was swimming in the Alumni Coliseum Building. \$130.00 in cash, two Kohl's gift cards valued at \$35.00 total and a Starbucks gift card valued at \$2 had been taken. The total stolen value was \$167.

**Jan. 29**

■ A male student reported that his mother's vehicle was damaged while parked overnight in the Commonwealth Lot. When he returned he found the vehicle had been scratched multiple times on both side doors and hood. The damage is estimated at \$1200.

**Feb. 1**

■ A female student reported that her keys and wallet had been stolen from a sitting area in Case Annex near room 176. She reported that she left the room for 45 minutes and when she returned the items were missing. The total stolen value was \$50.

■ A female student reported that her backpack had been stolen from a chair in the Powell game room. Surveillance video showed a black male with a goatee picking up the backpack and walking out of the game room. The male was accompanied by a white female with dark curly hair. The victim was able to identify the female and efforts to contact her were unsuccessful. The total stolen value was \$176.

**News Briefs**

**Emergency Systems Test planned for Feb. 10**

The Emergency Notification Systems will be tested on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. The tests will include activation of the Public Address/Siren System, Emergency Text Messaging, Mass e-mail, Cablevision alert and the administration notification system.

Those who have opted for text messaging are asked to log on to EKU Direct after the test and complete a survey about when the text message was received. For more information, contact Michael J. Kastiz at 622-1111

**Community ED Computer Class**

A two-part computer basic class will be offered Feb. 15 and Feb. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Perkins Building. This course is designed for the student who has little to no experience with personal computers and who are interested in learning the basics. The course will cover the main components of a typical computer system and students will learn how to organize folders, browse the internet, use e-mail and protect a computer from viruses and unwanted access. Textbooks will be provided. The cost is \$160. For more information, contact the Community Education office at 622-1228.

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**THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR**  
Week of February 10 - February 16

**What's Happening**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field at University of Washington Husky Indoor Open.</li> </ul> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Basketball vs. Southeast Missouri</li> </ul> <p><b>7 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kappa Alpha Spring Rush, Dupree Rec Room</li> </ul> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field at Indiana Hoosier Hills Open</li> </ul> <p><b>6 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vagina Monologues, O'Donnell Hall, SSB</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's tennis vs. Dayton</li> </ul> <p><b>4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's basketball vs Eastern Illinois</li> </ul> <p><b>7 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group fitness appreciation, Fitness and Wellness Center</li> </ul>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AppXtender Web Access Training, Coates Building 11</li> </ul> <p><b>11 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating Positive Work Environment Workshop, Perkins Building 211</li> </ul> <p><b>2 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Evaluation Training for Evaluators, Perkins Building 211</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KIIS Study Abroad Final Deadline</li> </ul> <p><b>9 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting Performance Expectations Workshop, Perkins Building 214</li> </ul> <p><b>5 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Walk-on Tryout, Roy Kidd Stadium</li> </ul>	<p><b>11:30 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning Academy Showcase, Keene Johnson Building</li> </ul> <p><b>7 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Basketball vs. Morehead State</li> <li>EKU VETS River Runner Wounded Warrior Meeting, Alumni Coliseum Pool</li> </ul> <p><b>9 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinua Hawk, O'Donnell Hall, SSB</li> </ul>

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# Students develop new plan to make money

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Money, the elusive goal of most college students, can be hard to come by in this trying economy.

But some students have made a new plan, beyond the minimum wage fast food job or begging off mom and dad. Dawn&Jeeves Uniques has set up shop at Eastern, selling handmade crafts and various other items.

"We were both having trouble finding a job and we had this idea," said Jeani Prater, a freshman elementary education major from Waynesburg.

Prater along with her boyfriend, Steve Patek, a sophomore broadcasting major from Milford, OH, decided to start a business based around their personal interests. Prater enjoyed making jewelry and Patek had dabbled in T-shirt design.

"It's pretty stressful, but it's rewarding," Prater said. "In the future when I go to get a job, I think people will say 'you own a small business, that takes good skill!'"

The pair applied for a Richmond business license and worked out a deal with Student Life to sell on campus at Powell Corner. As part of the deal, 20 percent of the daily sales go to Eastern.

"It's kind of the best deal we got right now," Prater said. Prater said the upstart funds from the business came

from refunds, and they mostly rely on those funds to make major changes to the business.

"So far, we've not had money problems," Prater said. "We've been using gift cards and refunds to buy supplies. It's all about figuring what's going to sell."

Prater said the biggest learning curve came from deciding what supplies to invest funds in and what not to.

"You have to be stubborn and honest to have your own business," Prater said. "You can't cheat your customers."

Adhering to her belief in honest business Prater has made a point to fix any jewelry that becomes damaged from normal wear, for free.

In addition to jewelry and T-shirts, the pair has dabbled in photography, painted boxes and the most popular item, hand painted banks.

"Season will depend on what we put out," Patek said. "In the warmer weather I think T-shirts and Bob Marley merchandise becomes more popular."

Patek said being in a relationship with your business partner has also provided its own learning experiences.

"I've never done this before and you're not supposed to mix business with pleasure," Patek said. "You want to keep

business apart from your relationship. We make mental lists, go over it at the end of each day, we try this technique, then that. We try to better ourselves every time we get out there."

Prater said a long-term goal of hers was to expand the business into a permanent location.

"One of the buildings in downtown Richmond, I adore, if we could expand into there, that would be insanely awesome," Prater said.

The duo also said they have looked into setting up a booth at Peddler Mall next semester.

Patek said, overall, he feels running his own business will be a positive ex-

perience.

"It provides good management skills," Patek. "If you have an idea or a dream, don't be afraid to run with it. I think there's always something people need. Coming up with alternative ways to make an income and balance your home life, social life, school life and the business... it's a lot of work."

The group spends Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Powell Corner. More information can be found at their Facebook page, Dawn&Jeeves Uniques.

**"If you have an idea or a dream, don't be afraid to run with it."**

**Steve Patek  
sophomore from Milford, OH**

## Continuing education focuses on transfers and non-trads

By CRYSTAL BROCKMAN  
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While Eastern's Richmond campus offers educational opportunities to thousands of students, many also get the chance to continue their education from regional campuses. Branches in Corbin, Manchester, Danville, Fort Knox, Hazard, Lancaster and Somerset offer students a chance to get the education they want in their own neighborhood.

Bill St. Pierre, the director of distance education in Eastern's continuing education department, said each campus branch is unique because it offers a wide range of classes to students.

The many branches of Eastern are geared toward transfer students and many non-traditional students. Cindy Peck, the coordinator of distance education at the Danville branch, said the number of non-traditional students has increased to about 60 percent.

**"It is much less expensive for students to continue to live at home while they are attending classes."**

**Cindy Peck  
coordinator of distance  
education**

"We are seeing a shift toward more traditional-aged students as economic concerns push parents and students to become more cost conscious," Peck said. "It is much less expensive for students to continue to live at home while they are attending classes."

She also relates to this boom of non-traditional students to stu-

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# PERSPECTIVES

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Kaylia Cornett, editor

## Administrators will listen, if you speak up

American comedian and actor W.C. Fields once said, "I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it."

Although such a statement may cause people to wonder "Huh..." Field's sarcastic banter can point to a much more important issue — Do you have an opinion? And does it even matter?

There's a chance you've probably heard the phrase, "Opinions are like butt holes, everybody has one."

While this is undoubtedly true, it can be argued that campus is covered in a cloud of apathy.

Whether this apathetic mood stems from students simply not caring, or because they don't have time to care, having a voice is important as college students.

What 20-year-old person doesn't have something on their mind?

We pay to come here.

We should enjoy being here.

Eastern offers a sizable amount of organizations students can get involved in and attempt to create change on campus, but only a handful of students put these resources to good use.

The Student Government Association is one example.

Typically, many students grapple and argue about the decisions they make, but most who complain, do so after the fact.

SGA encompasses the entire student body population and wants to hear what you have to say — it's the largest RSO on campus.

Officials have an open door policy, and Senate allows students to come in and comment at their meetings on issues that are relevant to the entire campus community.

But why don't more students take advantage of these opportunities?

Students can write to the Progress with issues that are bothering them through letters to the editor.

Of course, you can't draft policy changes with these letters, but they can open the door for helping others understand there are problems on campus — these letters are footholds for change.

But opinions have been hard to come by as of late, as the Progress inbox has been void of these.

Why don't students feel they have an opinion worth sharing?

These two examples don't begin to list the ways students can work on getting their opinions heard, they are merely quick, obvious ones.

Despite the fact students know they have options such as these, they still don't seem to mind curling up in their dorm room not caring, until an issue is decided that they disagree with.

Why wait to opionate?



Do students think if they voice their opinion it won't matter in the first place?

Over the years, students have come to believe their ideas are met with no support from administrators, suggesting officials will "listen" to students, but not really take heed on what they have to say.

Do students feel as though organizations, such as SGA, have no power at all?

Some do.

Do students feel that administrators give students their own governing body to keep us at bay, pretending they are giving students the power of opinion?

Some do.

But why is that? Students in few numbers, can only do so much.

At any rate, over the past few semesters, it can be argued administrators have been listening, or at least, trying to listen.

The tuition forums are a good example of this, as several have been planned for students and faculty to attend and share their thoughts on the change, and more are in the works.

Out of this, administrators decided against some tuition models and are now trying to keep the percent increase to a minimum of about 5 percent.

Just recently, Aramark scheduled several focus groups for students to come and share what they thought of the much disliked corporation, discussing price ranges and selections.

Students can make a small difference by simply talking, which is something they do every single day. The only hindrance is that some students aren't putting their mouth to good use.

Another important thing for students at Eastern to realize is that our president is one of the more unique presidents at any college campus.

Many college students can go nearly their entire college career only seeing their president at large campus functions, such as orientation and graduation.

But Eastern President Doug Whitlock doesn't hide in his office.

He takes the time to meander through campus speaking with students. A large majority of Eastern students can see their president "out and about" and as strange as that seems, it isn't a regular occurrence at mega-colleges.

President Whitlock is responsive to the student population and cares about what we have to say. He has an e-mail address, just like everyone else, and wants to hear the issues on campus that are of particular importance to you.

Administrators will listen if you speak up. But you have to say it loud and clear. If more people felt their opinion mattered, this campus would be a much more enjoyable place for the majority. But if only a few know how to stand up and fight for what's important, Eastern will only remain what it is now.

## Officially breaking up with Valentine's Day



Throughout school, I was jealous of the girls that got their names called over the intercom on Valentine's Day. One by one, girls came back from the office filling the classroom with balloons, flowers, candy or bears. I sat hoping to get my name called.

Never happened.

Of course, it would have helped if I had a boyfriend during Valentine's Day.

Then my senior year came. I had a boyfriend and we were in love. This was it. I knew this would be the year. I would get my name called and I could finally walk the halls carrying something special from the one who loved me.

Alas, it didn't happen.

Now, when I think about Valentine's Day, I laugh. Maybe it's because I am a little older now or the fact that I hate conforming to what society dictates we should celebrate. Either way, when asked what I will be doing for Valentine's Day, I tell them I will be doing nothing. When asked what I will get my husband for Valentine's Day, I sarcastically say nothing, but a hard time.

My problem with Valentine's Day has nothing to do with what it represents. Since 498 A.D., Feb. 14 has been set to represent love and fertility.

However, back then, men and women were separated because of war, imprisonment or lack of transportation, so it was common to send love letters or a poem to each other in order to express their emotions.

Today, this day of romance is done a little differently. Men are expected to give something to their girlfriends or wives.

And if they don't, their significant other gets upset. Women go out of their way to plan some kind of romantic setting for their boyfriends or husbands, when in reality the men would rather eat, have sex and go to bed. Why do we feel it is necessary to celebrate this day? Because of society and tradition.

For centuries, society and tradition has told us this day is carved out every year for lovers to succumb to some kind of romantic gesture.

Can someone please give me a trash can so I can barf in it?

Why do I need one day out of the year to express my feelings to the one I love and why should society or tradition pick that day for me?

It seems to me a couple would want to do romantic things for each other spontaneously and by their own rules. Isn't that what anniversaries and birthdays are for?

And what about all the single ladies and guys out there? Should they be depressed

or sad that they have no one to share this so-called romantic day with? Hell, no! I say go hang out with friends. Watch anti-Valentine's Day movies. Or, instead just forget this day was ever invented and move on (this is what I will be doing).

I don't know about anyone else, but I would love to take this traditional Valentine's Day and smash it. Americans are shelling out \$16 billion just for this holiday, according to the National Retail Foundation.

And again, I ask myself why does this one day deserve that much attention? I suppose I will never understand.

For now, I want everyone out there, single, dating or married, to join me in saying screw this tradition. Save your money for another day, another time, that is special for you or between you and the one you love.

I say, live by your own rules, it's better that way.

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# After a sniff with death writer tidies up her lifestyle



MyTurn Taylor Pettit

I am a slobaholic. Well, a reformed slobaholic.

It has been this way for as long as I can remember. I've always been one to know exactly where anything I needed was, even if it was under a two-foot high pile of clothes, somewhere in some corner under my desk.

I'm sure you know someone like me. They always can find what they are looking for, even if they only know where it is because the last time they saw it, it was right under that folder, in that drawer, next to that book.

Eureka!

They always find it, plus an ink stain or two. But, the important thing is that they knew where it was.

At home, I never had a big room. It was about the same size as the average dorm room.

If you looked at the room I grew up in, if you could get the door open, you would see clothes hanging from any corner, ledge or hook they could be hung from.

Books and papers became the carpet and replaced any idea of "floor" that you walk on. Half-burnt candles and articles I meant to tape to the wall laid on the floor, next to the pizza box I meant to throw away.

You see, slobaholics often combat the ill-fated "Pack Rat" disease as well.

So not only was everything I owned everywhere, there was always a lot of everything.

Magazines over six years old? Check.

Old ripped jeans that I would one day fix when I learned how? Check.

Pile of stuffed animals I hadn't

looked at since elementary school? Double check. Thankfully, it was contained to my shoebox bedroom. A whole house full of space and Hoarders might have been my next stop.

I won't lie and say that I'm one of those messy people who were messy, but never unclean.

That room was dirty.

You would be amazed at what years of stuff can hide and the smells it can't.

I always knew it was some sort of secret I should hide. Being a messy person is not accepted and certainly not talked about in polite company.

I never really had company in my room, to save my poor mother from embarrassment if nothing else.

Plus, without a doubt, you could have broken an ankle in there.

After years of my mom and I trying to come to terms with my messy habits, she only requested two things: that I take the towels out of my room and keep the door shut.

Always, keep the door shut.

Well, the turning point came about two months before I was supposed to leave for college. I hadn't spent more than a few nights even sleeping in my room as I was out enjoying my summer at friend's houses and on vacation.

Getting ready to pack what I needed and part with what I didn't, I began to sift through the excavation site that had become my room.

Then, it hit me.

There was this smell, coming from my closet.

I assumed it was a stray sandwich left before heading to the shore. Or maybe some wet towels that had started fermenting combined with a spilled bottle of nail polish remover. Who really knew?

But, it was much worse.

It was a rat.

A very dead rat.

Hiding under a wet towel, of all things, a rat that had somehow made its home in my closet and been

crushed by the disaster.

For all those times my mother had told me that something could be living in my room, there was. Well, was living at some point, anyway.

I realized that maybe there was a better life to live, than living amongst clutter and filth. Maybe it wasn't such a bad idea to keep things in their own places, or at least keep things off of the floor.

I definitely had no desire to ever find a dead anything amongst my stuff, ever again.

Since then, I've tried to maintain some sort of civility when it comes to my room.

In addition, to having a very forgiving roommate I have become half-way vigilant about my cleaning habits.

I try not to leave clothes on the floor too long after they are thrown there. I make sure clutter gets thrown out in a timely fashion and I don't keep anything I don't need. I make time each week to pick up my mess when things get a little too crazy to put everything away.

Most of all, I clean instead of just tidy.

I will always be jealous of those who clean and stay organized, naturally.

Now, I sometimes end up in overdrive, categorizing T-shirts from tank tops and lining up dishes by size.

But, now it has all become about balance. I accept that I never will line up my books by genre or maintain a closet that only holds my seasonal wardrobe.

I am also determined to never trip on a three week old pile of papers in need of sorting, on my way to the bathroom at midnight.

I am learning to be a reformed slobaholic.

# MyMail is not my choice for e-mail



MyTurn Seth Litrell

Nearly two months ago, our esteemed friends at Eastern's IT department made the switch from the old e-mail system to a new system, called MyMail with Microsoft Live. Microsoft Live is a sleek, sexy new system that features 10 times the storage of its predecessor as well as Microsoft Office programs, like Word and Power Point, and on top of it all, its free! Our e-mails are going to change for the better... or so we thought.

Instead, what we received was the exact opposite. MyMail was rushed through during Christmas break, rather than gradually implemented over the summer, and as a result many problems have occurred. Now, as we approach the halfway point of the spring semester, I am still having problems with my e-mail account.

My job requires me to use e-mail often. My professors send messages to their classes using e-mail. When important school information, such as delays or closings needs to be sent, the university often turns to... you guessed it, e-mail. So one can only imagine the frustration caused when a message fails to be delivered to my e-mail account on time, or when my e-mail freezes when I try to check it.

Last weekend I sent an important e-mail to a co-

worker before heading off to another job. I spent almost the entire weekend away from my computer, focusing on what I was doing and feeling sure that my important message made its way to the recipient. When I returned to campus late Sunday, I turned on my computer and was greeted by what has unfortunately become an all too familiar sight: a delivery error. I then had the joy of frantically trying to communicate with my co-workers about changes that took place days ago. As I write this column, my e-mail account is telling me that I cannot sign out... of course!

I should probably find an alternative to using e-mail, but let's be honest: e-mail has become a crutch for modern society. I simply cannot stop using e-mail because it is one of the most popular methods of communication in today's world. Even if I did stop using e-mail, my coworkers would not, my professors would not and the people who send me requests for paper coverage would not. E-mail is a crucial part of college life, and IT's priority should be to make sure that it works properly before forcing it on the students. I have two jobs and am a full-time student. I don't have time to be a guinea pig for IT.

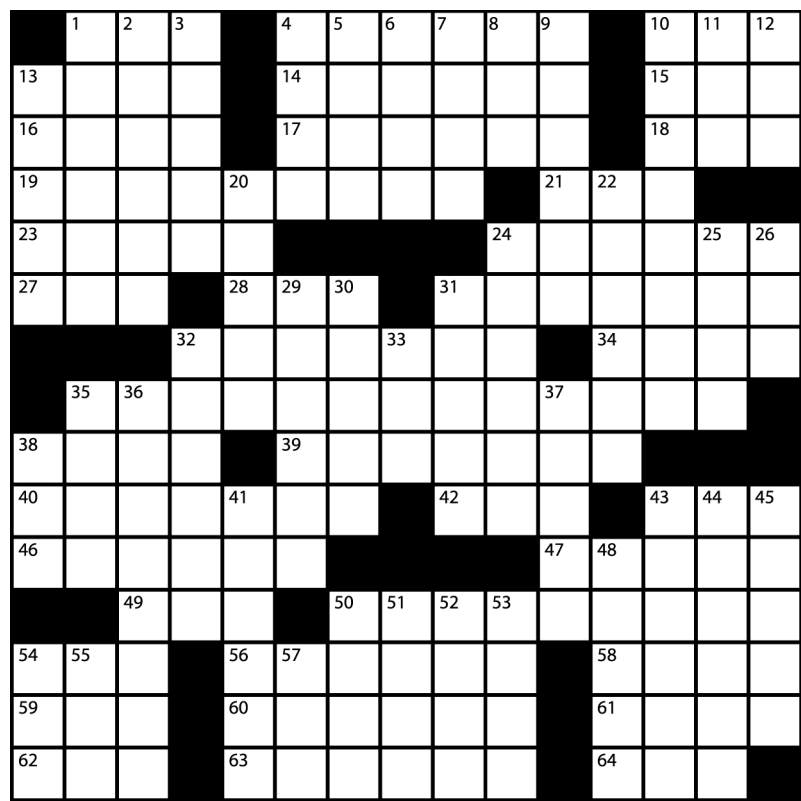
But I've done enough complaining by myself. Maybe I'm the only one having these problems, I doubt it, but maybe. I want to hear from others who have been screwed over by the e-mail change.

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- 1. Follow
- 4. Stellar
- 10. Affirmative action
- 13. Endure
- 14. Garam \_\_\_ (Indian spice mixture)
- 15. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 16. Black cat, maybe
- 17. African animals similar to giraffe
- 18. Abbr. after a name
- 19. Very short dress
- 21. What "it" plays
- 23. Arm
- 24. Tennis great Gibson
- 27. Coquettish
- 28. Burple
- 31. Great height or amount
- 32. Indic language of the Marathas
- 34. Aquatic plant
- 35. Decides beforehand
- 38. \_\_\_ du jour
- 39. Spoiled
- 40. Deer meat
- 42. Title loan to monks
- 43. Alliance that includes Ukr.
- 46. Milk protein

Down

- 1. Half mask
- 2. For all to see
- 3. Magical wish granter
- 4. Crazily
- 5. "The Open Window" writer
- 6. Boris Godunov, for one
- 7. Absorbed
- 8. "Aladdin" prince
- 9. Finally
- 10. Water pipe for smoking
- 11. "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- 12. "i" lid
- 13. Strip
- 20. A specific violin (ab- brev.)
- 22. Nearby
- 24. Like some arms
- 25. Baker's dozen?
- 26. "Bingo!"
- 29. Salem's home
- 30. Object passed by relay runners
- 31. Bit
- 32. One's area of expertise
- 33. Big \_\_\_ Conference
- 35. "Guilty," e.g.
- 36. Released after money received
- 37. Poets' feet
- 38. Polymers used in plastic pipes
- 41. Fortunetellers
- 43. Small, narrow opening
- 44. Set aflame
- 45. Begin
- 48. For all to hear
- 50. A chorus line
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# CHAUTAUQUA

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author of the Declaration of Independence, the genius of Monticello, President of the United States, this man... suggested the Negro lacked rational capacity and abstract reasoning to sufficiently constitute an equal humanity with white brothers and sisters," he said. "What's interesting is that Mr. Jefferson allowed loins to trump logic."

And Jefferson wasn't the only president whose rhetoric earned them a scathing review.

Dyson said George Bush delivered "contusions to the American psyche" during his presidency and reminded the audience that Ronald Reagan told poor people that ketchup was a vegetable.

After Obama was elected, Dyson called President Obama a straight-up Democrat, "White people thought some people be comin' out on the front lawn of the White House wearin' some tube socks and a bath robe gettin' the newspaper."

When Dyson talked about stereotypes he wrapped them in humor.

Dyson joked about what it would be like if Asian and black stereotypes were switched

"You know those black people are

just too excellent," he said. "And they are killing us in Math."

Regarding the decision to remove "nigger" from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" and replace it with the "N" word Dyson said, "Leave nigger in. That's what he said. He didn't say the "N" word. People didn't die for the "N" word, they died for nigger. That's the history of it. Remove the word, excising the word, not only does violence to the original text of what was written but it also relieves us of the responsibility to educate our children about why it was wrong."

Dyson is a scholar in the musical genre of hip-hop and rap and explained that the same agrarian culture that produced blues also produced country music.

Much in the same way country music was once criticized, its message is the same way hip-hop and rap are more often than not disliked today.

For example, Dyson said, "Blues says, 'Hey lady, your husband's cheatin' on us' and country music says, 'If I'd killed you when I met you I'd be outta jail by now. Hip-hop says, 'We gonna wear slouchy pants and we gonna sang it ain't and a bunch of cuss words.'"

Dyson said the angels are singing rap songs in heaven, "It's called Cherubic rap."

# CRAYFISH

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Schuster said it was important to point out that the media reported the crayfish was five inches long.

"That is very misleading," he said.

The five inches is actually the front half of the organism, or the shell-like structure, Schuster said. The entire length of the critter is eight to 11 inches in length; normally, crayfish only grow to roughly six inches in total length, and sometimes even smaller.

While a lot of people haven't been congratulating the team on their discovery, there are still a handful of people who don't believe in their work.

"Their comments were, 'Well, this seems like a humongous waste of time' or 'Why would anybody be studying these?' and so forth," Schuster said. "In our view, this represents an important species that lives in these streams that have to have very good water quality. So, that's important to all people - water quality."

He added a lot of drinking water comes from streams and rivers.

"The other thing that I find that is really important in all this to understand is there is very little money made available to biologists to survey or inventory areas to see what species live there," Schuster said.

On a national or international level, lots



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Schuster has described nearly seven new species of critters.

of money is spent to send people to the Amazon or Asia, but researchers here have a very difficult time getting funding to do the same things, locally.

"The work we did here in Kentucky, all of that work, which took about 10 years, we basically financed ourselves," Schuster said, adding they couldn't find any grants for research for printing the book.

## Students encouraged to attend dinner that precedes each lecture

The dinner that precedes every Chautauqua event is free and open to the public. It provides an opportunity for Eastern faculty, students and staff to spend some time with one another outside the traditional classroom setting. In fact, many instructors offer extra credit for attending.

"I have to do a report on a lecture for my public speaking class and I will get an extra point for another class," said Cassandra Pence, a senior majoring in English teaching.

Pence is part of the Education Pays program and the Chautauqua event last Thursday night offered her, and several others, a chance to garner some extra-credit, have dinner and hang out.

Eastern professor of Environmental Health Sciences Dr. Sheila Pressley invited several friends and faculty members from the University of Kentucky to hear the Chautauqua guest, whom she first heard while working at DePaul University several years ago.

"He was a visiting lecturer there doing something like what he's doing here tonight, but to a smaller crowd," Pressley said.

Dajuane Harris, senior, environmental health science major had heard Dr. Dyson address various issues on television and said, "He's one of the few willing to speak out."

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dents who are working and need classes to fit around their schedules.

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some regional locations offer interactive TV courses (ITV.) ITV allows students to take a lecture-style class from a nearer regional campus via live video uplink.

"We like to use ITV to offer upper division courses, so our students can continue to make progress toward their degrees after they finish their general education classes," Peck said.

The branch campuses are adding courses that were once only available in Richmond, such as CHS 342, which is a weekend campus available through the Danville branch.

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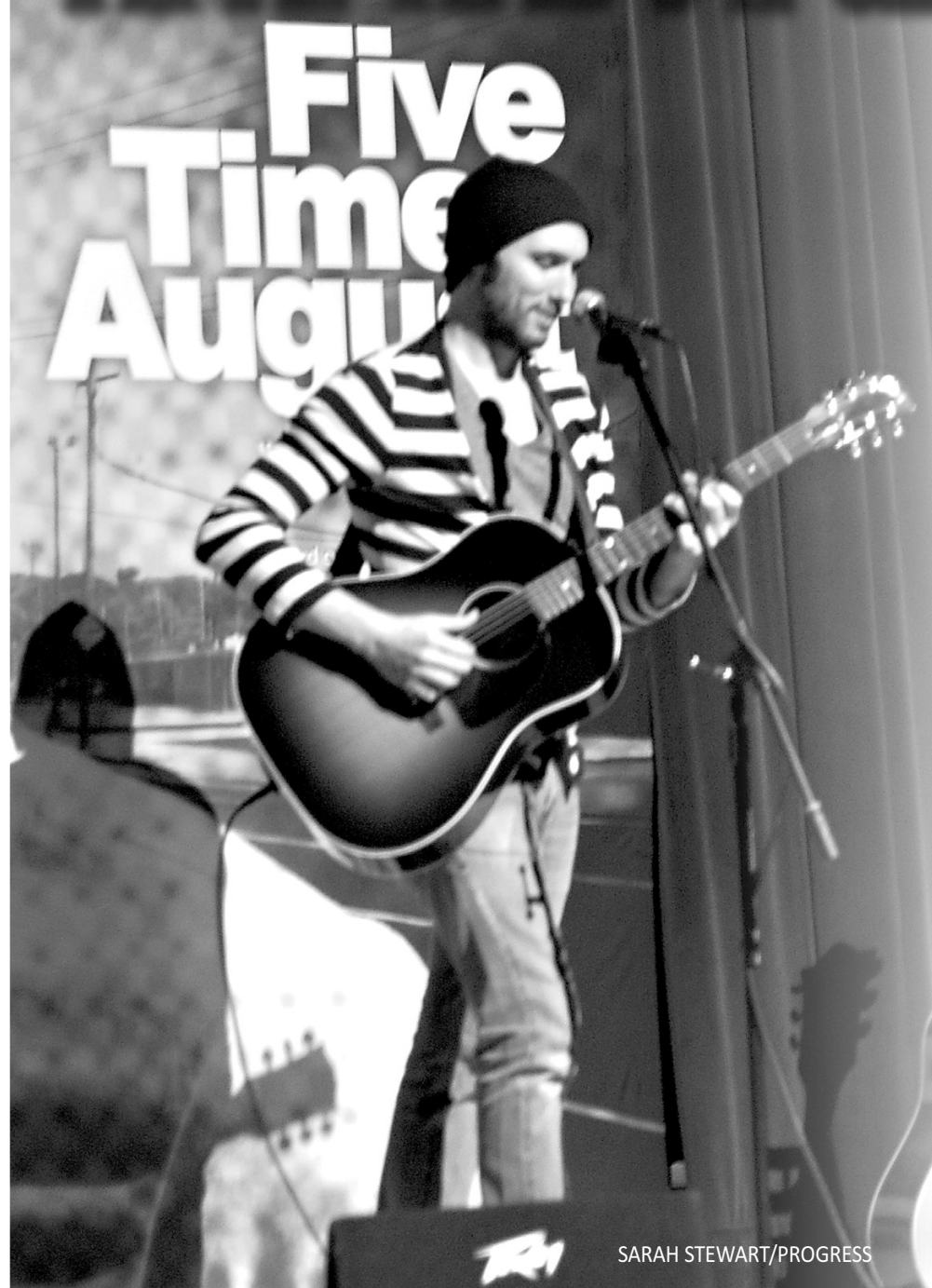
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## FIFTH TIME'S A CHARM FOR 'AUGUST'



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MUSICIAN BRAD SKISTIMAS, HEAD OF FIVE TIMES AUGUST, WOWS AUDIENCE AT EASTERN

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More than five months after August, singer/songwriter/guitarist Brad Skistimas, brainchild of the solo project Five Times August, graced Eastern's campus with his talents.

Texas-native Skistimas visited the Student Services Building last Tuesday, Feb. 2 to perform some of his music for a crowd of colonels.

The crowd waited in anticipation for the singer, whose music has been featured on such shows as The Hills, Entourage and One Tree Hill. Skistimas entered the auditorium at about 9 p.m. as the eager audience greeted him with cheers.

He began his set with a track called "Do It Again," a catchy number that showcased Skistimas' impressive guitar-playing prowess. The show continued to build upon this first song, with highlights including an acoustic cover of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and Skistimas' first ever attempt at a normally piano-driven song, "Break." An audience member requested the song, and Skistimas was able to convert the song on the spot successfully into a moving acoustic number.

However, halfway through, Skistimas forgot his lyrics, and the song took a hilarious turn as he began to improvise lyrics. "If you want to hear the rest of the song, you can buy the record out front," Skistimas joked. "I'm only gonna do 30 second samplers from now on."

The musician's mix of incredible gui-



tar playing, emotional lyricism and humor was the main reason the show was such a success. His song transitions and anecdotes were charming and funny, and his music was undeniably enjoyable.

General crowd sentiment seemed to be similar, as the audience's reaction was overwhelmingly positive. 20-year-old junior Jessica Wolsing praised Skistimas' performance.

"I loved it," Wolsing said. "It was a fantastically hilarious and intimate acoustic experience."

Christa Kirilenko, a 19-year-old sophomore, agreed.

"I thought it was great," Kirilenko said. "He rocked my face off and he made me laugh. That was way better than writing a paper for class."

Skistimas himself was pleased with his show.

"I like these kinds of shows, intimate theater settings," he said. "It's nice."

One thing for certain after Skistimas' performance is that his band, Five Times August, is many times more talented and captivating than the majority of acts out there.

## HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

EASTERN EQUESTRIANS RIDE TOWARD UPCOMING COMPETITION FEB. 19

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Horses are as synonymous with Kentucky as chicken, bourbon, bluegrass and basketball.

It is surprising, then, that so few people are aware of Eastern's very own horse organization, Eastern Equestrians.

Founded four years ago, Eastern Equestrians is an organization for both horse lovers and serious competitors. Students of all skill levels are welcome to come out and groom horses, learn how to ride and eventually even compete with the more seasoned professionals.

"Some start as beginners, some are advanced, so we have a wide variety of people that join," said 20-year-old sophomore Christina Pescatore, president of the Equestrians. "It's more about learning the style and having fun and enjoying

yourself."

Pescatore was surprised how many people were unaware of her organization on campus when she took office.

"The majority of new riders are beginners," Pescatore said. "You would think more would have experience since we are in Kentucky, but like a lot of people who have e-mailed and said, 'I didn't even know we had [an organization]!' So I think this is the first time we've advertised it a bit more."

The Equestrians' next competition is Feb. 19 in Louisville. Despite what many associate with horse competitions, this is not a horseracing event. The organization is a member of the newly formed Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association (ISSRA), founded by Eastern coach Dr. Sally Hayden, which focuses on a particular style of riding known as saddle seat.

"The way the classes are judged is how you handle a horse, how your posture is, how you and the horse do together. It's about show," Pescatore said.

Vice President of the Equestrians Sarah Conn, a 19-year-old sophomore, explains more in depth about the horses they use in competition.

"Saddlebred horses originated as a mix between a thoroughbred and a Morgan, if you trace the bloodline back," Conn said. "They are really showy, and they pick their feet up, and are known for a long neck that comes out of their shoulders and have

high withers, which is like the base of their neck. I've heard them described as the peacock of the show ring or something (laughs). They wanna perform."

Conn also addressed the belief that only shorter, jockey-size people were fit to compete on horses.

"No, you don't have to be small to ride saddle seat," she said. "We are the shortest ones on the team. Everybody else towers over us."

The ISSRA connects many local colleges with an interest in saddle seat competition, including UK, Louisville, Morehead and Murray. Each university takes a turn hosting a tournament throughout the year, leading up to the championship in mid April. In the end, one thing both Pescatore and Conn wanted to stress was their organization's place on campus as a fun social activity.

"Anybody can join, it's lots of fun," Pescatore said. "Horses



Christina Pescatore



Sarah Conn

## Black Student Union hosts speed dating and Valentine's Day ball

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For those interested in spending a romantic evening in Paris, France without leaving the comforts of Kentucky, look no further than the Black Student Union's upcoming ball, "A Night in Paris," this Friday, Feb. 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Keen Johnson Building. Also coming up is their "5 + 5 Dating" event tonight, Thursday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. in Tech Commons.

The Black Student Union (BSU) is an organization at Eastern that in recent years has had a decline in exposure and presence on campus.

"It's definitely a national organization and has been on campus for over 20 years, but there are times where we lose members so it crumbles," said 21-year-old broadcasting and electronic media/sociology major senior Tra'Shelle Brown, president of the Black Student Union. "So every other year we are trying to build it back up and this is one of those years where we are trying to gain more consistent members."

Brown explained the purpose of her organization on campus.

"It's a black organization which is supposed to be the foundation of all the other organizations, I guess like the tree, and the other black organizations are its branches, and we try to promote for other organizations and we try to build good leaders, businessmen and women, and unity for the campus," Brown said.

One thing Brown hoped to clarify was the significance of having an organization specifically for black students at Eastern.

"The events are open to the campus," she said. "The main thing I want to stress that this is a black organization, but I hate using that word because I don't want people to think that we are isolating other people. I definitely want other ethnicities and creeds to come to the events or we can link up. You know, it's an organization but I don't want people to get confused and think that we're just particularly for that race or that we really don't want to deal with any other types of race. This is a unifying organization."

Membership for the BSU has also seen a decline this year.

"Our membership's kind of dreary right now," she said. "We have up to 20 members right now, and these are people who came and who've been in BSU previous years. It's a lot of old members."

However, Brown hopes these types of events will help encourage newer, younger students to get involved.

"I really want to reach out to the freshmen because a lot of people who are in charge are the upper classmen and we will be leaving soon. And I want, you know, new



Tra'Shelle Brown

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# GRAMMYS ARE MUSIC TO OUR EARS

2011 GRAMMY AWARDS OFFER TIGHT COMPETITION WITH PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT

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It's that time of year for singing legends and up-and-coming music sensations to attend the 53rd Annual Grammy Awards.

Many famous musicians and singers attend the ceremony but only a select few have been nominated for certain awards like record of the year, song of the year and album of the year.

Famous singers like Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Eminem, Lady Antebellum, Katy Perry and believe it or not, Justin Bieber are lined up for some of the more popular nominations.

One of the biggest nominations will be record of the year. The nominees for record of the year include "Nothin' On You" by Bruno Mars, "Love the Way You Lie" by Eminem and Rihanna, "F\*\*\* You" by Cee Lo Green, "Empire State of Mind" by Jay-Z/Alicia Keys and "Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum. Certain websites like MTV and Billboard have already voted on who has the highest chance of winning this award, with opinion being split among many sites.

Lance Maynes, a senior majoring in occupational science, believes that Eminem and Rihanna will win the record of the year award.

"I always hear their song on the radio, they are both very popular artists, and Eminem was even involved in two Super Bowl commercials," Maynes said.

Eminem leads the pack with 10 nominations, and Bruno Mars follows behind with seven nominations.

Up-and-coming artists will have their chance to earn a Grammy in the nomination for best new artist. Those artists include Justin Bieber, Drake, Florence and the Machine, Mumford and Sons and Esperanza Spalding.

The Los Angeles Times has mixed emotions about this nomination. Each artist is good in their own way. The Times believe that while Florence and the Machines "soulful rock" will inspire many and that the Mumford and Sons

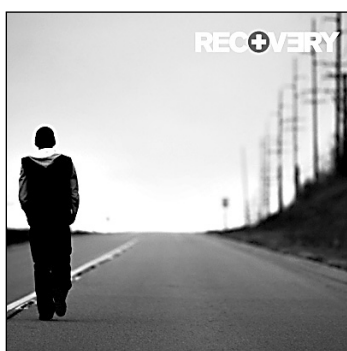
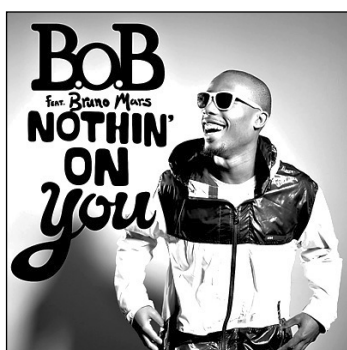
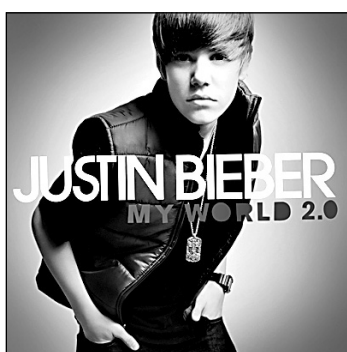
also have a good chance as well. The one singer it came down to was Justin Bieber. Bieber has many teen fans wrapped tight around his finger.

The next big nomination is the album of the year and nominees are "The Suburbs" by Arcade Fire, "Recovery" by Eminem, "Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum, "The Fame Monster" by Lady Gaga and "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry. These artists are fighting with their vocal fists to win the Grammy. This is Lady Gaga's second consecutive year as the nominee for album of the year but that doesn't mean that the other artists don't have a shot of stealing her thunder. Billboard announced that Eminem has a great chance of winning it because his album, "Recovery" has sold 2.7 million copies.

Elizabeth Christie Gail, a sophomore majoring in police studies and psychology, had a few words to say about the album of the year nominations.

"Katy Perry's Teenage Dream sucks," Gail said. "Lady Gaga all the way."

Gail said that Lady Gaga deserves this award because her



music is great and her fashion is incredible as well.

In the nomination of best male pop vocal voice the nominees include Michael Buble and his song "Haven't Met You Yet" as well as Michael Jackson with his song "This is it".

These are just a few of the nominations but there are several other artists that have a chance at getting their hands on a Grammy. The 53rd Grammy Awards will be on CBS at 8 p.m. Feb. 13. The awards won't be the only thing though that people will be focused on. Cee Lo, Eminem, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, Miranda Lambert and Arcade Fire among others are a part of the performance line up. It will be a night of good music and great nominations that nobody will want to miss.

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**4) Best Zydeco Or Cajun Music Album**

Example- "Creole Moon: Live At The Blue Moon Saloon"- Cedric Watson et Bijou Créole

**5) Best Regional Mexican Album**

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For a complete list of Grammy Nominations visit [Grammy.com](http://Grammy.com)

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# 'The Roommate' fails to offer fresh thrills

By AUDRA SOMMER  
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Every year, college freshmen nationwide wonder what their roommates are going to be like. The most common worries are if you'll get along or if they're going to be loud and messy. The last thing on your mind would be whether they will be crazy and a possible murderer yet in "The Roommate," that's exactly what Sara, the main character, needed to worry about.

The movie stars Leighton Meester best known from "Gossip Girl," and Minka Kelly in her first featuring role. Leighton's character, Rebecca, is a seemingly nice girl in the beginning who turns out to have some major psychological issues. Minka's character, Sara, is an unsuspecting victim who finds out just how bad a roommate could possibly be. This is Danish director Christian E. Christiansen's first U.S. film and first major film. Sonny Mallhi was the writer, who is known for producing "The Strangers" and "Shutter." The movie hauled in \$15 million opening weekend. With the target audience being a younger crowd this isn't surprising, but neither was the entire film. If you watched the trailers you basically saw the entire layout of what was going to happen, and the script was very dense and bland.

Before seeing this movie I expected the stereotypical teenage suspense flick. While it lived up to that, that's about all it did. I was disappointed with the lack of acting skills and the predictability of all the major scenes, most of which were already shown in the trailer. Meester seemed to be the only one who knew what acting was, instead of standing there and being a pretty face like the rest of the cast. There are some touchy subjects which involve animal cruelty and some non-traditional piercing removal which can be hard to watch, but thankfully not much gore is



shown. I will admit I was scared at times during the movie, but most of it was laughable and just shock tactics.

Although it was somewhat entertaining, nothing surprised me or made me want to see it again. There wasn't a boring moment in the film, but the whole thing was easily forgettable. I would only recommend this film to people who have nothing else to see, or when it's discount ticket day at the theater. Nice try Christiansen, but this was a total miss.

**Verdict: D+**

## BSU

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faces and new ideas and new plans for the organization. So freshmen would be great."

Their newest event on campus is the "5 + 5 Dating" event.

"5 + 5 dating is where there will be people already sitting down at the table and each person will have five minutes to talk to their first person. You will hear a ding and after the first ding you will get the opportunity to switch or stay an extra five minutes and after the 10 minutes you have to switch, but that's where the 5 + 5 comes from," Brown said. "I thought it would be perfect for Valentine's Day coming up. Many said that they didn't have a date for the ball, so I said 'Great! You can go to the speed dating and find a date and the following day you can come to the ball.'"

The ball, co-hosted by the Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi groups, is an annual tradition put on by many universities.

"UK had theirs last semester, so we are having ours this semester," Brown said.

After this busy week for the organization, the BSU still has plenty coming up, Brown explained.

"We're having a BBQ social soon," Brown said. "We're trying to have it themed where it's like represent what year you were born, so dressing up maybe 80s, just to do something interactive. We're having a lot of socials to gain more members."

In addition to a 3-on-3-basketball tournament, BSU is also taking over a corner at Powell for a day.

"We're having a little spot in Powell to do jump rope and chalk, for people to reach their inner child. I think a lot of people try to forget about that, but those are really good stress relievers anyway."

On a final note, Brown expressed her desire to see the BSU continue to grow.

"I really want BSU to prosper and gain more members and to link with other organizations. There are other organizations that I am not aware of and I'm sure they are not aware of BSU. The last word of the organization says 'union' and I want to unify not only blacks, but whites.... students really. We are all students, so I just want to link up with other students and do things to help them with activities, studying, anything."

The upcoming "5 + 5 Dating" event costs \$1 at the door, and the ball is \$5 for singles, \$7 for couples. If you are interested in learning more about either event or the organization itself, information is available by calling 859-940-6509.

## HORSE

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are very therapeutic. Like if I'm stressed out or having a bad week, I just go riding and I feel ten times better."

"It's a really good way to meet new people and stay connected on campus," Conn added.

When asked for a fun fact about horses, Pescatore had one final thing to say.

"I'll tell you something interesting about them," Pescatore said. "With their teeth, you can tell how old they are! There is actually a certain tooth, and at certain ages, it looks different."

Lessons with the Equestrians at the Bluegrass Riding Academy are \$35 and are offered weekly. If interested in joining the organization, contact Pescatore at christina\_pescato@mymail.eku.edu.

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# BASKETBALL

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sonville State but no other Gamecock could reach double figures.

Eastern lost the rebounding battle, 34-24, but the Colonels committed only eight turnovers while forcing 15.

Neubauer's 100 career win puts him third on the all-time wins list at the school.

"It (100 wins) means we've had good players here and we've had good players who have created a lot wins," he said. "I'm proud of them."

### A look ahead

Eastern takes on Southeast Missouri Thursday.

The previous matchup between the schools saw the Colonels come out on top with a 64-52 win.

Senior Josh Daniel scored all of his game-high 19 points in the second half of the win over the Redhawks.

Eastern led until Leon Powell scored a lay-up with 6:40 left in regulation. Daniel, however, responded with nine straight points out of a timeout to spark an 11-1 run to give the Colonels the final lead.

The Colonels held the Redhawks to 43.6 percent (17-of-39) from the field and will once again rely on their defense to escape with a win.

"We defended in that game in Cape Girardeau as well as we have all season," Neubauer said. "Southeast Missouri is playing very well. Marland Smith is scoring the ball and Leon Powell is in the post. So they have talented offensive players on the court and are playing very well right now."

Smith scored 27 points and Powell added a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds in the Redhawk's recent win over SIU Edwardsville.

For Eastern Spencer Perrin has led the Colonels over the last four games, averaging 19.5 points per game and 7.2 rebounds per game while shooting 63.6 percent from the floor.

"Spencer has played very well here lately," Neubauer said. "He's scoring the ball at a consistent rate and doing it when we need him too. Our seniors have really stepped up here lately and have continued to play well."

The Colonels have now won six straight meetings over the Redhawks and lead the all-time series by a count of 21-17. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

# ALVES

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sity they would have to pay anywhere from \$100,000 to \$180,000 for his son to play for them.

There have even been instances of college coaches stretching the boundaries of the NCAA's rules and sometimes crossing them to land the top recruits on National Signing Day.

Bruce Pearl, men's basketball head coach at the University of Tennessee, just finished serving an eight-game suspension because he illegally had a party for a recruit and then lied to the NCAA about the pictures that stemmed from the event.

Michigan State's Head Coach Tom Izzo was suspended earlier this season, when the school paid someone linked to a potential recruit to work a basketball camp for teenagers.

Recruiting is a tough business. It takes a toll on all the parties involved. Coaches send out letters and make phone calls almost daily to the top-level athletes, vying for their services on the field of play. They attend high-school games and AAU circuits just to catch a glimpse of the next

LeBron James, adding extra pressure to perform well.

Behind the curtains, playing collegiate athletics can be an added stressor for student-athletes. Most high school seniors and juniors probably don't understand the time and effort put into playing in college. It takes hours of hard work. Sometimes the athletes need a break from practice, traveling and studying.

Earlier this week, Eastern athletics put on the first ever EKV Jock N' Roll. It was an event featuring several of Eastern's varsity athletic teams in a talent show.

There was a dance off between the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync, dancing Oompaloompas, the performance of a traditional Haka dance and a couple of skits. It was good fun and quite entertaining.

But more importantly it was a chance for these athletes to take a step back from their everyday life to relax and have a laugh.

College sports, where athletes don't get paid, shouldn't be about winning percentages, championships or who can land the most five-star recruits. Instead it should be about having fun, doing what's right, building character and teamwork.

The sooner we fans (and apparently parents) figure this out, the more enjoyable college sports will be.

# Track hurdles its way through invitational

By CHRIS MCGEE  
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Last weekend, at the Middle Tennessee Invitational in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Eastern's track and field team came away with four Colonels winning events and three hurdlers capturing the top three times in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Junior Lutisha Bowen, sophomore DanHeisha Harding and senior Jasmyr Norris who already owned the top three times in the OVC, all improved their times in the 60-meter hurdles.

Bowen, who finished second in the 55-meter hurdles with a converted time of 8.61, was a little caught off guard.

"My time in the hurdle was unexpected because the track is not the best one to achieve a personal best time," Bowen said.

Harding, who finished with a converted time of 8.71, was critical of her run.

"I wasn't happy with my time, but

I have been dealing with a hamstring injury," Harding said.

She added that she wasn't sure if she would be able to compete in the upcoming meet at Indiana University.

"Right now, I am rehabbing my injury three times a day," Harding said.

Sophomore Shannon Hooper also had a good showing for the women's team. She finished fourth in the women's weighted throw with a 54-1.75.



Lutisha Bowen

She currently has the second best time in the OVC in this event. However, this has not affected her work ethic.

"Having the best time does not make me feel any different or better because I know I still need to get better," Hooper said.

Hooper also commented on the throw itself.

"I felt good and really relaxed," Hooper said. "I had good control of the weight."

Two Colonels were close to the top for the men. Sophomore Daniel Jones, from New Zealand, and junior Alex Dreyer, from Australia, finished sec-

ond and third in the OVC in the men's 5,000-meters. Jones finished fifth in the meet with a time of 5:13.69 and Dreyer finished seventh with 15:19.52.

Though happy with his time, Dreyer is quick to give credit to his other teammates.

"It was more of a team effort," Dreyer said. "Coach Erdmann had given us a rundown of the race the night before. We worked as a team. Me [sic], Chris (Rice) and Brad (Fortuna) helped each other through and felt pretty good about our time."

During the winter, the team has another opponent to deal with besides the ones at the meets, the weather.

"In the winter, we get good quality workouts in outside whenever we can," Erdmann said. "We also use races as workouts."

He added that sometimes if a runner is competing the next weekend, he would not run the week before.

The team competes in two different cities this weekend. Half of the team will compete in the Husky Open in Seattle while the other half will compete in the Indiana Hoosier Hills Open.

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# Defense clamps down on Gamecocks giving Neubauer his 100th Eastern win

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With his team down by 11 at the half, Head Coach Jeff Neubauer's chances of getting his 100th career win at Eastern looked grim.

Eastern had to mount a second-half comeback, after scoring just 18 first half points, to give Neubauer the milestone victory over Jacksonville State last Saturday night 57-51.

The Gamecocks went on an 11-0 run late in the first half, and held the Colonels scoreless for nearly six minutes and caused six Eastern turnovers to build a 29-18 half-time lead.

But despite the poor effort on the offensive-end early, Eastern (13-11, 7-6 OVC) overcame the deficit thanks to defense.

"Our defense in the second half, that's what our focus was on," Neubauer said in a post-game radio interview. "And we cut into their lead not because of our offense, but because our defense was so solid. That's really what got us going."

Out of the locker room, the Col-

onels pulled within two at 33-31 off of seven straight points from Spencer Perrin, but once again the Gamecocks jumped back out to a 40-33 lead.

But with 2:59 left, Joshua Jones connected on a floater in the lane to finally give Eastern the lead 45-44, its first since halfway through the first half.

The score was tied two more times in the waning minutes until Jeff Johnson's put back with 1:17 gave Eastern the lead for good. On the ensuing possession Jones found Johnson for an easy lay-up to stretch the lead to 51-47.

The Colonels then hit six free throws in the final 40 seconds to secure the win.

Perrin scored a game-high 19 points and also grabbed eight rebounds, while playing a season-high 36 minutes. Eastern was without sophomore reserve Willie Cruz who sustained a concussion in Thursday's

loss to Tennessee Tech.

"With Willie being out, he knew he (Perrin) wasn't going to get much rest," Neubauer said. "We did give him a little rest in the first half, but he did not come out in the second half. He was very aggressive with the dribble. He attacked very well and for him to go the line and make six-of-six along with our other free-throw makers was very impressive."

Senior Justin Stommes added 10 points for Eastern while Johnson stepped up with 12 points of his own.

"Jeff Johnson has been improving all year and we need that from him," Neubauer said. "We need him to continue to step up, but he was huge here tonight especially around the bas-

**"Our seniors have really stepped up here lately and have continued to play well."**

Jeff Neubauer  
Head Coach



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Senior Justin Stommes (left) takes a jump shot over Austin Peay's Josh Terry earlier in the year. Stommes has stepped up for the Colonels recently.



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Sophomore Jessica Albuquerque awaits a volley in her No. 1 singles match against Chicago State. She sealed Eastern's victory, by winning in a super tiebreak 6-4, 4-6, 15-13.



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Hugo Klientovsky won a singles match over Xavier's Jimmy Roebker 6-4, 6-3. He also teamed with Alex Das winning a pair of doubles wins over Xavier and Chicago State.

# Tennis teams undefeated in weekend swing

**MEN STRETCH HOME WINNING STREAK TO 25 STRAIGHT; WOMEN PICK UP FIRST WINS OF SEASON**

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Head Coach Rob Oertel got solid play from the men and women's tennis teams this weekend with both teams combining for a 5-0 record. The women picked up their first two wins of the year, while the men kept their 23 home game winning streak alive.

**Men**

The Colonels (5-2) scored two 7-0 decisions over Xavier and Chicago State.

Against Xavier, senior Alex Das easily won his match at No. 1 singles over Bobby Deye 6-2, 6-1.

But the other five singles matches, against

Xavier, the pre-season Atlantic-10 Conference favorite and three-time defending league champion, were tightly contested.

Junior Hugo Klientovsky, at No. 2 singles, won his match in two sets 6-4, 6-3. Fellow junior Niklas Schroeder (No. 4) prevailed 6-4, 7-5. Junior Philip Janz at No. 3 singles rallied for a three-set win 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"It was a highly emotional match," Oertel said. "Last year's loss left a bitter taste in our mouth. The guys were focused on nothing but getting it in the books and getting to the finish line."

The Colonels won two of the three doubles matches over the Musketeers as well.

Das and Klientovsky won their match at No. 1 doubles 8-4, while Carles Pons and Parul Verma won their match at No.3 singles 8-6.

Later that day, Eastern easily dispatched Chicago State, winning three of the five sin-

gles matches by scores of 6-0, 6-0.

Das won his match at No. 1 singles 7-6, 6-3, while Verma won his at No. 2 singles in three sets 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

The Colonels now have a 25-match home winning streak that dates back to a 6-1 loss to Minnesota in February 2009.

**A look ahead**

Eastern once again puts its winning streak on the line with a home match against Northern Kentucky this weekend.

Northern Kentucky has yet to play a match this spring season but had a successful fall series. They defeated Charleston (W.Va.) 7-2 to end the fall campaign.

A trio of juniors in Tyler Fraser, Martin Leroy and Ricardo Weaver lead the Norse.

**Women**

The Eastern women's tennis team picked up its first two victories of the season last Friday with two 7-0 decisions over Georgetown College and the University of the Cumberland.

The Colonels (2-2) won every singles match in straight sets.

Myriem Mhirit, at No. 3, singles won her match 6-1, 6-0, Milena Poffo (No. 4) 6-0, 6-1, Esmira Gheisary, at No. 5, singles defeated her opponent 6-2, 6-0 and Sophie O'Neill defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6 singles.

"It was a good chance to get our girls some wins in collegiate tennis," Oertel said. "It helps when they can go out and freely swing and build some confidence."

The women tallied its third win of the weekend Saturday with a 5-2 decision over visiting Chicago State.

Sophomore Jessica Albuquerque (No. 1) outlasted Chicago State's Dian Mayasari in

a super tiebreaker, 6-4, 4-6, 15-13.

"Put a star beside her name because she is really playing well," Oertel said of Albuquerque. "Early on she is really turning out to be our top player. I was really proud of the fashion she won her match in. It really gave us a spark."

**A look ahead**

Northern Kentucky comes into its match with Eastern having not played a match this season.

The Norse finished the 2010 regular season with an 11-6 record and a perfect 6-0 record in the conference.

They suffered a loss in the NCAA tournament to Drury, but juniors Whitney Thomas and Jenny Hand picked up an 8-3 win in doubles play.

"We don't really know what to expect from them," Oertel said. "We're going to treat it just like any match and not worry about records."

Dayton comes to town off a win over Ball State. The Flyers were led by an impressive performance by freshman, Claire Dreyer.

Dreyer at No. 1 singles won her match 6-1, 6-1 and then teamed up with fellow freshman, Maureen Stevens, at the number one position in doubles for an 8-6 win.

Playing at No. 2 singles Loni Dickerhoof won her match 6-2, 6-4.

The Flyers also swept Ball State in doubles play.

"They are a good tennis team," Oertel said. "We saw them in the fall at the Ball State invitational and they were the best team there and they have the same roster. They have just played a good schedule. We're not going to let their record fool us. It's going to be a battle."

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Eastern's Head football Coach Dean Hood and his staff have added 23 promising newcomers who will join the team this spring and fall.

## National Signing Day adds 23 to 2011 football recruiting class

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Replacing 13 seniors is never an easy task.

But Head Coach Dean Hood and Colonels football team have made progress on building up the 2011 squad with the signing of 23 student-athletes on National Signing Day last Wednesday.

With signing day closing in, Eastern was in dire need of some depth at the quarterback position.

The Colonels had four quarterbacks on the 2010 roster, but redshirt freshman Brendon Gregory suffered a season-ending knee injury, freshman Alex Conley left the program in the middle of the year and freshman Jacob Russell transferred to the University of Kentucky after the fall season.

This left redshirt junior T.J. Pryor as the only full-time, healthy QB on the depth chart.

"We had three guys who had some game experience in T.J. and Brendon and Jacob Russell," Hood said. "But when Russell left and with Brendon having the knee injury we had to scramble to find some quarterbacks."

Hood and his staff received commits from three quarterbacks for this year's class – two freshmen and one transfer.

Freshman Travis Carlyle, from Naples

High School in Florida, will join the Colonels after leading his high school team to a 12-1 record in his senior season. He threw for 1,488 yards, rushed 448 and totaled 17 touchdowns this past season.

Jared McClain, the other incoming freshman QB, from Hiram, Ga. was voted the 2010 Paulding County Player of the Year and is Hiram High School's all-time career leader in passing yards, completions, total yards, passing touchdowns and total touchdowns.

Victor Perez is a transfer from Southwestern Junior College. Perez has already enrolled at Eastern and will be eligible this fall. He threw for 1,500 yards and 11 touchdowns in seven games last season while also rushing for 300 yards and two scores.

"We scrambled to find a junior college quarterback and were very, very fortunate because Victor was a qualifier out of high school," Hood said. "And we have two quality high schools kids coming in. We've been trying to do that since we've been here, but we just can't keep guys. It's been tough. But we feel good about the guys we have now."

Another focus was replacing senior Chris Krack on the offensive line.

So Hood added junior college transfer Andrew Melton from Los Angeles College.

"He can play any position – guard, center or tackle," Hood said. "We're excited about getting him and we should be as strong as ever at o-line since I've been here."

Among the 23 commits, several were from in-state schools.

Seth Dotson, a wide receiver from Montgomery County High School, pulled in 39 catches, along with seven receiving touchdowns this past season.

Jeremy James from Greenwood High School was an all-state honorable mention in 2010 at the linebacker position, finishing last season with 115 tackles and four sacks.

Deno Montgomery a defensive back from Hopkinsville High School was first team all-state and played in the Kentucky – Tennessee all-star game.

Paul Ritter, a defensive back from Covington Catholic High School, rounds out the in-state commits. He led his team with 85 tackles and was voted onto the Cincinnati Enquirer's first team defensive team.

Another notable commit was from Jeremiah Williams a wide receiver/running back out of Trinity Valley Community College.

"With three graduating seniors at wide receiver and some injury concern at running back, we got a good slot guy in Jeremiah Williams who we are very excited about," Hood said.

The class of 23 hail from 10 different states, ranging from California to Florida.

"We felt like it was a good geographic mix, as well as a good mix of junior college transfers and high school kids," Hood said. "We've got some real good distribution as far as needs at different positions as well. We feel really good about where we stand right now."

## Recruiting tends to bring out the worst in college sports

Ryan Alves



National Signing Day came and went last Wednesday for high school athletes searching for the perfect college home.

Anyone who follows recruiting knows the day is filled with over-the-top press conferences for highly sought after recruits, last minute pleas from college coaches to reel in the big fish or top prospect and an increase in sales at any local hat shop (one press conference I watched had a kid sitting in front of nine flat bill hats, each with a different college logo.)

The day also brings forth some negatives.

Rabid, obsessive fans of universities hit Twitter and Facebook to hound the recruits with tweets or posts about who has the hotter women (or men) on campus, which cafeteria serves the best late-night snack, which conference is the best in the country and how many parties happen on Tuesday nights.

Sometimes these can get ugly. Some athletes have had to close their accounts because of the nasty messages posted when he or she didn't choose the school of someone's liking.

Here is a student making one of the biggest decisions of his life and someone, in instances, thousands of miles away is going to send them hate mail because he didn't want to sign with your school? Seems childish to me.

But on this signing day I was reminded that sometimes the most childish people are...the parents.

Whenever a high school athlete is trying to make a decision on where to attend college, it's not surprising or wrong to turn to their family. You trust your parents, because, of course, they brought you into this world and have gotten you this far.

But sometimes the parents and the child don't always see eye-to-eye on college choices. The player may want to go somewhere his parent doesn't want him to. Such was the case of a four-star recruit from Louisiana.

The kid wanted to play for Texas A&M but his mom wanted him to attend Ole Miss. So when it came time to make a decision, his mother did what any loving parent would do in that situation and forged his signature on a national letter of intent to Ole Miss.

It later came out that she committed the fraud and the kid was released from his contract and signed a new one with the Aggies.

We've also come to grips with parents "shopping" their children out to different universities. Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton's father reportedly told Mississippi State Univer-

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## Lady Colonels lack aggression in loss to Lady Gamecocks

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It's not just about Xs and Os, in college basketball. It often comes down to how bad both teams want to win.

Jacksonville State had just enough to pull out a 64-59 win over the Lady Colonels Saturday night.

"We could've been more aggressive off the first bounce," said Head Coach Chrissy Roberts.

The Lady Colonels (6-16, 3-10 OVC) opened the game strong, exchanging buckets with the Lady Gamecocks (9-15, 6-7 OVC) for the first six minutes.

With 13 minutes left in the first half sophomore guard Brittany Coles dropped one of her five three-pointers to give the Lady Colonels a five-point lead 14-9.

This would be Eastern's biggest lead of the night.

From there the Lady Colonels went cold missing six-straight shots and committing two turnovers. The Lady Gamecocks capitalized during the Lady Colonels scoreless drought by scoring 12 straight points and turned a 22-19 deficit to a 31-22 lead.

The Lady Colonels headed into halftime trailing the Lady Gamecocks 31-26.

Routinely the Lady Colonels start off slow heading out of halftime, but a 9-2 run closed the gap on the Lady Gamecocks.

Coles hit another three-pointer and sophomore forward Alex Jones was fouled, and completed the three-point play, giving the Lady Colonels a 34-33 lead with 17:34 remaining.

The Lady Colonels made some adjustments at halftime. "We switched our defense up to a two-three and I think that affected the Lady Gamecocks a little bit," Roberts said.

Jacksonville State responded with a run of their own, scoring the next seven points to regain the lead. They never looked back.

Coles led the Lady Colonels with 17 points and a team high seven rebounds. Jones had 15 points and six rebounds and freshman guard Marie Carpenter dropped 15 points

and pulled down four rebounds.

The Lady Colonels won the battle on the boards 37-36; But this time it was the 14 turnovers that costed them the most. Jacksonville State converted those mistakes into 16 points but Eastern could only score three points off of the Lady Gamecock's turnovers.

### A look ahead

Eastern hosts Southeast Missouri State University Thursday at McBrayer Arena.

The Lady Colonels lost their last matchup against the Lady Redhawks 58-74 back on Jan. 15.

Eastern struggled shooting the ball, hitting only 28.3 percent from the field and 21.7 percent from three-point range.

Coles led the team in scoring with 13 points. Jones had 11 points and four rebounds and Carpenter came off the bench to score 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Katie Norman led the Lady Redhawks in scoring with 15 points and pulled in six rebounds. Courtney Shiffer contributed 13 points and six rebounds for the Lady Redhawks.

This is the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting between Eastern and Southeast Missouri State University (7-15, 3-9 OVC). The Lady Colonels lead the all-time series 26-14, but the Lady Redhawks have won 10 of the last 11 games. If Eastern wants to change their luck, it must start in practice.

"We need to work on execution on the offensive end, setting screens, getting off screens and boxing out," said Roberts.

The Lady Redhawks are heading into Richmond riding a three game losing streak and were blown out by 30 points in its latest game against Eastern Illinois University. And the Lady Redhawks suffered back-to-back home defeats against Jacksonville State University and Tennessee Tech University.

The Lady Colonels' offense will be tested by the OVC's second ranked scoring defense (64.3 points per game) of the Lady Redhawks.

"Just making the extra pass creating for each other and



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Brittany Coles (left) drives on an Austin Peay defender. Coles' 17 points wasn't enough in Eastern's loss to JSU.

grinding it out on the offensive and defensive end," said sophomore guard Shakeyia Colyer on Eastern's keys to success.

Carpenter knows the team needs to play from start to finish if they want to win.

"We have to play all out for the whole 40 minutes, we can't afford to take breaks on defense," Carpenter said. "We can't afford to jog down the floor, we have to be in it and have that killer instinct the entire game."

Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m.