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Egypt conflict stirs local interest

EIGHTEEN DAY PROTESTS IN EGYPT COULD HAVE LONG LASTING EFFECTS ON SMALL TOWN, USA

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The distance from the city limits of Cairo, Egypt to the city of Richmond is 6,333 miles.

While both cities may be far apart geographically, the news of former Egyptian President Muhammad Hosni Sayyid Mubarak stepping down after an 18-day governmental protest brings the two cities even closer

Yet many students on Eastern's campus have no idea how two places several thousands of miles apart have any relation.

Although the U.S., and specifically areas like Richmond, are not feeling the effects now from the conflict in Egypt, depending on what kind of government is restored to the area (most likely democratic) and whether the new leaders work alongside previous agreements with neighboring countries and the United States, could influence the entire Middle East, as well as create rifts for the U.S. through financial and political means.

But more importantly, why should they care?

"My perspective [on] why students should follow this is because this is globally instructive," said Victor Kappeler, foundation professor and chair of the criminal justice department.

Preston Elrod, a criminal justice professor, talked to his criminological theory class last week about the protests in Egypt.

And the results were mixed.

"I asked them if they were paying attention to the events in Egypt," Elrod said. "Several of them weren't informed. Many students don't pay attention to the news. But this does

affect the students in real ways. They are citizens of the United States, taxpayers."

And Elrod added the U.S. has even, in a round about way, invested financially in the conflict.

"I mean think about it," he said. "It's been fairly clear that the tear gas that was being shot was made in Pennsylvania. Tanks that are driven are made in America. We are pumping a lot of money into Egypt. So yes, it has a significant financial impact on us and they should care."

A CLOSER LOOK- AN ECONOMIC CHANGE

Although Eastern, currently, has no Egyptian students, more than 200 International students, representing 46 countries, attend the University.

Mohammed Hassan moved from Palistine four years ago to the U.S., and has watched his neighboring country very closely, especially the past month.

Hassan, a junior international business major, said the national economy could be affected depending on which route the new Egyptian government takes.

"Nearly 80 to 85 percent of shipments go through the Suez Canal," Hassan said. "If someone takes over the government that the United States and Israel do not like, things like tariff taxes and gas will go up here."

Hassan feels students should pay attention because if gas, food and wheat prices, that are imported and exported through the Suez Canal were to increase, people all over the world, especially in the U.S., would feel a financial pinch.

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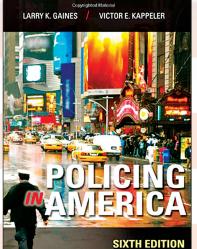
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Mohammed Hassan, an Eastern student from Palestine, has been watching the events in Egypt unfold.



PHOTO SUBMITED Part-time instructor Nashwa Cahill, says despite bringing

Egyptian culture to Kentucky, students fail to understand why they should care about events across the globe.



Kappeler

Professor Victor Kappeler is recognized as a leading scholar in policing, media and social construction of

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How liberating is that? Yet in other countries people have been fighting for decades to have every day rights. They are forced to succumb to what the government says is right.

Individualism is taken away. The world outside of the U.S. might as well be a clone to the government and the strict ways of living.

In countries like Egypt, retaining heritage and individual culture is slighted when dictator-like tendencies weigh down what is most im-

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INSIDE NEWS



Campus activists promote gender equality through education and awareness, while breaking feminist stereotype. FFC supports its intiative through participation in campus events, including the Vagina Monologues.



Paintball field construction was halted due to the discovery of a headstone resulting in miscommunication among university officials. SGA offers support through legislation after funding the club through RSO appropriations.



A new restaurant opens its doors in Burrier to provide first hand experience for students. The restaurant will focus on nutrition, as well as offering vegan options. A competition is underway to name the restaurant. The winner will receive two free meals in fall 2011.

News Briefs

CRES hosts webcast on sustainability

The Committee for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CRS) will host a two presentation webcast at noon today in the Noel Studio, to teach how sustainable energy can improve communities, including cities and counties. The presentations will also cover how energy efficiency can cause economic growth at little cost to individuals. Brown bag lunches are optional. The event is free. For more information, contact David Gore at 622-6914.

Panel scheduled to commemorate **Black History** Month

The History Department is sponsoring a panel discussion on "Resistance in Slave Societies: A Discussion in Commemoration of the Unites States' Largest Slave Revolt," at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Herndon Lounge in the Powell Building. Dr. Carolyn Dupont and Dr. Brad Wood will speak on the topic in honor of Black History Month. The event is free. For more information, contact David Blaylock at 622-1287.

Colloquium discusses 'What is Marriage?'

EKU Library Colloquium will discuss the definition of marriage on Feb. 18 in the Crabbe Library 204G. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Todd Hartch and co-authored by EKU Chautauqua Lecture Series speaker Robert George. The discussion will be based on the ideal that marriage is a traditional moral idea between a man and woman that is fulfilled by reproduction. The discussion will also discuss how same-sex marriage should be resisted by the state in reference to this idea. Refreshments will be provided by Student Government Association. For more information, contact Rob Sica at 622-3052.

Alphabet Lounge sponsors forum on **Justice For All**

EKU's Alphabet Lounge plans to sponsor a public forum on the subject of Dignity and Justice for All. The forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Feb. 24 in Adams Auditorium in the Wallace Building. The forum plans to discuss the Richmond Fairness Ordinance and equality in housing, employment and accommodations for all, regardless of sexual orientation. The forum is also sponsored by the Richmond Commission of Human Rights, Fairness Campaign, Fairness Coalition, Kentucky Fairness Alliance and EKU's Pride. For more information, contact Adam Denney at 606-307-8155.

Nominations for 'Last Lecture' now being accepted

"If This Was My Last Lecture", a hypothetical last lecture, is currently accepting nominations for professors and faculty. One faculty member will be chosen to present a hypothetical last lecture at Eastern. Students interested in nominating should complete the form located at the EKU Housing website by March 14. For more information, contact Nickole Hale at 622-1515

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THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR Week of February 17 - February 23

What's Happening

Thursday

12 p.m.

■ Community Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Programs Webcast, Noel Studio Breakout Rooms 3 and 4.

7 p.m.

■ Girl's Night Out sponsored by CRU and Student Life, Brock Auditorium

9 p.m.

■ Bingo, Keen Johnson Ballroom

Friday

9 a.m.

■ Men's Tennis vs Cumberland University

■ Women's Tennis vs **Cumberland University**

2:30 p.m.

■ RSO Essential Workshop: Effective Online Communication, Powell Conference Room A

Saturday

Softball at UNC Charlotte

2 p.m.

12 p.m.

■ Men's Basketball at Western Carolina

■ Baseball at Pepperdine University

■ Women's Tennis at Kentucky

Sunday

4 p.m. Baseball at Pepperdine Univer-

sity

Monday

All Day

- Intramural Indoor Soccer registration begins, online at
- campusrec.eku.edu ■ Intramural Softball registration begins, online at campusrec. eku.edu
- Intramural Ultimate Frisbee registration begins, online at campusrec.eku.edu

■ Healthy Relationships Workshop, **Burnam Basement**

Tuesday

■ New Employee Orientation, Jaggers Room

12:30

8:30 a.m.

■ Hot Pretzel Spirit Lifter, Fresh Food Company

7 p.m.

■ Student Employment Workshop, **Burnam Basement**

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. ■ Essential of Leadership
- Workshop, Perkins 211 ■ Blood Pressure Screenings, Crabbe Library Lobby

2 p.m.

■ Softball at Western Kentucky University

8 p.m.

■ "Sweeney Todd," opening night



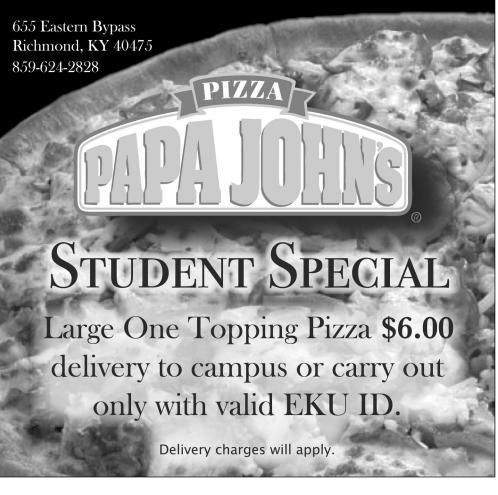


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Feminists seek to change stereotype

By DANA COLE

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Feminist.

One tends to conjure up some very stereotypical images of manhating, all natural, pro-choice lesbians upon hearing this idiom.

For the feminists at Eastern, these clichés don't ring true.

Cate Gooch, a member of Feminists For Change (FFC) at Eastern, has dealt with the way that people view feminism.

"I think that the most common misconception is that all feminists hate men and that we don't shave our legs or wear make-up," Gooch said. Karina Kwiatkowski, co-pres-

ident of FFC, couldn't be farther from a stereotypical feminist with her neatly kempt blonde hair and powdered face. 'We love men, we don't hate

fiancé would be in trouble if I hated men." FFC, which has been a part of the Eastern community for nearly six years, has a mission of ac-

tivism not just for women, but for

men at all," Kwiatkowski said. "My

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Eastern's Feminists For Change has been making strides to increase the awareness of human rights issues among the campus community for approximately six years.

both genders.

'We work towards all kinds of gender activism and gender equality issues," Kwiatkowski said. 'We consider ourselves a humanist group, as in we take in all kinds of human rights issues, but our main focus is gender."

As an activist group, FFC inserts itself in campus life in many different ways. Each year, FFC participates in Take Back the Night, Rock Against Rape, The "Vagina Monologues" and poetry slams. All of these events are designed to promote activism, support and gender equality among Eastern's student body.

FFC also holds an educational panel each year with the mission of educating people on gender. The panel holds the view that gender is something that is socially constructed and not innate to humans.

'What we consider masculinity and femininity, these rigid gender boxes that we shove men and women into, there is nothing natural or biological about it," Kwiatkowski said. "You know, if you were born in the woods, you wouldn't naturally want to wear high heels and have an ironing board in front of you."

With this educational panel, FFC strives not only to be activists, but to educate people on issues they deem to be pertinent in

"Hopefully we better people's lives through our activism and our education," Kwiatkowski said.

Another thing FFC hopes to instill on the Eastern campus through its presence is awareness. FFC wants the Eastern community to take note of the many dif-

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Group aims to educate on choices for women

By CRYSTAL BROCKMAN

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A new organization is in the process of making its way onto Eastern's campus. This pro-life organization is called Feminists for Life, and their motto is "Women deserve better choices."

What does all of this mean?

Since 1972, this organization's goals are to educate women about the many options that are available for pregnant women. They want to show there are many resources out there for women today that are struggling with the decision to keep their baby.

For instance, in Richmond there is a counseling center called The Pregnancy Help Center that offers help and prevention for pregnant girls who do not have anywhere else

"We want to educate people about options other than abortion," said Sierra Emrich, the soon-to-be director of Feminist for Life at Eastern. "However, we are not going to interfere with a woman's right to choice."

Feminists for Life do not want women to feel abortion is their only option. By educating women about the resources available to them, they can then make an alternative decision about their situation.

So, do Feminists for Life advocate abortion if rape or in-

According to their website, their answer is no one should profit from a woman's pain, and that includes abortion. They also do not support a single type of contracep-

tive, instead they want to educate women about the birth control that is available to them and teach them the importance of using it.

Not only do they want to empower women to make better choices about pregnancy, their mission is also to empower women overall.

Feminist for Life want to acknowledge the women of history that first began the true feminist's movement. Among them are author Louisa May Alcott, American civil rights leader Susan B. Anthony and American journalist Dorothy Day.

For more information on joining Feminists for Life or to receive general information, please contact Sierra Emrich at sierra_emrich@mymail.eku.edu.

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'Your voice, your school': a week of forums

"They take it lightly

they're just blowing it

Danielle Holston

freshman SGA senator

SGA GIVES CHANCE FOR STUDENTS TO VOICE CONCERNS ON CAMPUS ISSUES

By BRITTANY TOOMBS progress@eku.edu

Dissatisfied with parking on campus? What about Aramark food service? Or even academics? Then SGA has the perfect opportunity for you. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week SGA is hosting a week of forums to give students the opportunity to voice their complaints, as well as offer suggestions on how to improve the campus atmosphere.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., each of the three days, students have the opportunity to

come to the Powell building and let their voices be heard.

The first 15 minutes of and we are just trying every hour will give the to open their eyes administrators a chance to discuss what they to the situation, but have planned in their department, their budget, things they have im- off." proved on, what is possible to change and what is not, said Cari Tretina, sophomore student rights chair.

After that initial 15 minutes, students are invited to approach the administrators and voice their opinions.

"We want to get the students input on academics, parking and Aramark," said Danielle Holston, freshman SGA senator.

There will be an SGA member present at all times and if the students are too rude or out of hand, they will be asked to word their response in a more polite manner. Then, the administrators are allowed to re-

spond however they feel necessary, Tretina

'We know what the students want," Tretina said. "We want the administrators to know what the students want. If we get the student body behind us, maybe they will finally listen to us."

There has been a big response from the student body that want to participate. Many said they would like to attend, especially when Aramark arrives.

"I would go to see what they were going to say about my parking and Aramark concerns," said Stephanie Bradford, senior recreation and parks administration major.

SGA doesn't just want students to come to complain, but they want their suggestions and questions about the issues on the

> "Give us a suggestion on how to fix it," Tretina

SGA wants to let the administrators know that SGA just isn't coming to them on their own, but that they are representing the student body.

"They take it lightly and we are just trying to open their eyes to the situation, but they're just blowing it off," Holston said.

While many students are expected to attend, no one can say for sure if any administrators will be there. None of the invitees have responded to the personal invites with a definite "yes."

"We just want someone to be there," Tretina said.

Tretina said invitees include the Provost, parking departments, safety director as well as the general manager from Ara-> SEE **FORUMS**, PAGE A10





Construction halted on paintball field



Eastern's paintball club currently practices on fields that are over an hour drive from campus. Plans to build an on-campus field were postponed after a headstone was discovered upon breaking ground.



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By TAYLOR PETTIT

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Student Senate passed legislation Feb. 2 in support of the EKU Paintball Club to continue moving forward with paintball field construction on campus, even after a precivil war headstone of a 2-year-old boy was discovered upon breaking ground.

In order to find out if the headstone is a marker for an actual grave or a tossed headstone, a penetrating radar surveyor would need to be brought in. Will Sutherland, EKU Paintball Club president, said he has planned attempted to contact surveyors, but has not gone forth as of yet.

James Street, Director of Facilities Services, said the contractor who broke ground said graves leave a discoloration in the soil visible for "almost an eternity," due to decomposition of a body.

'When you say 'breaking ground,' that's all they did," Street said. "They immediately found a grave. The assumption is you've got a headstone, you've got a body."

Since Senate has approved the legislation, it's on to the Cabinet for final approval.

"I'm afraid EKU has just walked away," Sutherland said. "We've put the money in...now let's just make it right. It's just that. That's all we needed and what we were wanting never got done."

SGA had previously purchased a \$6,700 air compressor

for the club at the 2010 fall appropriations meeting, which is currently in Intramural storage along with other Paintball Club materials.

"In fact, SGA allocating money had been done with no other approvals or sanctions [for the field]," Street said. "It appears it was sort of a wildcat effort."

Sponsoring Senator of the legislation, Elizabeth Horn, said she did not want to comment at this time.

The Intramural fund also provided enough to cover \$2,500 for construction of the field.

Street estimated the actual construction could be up to three times as much, not including costs to deal with the uncovered headstone.

"That cost is woefully understated." Street said.

If remains were found, the process to move it would include contacting the state and paying a fee of close to a

Sutherland said he had asked for help from SGA after his calls and e-mails to Street to deal with the halted construction had gone unanswered for over a year.

"Street wouldn't get back, we just couldn't get anywhere," Sutherland said.

Street said he was not involved in the project and need not to be contacted.

"My mistake was moving forward without fully investigating," Street said. "The insinuation was that everything had been approved by whoever needed to approve it. Several things were supposed to be done early on, and until those things happen...it was my mistake to go get involved with the project."

Miscommunications on approval of the site began to emerge in November 2009 after a meeting between all parties involved, including Street, EKU Paintball Club and Campus Recreation officials.

"I don't know why exactly it didn't happen," said Billy Martin, Director of Campus Recreation. "We were all at that meeting and the paintball club was supposed to walk out and provide information and from my understanding,

Sutherland said at the time of the initial discussions, a field and safety officer position had been created to deal with all issues involving the field, but he has since lost affiliation and involvement due to other obligations.

The missing information that impeded the process has included a budget, safety information regarding materials used and liability information, said Greg Corack, assistant director of Campus Recreation.

"Everything was on his shoulders," said Corack, referencing Sutherland.

In addition, the university was "hesitant" to allow the club to use the field due to location and availability of campus property. The flat property is located on south campus, behind the ROTC climbing tower.

"It's a prime location," Corack said. "The issue, in house as well, is that every club that can find a piece of flat land, we can't all give them their own field."

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Financial aid offers access to study abroad opportunities

By ROB MCDANIEL progress@eku.edu

Eastern not only offers students a culturally diverse environment where young adults from all over the world come together to learn, but the university also provides students with an opportunity to study in foreign lands. Students at Eastern have numerous opportunities to experience culture and further their collegiate education by participating in a study abroad program.

Eastern students looking to travel abroad primarily participate in one of two major programs, either Kentucky Institute of International Studies (KIIS) or the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA). Each program offers a variety of courses and locations.

The courses offered through the study abroad program vary widely. Students have the opportunity to study language and culture, business, literature and the arts, science, communication, religion and many other subjects.

"If students have a desire to go and they don't even have a cent, they need to come talk to us as early as possible," said Michele Gore, coordinator for Eastern's Study Abroad Program.

There are numerous ways for students to pay to go abroad, and it doesn't necessarily have to be from their own pocket. Students can apply for several scholarships, specifically designed for the study abroad program. In addition to scholarships, students can use their financial aid or in some cases, their G.I. Bill to assist them in paying for

"Students need to take advantage of scholarship and financial aid opportunities," Gore said. "A lot of students think that studying abroad is too expensive and never apply, however that's not the case at all."

Nearly 62 Eastern students have applied for study abroad programs this summer. These students will have the opportunity to study in Australia, Spain, Britain, Canada, China, Ireland, Scotland and various other locations around the world.

"Right now, we have students in Dublin, Spain, England and the Netherlands," Gore said. "We have 11 students spending the fall semester abroad. Overall, these are the best numbers we've seen in a while."

Cassandra Frederick, a 20-year-old junior aviation major from West Liberty, went to Beijing, China for two weeks during the fall 2010 semester, and described her experience as "priceless and once in a lifetime."

'There is only one way to understand a foreign culture, and that is to get out and experience it," Frederick said. "It's a totally different experience than what someone who has lived in Kentucky their whole life knows. I would suggest anyone who is considering studying abroad to do it, it's sure to be unforgettable."

Deadlines for summer study abroad sessions are quickly approaching. The KIIS deadline has already passed and the CCSA deadline is Feb 25.

For more information, students are encouraged to contact Michele Gore via e-mail at michele.gore@eku.edu. They can also get more information by visiting the study website http://www.eku.edu/academics/studyabroad.



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Burrier opens restaurant with education in mind

By KRISTIE HAMON

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A new restaurant is heading to campus. Today, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern is introducing its newest food lab and restaurant, located on the third floor of the Burrier building.

The food lab will serve as a hands-on work experience for senior dietetic students to acquire first-hand experience with food preparation, management procedures and proper cleaning techniques.

In the past, students would shadow workers at other restaurants around town and even in upstairs Powell, but being able to manage and work in their own restaurant will allow students to experience working pressures first-hand. The restaurant will be managed and serviced entirely by students.

The restaurant will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. and seats 40 people. A website is in the works and will feature a menu, allowing anyone to make reservations. Lunches are four course meals and cost around \$10.

The meal focuses on nutrition first and will also provide vegan choices, said Jim Haynes, a nutrition professor who is also a 30-year veteran of food service management and served as director of food services at Wofford College and Arkansas State

"There is a scientific reason we eat like



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The new facility will provide hands-on experience for senior dietetic students. Students will learn food preparation, management procedures and cleaning techniques.

we do," Haynes said. "As nutritionists, we believe you are what you eat."

The restaurant is not a competitor of Aramark, but flex dollars will not be accepted. All of the money raised will go back into paying for the food, supplies and maintenance of the lab. The lab plans to buy all of their products locally.

The food lab is fresh equipped with every appliance and utensil available to any well run restaurant including broilers, refrigerators, grills, ovens and much more, Haynes said.

The lab will run on gas instead of electricity and has a state-of-the-art automatic ventilation system built in that will save money on energy expenses. The system has sensors that turns on when heat is detected and shuts off afterward.

"I really believe in doing things professionally," said Haynes, who began working at Eastern 10 years ago.

Additionally, a competition is underway to name the restaurant. If you have a sug-



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The new restaurant will offer four course lunches for approximately \$10.

gestion, e-mail your name, e-mail address, telephone number and suggested name to jim.haynes@eku.edu. The winner will receive two free meals in the fall 2011.

Campus officials discuss Fitness Center expansion

By PARK GREER

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The Fitness and Wellness Center offers many amenities and has some of the nicest equipment in the state, but what if it had more space with additional activities and recre-

At the moment, university officials have been discussing plans to make these amenities a reality in Eastern's six-year plan with the approval of necessary funding, said Marc Whitt, university spokesperson.

"This project is in our six-year plan," he said. "Recreation retained Hastings and Chivetta to do a conceptual study. This expansion project isn't in the state's budget, and therefore, not authorized at this point."

Student Body President Caleb Armbrust said SGA plans to help have a hand in allowing students to voice their opinions on the proposed expansion.

this point, they are in the works. Plans will also be on display at the Fitness and Wellness

Center soon as well, he said, in order for students to view the basic outline for the expansion and ask questions. Students can sign a petition for the referendum, in which 500 signatures are needed. Armbrust said once the signatures have been collected, a ballot for the referendum would be advertised in campus media for discussions and voting.

"We plan to proceed forward to have a referendum of

Armbrust said although the plans are not complete at

the student body upon receiving a petition for the said ref-

Currently, the Fitness Center is roughly 40,000 sq. ft. and houses an indoor track, weight and cardio equipment, climbing wall, basketball courts and fitness classrooms. The tentative proposal plans to add an additional 100,000 sq. ft., housing two extra basketball courts, one MAC

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erendum." Armbrust said.

The Aquatics section plans on one?" having a few swimming areas signed for different purposes. One pool has lanes for laps and on one side

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> **Dylan Frost** forensics major

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a "wet wall," which is a rock-climbing wall on the edge of the water so when your grip loosens, the soft surface of the water will provide a pleasant landing pad. Another pool is a zero entry pool, much like the ones seen at water parks.

This one will provide a relaxing swimming experience with a swim-up juice bar on one end. The final proposed pool is a vortex, a constantly spinning current meant to provide excellent resistance training for those serious about swimming, or if no one is using it, a fun experience for those wishing to just curl up and spin around a circle. The running track will be moved, but retain its length of one fourth of a mile.

The new track is plans to circumnavigate the aquatics area, meaning that the existing weight and cardio training areas will have more room to expand and add more equipment. Having more space in the Fitness Center and more activities will hopefully bring in more students who will no longer have such a wait for a machine or court and will start to live a more active lifestyle. More area also means that Facilities,



SARAH STEWART/PROGRESS

The proposed expansion would include such features as a multi-activity court, classrooms, various pools and a rockclimbing wall on the edge of the pool.

Adventure Programs and fitness classes have more room to store equipment and hold more classes for students. "I think it's a good idea because it's crowded right now," junior T.J. Best said. "And even though I won't get to see it when it is completed, it would be nice to leave the school better than when I got here."

The expansion would also create the need for additional employees, generating more student jobs for those interested. The idea of a Fitness Center expansion is an exciting one to students, but there are those who are opposed to the idea.

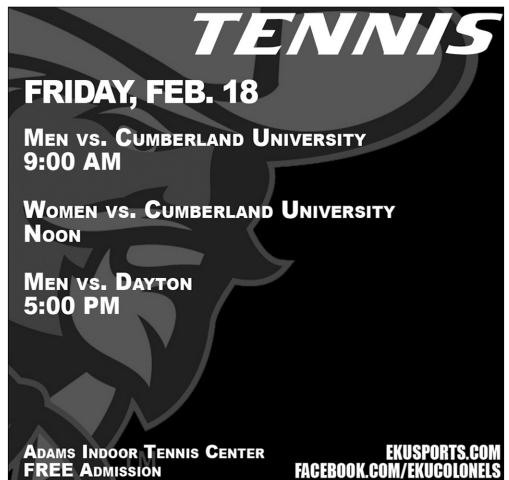
As Armbrust said, the additions would come with some sort of increased student fee.

But some students think an increase in fees might be better used in other ways, such as improving dorm hall > SEE WELLNESS, PAGE A10



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But for Hassan, it's not just all about economical reasoning.

'There are four major reasons why we all should be paying attention to this," Hassan said. "First, America's job is to protect Israel. That's 100 percent their job. Second, the U.S. wants a government that Egyptian people are satisfied with and a government that keeps the promise the previous government made. Just as importantly, the Suez Canal needs to remain a normal trading route."

Annually, the U.S. Government pumps nearly \$1.5 billion to Egypt in military assistance. That money helps protect Israel as a part of the 1979 peace treaty.

"I promise you the money the United States gives to Egypt is worth every penny, if not more," Hassan said. "If Israel doesn't have peace with their neighbors, we don't have peace here, because of the influence Israel has on the United States."

And America's influence on these Middle Eastern countries is of special importance, especially with Egypt, Hassan said.

"Egypt is the key for peace in the Middle East," he said. "Because of its size and influence on other Arabic nations. When we have a problem with the Middle East, we go to the Egyptian government to talk."

Reports state Egypt will still honor international treaties, and all of the commitments made by the previous government, in an attempt to calm a nervous Israel.

Hassan and Elrod said one of the main reasons Egyptians protested was because they were fighting for a voice. Many citizens felt they were being taken hostage by their own country.

"Egyptian people are very

smart people," Hassan said. "They feel like for three decades they were kept hostage from the government and had no voice."

Kappeler agreed.

"To be real blunt, Egyptian people live in a police state," Kappeler said. "Students here think, 'Why should I care if we give more power to the police here?' This is why it is important. We enjoy these freedoms as Americans, but it doesn't mean that these freedoms are fixed in history."

Citizens wanted a democratic government in Egypt, something that will happen soon after the resignation of Mubarak.

Egyptian officials announced last Saturday that a fair election would take place in the near future, but the military will run the government for the next six months.

This has prompted officials in other countries to announce they will start to incorporate parts of a democratic government as well, after the events that took place.

"A new government will be easy on the people if America and Israel doesn't push their decisions onto the Egyptians," Hassan said.

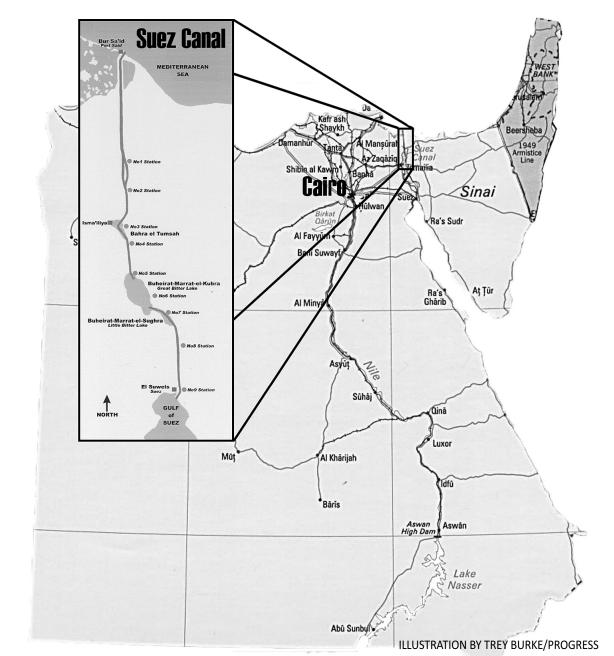
FROM CAIRO TO RICHMOND

Born and raised in Cairo, Nashwa Cahill, a part-time instructor at Eastern and Berea College, still finds time to head home every year.

Last year Cahill took more than 20 students from Berea College to Egypt.

But even with her attempts to teach students about the events in Egypt, Cahill said some still have no idea what's going on.

"One of my students came and hugged me to congratulate me on the good news," Cahill said. "Another student looked at us and asked, 'What's going on? Who stepped down?' Students need to know what's going on. The world is becoming a little village."



The potential closure of the Suez Canal would impact Egypt and the world through increased import and export costs.

Cahill emphasized the conflict in Egypt still impacts our local communities.

"All this going on in Egypt af-

fects every household in Richmond," she said. "We need to understand and support the human right."

Cahill said the human right is the voice most

Cahill Egyptians felt they did not have, something she believes the citizens will now have.

"These people wanted the simple right to vote for who they wanted in government," Cahill said. "I wish that while I am here (in America) that Egypt will get the right to vote, speak and the freedom of religion."

Cahill said students in America need to take advantage of the right to vote, because for 30 years citizens in Egypt barely had any

"Here students can exercise their right to vote, yet many of them don't vote," she said. "I think students go to class and live in a little bubble, and we (teachers) have to burst that bubble. They just want to do their thing. But they need to follow things like social and environmental wellness. Those are very important life components. So I think it's a matter of maturity.

What if the U.S. shut down the social network for four days and took away people's social well-

How would people react?

"It was very hard for me," Cahill said. "My sister, husband and their

two kids live in New Cairo, and I talked to her every day. Then they shut down everything. It was very, very hard to sleep."

The Egyptian government cut off all social networking interactions for four days. Twitter, Facebook, e-mail and all communications were closed off.

People were sending pictures of protestors from Tahrir (Liberation) Square in Cairo, and Cahill said the government did not want the truth told.

"This is an Internet revolution," she said. "People were communicating, sending pictures from Liberation Square, and the government wanted to strip communication from the people because they knew communication was so

A SOCIAL CHANGE?

Elrod said it took citizens bending and breaking the law, standing up for what's right, to finally have social control.

"The reality of the violation of laws is positive events," Elrod said. "There is a tradition of people standing up in the face of law to make a social change. In social contract, people give up liberty to the government, but the government has to give up some things for the people."

Kappeler went one step further. "The biggest take away, if people take solidarity and collective action, then they can bring about monumental change," Kappeler

Now that the government has given some things up to the people, many of the Egyptians, including Cahill, are happy with the direction her native country is headed.

"I'm like most people and happy that Mubarak finally stepped down," she said. "I'm looking for a democratic government. We are a central part of the Arab world. Other countries look up to us. We are like the Hollywood of the Middle East because people want to come here and act and be a part of our country."

The past three weeks have been monumental for those who live in Egypt and the surrounding areas, but it hasn't gone unnoticed here.

Elrod has been glued to the television watching every day.

"This is a tremendous day for the people in Egypt," Elrod said. "This will continue to unfold. For the majority of Egyptians and Americans, this is historic stuff."

With such historic events playing out right in front of our eyes, Elrod believes now is the time students should be paying attention.

"I tell students that it's important they know what's going on," he said. "Not just in the news, but economically, politically. Even more so in the world, they need to be actively engaged. These are incredible events to learn about."

This is just the beginning, after a 30-year fight, so the next question is...what's next?

"There's a high probability that we will just rearrange the decks with a similar regime," Kappeler said. "A year down the road if this isn't achieved, I would be there is no change - economically and socially. All you've done is replace one person with no social change."

"That's the most important question to ask," Hassan said. "What's next after the change?"

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Imagine walking through Richmond and to your right sits a large tank with soldiers on the lookout for trouble.

Or driving through your neighborhood and every human is carrying an assault rifle for protection.

Granted we come across situations like the Arizona shootings and terrorist attacks in our country, but for the most part we get to

We have a voice. We are urged to use that voice every day, every week and every time there is an election.

But many of us do not exercise our rights.

Is it laziness? Is it the fact that you think your voice will not carry? Speak up world.

It's a gift to have what we have, yet many of us don't take advantage of it.

Almost like having a library, but never going. There are immediate advantages right before your eyes, yet something gets in the way. How often do we tell ourselves we have it bad? What do we have

that is bad? Not much.

I can wake up in the morning and live free. I would give my freedom to someone else who has been fighting for their freedom, if I

I talked to people who have family in Egypt and never left their homes during the 18-day protest.

They stayed inside because they felt safe in their homes and wanted to protect their family.

America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, but I wish that motto was carried everywhere we went.

When you drive into another state, the first thing you see is a sign

that says "Welcome," with the state motto. Why can't we put a sign down, in every country, for the world







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>Special Issue: Guest Editorial



Protesters mingle with soldiers during the Egyptian conflict.

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Can you feel this? The UP will be streaming international coverage from Al Jazeera

GIDEON GRUDO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



ART DIRECTOR, Mariam .Aldhahi, is Iraqi. My copy desk chief, Ricky Michalski, is Syrian. I'm Israeli. And we're all American.

While we're not always calm and

composed - don't forget it's a newsroom we generally live peacefully in our little office on the second floor of FAU's Student Union. Sometimes it seems that our peers know too little of what happens outside the confines of the United States.

"Students walk around everyday and they're so absorbed in their little bubbles," Aldhahi told me. "Nothing outside the bubble matters to them."

She said she meets students that don't care because "if it's not their own people, then they think, 'Why should I care?"

Michalski said, "I've encountered plenty of racist comments in this culture, stemming from ignorance about the Middle East." He explained, "These attitudes grow out of a void of knowledge that is filled by action

movies and American news reports."

When I learned that Al Jazeera, an Arabic news outlet available in English, is offering up its coverage of the recent Egyptian conflict for free to those who want to display it online, I decided that the *UP* would help.

Boca Raton has a very large Jewish population, clocking in during 2005 at 59,700, according to a recent population study by professors Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky. To me, this should mean that many FAU students would know what's happening in the Middle East, though most of the ones I've met don't—not even close.

Student Government adviser Heather Bishara—whose father was born in Egypt said that students talk to her more about campus affairs than about world affairs.

"We're connected to the world community," she said, "There are international students here and this is a learning environment— it's important we learn more about our inner circles."

I've heard that Al Jazeera has a bias. That Al Jazeera is anti-Semitic. That Al Jazeera is one-sided in its coverage of the Israeli/ Palestinian conflict. I don't agree. But I know others who do, and have read blogs

about it. I decided I'd call Al Jazeera and ask.

I tried three times, calling six different numbers I found for the newspaper's English-speaking office in Qatar. I even sent an e-mail through a comment page. As of press time, I have been unable to reach Al Jazeera.

Next, I decided I'd call Ira Sheskin, a UM professor and leading authority on Jewish demography, according to the Jewish Federation.

I told him about what I plan to do. He said, "Students everywhere should be looking at this."

I asked him about the supposed bias of Al Jazeera.

"I think that every news network and every reporter—regardless if they're trying to be neutral—they ignore some facts sometimes," he said, concluding, "If we were talking about Israel and Palestine, I'd say [Al Jazeera's coverage] is closer to neutral than we've had."

But we're not talking about Israel and Palestine.

We're talking about Egypt. We care, and the students at FAU should care too. They need to care because Egypt

exemplifies what happens when a population wakes up and fights for what it wants. The demands of the protestors may be justified in instances and exaggerated in others, but nonetheless the people are out on the street fighting for what they believe in.

I hear my fellow students complain about the price of books, tuition increases, lack of parking spots, boring classes, biased professors, a failing job market, high gas prices, health care regulations, and so on and so forth. But I also hear a special kind of silence after these complaints. It is the silence of apathy and moral indifference. And that silence can hurt more people than a thousand protests—well, I think it can, anyway.

This is not about right and wrong, and the *UP* is not taking up a side in the Egyptian conflict. This is about freedom of speech and information to those want to give it and those who want to get it.

Having started over the past weekend and continuing indefinitely, the UP will dedicate an entire section of its website's front page to coverage of the Egypt conflict, courtesy of Al Jazeera.

>Progress Perspective Egypt conflict can affect 'U.S.' too

DARREN ZANCAN **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



The Eastern Progress has a staff of 13, not counting staff writers.

We are all middleclass, white Americans that come from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and a few other states.

None of us are from Egypt, Pakistan or Israel.

Yes, I am part German, Irish and Native American Indian, but really, I am American.

But why does this matter? Because many Americans have no idea

what is happening in the news. Some of Eastern's students know what is happening on campus, but how many know what is happening in our state, our country or just as importantly, in other countries?

The answer seems to be not many.

This week we decided to change up the perspective and make it even more personal, because we believe the events that have taken place in Egypt warrant the attention.

A perspective is defined as a way of regarding situations, facts and judging their relative importance. It gives a proper or ac-

curate point of view. So here's our perspective.

After reading the perspective/letter from the editor written by Florida Atlantic University's Editor-in-chief Gideon Grudo and his stance on the subject, it felt right that another perspective be brought to the fore-

Grudo, and his staff, thought it was important to broadcast Al Jazeera's coverage on their website.

I talked with one professor who spent class time asking how many students knew about the situation in Egypt. He told me that many of the students knew little about what was going on, or that they did not pay attention or probably the most important, they did not seem to care.

Why are people not caring about this? What it boils down to is if the news isn't close to home or involving you, the general

attitude is who cares.

But you should care. This is not just foreign news. This is American news. After 30 years of Egyptians living as "hostages", they now feel that they have a voice again. But that's not the end of the story.

If anything changes in Egypt, it could drastically affect our lives. Yet we do not think that way. We think that it's far away from home and the only thing it affects is the people that live there, or in the surrounding

We have a relationship with Egypt's government to protect Israel. From what I have learned, the American government gives roughly \$1.5 billion dollars a year to the Egyptian government. If a new government comes into power and were to break the promises made to our government, all hell could break loose. Not to mention the economic impact our country could feel.

If things changed gas prices wouldn't be \$3.15 a gallon anymore. They could shoot to \$6 or \$7.

Would students pay attention then?

What if food costs went up? If tariff taxes skyrocketed, meaning the cost of importing and exporting shot up, would you care? I am sure you would. College students complain all the time about being broke, having no money to buy food and we often carry the stigma that our nightly dinner meals consist of Ramen noodles and tap water.

Tuition hikes, student forums and what happens on campus are important.

But popping our bubbles and taking off our blinders is even more important.

I am guilty of that sometimes. We all are. But it's imperative that we look at what's happening in the news with an open mind and educate ourselves on what's happening in the world around us, because, quite frankly, the world around us involves...us. What

are the initials of us? The United States.

That's where I live. That's where you live. I am American. I am an Eastern student, but the news in Egypt affects US too.

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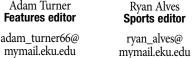


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>Letter to the editor

'Common Cents' urges students to speak out

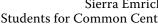
To my friends and family of Eastern, I don't have to tell you that life as a college student in the free world isn't getting any easier. Unfortunately, most of us are so busy working and studying that in our free time for e-mail, we just click delete on anything that doesn't seem totally necessary. One of those e-mails was an invitation to go to the administration led forum on tuition. So, here's what's up: Eastern received a 2 percent budget cut from the state government, so the administration wants to raise tuition 5 percent. That translates into about \$380 extra a year for in-state tuition. If you are paying with loans, then don't forget to factor at least a 6 percent interest rate into the equation.

What if we could show the administration that there are ways to combat the budget cuts from the state and keep tuition rates reasonable? What if when we presented these findings, they were heeded by the administration? The result could be a school who's slogan is "be heard," a school of people who want to be a part of it, an environment that promotes free

and critical thinking, a place that embraces change and evolves, a way of life that is conducive of optimism and freedom of exwork with us! Come to the student led foup for ourselves, and fight with the boxty-invited forum to lower the cost of operplace.

Students for Common Cents

pression...Please no matter your politics, rum on ways to reduce the costs of going to school, Wednesday Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. or Thursday Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. in the student center. Bring your friends, and join our Facebook and Twitter groups- EKU students for common cents. If we don't stand ing gloves of logic and reasoning, then we will assuredly be kept bent over. We are one student body, one voice. We own this school. We pay state taxes, as well as tuition to attend class here. If we only realize our power, then we can do anything. I implore you to attend the student led, faculating our school and keep tuition rates at bay. Please tell all your friends, financially struggling or not. Remember, we own this Sierra Emrich







Hank Darnell, Justin Schulte, Matt Schumacher, Mandy Eppley, Melissa Beard, Whitney Johnson, Sara Al-Kabandi, April Patriarca Not pictured: Tia Curry, Breanna Sowders, & Hannah Wagner.

Across

- 1. British for "tally."
- 6. Mongrel dog. 10. Acronym for Digital Patch and Access System.
- 14. Asuka _, singer of "Wanna
- Be Your Girlfriend." 15. To a position on.
- 16. Cardinal point 90 degrees
- clockwise from north. 17. Solo vocal pieces with in-
- strumental accompaniment.
- 18. Graduation of color. 19. One of the sons of Nag-
- najit. 20. Commit again.
- 22. Colorless crystalline compound used as a photographic
- developer. 24. Forsaken child. 25. Tall, four-sided shaft of
- stone rising to a pointed pyramidical top.
- 26. Defeats unexpectedly.
- 29. Characterized by sumptuous, social pleasure.
- 30. Metal container used to store valuables.
- 31. Devices that monitor the presence of various chemicals
- with biological materials. 37. Veil.
- 39. Acronym for Neural Network Interface.
- 40. Carry clumsily.
- 41. AKA plasmodesma. 44. Peak of the Olympus
- Mountains in northern Greece. 45. Acronym for Bottom Line
- Up-Front. 46. Excessive accumulations of
- fluid in. 48. Collapse inward violently.
- 52. Materials handled in a
- postal system. 53. Paul _, director of Jennifer

- Lopez's Play video.
- 54. Narrow elevated walkways. 58. Pertaining to "od."
- 59. Separate forcefully. 61._ de pepe, small, round pas-
- 62. Word by which an entity is
- designated.
- 63. Indefinitely long periods of
- 64. Name meaning "nephew." 65. Acronym for Secondary
- Means of De-energization. 66. Skin eruption.
- 67. Acronym for School of Sla-
- vonic and East European Stud-

Down

- 1. Burn the surface of.
- 2. Engage the services of a person for a fee. 3. Qur'_, manuscripts of the
- Qur'an. 4. Also called "crazyweeds."
- 5. Movie made in India starring
- Bobby Deol.
- 6. Recurrent thematic element
- in an artistic work. 7. Distinct entity within a larger
- group. 8. Acronym for Threshold Task
- Number.
- 9. Able to be hauled. 10. Malevolent person.
- 11. _, India, first village in Nanded to have a pilot water
- management and distribution scheme. 12. Ancient pottery form used
- to contain oil. 13. Main axis on a herbaceous
- plant.
- 21. Acronym for Mint In Sealed
- Box.

- 25. Fertile spot in a desert. 26. Acronym for United States Park Police. 27. _ Newman, star of Cool
- Hand Luke. 28. Acronym for Science Fic-
- tion Research Association. 29. 19th-century British word for "thief."
- 32. Variant of "endue." 33. Strings for fastening a
- 34. Acronym for Oxford Life science Modelling.
- 35. Acronym for Regional Education Service Agency. 36. Fashionable resorts. 38. Two raised stands in ear-
- ly Christian churches from which parts of the service were read.
- 42. Elderly person. 43. Edible part of something.
- 47. Created for the assessment and collection of land taxes under the Umayyads. 48. Objects of uncritical devotion.
- 49. Female head of household.
- 50. Leading part. 51. Adulterated with a sub-
- stance.
- 52. Dame Ngaio _, crime fiction author.
- 54. Vessels for holding foods. 55. One or more aspects of
- the process of living. 56. Joint in the middle part of the leg.
- 57. Acronym for Special Emergency Radio Service. 60. Acronym for Equal Opportunity Advisor.
- 23. Course of action.

MTV and VH1 are as fake as their trashy reality shows



MTV used to stand for Music Televi-

VH1 used to stand for Video Hits One. The reason I say they used to stand for this is because, quite frankly, the initials are inaccurate and should be changed to something more like, JSTV (Jersey Shore Tele-

vision). The only music videos shown on either channel run from 6 to 9 a.m. or 6 to 11 a.m. And for the most part, who is up watching music videos that early?

Most of us are in class, sleeping or work-

Yet both stations still carry the call letters that suggest they provide music for the

Sunday night I flipped through the channels and noticed "Just Friends," starring Ryan Reynolds, was on. I enjoy the movie, just for stupid laughs.

But then I saw the call letters in the corner of the screen...MTV. And I was disturbed.

So I flipped through the rest of the television schedule for both channels and found limited music.

I know this is nothing new. Both channels have slowly weeded out the music and replaced it with shows like The Real World, Made and B-List Actors telling jokes about terrible commercials.

If you want to watch television that gives you something, turn on the History Channel or Biography Channel and learn about the events of 9/11 or how an aircraft is

Music videos still are relevant. Just look at YouTube. Everyone watches YouTube.

Yet MTV and VH1 continue to advertise and promote themselves like they really care about music.

They are ratings driven. I understand. How quick can you make a buck? And if The Real World and Jersey Shore bring in the money, why waste three minutes a pop on music videos?

If that's the case, change the name and represent what you really are...fake.

Maybe some do not agree with me. People flock to MTV to watch these shows, yet all we are losing is brain cells and several hours of our lives.

Music is a part of our everyday lives. Sometimes I feel like I need music to live. Water, food, clothes and music are the key ingredients to my existence.

If I could sit and listen to the soundtrack from "Once" all day I would.

If MTV ran the movie "Once" all day, I would not complain, because it is giving us music entertainment.

But they aren't.

They are misleading.

It's like buying a bag of Doritos, but once you open it, half the bag was filled with air. Misleading.

My childhood was filled with music video after music video. Then after music videos it was movies featuring great music. Now it's Jersey Shore, which garnered

record ratings. Where has the music gone? It's definitely not on MTV or VH1.

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FFC

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ferent types of people on this campus and the importance of being open and accepting to them.

Although she has seen a fair amount of change on campus in recent years, Farah Ardeshir, co-president of FFC, still encounters things she feels are unsettling around campus

"I still frequently see horrible, degrading, epithets on people's T-shirts, like 'Louisville girls are fat,' or 'Don't be a girly man," Ardeshir said. "Now, that stuff makes me think, 'What's going on, on campus that you have the nerve to wear that and see nothing wrong with it?"

FFC spends some Saturday morn-

ings volunteering as activists to escort women who are outside clinics seeking abortions. They are there to help women through the throngs of protesters waiting outside the clinic and to be supportive.

"Honestly, it's a great experience," Gooch said. "It's nice to know that we can be there for other women to help them out with what they are going through"

Kwiatkowski agrees that escorting at the abortion clinic is a fulfilling experience, but it can be a bit intense at times.

This activity furthers the notion that feminists are all pro-choice man haters, but Kwiatkowski reiterates the fact they are an activist group centered around gender equality.

"We aren't pro-abortion," Kwiatkowski said. "We are pro-women making decisions." The group has worked hard to overcome the preconceived notions of feminists and their views.

"A feminist is just someone who cares about equal rights," Gooch said. "A lot of people think that we're extreme or that we're men haters, it's just not true."

The inclusion of men in FFC is proof of the barriers feminism has overcome. There are several active male members. The group's faculty advisor, Dr. Brent Shannon is male, something one would not expect from a feminist organization.

"We just need to debunk myths on this campus about being a feminist," Ardeshir said. "Because it's not sexy to be a feminist, it's not cool to be a feminist, it's not popular to be a feminist or to be an activist and stand up for something when you know it's wrong and everyone knows it's wrong."

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mark.

"They have been given at least two weeks' notice, but no administrators have responded," Tretina said.

SGA hopes the outcome will help write legislature that Student Senate can pass to make changes on campus.

"From my knowledge, this is the first time Eastern has done anything like this," Tretina said.

"All the time I hear people say 'I don't like this,' or 'Why doesn't Eastern do it this way?' Now you have a chance to talk about it. It's your voice, your school. If they don't come out, I'm not going to know what to write for legislation," Tretina said. "Without their input, we can't make things happen. It's up to the students, not us."

WELLNESS

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space, increased parking and other such renovations. "Why would I want to pay for a new Fitness Center when I don't even visit the current one, or if it won't even be completed by the time I graduate?" said sophomore Dylan Frost, a forensics major from Dawson Springs.

There are students who don't use the Fitness Center because of being too busy, are not interested or have another work out plan, so they are naturally unwilling to want to pay an additional fee for a new complex.

Another aspect for those opposed is the issue of parking. The current parking lot in front of the center fills quite often and commuters and visitors to the center are forced to park a little farther away, and the expansion has no plans to add additional parking, only reduce it. Despite both positive and negative reactions to the projected expansion the plans must go through SGA.

In order for the project to commence, SGA must ap-

prove the project. But the Student Government does not make the decision on their own; students must actually want the expansion to happen.

According to Article 12, Section A of the SGA constitution: "The Senate may, by two-thirds majority present and voting, authorize a referendum of the Association... Upon receipt of a petition signed by five hundred members of the Association (the student body), the President shall have cause to hold a referendum of the Association. The validity of a petition for a referendum shall be determined by the Committee on Committees."

What this means is that when enough information about the project has been distributed the Senate will hold a vote to authorize a referendum before acquiring a petition signed by 500 students must be signed and presented to SGA for future actions to initiate.

SGA's official stance as of now is that they are continuing to look into the feasibility of these plans. The architect's drawings are only a possible plan for an expansion, if the sketches are subject to change if the students want to better suit a majority or a budget, all it takes is a voice and participating in Student Government Association is the best way to be heard.

PAINTBALL

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Sutherland said he had felt pressure as a club that required more than the average club sport.

"A lot of the other clubs, all they need a flat ground and a ball and you would have to make the field and things just for paintball," Sutherland said.

EKU Paintball Club had an understanding that the property was of prime location, and all structures had to be able to be removed at any time.

"No foundation, no electricity, no plumbing," Sutherland said. "We are just talking about telephone poles in the ground. All we were looking at was holes. Holes to drill to put telephone poles in."

The telephone poles would have been used to hold up the netting that would prevent weathering to the field. Netting, cable clips and cable had been purchased on November 2009 through the Intramural sports club fund.

EKU Paintball Club also owned 20 paintball gun sets and blow up bunkers that they hoped to use to rent out to students to become self-sufficient.

"We were hoping to have some outside revenue," Sutherland said. "Our budget is so much higher, it's kind of unfair to other club sports. We were hoping that could be our cash cow."

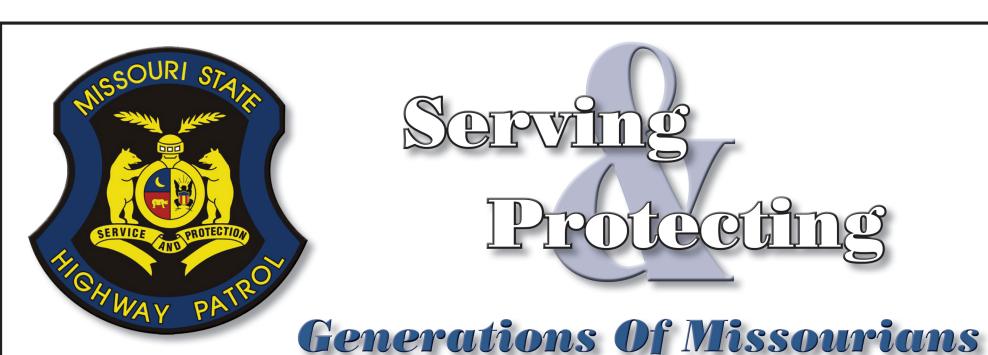
Ultimately, Sutherland hopes to finish the project as soon as possible.

"We jumped the gun a little bit," he said. "We were under impression because everyone had been 'here's the area.' I think they were upset we started it and they weren't seeing it happen. We might have not done this perfectly, but we'll make it perfect in the end."

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Harry Connick Jr. sells out Richmond shows

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH HOSTS CHARITY MUSIC SERIES WITH EASTERN VOLUNTEERS

By DARREN ZANCAN

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What do Bill Cosby, Dolly Parton and Regis Philbin all have in common?

Give up?

They have all brought their acts to Saint Mark Catholic Church in Richmond to perform in front of sold out crowds.

What started as a roundtable idea blossomed into a yearly music extravaganza just a few miles off Eastern's campus. This year, musical act Harry Connick Jr. heads to St.

Mark for two sold out shows on March 27. Together we came up with the idea of how we could benefit not only us here at St. Mark, but also others," said Father Jim Sichko. "That is why we always give part of the proceeds away. That is the whole message that seems radical at times- giving and receiving. When you give from the heart, you will always receive."

Sichko has donated to the YMCA, Hopes Wings Shelter and the Ennis Cosby Scholarship Fund in the past. This year, proceeds will go to the Saint Mark Catholic School in Richmond.

Most of the shows sell out in a few days. This year's sold out in two weeks, and event organizers had to add a second show.

Sichko said getting big name acts isn't as hard as one may think.

"All of them have been receptive," he said. "Remember we don't just choose anyone, we choose those who we believe will respect us and our cause, just as we respect their



Harry Connick Jr.

Connick Jr. is not only known for his music, but also his acting skills. He was on the hit television series "Will and Grace" from 2002 to 2006. He also appeared on the big screen in "Hope Floats," "P.S. I Love You" and "Independence Day."

Each year students from Eastern's Catholic Newman Center help with the concert as well.

"It's an interesting time," said Michael Baur, a junior special education major. "I help out because I like being around the stage equipment and the stage hands. I just like helping out in general."

Even in its seventh year, Sichko still appreciates each event like it is the first time.

"It's very rewarding on both of our parts," Sichko said. "On my part to see them not as celebrities, but as an individual just like each of us who are using our gifts to the better of others. We have continued a friendship and relationship with each of the artists after they depart from us. The friendship is just the beginning."

RECENT GAME NIGHTS BRING STUDENTS TOGETHER FROM ALL ACROSS CAMPUS

By TRISTAN MEIMEN **AND DARREN ZANCAN**

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Let's face it: the weather has been less than desirable lately. Sure, the campus has had its share of two-hour delays, and who could say no to a few extra hours of

sleep? But in the spare time we need something to do, whether it's for entertainment or to procrastinate on assignments. That's where the wonders of vid-

eo games come in. Luckily, several groups are coming together to offer unique gaming expeiences for Eastern students.

On Feb. 11 SAC (Student Activities Committee) held a special game night, which included tournaments of "Smackdown vs. Raw" and "Super Smash Bros. Brawl." And with careful planning, they ring. In the end, wrestling fans get

constructed an event filled with gaming, food and plenty of raffle prizes ranging from video games to "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World" graphic novels.

For those of you who are not familiar with "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" or "Smackdown Vs. Raw," here's the quick rundown. "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is a fighting game developed by Nintendo

(Wii) where famous Nintendo icons duke it out in a fight.

"Smackdown vs. Raw" 360, campus and bring (Xbox PS3) is exactly what the title implies. Play- the winter." ers take famous wrestlers from the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) and put

"We're trying to

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something indoors for

their fill of body slams, chair bashing and more.

"We've done this for a couple of semesters," said Kathryn Engle, a senior business major and organizer of the game night event. "All things considered, it makes a great semesterly event."

Students enjoy a night away from their dorms as well.

"I'm pleased that the cam-

pus did something right," said Adam Fowler, a sophomore computer science major. "They stocked up on good food, good drinks and good games. They did it right."

Powell by was the prime Nick Brock location for the

Game Night Organizer event. Plenty of space for food, games and good

them against each other in the times had by all. "We had roughly about 100 students show up," said Nick Brock, a marketing major and organizer of game night. "We're trying to appeal to the gaming community on campus and bring something in-

doors during the winter." The atmosphere of the competition was also an interesting spectacle to watch, with many gamers of different varieties gathered around as they watched two students duke it out in a test of will, hand-eye coordination and

gaming skills. "This was a great turn out overall," said Aaron Baird, a psychology major. "I see a lot of great gamers and a good way to see some friendly competition and where you stand as a gamer."

But SAC isn't the only group on campus hosting game nights.

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Music lover wonders if the album is dead



With new technology comes great change, and with change comes a shift in ideals and ways of living.

Take digital music for instance.

With the invention of the iPod, the iPhone and anything remotely Apple related, the devices we listen to music on have changed.

Music was first listened to on something called a record player. Oh, you don't know what that is? Maybe you're too young. Remember cassette tapes? Vaguely, you say? How about CDs? Those ring a bell?

Since the digital age began, we not only use newer technology to play music, it even affects how we listen to music. When you go to parties you're going to hear an iPod plugged in, most likely on shuffle. When you're walking to class, it's likely you'll have an iPod or iPhone on shuffle. Does anyone even listen to more than two songs in row by the same artist anymore?

It used to be that an artist produced an album as a complete album. They wanted the songs to flow in a certain order to give meaning to the message they were trying to send. Pink Floyd's "The Wall" comes to mind, as does Green Day's "American Idiot." There's a reason concept albums aren't made anymore. No one would ever take the time to listen to them, which is a shame.

I understand that at a party, you don't want to listen to the same artist, but how about when you're studying for a test or surfing the Internet?

Hell, does anyone ever listen to a whole CD just to, gasp, listen to the whole CD?

Do we really need to download just the singles from a CD? Can we not appreciate the album as a whole work, instead of just a few songs? The artist didn't record three songs, they recorded 12 or 14 and we're meant to enjoy them all.

Don't get me wrong, I can appreciate making a play list. I have several play lists on my iPod and iTunes and

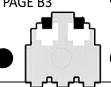
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Student Activites Council game night in Powell Lobby.

A group of Eastern students enjoy a multi-player game at a recent

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Annual 'Vagina Monologues' empowers and inspires

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The annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues," presented by Eastern's Women and Gender Studies program, took place last week in O'Donnell Auditorium.

The play is meant to help raise awareness about violence against women, as well as encourage women to embrace their sexuality. Eve Ensler first wrote the monologues in 1996, after

she conducted interviews with roughly 200 women concerning their views on sex, violence and relationships. Ensler began the interviews simply as casual conversations among friends, but these conversations quickly

erupted into an anecdotal chain of referrals, thus leading to the creation of "The Vagina Monologues." Each monologue, in some way, refers to the vagina, be it through sex, love, rape, masturbation, menstruation,

mutilation, birth or orgasms. In fact, one of the most provocative monologues called "My Vagina Was My Village," is based on the testimonies of

women subjected to rape camps in Bosnia. Other performances such as "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy" and "Because He Liked to Look at

It," also provided strong messages. Kathy Lairson attended the "Monologues" to watch her daughter Kara perform, saying she found the play very em-



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The cast and directors of Eastern's production of "Vagina Monologues" gathered for a group picture after a performance.

powering and she hopes her daughter will continue the

"I think she needs to do this with her life," Kathy said. "I

Each year Eastern's performances typically raise between \$3,000 and \$6,000, with all of the proceeds benefiting the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center and Hope Wings Domestic Violence Shelter.

'Just Go With It' is just another typical romantic comedy

By CRYSTAL BROCKMAN

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What's the recipe for a typical romantic comedy?

There's deceit, beautiful bodies and a few especially hilarious moments. When mixed together, you get the movie "Just Go With It."

The film, directed by Dennis Dugan (who directs many of Adam Sandler's movies), was originally based on a 1965 Broadway stage play written by Abe Burrows called "Cactus Flower." It was later adapted into a 1969 film, also called "Cactus Flower," starring Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman and Goldie Hawn.

The writers, Allan Loeb and Timothy Dowling, gave it a new name, but not a new twist. Adam Sandler plays Danny, a cosmetic surgeon who lies to women that he is married so he doesn't have to get serious with one person. Enter Palmer, a young, hot schoolteacher played by Brooklyn Decker (a former Sports Illustrated swimsuit model). Danny thinks he has found the girl of his dreams and to keep her he continues the whole lie that he is married, but getting a divorce. Palmer insists on meeting the ex, so Danny convinces his assistant Katherine (Jennifer Aniston) to play the part.

Problem solved, right?

Not quite.

Palmer discovers they have two kids together. And the lies continue.

Each character, besides Palmer, is playing a different role trying to keep up with the facade of the situation. And of course, like every romantic comedy, Danny and Katherine realize they love each other despite the situation they are in.

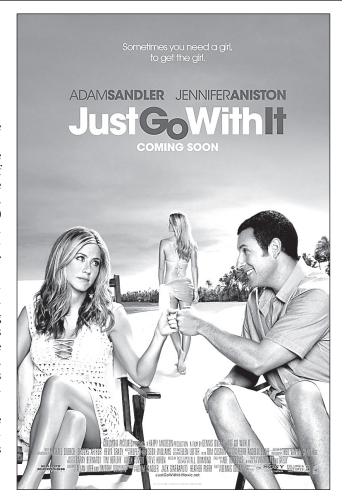
Sandler hasn't done a true romantic comedy since "50 First Dates" and I am here to say he still has what it takes. He brings gross humor and child-like comedy into his portrayal of Danny, which makes him a very divisive character because you don't know whether to love him or hate him.

However, Aniston's portrayal of a divorced mom who finally lets loose is somewhat bland. The only thing she contributed to the movie that was worth a laugh was referring to poop as a "Devlin" who happens to be a nemesis of hers from high school, played by Nicole Kidman. Kidman's role in this film is very surprising and unbelievably entertaining.

Bailee Madison and Griffin Gluck, who play Katherine's children, add a certain cuteness factor to the movie and allow their characters to heighten the plot.

Overall, if you are looking for laughs, then this movie is full of them. However, if you are looking for unexpected twists or true originality, then keep looking because this movie is anything, but unexpected.

Verdict: B



New musician Joshua Gray prepares debut EP

By KAYLIA CORNETT

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When it comes to sifting through new music, college students have a way of finding tunes that haven't even hit the airwaves. New music has a pulse all it's own among college crowds, despite continuously being overlooked by powerhouse artists.

It's difficult for up-and-coming musicians to have a stand out voice in today's growing industry, especially among the college student population.

But for New York native Joshua Gray, finding a voice is becoming a bit easier.

Gray is set to release his debut EP on March 15, featuring his first single called "Call Me Crazy." The album will include four songs and a bonus track, all which Gray co-wrote with his brother.

"I'm really excited about [the album]," Gray said. "I've been working on it since...

forever. [We] recorded it in September, and I've just been trying to build up publicity and interest, and it's going pretty well."

Gray added that collaborating with his younger brother, Travis, has made this release so much more personal and special for the both of them, especially since each of their musical tastes are so different.

That made it all the more exciting, he said, to be able to

make something cool together.

"It's very personal for both me and [Travis]," Gray said. "He's a rocker, and I was more classical, stuff like that, because that's where my voice was kind of at. And we decided to collaborate and combined the two."

Gray said the most important idea he wants to convey through his music is for people to make it what they want.

"I would take a feeling or a personal experience I had, and kind of write a song in that mood or tone. I like for people to make their own interpretations. So I try not to be like, 'Oh, it's about blah blah blah," Gray said. "I hope [people] think it's good. I hope people [think] it's real. It's honest. And, I hope people really like it, and want to hear more."

These same ideas are easily expressed in Gray's first full-length single, "Call Me Cra-

"You know, the inspiration behind that [song] was more like a daydream, a story that I thought of in my head. Letting people make

their own minds up about what it is about," he said.
In addition, Gray has also already released the song's music video on YouTube, in which he combined singing with

another love, acting.

"Putting the two together, for even a brief period of time, was fun," he said.

Gray filmed the video in his hometown in New York, and finished it all in one day.

"I knew all the spots and everything that I wanted," Gray said.

In the video, Gray spends his time serenading a love interest.

"I knew her, so it wasn't awkward," he said, with a laugh. "I probably would have gone in a different direction, if I didn't have someone I knew."

But music hasn't been Gray's only step out role, as he has modeled and acted in a variety of opportunities.

"When I was growing up I always sang, so I always wanted to be a performer," he said.

So Gray attended the Boston Conservatory of Music, and moved to New York City when he was 18, where he started modeling and even auditioned for some Broadway plays, such as "Spring Awakening."

"There would always be like one thing," Gray said. "There was a lot of rock musicals, and they told me my voice was too pretty and wanted more of like, rock."

So Gray turned to acting as well, and scored roles in a few commercials, which aired on MTV and Comedy Central.

"I actually modeled clothes on TRL, do you remember that show?" Gray said, with a laugh.

And Gray even modeled on the runway.

That was one of the big things I did, fashion week, I did all that," Gray said. "I always wanted to be singing [though because all that other stuff] wasn't very artistically fulfilling, I guess you would say."

For more information on Gray's release and tour dates, visit his website at http://www.joshuagray.net.



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Death of The White Stri

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On Feb. 2, the popular alternative rock duo The White Stripes announced their official demise.

On the band's web site, which shortly after crashed due to the amount of traffic it received, guitarist Jack White and drummer Meg White stated that "the reason is not due to artistic differences or lack of wanting to continue, nor any health issues as both Meg and Jack are feeling fine and in good health. It is for a myriad of reasons, but mostly to preserve what is beautiful and special about the band and have it stay that way."

This bombshell shocked and saddened thousands of fans worldwide, causing many to look back and revisit some of their best work.

Two weeks later, it now seems like a perfect time to chart the band's evolution over the years and pay tribute to one of our generation's greatest musical acts.

After all, in their final parting words, Jack and Meg stated "The White Stripes do not belong to Meg and Jack anymore. The White Stripes belong to you now and you can do with it whatever you want. The beauty of art and music is that it can last forever if people want it to. Thank you for sharing this experience. Your involvement will never be lost on us and we are truly grateful."

"The White Stripes" (1999)



The one that started it all. Dedicated to Mississippi Delta Blues musician Son House, one of Jack White's heroes, the album is loud and ferocious. Jack White himself once noted, "I still feel we've never topped our first album. It's the most raw, the most powerful, and the most Detroitsounding record we've made."

Must Hear Tracks:

"One More Cup of Coffee" -an excellent, dramatic Bob Dylan cover

"Wasting My Time"- a classic early riff from Jack White

"De Stijl" (2000)

With a title referencing the Dutch art movement meaning "The Style," "De Stijl" is remembered by many as simply "the one before they got big." Still, this album is regarded by many as a cult classic now due to its simplicity, blues purism and punk infusion. Self recorded in Jack White's living room on an 8-track tape, this album proved the band wasn't a one hit wonder.

Must Hear Tracks:

"Hello Operator"-a catchy, bluesy track featuring some showcase guitar playing and a ticking "drum solo" from Meg

"Your Southern Can Belongs to Me"- a humorous, satirical cover of an old blues tune



"White Blood Cells" (2001)

With more of a focus on a raw rock and roll garage sound, the album was a massive hit, earning a spot on countless album of the year lists and even making its way on the Billboard charts.

Must Hear Tracks:

"Fell in Love With a Girl"- The hit single that Rolling Stone magazine claims is one of forty songs that changed rock forever

"We're Going to Be Friends"- A beautiful lullaby ode to childhood and growing up

"Elephant" (2003)

The band's major label debut and the band's best selling album, earning the band its first Grammys for best alternative music album and best rock song.

Must Hear Tracks:

"Ball and Biscuit"- The slow burning, seven min-

ute anthem to screeching guitars and sex
"Seven Nation Army"- Quite possibly "The"
White Stripes song. The riff that shook the world and converted non-believers into fans



"Get Behind Me Satan" (2005)

Seen as a departure from their usual work, "Satan" relies more heavily on piano and acoustic guitar than any other Stripes record. It once again won the Grammy for best alternative music album.

Must Hear Tracks:

"My Doorbell"- The album's catchiest tune. "I'm thinkin' about my doorbell When ya gonna ring it, when ya gonna ring it?"

"The Denial Twist"- Some of Jack's cleverest writing and a great, piano-driven beat

"lcky Thump" (2007)

The band's final album before the hiatus that led to their disunion. Seen as a return to the band's older influences, "Icky Thump" was a one last classic album from a great band. Far from proving they were washed up, the album showed that the Stripes had plenty more amazing songs to give.

Must Hear Tracks:

"Icky Thump"- One of the band's best songs ever, with jaw-dropping guitar playing and Jack's most political lyrics to date



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GAMERS

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Gamers Unite is a new organization that was formed in October with one goal: to unite gamers and bring everyone together to have a good time.

On Tuesday night, they hosted a game night in Powell lobby.

Gamers played "Rock Band 3," "Call of Duty: Black OPS," and "Super Smash Brothers Brawl."

"Gaming is a very social event," Sam Johnson said. "Anyone, even non-gamers, can easily pick up a controller and have fun.'

Gamers Unite is hosting two more events later this semester, March 14 and April 11, both running from 7 to 10 p.m.

"We are very passionate about gaming for both console and PC gaming," said Shawn Denny, president of Gamers Unite. "We had good turn out last semester at our events. We had people lined up to play 'Rock Band' last semester and even had one guy standing on a table singing a power ballad, of his own accord, but good times."

The organization is self funded for now, but they hope to get funding from SGA soon. "I was just hoping that maybe it could help get the word out about our organization and what we are trying to do for the students here on campus," Denny said.

ALBUMS

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sometimes I'll even fall asleep listening to a random list. However, we shouldn't abandon albums all together. If you're a fan of an artist wouldn't you want to listen to their CD as a whole? Wouldn't you want to respect them for their hard work?

I admit there are some artists I'm not a fan of. I have a couple of their songs, but nothing more than that. I'm OK with that, I'm not damning the practice of shuffling through random songs, I'm just advocating the practice of enjoying a whole work, rather than a piece of the work.

With individual songs being sold on Amazon, iTunes and Emusic for less than a dollar, it's easy to see why people download one or two songs at a time. It's cheap. However, next time you go click the "buy" button, consider respecting the artist and clicking the "buy all" button. Next time you're in the car consider taking the time to listen to a complete album. You may learn to appreciate it and the artist more.

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TENNIS

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sets 6-2, 6-2, while Saioa Oscoz, (No. 3) also won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Jessica Albuquerque (No. 5) easily won her singles match 6-1, 6-3.

Freshman Milena Poffo, went to extra sets in the first set against Claire Spradlin, but eventually won in extra sets 7-6 (5), and then blanking her opponent in the final set 6-0 for

"I played good," Poffo said. "The first set I was a little nervous, but I'm getting better."

Oertel agreed.

"It's so important for freshmen to get off to a good start in January," Oertel said. "It's huge for her and her confidence. Overall she's had a really good winter."

In doubles, Jessica Albuquerque and Anouk Faure (No.

1) had an impressive win against Claire Spradlin and Kristen Sunday. Both were slow out of the gate at the beginning, but eventually found their groove and sailed to vic-

"We were kind of nervous in the beginning," Albuquerque said. "Then we just put our feet in the ground and took it easy and put the ball in the court."

In singles play against Dayton, Albuquerque defeated her opponent 6-4, 6-2 in straight sets while fellow teammate (No.4) Saioa Oscoz won easily 6-2, 6-2.

"I couldn't be happier with Jessica," Oertel said. "She has the best record on the team right now and she's elevated up to number one. She's clearly established herself as our best player."

Within the blink of an eye, the Lady Colonels were showing they were too much to handle against Dayton, until Poffo and Myriem Mhiriit lost their matches, while Erin Filbrandt was also defeated in an emotional loss to Sophie

O'Neill 3-6, 6-3 and (14-12).

This is when Faure put the team on her shoulders leading the team to victory winning her match against Maureen Stevens 6-2, 6-3 giving Eastern the match victory, 4-3.

A Look Ahead

The Lady Colonels get a much needed rest this week, and then put their five game winning streak on the line against a young Cumberland University that has only two players returning from last year's team.

Last season, the Bulldogs were no match for Eastern, los-

"Bad news is that I do not have any reference on them seeing as this is their first game," Oertel said. "The good news, it's their first match and I hope they have a little bit of first match jitters. That's going to help us because they haven't played any matches yet."



Junior Dustin Dunlop gets a base hit in Eastern's spring inter-squad scrimmage. The Colonels are determined to make it back to the OVC tournament again this year.

BASEBALL

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around a guy like him. He's a good leader and he always picks up guys that are down around him. He's a solid defender. He can hit lead off or in the middle of the order. He hits for a high average. He comes to the field and works hard every day and makes people better."

The 2011 Colonel pitching staff should be as strong as it has been in recent years. Sophomore right-hander Anthony Bazzani, member of 2010 OVC All-Freshman team, went 5-3 with a 5.47 ERA in 2010. In the OVC tournament game against Murray State, Bazzani went eight strong innings, striking out 10 and giving up three runs.

"Anthony Bazzani has been called upon to be our No. 1 guy," Stein said. "He's got the stuff to be a No. 1, he's got the mindset to be a No. 1, he's a great competitor and our guys play really well behind. But being a No. 1 you are expected to win that first game. He understands that, now he just has to go out and do it."

Veterans Paul Duncan, Chris Hord, Stephen Hefler and Matt Fyffe anchor the every day rotation. Eastern also returns closer Ryne

Purcell, who led the OVC with 12 saves last season.

Duncan finished with a 5-5 record and a 6.44 ERA in 2010. The senior allowed a team-low 46 runs by starting pitchers and threw 39 strikeouts. The southpaw delivered his best performance of the 2010 season against UT Martin with a complete game win, surrendering just three runs and striking out a season-high nine batters.

"I've just been trying to build on that and come back and have another good season," Duncan said. "We work everyday to try and to improve. We know it's a process and a long one but hopefully by the time we start conference play everyone will be at their

Purcell, a righty, locked down the closer role and was 12th in the country in saves for 2010. The senior had 34 strikeouts and is one of 45 players named to the NCBWA's Stopper of the Year Award Watch List for 2011, given annually to the top relief pitcher in college baseball.

"We have a really deep staff this year," Duncan said. "Its something we've been lacking in the three years I've been here. We've got a lot of returners, guys with experience and some new freshmen. It should be a good year."

Stein also complimented his incoming freshmen class.

"Another guy is freshman Kyle Mc-Grath," Stein said. "He'll start a game up at Pepperdine, because he's earned it. There are a couple of other freshmen that might get some innings too. If you compliment the good freshmen with all of those guys we can do a lot of things with our pitching staff. But the most important part of our staff has been competition. This year we have 16 arms and all of them can throw. The competition is going to make them better."

The Colonels open the season with a three-game series at Pepperdine University, starting Friday Feb.

Eastern's 2011 non-conference schedule will be a challenging one as they will host Penn State, Western Carolina, Miami (Ohio), Marshall, Western Kentucky and UNC Asheville at home, and travel to play against Kentucky and West Virginia.

"I think the teams we're playing in the preseason will really get us ready for the OVC teams," Faidley said. "Before we may have played lesser competition but now we're playing good teams who will get us

ready for the OVC." The Colonels start conference play March 26 and 27 on the road against Eastern Illinois. Defending OVC Champion Jacksonville State was picked to repeat in the pre-season poll followed by Southeast Missouri.

"Just about every team we play non-conference could win our league," Stein said. "So if that doesn't motivate you I don't know what will. That will only make us better, but it's a grind. They realize that though and hopefully it leads to better execution and makes the conference games easy."

Faidley is confident in his Colonels. "We're going to win the OVC," Faidley said. "We're going to win it."

BASKETBALL

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They only allowed 17 Panther points through the first 19 minutes of the second half and like the previous game, held Eastern Illinois under the 50 point mark. Eastern also converted 26 points on the 13 turnovers they caused.

"We pride ourselves on holding people under 60 points; that's our goal every game," freshman Jeff Johnson said. "We held them to 40-something points. That's pretty good. We just have to keep it up for the next several weeks."

Johnson added 16 points for the Colo-

nels. He hit the lone three in the first half and added another in the opening minutes of the second. Joshua Jones chipped in with three three-pointers for nine points.

The Panthers only had two players in double figures. Jeremy Granger scored 15 and L.C. Doss added 10.

The win keeps Eastern within a half game of Tennessee Tech for fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings. The Colonels met Morehead State on Wednesday, but as of press time the final score was unavailable.

Eastern is one of 114 teams from 15 different conferences to take part in ESPN's BracketBusters when they travel to Western Carolina on Saturday.

Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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the team's main weakness right now. "We don't talk enough out on the field,"

Hussey said. Three pitchers return to the mound this season with, sophomore Kristin Perry leading the trio. Perry finished last year 7-14 striking out 142 batters in 124 innings. Although she had the lowest opponents' batting average in the OVC (.193),

Perry also issued 118 walks. "I plan to try and get more first-pitch strikes and get ahead in the count and stay ahead," Perry said.

Because of poor weather conditions the team has only been able to concen-

trate on hitting. "Now that it's warmer outside we can go out on the turf and work on some de-

fense," Worthington said. Worthington also said playing time and experience will help those evaluated players this season.

But the question of who will step up and lead the team has yet to be answered.

"I will have to see how everyone performs at the start of the season before I can say who I expect to step up and lead the team," Worthington said. "I believe it's easier to lead if you're performing well."

Worthington gets a good look at her team soon, as the Colonels travel to North Carolina to play five games in the First Pitch Classic. Eastern opens with Saint Francis University on Feb. 18, then six hours later face a tough challenge against the University of North Carolina

Eastern comes back to Kentucky to face rival Western Kentucky in a doubleheader before heading off to Alabama and Florida for two more spring classics.

"We want to see what we have (talent wise), put some hits together and hopefully score some runs," Worthington said.

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Three point barrage leads Colonels past Panthers



Eastern's Justin Stommes (right) drives past Southeast Missouri's Marcus Brister (left) Feb. 10. Stommes scored 20 points for the Colonels in the win over the Redhawks.

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All year Eastern basketball has been about resiliency.

After struggling on the offensive end and trailing at halftime against Eastern Illinois, the Colonels turned things around in the second half to win 67-47.

"Our team has fought back all year," Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said. "Tonight in

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did that."

the locker room at halftime, the vocal tones were very calm. It was all about, 'Hey, our team needs to come out and respond and play well. Our team really

Eastern (15-11, 9-6 OVC) started 1-of-7 from the field in the opening six minutes, and made just 1-of-11 from the three-point

line in the first half, a season low. But the old adage says "good shooters shoot themselves out of slumps."

And the Colonels did just that, hitting seven threes in a row to open the second

"We're a team of shooters," said senior Justin Stommes, who finished with a gamehigh 20 points. "Sometimes they just don't fall and then someone hits one and every-

one's confidence kind of gains from someone else making them and then we start knocking them down with more confi-

The Colonels more than doubled their shooting percentage from the first half to the second (34.6 to 69.6).

"Once you start making them — once you feel the vibe, it really does allow other guys to shoot it in," Neubauer said.

Spencer Perrin seemed to be the catalyst for Eastern's offensive spurt. The Colonels fed the senior in the post and when he was faced with a double-team, he found open shooters. Perrin finished with only 10 points but dished out a career-high seven assists. As a team, Eastern had 17 assists on 25 field goals.

'Spencer Perrin was our ignition tonight," Neubauer said. "He was the one who drove the ball and posted the ball and then was very unselfish and passed it as well as he's passed it in his career. His teammates paid him off...When you've got a good offensive player like that in the post, he does make other guys better."

Despite filling up the scoreboard, the Colonels stayed committed to strong de-

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Postseason berth for Eastern gets tougher as Morehead comes to town

By STEPHEN HAUSER

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The road to the Ohio Valley Tournament has gotten harder for the Lady Colonels. After losing 78-57 to Eastern Illinois University last Saturday, Eastern (6-18, 3-12 OVC) hosts instate rival Morehead State University (18-8, 11-4 OVC) Satur-

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day evening. Morehead sits in third place in the OVC, while Eastern is in last. The top

eight teams head to Nashville, but Eastern is currently on the outside looking in.

With a win, Morehead would even the series at 40 a piece.

Morehead is 15-22 all-time in Richmond. With wins against "I don't hype up to our

Tennessee State and Murray State, the Lady kids, it's a game we Colonels have a shot at playing in the OVC need to go out there nournament. But both games will be on the and make every effort road, where Eastern is to win." winless (0-12).

In their last meet ing, Morehead defended their home court de-

feating Eastern 69-56. The Lady Colonels had victory in their grasp with a sevenpoint lead with 10 minutes remaining, but their offense went ice cold managing to

Freshman guard Marie Carpenter led the Lady Colonels with 23 points.

score just six points the rest of the way.

Courtney Lumpkin led Morehead in scoring with 22 points. Chynna Bozeman contributed with 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Ashar Harris recorded a double-double scoring 12 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

In Morehead's last game, an 89-40 win over Southeast Missouri, Bozeman scored 29 points for the Eagles.

Easterns' defense will have their hands

full trying to slow down the second best scoring offense in the league, which includes Bozeman, who leads the league in scoring at 20 points per game.

Roberts is fully aware of the challenge that they have of trying to contain Bozeman and Lumpkin.

"They are two great players and I'm not sure if you can stop them," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "They flat out know how to put the ball in the basket. The thing is just trying to keep them under control."

Roberts knows that they are just as deadly finding their open teammates as they are scoring for themselves.

"If they aren't scoring they find ways to get their teammates shots which is what great players do," Roberts said. The Lady Colonels' boxing out ability

will be tested greatly as they go another round against Harris. She leads the league in rebounding averaging 11.8 rebounds per game.

Sophomore forward Alex Jones understands how important the rebounding battle will be.

Head Coach "Rebounding will be huge," Jones said. "They have a good offense rebounder (Harris) on their team. "If we limit

their offense rebounds we can limit their second chance points."

Chrissy Roberts

Roberts prefers to down play the significance of the rivalry between the two teams. "I don't hype up to our kids, it's a game we need to go out there and make every effort to win," Roberts said.

Despite downplaying the game from Roberts, there is one thing about the rivalry that Coles does enjoy.

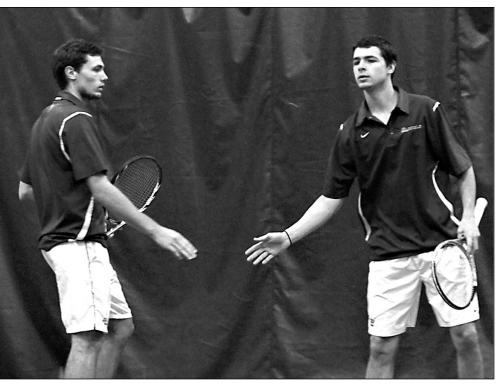
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The No. 1 doubles tandem of Hugo Klientovsky (left) and Carles Pons (right) defeated Guillaume Berman and Martin Leroy of Northern Kentucky 8-5 last Saturday.

Tennis teams sweep weekend home series

By AARON SISCO

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Head Coach Rob Oertel got another solid outing from both his men and women's tennis teams last weekend. The women have now won five straight to improve to 5-2 while the men improved to 6-2 and remain undefeated at home this season.

Men

The Colonels (6-2) were lightly contested in their weekend match with The Norse of Northern Kentucky University (1-1). Eastern pulled out a 7-0 win . improving their home winning streak to 26 games. The Colonels last

home loss dates back to a 6-1 loss against Minnesota in February 2009. Against Northern Kentucky, sophomore

Jan Dombrowski and junior Niklas Schroeder (No. 3 doubles) defeated Andre Correa and Ricardo Weaver taking the match 8-2, while teammates Alex Das and Phillip Janz (No. 2) won their doubles match 8-5 over Tyler Fraser and Pierce Kohls. In singles play Janz (No. 2) dominated

his two sets 6-1, 6-4. Freshman Joao Maio (No. 6 singles) was

tested in his match but eventually fought his way to victory in extra sets 7-5, 7-6. Hugo Klientovsky (No. 1) played excellent in his matchup against Martin Leroy defeating him 6-1, 6-1.

"I played very well," Klientovsky said. "Maybe my best match of the year, so I was pretty satisfied."

Klientovsky has won six out of his last 10 matches and is riding a three match-win-

"It was a really good tune up for him," > SEE TENNIS, PAGE B4

Oertel said. "Hugo is capable of playing number one and for our team we really have two number ones in Alex Das and Hugo. Hugo also had a little incentive as he was matched up against a guy from his home country of France."

A look ahead

The Colonels put their 26 game home winning streak on the line against Cumberland University and Dayton this weekend in their final two home indoor matches of the season. Cumberland opens up their season looking to exact revenge on the Colonels after last season's 6-1 loss.

The Dayton Flyers come into the matchup winless with losses against Northern Illinois, Detroit Mercy and Michigan State

'They're going to be like any team," Oertel said. "They're going to want to come in here and beat the Colonels and they're going to look at last year's score and see a 4-3 loss and realize how close they came."

Eastern has the experience edge, as five of the nine members of Dayton's squad are freshmen. Dayton has a bad taste in their mouth

from last season. Eastern handed the Flyers their sixth loss of the season, last year, in an emotional game that came down to Emilio Piriz's victory.

Women

The Women picked up two victories at home with a 7-0 sweep over Northern Kentucky University Friday and a 4-3 win over the Dayton Flyers Saturday.

The Lady Colonels won every singles match in straights sets against Northern Kentucky University.

Esmira Gheisary (No. 5) won in straight

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Baseball leads off 100th year

COLONELS RETURN SOLID NUCLEUS IN HUNT FOR OVC CHAMPIONSHIP

By RYAN ALVES

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It's been 100 years since Eastern baseball threw out its inaugural pitch.

Since the first season in 1911, the Colonels have been making waves on the field. This year should be no different for Head Coach Jason Stein's squad.

The Colonels (28-17, 12-12 OVC in 2010) were picked in the preseason coaches' poll to finish fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference, and look to build on the 2010 season, where they advanced to the OVC tournament for the first time since 2007.

In last year's OVC tournament, Eastern came back to beat Murray State but had consecutive losses to Tennessee Tech and Murray, ending their postseason run.

"Last year getting to the OVC tournament for the first time in three years was kind of a good taste for some of the older guys on the team," senior outfielder Ryan Faidley said. "We want to get back there and win. All of the guys have been working hard. Our pitching staff is the best since I've been here as a fouryear senior. I think they will carry us this season." In 2010, Faidley batted .324 with 14 doubles, knocked

2011 OVC Baseball Preseason Rankings:

in 46 runs and hit 12 home runs. He leads all returning Col-

onels with a .605 slugging percentage and solidified his role

- 1. Jacksonville State
- 2. Southeast Missouri
- 3. Tennessee Tech
- 4. Eastern Illinois
- 5. Eastern Kentucky
- 6. Murray State
- 7. Austin Peay
- 8. Morehead State

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9. UT Martin

defensively in 2010 while only committing one error all season.

my swing and worked real hard. This season I just have to put it all out on the table. It's my senior year and I'm going to car-

in home runs.

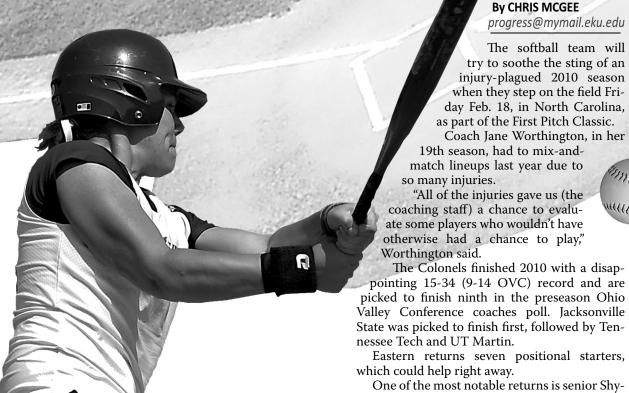
named to the Preseason All-OVC team. The junior started 42 home runs, 11 doubles and had 27 runs batted in.

leadoff double to jumpstart the rally the Colonels used to secure the 4-3 win over Murray State.

in the offense, so I might have him at the bottom to turn the lineup over. But if he's producing like he has he will be up top."



Redemption on deck for softball season



Eastern returns seven positional starters, which could help right away.

One of the most notable returns is senior Shyenne Hussey, who anchors the infield at third base. Although she only played five games last year, Hussey batted .333. She started 40 games in 2009, leading the team with a .349 batting average, six home runs and 29 runs batted in.

Hussey said she plans to help make the team better, defensively, by being a leader on the field. However, she was very self-critical concerning her injury last year.

"I felt like I let the team down," Hussey said. Coming back from injury as a stronger player is Hussey's main personal goal this season.

The outfield remains the same, depending on Melissa Costa's return from an injury. Costa started 32 games last season and is still recovering. Costa finished third on the team with a .295 batting average. Juniors Christine Datko and Samm Daniels will anchor right field while Costa recovers. In addition, freshman Jessica Shartzer and Nicole Heitz will get some playing

team-best 25 runs. Also, she set a school record

Junior Diane Gallagher, who has earned All-OVC honors twice, returns in left field. Gallagher put up impressive numbers in 2010 batting .325 and scored a

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with 34 stolen bases.

2011 IS NEXT STEP

Senior Cassi Gibson patrols center field and finished the 2010 season with a .264 batting average with 13 runs batted in. Coach Worthington's most daunting task

may be at the catcher's position. She has to find someone to fill the hole left by the graduation of two-time All-OVC backstop Jena Handley, who led the team last year with a .333 average and 22 RBI's. Senior Ashley Dollins split time with

Handley, but only played in 24 games due to injury. However, during those 24 games, she posted a .279 average. Sophomore Cheyanne Pounds played in 13 games, but was limited at the end of the season due to injury.

Pounds admits she has some butterflies about filling Handley's shoes.

"I do find the prospect of filling Jena's shoes a little intimidating because she did so well during her four years here," Pounds said.

Pounds added that "catching is a big responsibility because it's like the quarterback of the team."

The team's biggest weakness, in Pounds mind is a lack of "that killer instinct."

"I believe we need to push ourselves more on the field, both mentally and physically, to be the best we can be," Pounds said.

Hussey said she thought communication was

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2011 OVC Softball Preseason Rankings:

- 1. Jacksonville State
- 2. Tennessee Tech
- 3. UT Martin
- 4. SIU Edwardsville
- Tied 5. Eastern Illinois
- Morehead State
- 7. Murray State
- 8. Southeast Missouri
- 9. Eastern Kentucky
- 10. Austin Peay
- 11. Tennessee State