Wellness/Fitness Facility to Open in 2003

For EKU students, faculty and staff, staying physically fit will become much easier beginning in Fall 2003. That’s when a $7 million wellness and fitness facility is expected to open adjacent to Roy Kidd Stadium and the Moherly Building. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

“This will complement academic pursuits by providing an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to concentrate on health and wellness,” said Dr. Rita Davis, acting vice president for student affairs and chair of the center’s planning committee.

The 48,000-square-foot building will house a multi-purpose gymnasium with space for two high school-size basketball courts or two volleyball/badminton courts. State-of-the-art equipment will allow for the quick conversion of courts. It will also contain an indoor track, two aerobics studios, a climbing wall and a 10,200-square-foot weights and fitness room featuring the latest in equipment.

“Directors at every place we visited told us that we could never have too much space for weights and fitness equipment,” Davis said, “so we made that a high priority.”

The facility also will feature a lounge with a big-screen TV, locker and laundry facilities, offices, conference room, and a patio and deck that overlook the north end of the football stadium.

“We feel that we’ve got a lot into this building for the money,” Davis said. “It’s very functional.”

A 10-member planning committee made up of students, faculty and staff visited 15-20 similar centers, asking questions at each site about facility usage and effective programming. The committee used a campuswide survey to gauge the desires of students.

“When students come to campus looking for an opportunity to continue their education, we are always asked if we have a wellness or workout facility,” Davis noted. “We think this will be a wonderful recruiting and retention tool.”

The facility is the first phase in what University officials hope is a three-phase wellness and recreation project, although no timetable has been set for the remaining phases. The committee will continue planning for the second and third phases with input from the campus community.

Lancaster Crosswalk Removed

The crosswalk near the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and University Drive was removed this summer. The crosswalk was established in 2000 in response to ongoing student requests for a more direct route from EKU’s commuter lot on the west side of Lancaster Avenue to the main campus. A variety of options were considered, and the University agreed with the Kentucky Department of Transportation to establish the current crosswalk.

However, “after a critical report from a Madison County Grand Jury that cited a variety of traffic and safety concerns with the crosswalk – including the inability of emergency vehicles to maneuver on Lancaster Avenue – we began a series of discussions with the City of Richmond the Department of Transportation to find improved alternatives to enhance the safety of our students and address the concerns of the Richmond community,” said President Glasser.

The City of Richmond received authority from the state to remove the crosswalk, and “we fully support this decision,” Glasser said. The Lancaster Avenue parking lot across from the University Drive entrance to campus is now restricted to residential parking. Commuting students should park in other commuter lots, such as Alumni Coliseum or in the lot just east of the Dizney Building.

Traffic signs requiring pedestrians to use established crosswalks at the Barnes Mill Road and Crabbe Street intersections will be installed.

During the first several weeks of the fall semester, officers from the EKU Division of Public Safety will be stationed near the entrance to the Lancaster Avenue parking lot to assist pedestrians and help enhance safety.
**President Speaks at Convocation**
Convocation. President Glasser addresses campus community, 8 a.m., Brock Auditorium, followed by refreshments in Ravine.

**Health Center Open House**
Bluegrass Farmworker Health Center Open House. 3-5 p.m., 509 Brockton. Tour the clinic, meet the staff and see what the program can offer EKU students.

**Students Return**
Residence halls open.

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**Events**

**Monday, Aug. 12**

**First Day of Classes**
Classes begin, late registration begins.

**Thursday, Aug. 22**

**Faculty Voice Recital**
Joyce Hall Wolf, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

**Friday, Aug. 23**

**On-site Registration Ends**
Last day to register for or add full-semester classes at Registration Center.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

**Online Registration Ends**
Last day to register for or add full-semester classes online.

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**Scholarship Honors Barton**
The Southeast Athletic Trainers Association has established the Bobby Barton Graduate Scholarship to honor EKU’s long-time head athletic trainer and physical education professor. Barton, who joined the EKU staff in 1976, was named in 1996 to the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame. He also has been honored by the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and by the American Football Foundation.

The first recipient of the scholarship is Sherri Walters of East Central Oklahoma University. She will pursue her master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Florida.

**Freed Joins KET Board**
EKU English professor Dr. Richard Freed was appointed this summer to Kentucky Educational Television’s governing board, the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television. Freed, who has taught at EKU since 1979 and formerly served as faculty regent, also is the faculty representative on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

In 1998, he taught English language and literature in Odessa, Ukraine as a U.S. Fulbright Professor.

**Robinson Directs MBA Program**
The new director of EKU’s Master’s of Business Administration degree program welcomes the “opportunity to promote central Kentucky’s quality MBX program for working professionals.”

“We need to let the business community know what a valuable asset they have in this program,” said Dr. Richard Robinson, a professor of finance with a doctoral degree from the University of Oregon.

Robinson joined EKU’s faculty in 1985. As MBA director, he succeeds Dr. Jack Dyer, who retired this year after 52 years of service to the University.

Most of the 120 active students in the 30-credit-hour program are working professionals taking one or two courses a semester.

**B&T Honors Data Futures Inc.**
EKU’s College of Business & Technology recently presented Data Futures Inc. of Harlan with its annual Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award.

Data Futures, established in 1983, has carved its own sizable niche producing and providing administrative software to K-12 school districts and the health care industry throughout Kentucky and several other states. Total revenues last year topped $2 million. "Bob Harris (President and CFO) and Charlene Combs (Senior Vice President and CEO) are excellent entrepreneurs who have developed Data Futures into one of Eastern Kentucky’s most successful high technology enterprises,” said Dr. Bob Rogow, dean of the College.

Harris and Combs accepted the award on behalf of DFI at a Richmond Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

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**HAPPY GRADUATE**
—Zainab Hakimi, a marketing major from Morocco, was among 620 degree candidates honored at Summer Commencement Aug. 1. The number included 322 bachelor’s degree candidates, 280 master’s degree candidates and 18 associate degree candidates. Retired business professor Dr. John Gump returned to campus to bring the commencement address; Nathania Bush, Stanton, a master’s degree candidate in nursing, spoke on behalf of the graduating class.

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**Football Game Time Changed**
Kickoff time for the EKU–Appalachian State football game in Boone, N.C., on Sept. 14 has been changed to 3:30 p.m. EDT to accommodate a live telecast by the Fox Sports Net South television network.

Eastern, ranked as high as second nationally in some preseason football publications, opens its 2002 schedule Aug. 29 with a contest at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore. The Colonels’ home opener is Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. against Slippery Rock.

**Zeigler Leads Women’s Studies**
Dr. Sara Zeigler has been named director of EKU’s Women’s Studies Program.

Zeigler, an associate professor of political science who joined the Eastern faculty in 1996, has done much of her research work in areas related to women’s studies. For the past three years, she has also served as director of EKU’s highly successful Mock Trial Program.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Reed College in 1989 and a doctoral degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, where her minor field was women’s studies.

Zeigler is the co-author with Gregory Gunderson of “What’s Next For G.I. Jane? Women Warriors and the U.S. Military,” due out next year.
Grant Addresses Shortage of Baccalaureate Nurses

EKU has received a three-year, $620,704 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address the shortage of baccalaureate degree nurses in eastern and southeastern Kentucky. EKU has partnered with Southeast Community College (SECC) to offer courses in its RN to BSN Degree Completion Program beginning this fall at satellite campuses in Campbell and Middlesboro.

“In nursing that area have never before had easy access to a BSN degree,” said Dr. Deborah Whitehouse, chair of EKU’s Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing and co-director of the grant project along with Dr. Judy Short. “At a result, there is a dire shortage of BSN nurses in the area.”

At the four hospitals in Harlan, Bell and Letcher counties, only 3 percent of the approximately 500 RNs have baccalaureate degrees. Many of the RNs in the area earned associate degrees at Southeast or other community colleges in the region, Whitehouse noted, and the program has been about the opportunity to further their education.

The program will be delivered via interactive television through the Kentucky Telelinking Network and through supervised clinical experiences in the outreach areas.

The project also includes an aggressive recruiting campaign to interest students in careers in the health care professions and academic intervention strategies for students who need extra help. The strategies include study skills workshops, supplemental instruction and peer tutoring, faculty-led elective courses, and flexible scheduling.

Eastern has offered off-campus baccalaureate nursing classes throughout the region for about 15 years. Whitehouse said EKU courses already are available at the University’s three extended campus centers in Corbin, Manchester and Danville, as well as at community colleges in Hazard and Somerset.

The vast majority of graduates have stayed in their home communities, according to Whitehouse, improving the quality of health care through medically underserved eastern and southeastern Kentucky.

Last year, EKU’s baccalaureate and graduate degree nursing programs received a full 10-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Eastern graduates are more likely to remain nurses at the undergraduate level than any institution in the Commonwealth.

Regents Approve $151 Million Budget

The EKU Board of Regents approved a $151 million budget for the 2002-03 academic year.

At the Board’s June meeting, President Glasser said the $151,871,053 budget achieved three goals: no layoffs, maintenance of health benefits and an across-the-board raise (an average 2.7 percent increase in employee salaries).

The across-the-board salary adjustment “is important to both protect the purchasing power of our continuing faculty and staff and to help keep the University competitive in the marketplace,” Glasser said.

Employee benefit funding, primarily health insurance and worker’s compensation, were increased by more than $1 million. “We can proudly say that we have maintained our level of employee benefits,” Glasser said.

A $750,000 fund was established to “protect our ability to respond to new opportunities.”

Glasser said, “This fund will be held as an additional contingency until state revenue and fall enrollment estimates are confirmed.”

Also, increases in University-funded scholarships totaled $586,000 to “help maintain our ability to attract the best and brightest students to our campus.”

The new budget reflects a 1.87 percent decrease in general state appropriations and a 9.5 percent increase in tuition rates.

Undergraduates who reside in Kentucky will pay $1,729 per semester, an increase of $311; non-resident undergraduates will pay $3,835 per semester, an increase of $335 per semester. Undergraduate students from targeted out-of-state counties will pay a reduced tuition of $2,107. Kentucky graduate students will pay $1,399 per semester, an increase of $116; while non-resident graduate students will pay $1,498, up $349. Graduate students from targeted out-of-state counties will pay a reduced tuition of $2,308.

Student activity and technology fees remain $229. Accommodation subsides increased $116. In June, President Glasser announced that $165,309 in state appropriations remove the need to increase student tuition.

The Regents also approved a 9.6 percent tuition increase for K-12 students at Model Laboratory School. Tuition for 2002-03 will be $444 per semester. Pre-K tuition will increase 9.5 percent to $876 per semester.

New Student Days 2002: Oceans of Opportunity

Sunday August 11
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Residence halls open for move in, CHECK-IN: New Student Days Check-in at Residence Halls (Commute students check-in at the Student Services Building Auditorium.)
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Pay tuition, pick up ID cards, parking decals, financial aid and housing information – EKU Johnson Building
5-6 p.m., Special Parent Program – Sponsored by the Parents’ Association – Brock Auditorium
6-7 p.m., FREE FAMILY COOKOUT – Ravine
7 p.m.-Midnight, Wal-Mart Super Slam Shuttle, transportation provided, HUGE housing information – Keen Johnson Building
Monday August 12
8 a.m.-7 p.m., Check-in for commuting students continues – Student Services Building
9-10 a.m., Meet with leaders 10-10:20 a.m., Welcome and Kickoff – Brock Auditorium
10:20-11:20 a.m., 20 Tips Every Freshman Should Know – Brock Auditorium
11:30-12:30 p.m., Lunch – On Your Own
1-2 p.m., Educational Sessions 2:30-3:15 p.m., Educational Sessions
5-6 p.m., Taste of Richmond – FREE FOOD! – Powell Plaza, Roots Rocks Society, Regina Band
7-8 p.m., The Dating Doctor – Brock Auditorium
8-9 p.m., Game Show – CASH PRIZES!
10 p.m., Movie in the Stadium: “OCEAN J/7” – FREE PIZZA! – Sponsored by College of Arts & Sciences
Tuesday August 13
9-10 a.m., Meet with leaders 10-11 a.m., SPEADER
11:10 a.m.-Noon, Academic Advising Noon-1:30 p.m., Lunch (On Your Own)
1:30-2:20 p.m., Academic Expectations 5-7 p.m., “Cheesburger in Paradise” – FREE FOOD! – Sponsored by College of Justice & Safety
7 p.m., “Psychotic Intoxication” 8:30-10:30 p.m., Sorority Recruitment Orientation – Ferrell Room, Combs Building
11 p.m.-1 a.m., Ice Cream Social – FREE FOOD! – Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ
Wednesday August 14
9-9:30 a.m., Meet with leaders 9:30-10:30 a.m., Life with David J – Brock Auditorium
10:45-11:45 a.m., Orientation Class/ Book Discussion
11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., FREE Lunch
12:30-4:30 p.m., ACT Test – Call for testing information 622-1281
1:30-2:30 p.m., Debra Dickerson, author of “An American Story,” immediately followed by a book signing – Brock Auditorium
4-6 p.m., Student Organization Fair – Powell Building
8 p.m.-Midnight, Block Party – FREE FOOD and Live Music – Sponsored by Campus Ministries
8-9:30 p.m., Comedian Brian Bushwood and Mr. Happy Pants 10 p.m., Movie in the AC Pool: “JAWS” – FREE FOOD!
Thursday August 15
9:30-10 a.m., Advising & Registration – Call 227-2266 for more information 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., ACT Test – Call 622-1281 for testing information 10-11 a.m., Transfer and Non-Traditional Student Information – Student Services Building Auditorium
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8 a.m.-6 p.m., President’s Picnic – Blanton House Patio
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Friday August 16
10 a.m.-Noon, Transfer and Non-Traditional Student Orientation – Student Services Building Auditorium
Employees Recognized at Picnic for Years of Service

**FIVE YEARS** – Front row, from left, Kerri Clark, Margie Adams, Linda Burns; second row, Carla Farris, Marilyn Settles, Jennifer Mullins, Jeanette Crabtree, Joseph Hawkins, Melany Aldridge, Raymond Hoskins; back row, Patricia Farris, Charles Pinkston, Phillip Johnson, Donald Powell, Abigail Horn, Leon Hart, Glynda Giddings and Mary Ann Henderson. Not pictured: Patricia Aldridge, Kathrine Barnes, Phyllis Bishop, Mary Ellyn Cain, Ronald Campbell, Tamara Clark, Ginger Cottrell, Lee Elta Cummings, Jeff Curry, Tricia Davis, Martin Diebold, Mona Guckes, Ida Hawkins, Jennifer Howard, Jimmy Hutchins, Rande Jones, Kenneth Kendrick, Mary Kirby, Barbara McMullin, Bruce Mink, Gregory Mitchell, Rebecca Mitchell, Nora Redbrook, Carol Reeves, Linda Richardson, Connie Sue Riley, Sandra Rogers, Penny Salmon, Ronette Schumann, Sharon Smith, Carolyn Spurlock, Kenneth Stephens, Mitzi Tipton, Carri Wallace and Mary Ann Whitaker.


**20 YEARS** – Seated, from left, Shelley Park, Peggy Ochs, Renee Everett, Gail Hackworth, Phyllis VanWinkle; standing, Eugene Ellis, Iris Delph, Andrew Gill, Connie Vencill, Danny Cain, Billy Powell, Jackie Sparks, Deborah Thacker and Melvin Alcorn. Not pictured: Michael Judge, Dana Kears, Bao Ching Lin, Marie Mitchell, Charles Renfro, Laurie Sissel, Dickie Smith, Glenn Stacey and Linda Strong.

**25 YEARS** – Seated, from left, Sandra Relfett, Don Calitri, Laura Melus; standing, Kathy Reynolds, Everett Woolery, James VanWinkle, Rebecca Etherington, Jama Vice, Judith Calkin and Erman Wirtz. Not pictured: Rex Barker, Carolyn Birt, Patrick Martin, Ron Smith, Jacqueline Vance and Robert Watts.

**30 YEARS** – Janet Murphy and James Keith.