

Funding meeting benefits some, not all



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NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM GIVES OFFICIALS MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS

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The Student Government Association (SGA) had \$31,340.26 this semester to distribute among Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) on campus. The amount allocated among groups was roughly \$4,000 more than they gave out last semester. Forty-four student groups asked for funding Tuesday. Of those groups, only 19 received some sort of funding, while 25 received nothing.

The process to receive funding from SGA begins when the indi-

vidual RSOs fill out an application explaining why they need the exact money they are applying for.

In an effort to make the applying process easier, SGA began using a new electronic application found online.

SGA develops a special committee to rank all of the RSOs that applied for funding, based on many different factors, including how new the group is, if it has asked for money in the past and how the group will represent Eastern.

"I feel like the special committee did a great job ranking them this year," said Elizabeth Horn, the SGA appropriations chair. "I think it was very fair across the board."

At the meeting, each student group, in order, is given a chance to argue their case for why they should receive funding, that is, until funding runs out.

Also new this semester, SGA voted on each group's amendments with clickers, as part of the new electronic voting system.

Vice President Andrew Holcomb who led the meeting said he liked the new clickers because they made the meeting more effective.

"They made a lot more room for discussion," Holcomb said. "We could get through a lot more, smoothly."

Horn said both the electronic applications and the clickers
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SGA officials spent roughly four hours deciding what organizations will receive appropriate funding. The amounts given are awaiting approval.

Senators' comments result in sudden resignation

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Two senators in the Student Government Association were asked to resign last week after comments they made, published in an article in The Eastern Progress, were deemed insensitive to the university and SGA.

The two students — sophomore Student Rights Chair Cari Tretina and freshman senator Danielle Holston — were both confronted in a meeting last Thursday by SGA's Vice President Andrew Holcomb, who asked them to resign.



Tretina

Holcomb said he gave both members the choice to resign from their positions or face constitutional disciplinary actions, possibly resulting in their impeachment from office.

"The comments were not professional of SGA, and doesn't portray the culture of SGA," Holcomb said.

The call for their resignations, however, is not without controversy. As elected officials of student government, Tretina and Holston cannot be fired, according to the SGA Constitution.

Yet Tretina said in her meeting with Holcomb that she could be fired.

"He (Holcomb) said that we can ask you to resign or take necessary steps to fire you," Tretina said. "He said the words 'fire you.' I would almost put my life on the line that he said fire."

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Cari Tretina
 Sophomore Student Rights Chair

Asked by the Progress about the specifics of the conversation he had



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Danielle Holston and Cari Tretina resigned last week after comments published in an article in the Eastern Progress were deemed unprofessional.

with Tretina and Holston, Holcomb replied, "I'm not going to comment on that."

STUDENT FORUMS

The Progress article that led to Tretina's and Holston's resignations described their efforts to organize a series of public forums, where students could air their questions and concerns with Eastern administrators.

The idea of student forums, which Tretina proposed, first came up in senate meetings nearly a month ago. She said she believed they would offer a way for students to learn more about such topics as dining services, tuition and parking.

"These forums would give me the

chance to hear student's thoughts," Tretina said. "Every time I went to meetings, I announced the forums."

Tretina also said e-mails were sent out to the officials that were asked to be present, including those from the parking office, the Provost office and Aramark. In the Progress

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Effectiveness of withdrawal fee is questioned by SGA

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Last year, Eastern created a new drop fee, which required students to have a written excuse from the class instructor and to also pay a fee of \$50 per credit hour after the first four weeks of classes, if a student chose to withdraw from a course.

But there are some senate members who aren't sure the implementation is actually doing what it was intended for, causing discussions to arise about the drop fee's effectiveness and whether it needed to be implemented in the first place.

The fee was implemented to regulate students from shopping around for classes and reduce the amount of withdrawals they have, said Terry Masden, academic affairs chair for student senate.

"But I feel like it hasn't done that," Masden said.

On the other hand, some students don't oppose the idea of this implemented drop fee.

"I think it's a good idea because sometimes students sign-up for classes that they don't intend on staying in so they can have a longer time to decide on classes," said Morgan Gleaves, a senior fitness and wellness major. "That process can keep me from getting into a class that I really need."

Though some students favor the drop fee, those who feel like it hasn't done what it was intended, want a change.

This is why Masden brought the idea of getting rid of the drop fee to the attention of SGA for a discussion and to be voted on.

Upon request from Student Body President Caleb Armbrust, Masden made the idea known. This should allow the administration to see that the drop fee is not the right thing to do and there are other steps they could have taken to regulate student behavior, Masden said.

The process of the legislation has to first come to the student and/or faculty senate. Then, it goes to the counsel on academic affairs and/or the financial planning committee. Those two groups regulate pricing and academia at Eastern. If it passes through these groups, it goes to President Whitlock and the Board of Regents, Masden said.

Currently, the legislation is in the process of being discussed by the council of academic affairs.

"Hopefully it gets there and they will discuss it not being useful," Masden said.

The process of getting the drop fees removed could take a while.

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Campus Crusade for Christ is more than just religion

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Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) is changing lives on campus.

Any given Thursday, at around 8:28 p.m., one of the largest student organizations on campus gathers for their weekly meeting.

Role isn't called. Minutes from the last meeting aren't read. There's no treasurer to give a report.

CRU, although large in numbers, isn't your typical student organization. There's no formal process, initiation process or membership fee.

"It's not really an organization you have to join," said Emily Gleason, CRU member. "People can come and go whenever they want."

Each meeting starts with worship, followed by a speaker and then all the members' head to downstairs Powell or some other venue of that sort to hang out.

What CRU is all about is fellowship with other believers.

Although a Christian based organization, CRU meetings are open to anyone that chooses to attend, and the members of CRU wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's a place where people feel welcome and they can belong," Gleason said. "It's definitely a place for believers to grow, but also for new people to come in and even if they're not Christian, just to have fellowship with fun people."

CRU has its fair share of fun with a slew of activities the group hosts on and off campus. Each year they host a formal, tailgating at football games, several weekend retreats, a spring break trip to Destin, Fla. and several community outreach programs.

All of the events have a purpose of reaching out to the Eastern community and

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CRU is one of the biggest organizations on campus. Members don't pay dues or go through a formal process. They can come and go as they please, but many stay because they love it.



All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Feb. 14

■ Korey Roberson was arrested for disorderly conduct after officers arrived to respond to a fire alarm at Walters Hall. Roberson attempted to enter the building before it had been cleared, and he became angry when he was refused entry and began to yell obscenities and threw a plastic bottle. The officer said Roberson's action caused undue alarm and annoy-

ance. He was lodged at Madison County Detention Center.

Feb. 17

■ The artwork "Wayward Remembrance", located in front of the Campbell Building, was found damaged. Owner/Creator Austin Deal said the ceramic spears on the piece had been removed and thrown on the ground damaging the \$750 artwork. There are no suspects.

Feb. 18

■ Charles Hubbard reported that his girlfriend Haley Phelps assaulted him in the Powell East Lot. Hubbard said that Phelps had smacked and scratched him because he wanted to leave the Mule Barn party at Arlington and she did

not. Phelps said Hubbard had pushed her to the ground during the altercation. After being advised to stay away from Hubbard, Phelps refused and was arrested for alcohol intoxication in a public place and was lodged in Madison County Detention Center.

Feb. 19

■ Tyler LeMaster was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after officers observed him driving the wrong way on the one way McGregor Service Drive. He was asked to complete the standard field sobriety tests and failed all five tests including the breath test, one legged stand and ABCs. LeMaster was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

News Briefs

Housing Re-contracting ends March 1

Re-contracting for university housing will end March 1. Sophomores with 30 or more hours can begin to register Feb. 23 and freshmen and any other non upperclassmen student can begin to re-contract on Feb. 28 until March 1. All juniors and seniors should already have re-contracted. Telford Hall and Walters Hall will remain the two upperclassmen dorms on campus, with the only two buildings have unrestricted visitation. All buildings are set to be coed by floor, except the Greek Towers, Telford that will coed by suite, Martin whose East wing will be male and whose North wing will be female and Burnam which will be all female.

Seminar on Student Plagiarism presented by ECU Faculty

Faculty from various departments will present a presentation regarding the article "The Shadow Scholar: The Man who writes you students' papers" 3:30 p.m. March 1 in the Faculty Lounge in the Keene Johnson Building. Experience and advice will be shared on how to deal with student plagiarism. Faculty Jane Rainey, Ann Chapman and Rob Sica will present. The events is sponsored by the ECU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors and the Teaching and Learning Center. For more information, contact Hal Blythe at Hal.Blythe@mymail.eku.edu.

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THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR
 Week of February 24 - March 2

What's Happening

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fireside Chat with Provost Janna Vice <p>5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heart Smart Cooking Class, Burrier Lab <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Basketball at UT Martin <p>8:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Basketball at UT Martin 	<p>1 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis at Marshall <p>3:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Softball vs. Indiana State University in Birmingham, AL ■ Colloquium at ECU Libraries, 204G Crabbe Library 	<p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball vs. Penn State University ■ Softball vs. Saint Louis University in Birmingham, AL ■ Men's Tennis at Purdue <p>6:15 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Basketball at Murray State <p>8:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Basketball at Murray State 	<p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Softball vs Alabama State University in Birmingham, AL <p>12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball vs Penn State University 	<p>8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ECU Orchestra, Brock Auditorium 	<p>All Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performance evaluations due for Administration cycle ■ Last Day for Intramural Indoor Soccer Registration ■ Last Day for Intramural Softball Registration ■ Last Day for Intramural Ultimate Frisbee Registration <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball vs Western California University 	<p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball vs Western Carolina University <p>8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ECU Jazz Ensemble, Gifford Theater

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'Modern day bible' inspires students

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At first glance of the cover of Marian Jordan's book "Sex and the City Uncovered," someone might wonder if the book has any relation to the hit television series or movie. Instead, the purpose of this book might surprise many readers when they discover that Jordan's true love is not shoes or men, instead it's God.

Members of CRU and the Office of Greek Life brought Jordan to Eastern's campus last week because of her book's inspiration to Alpha Omicron Pi members. Last year, they treated her book as their modern-day Bible, studying it at their Bible studies. When the opportunity came for both organizations to bring a speaker to campus, they had no doubt that Jordan would be perfect for their event "Girls Night Out."

Jordan travels to different colleges and speaks about her experiences hoping to inspire college women. She is also in charge of Redeemed Girl Ministries, which desires to equip girls of all ages to grow in their relationship with God. She has also written four other books.



Marian Jordan came to Eastern to talk about her book "Sex and the City Uncovered". The book has no relation to the television series, and focuses on her relationship with God.

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Before the event, Jordan met with some of the sorority girls to have a prayer session, a sort of good luck that the event will touch a person's life. The night started with Whitney Low, alumni relations for Alpha Omicron Pi, who introduced "Girls Night Out" and brought students on stage to talk about their worst date. The Brock Auditorium was filled with young women anticipating Jordan.

She came out to none other than "Sex and the City" playing on the screen. To set the record straight, she does not want to bash the show or the movie, in fact, she confesses she is a big fan. So much that at one time she explains she was like the character Charlotte.

"I was looking for love in all the wrong places," Jordan said.

Jordan spent the majority of her life looking for someone to tell her she was lovable. So while in college she dove head first into the college life.

"My new boyfriend was Jose Cuervo," she said, laughing.

No one told her to stop drinking or hooking up with random guys, Jordan said, and she couldn't figure out why she was not happy.

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Speaker sheds light on string theory

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While waiting for Chautauqua speaker Brian Greene, a standing room only crowd was urged to look at the night sky once they left O'Donnell Auditorium.

It would be a sight they might see differently.

Greene took the stage and the audience erupted into applause, excited to hear the famous scientist's lecture.

Greene, a physics professor at Columbia University, is a leading expert in string theory. He is one of the best-known physicists after publishing his books, "The Elegant Universe" and "The Fabric of the Cosmos."

String theory suggests that inside every particle is another filament among fila-

ments, Greene said.

"String theory is an unproven proposition," he said. "This uncertainty of right and wrong makes people uncomfortable."

Greene spoke of string theory as a passionate journey to find the answer to one question.

"We are all familiar with the sky and stars," he said. "It drives us to seek an answer to 'why?'"

Greene said a unified theory would answer "the unknown," and the passion to find it resembles the perseverance of a child.

He said he once asked an elementary student to divide three into six. The child drew a large six on a white-board and the audience laughed when he told them the girl then drew a smaller three inside the six. "Children just go for it," Greene said. "As

we grow, we lose that [ability]."

Greene said string theory holds on to that child-like persistency.

He then showed a video with an image demonstrating an explosion of when the universe began. He played the same clip backward so the image became a tiny dot on the screen.

"If we continue to push backward we

reach nothing, just static and questions," he said. "Unified theory will try to fill in the gap and tell us what happened at time zero."

Greene said the answer to this begins with understanding gravity, prompting more child-like questions, such as "how does gravity work?" and "how does the sun pull the planets?"

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Guest Speaker Brian Greene, a professor from Columbia University, signs his book "The Elegant Universe" for a fan after his talk on string theory.

University receives more than \$300,000 in energy rebates

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Eastern received more than \$300,000 for energy efficiency rebates from Kentucky Utilities (KU) for improvements to be made to 75 buildings on campus. The rebates are offered to commercial customers of KU to replace aging and inefficient lighting, heating, air-conditioning and other infrastructural aspects that may be causing environmental damage through high-energy consumption.

"This is great stewardship to the environment," said President Doug Whitlock. "It's great stewardship of resources."

Eastern was able to participate and apply for these rebates through a contract with Siemens Building Technologies. Eastern's contract with Siemens in 2008 allowed the university to borrow money that would allow the building improvements to be made, which guaranteed the university would be applicable for the KU rebates.

Whitlock said the university expects to save close to \$9,000 a day, translating to 2.6 to 2.7 million dollars in return annually, through the changes made to buildings.

"We are beginning to see that return, but the university will really see it 12 or 13 years down the road," Whitlock said.

Eastern applied for the KU rebates in the summer of 2009, said Liz Pratt, KU spokesperson.

Pratt said the rebate is offered to commercial customers who make changes that could possibly save up to \$50,000 a year, per building.

"The rebate helped to offset the cost of other work done, such as installations, throughout campus," Pratt said.

The improvements have been said to reduce the school's CO2 footprint by 75 million pounds, which is the equivalent to taking 6,500 cars off the road, said Whitlock.

"I've been known to say green in the color of the environment, green is the color of money," Whitlock said. "This project was a no-brainer."

According to the ECU Strategic Plan, the university plans to ensure that buildings that have a "B" report card will be improved or maintained and the university will improve its Green Report Card rating to a "B plus" by 2015.

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Guests benefit from meal plan changes

By **SETH LITRELL**
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Students will now be able to treat their visiting friends and family to multiple meals at the Fresh Food Company. Members of the Student Government Association and representatives from Aramark have come to an agreement to add four "guest uses" to student meal plans, in addition to the one that already exists, for a total of five guest meals.

Bethany Robinson, the Colonel1Card administrator, said the meals do not appear on ManageMyID.com. If a student has 100 meals on their meal plan, they will only see 96, the others will not show up because they are being held in reserve. This does not mean the meals can't be used though.

"They are not specifically for guests," Robinson said.

To use the guest meals, students must tell the cashier at upstairs Powell they are bringing a guest in when they are getting

their card swiped. The cashier will take two uses off the card, one of which will be marked as a guest meal.

Four extra guest meals may not seem like a major change, but the idea took a long time to reach fruition.

"We started last fall," said Student Body President Caleb Armbrust. "I really got involved in it in October."

Armbrust said he believes there should be no limit on what students get to use their meal plans for, and there should be no regulations once a meal plan is paid for.

"Our stance is that if the student buys the plan, they can use it as they see fit," Armbrust said.

But he also acknowledged the meal plan system is more complicated than that, and he recognized that Aramark was doing their part to compromise.

"Ultimately, I feel that would be the way to go, but I'm grateful for the five Aramark gave us," Armbrust said.



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Students like Hannah Zimmerman, a sophomore from Mason, OH, will now have four extra meals on their meal plan set aside for guests.

Nominations still open for this year's 'last lecturer'

By **KAYLIA CORNETT**
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On Sept. 18, 2007, Carnegie Mellon professor Randy Pausch, who was dying of pancreatic cancer, gave an inspirational talk to students called "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," in which he spoke on the lessons he had learned over the years and how students could go about achieving their own goals.

It was Pausch's "last lecture."

Playing off the same idea as Carnegie Mellon, Eastern began their own "Last Lecture" series nearly two years ago, featuring biology professor Dave Eakin in 2009 and last year, mathematics professor Pat Coen.

Bethany Schmitt, who is helping to organize this year's series, said in the past there have been a few misconceptions about the nominees for the series, as some students have thought they were actually about to pass away, which is why they were giving a "lecture."

That is not the case at all, Schmitt said, and to alleviate the confusion, this year's series name was changed to "If this was my Last Lecture..."

Schmitt said the series was designed for students to have the opportunity to nominate a professor they feel has inspired them in the classroom, in which the winner would then give a lecture on their own "words of wisdom" and what they most want students to know about life, etc.

"It's a really good opportunity to bridge the gap between professors and students," Schmitt said, "to know that they're appreciated."

Nominations will be accepted until March 14 and forms can be found on Eastern's Housing website, as they are the sponsors for the event.

Schmitt said a date for the lecture won't be chosen until the winner is named, so that a convenient time can be selected based on the professor's time and class schedule. At this time they are hoping to schedule it sometime in mid-April, she said.

"I definitely think faculty at universities are sometimes on the bottom of the totem pole," Schmitt said, "and when they are recognized by students, it means a lot."

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To answer this, he demonstrated general relativity, a concept in which the universe works in a curved environment. Greene played a video showing how the fabric of space is warped by the sun's presence in the middle, causing the planets to gravitate around it.

This is a proven concept, but Greene said those wanting to know how it works in smaller scaled circumstances challenge it, raising the possibility the universe has more than three dimensions.

"This, though great, just opened up a can of worms," Greene said. "This has been the conflict of quantum theory for 70 years."

Greene proposed a question.

"So why is it not proven?" Greene said. "If you open the string and see another, then that's it!"

But Greene said that experiment is halted because there's a limit to how far we can magnify an object.

"We don't know if this theory is right," Greene said. "If space only has three dimensions, it doesn't work."

He said it is a "peculiar idea" to suggest there are 10 dimensions, which would allow string theory to be proven.

"My final thought is this," Greene said. "If you change those numbers just a bit, the universe as we know it is gone."

While taking questions, Greene was asked how string theory would be used if proven.

"How do you use the Mona Lisa or a Beethoven symphony?" he said. "This would enhance our understanding of

our world and how we relate to it."

Most audience members said the lecture increased their understanding of quantum physics.

"I read his first book and was interested," said Deedee Brumford, a 40-year-old chemistry major. "He has a good way of explaining complicated concepts."

Shannon Smith, an English professor, had a similar opinion.

"I came because my boyfriend is a science geek," she said. "But his [Greene] analogies really helped me understand string theory. He was down to

earth, just like I had read."

One student found the lecture to be more challenging.

"It's a hard concept to wrap your mind around, especially if you aren't specialized in the field," said Tyler Cox, a 21-year-

Zac Caldwell
student

old aviation major.

Student worker Zac Caldwell said Greene was fantastic and a joy to have on campus.

"Dr. Greene has chosen to take the most beautiful and difficult idea known to man and make it accessible to the lay person," said Caldwell, a senior political science major.

"I was lucky enough to look at a beautiful night sky with this world famous physicist. We spoke for a moment about the moon and gravity," he said. "The man left me with a new knowledge about stars and moons, but also with a compelling sense of place in the universe."

CRU

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providing an accepting environment where people feel comfortable to be themselves and worship God, no matter what their denomination may be.

Outreach is the main premise behind CRU. The organization holds a student led Bible study in each dorm and inserts itself in campus life and the Richmond community at every opportunity.

"We try to help people find a direction and purpose in life," said Becca Woolum, an intern for CRU. "We want to show God's love to all people whether or not they agree with us."

Involvement in CRU has had a profound effect on many of its members and some even credit the group with changing their life for the better.

Michael Cannon, an active member, was going through some pretty rough times the second semester of his freshman year. His roommate at the time, a member of CRU, recognized his struggle and invited him to attend a Thursday night meeting.

"He had built up a community there and thought it would be really good for me to get plugged in there," Cannon said.

Cannon attended some CRU meetings, and decided he was getting exactly what he needed from the fellowship and worship there. Now a junior, Cannon has been a faithful member since.

"I mean, for me, CRU has been monumental to my belief system," Cannon said. "I can't even imagine not being involved in it. CRU was what turned my entire life around."

Woolum was a member of CRU when she was a student at Eastern. The organization came to mean so much to her and be such an essential part of her life that she decided to come back as an intern after graduation. A family and consumer science education major, working with CRU ministry is not something Woolum saw herself doing in the fu-

ture.

"Because I had such a great experience with CRU as a student I wanted to help other students be able to find that relationship with Christ that I found through CRU," Woolum said. "It totally changed my life's direction I guess."

Members agree that even though the organization is large, it is easy to forge meaningful and lasting relationships within the group. Although cliques tend to form within an organization this large, the group recognizes this and works to correct the issue.

"I think that the different events that we have throughout the week and throughout the semester really bring us all together and help us to communicate between people and help us make sure that people aren't being left out," Cannon said.

There are several smaller teams within CRU that Gleason believes help people get to know one another and to get in-

cluded.

"I feel like a lot of people are really close with a bunch of people because we have different teams that people are on," Gleason said.

The recent tragic death of a CRU member, Hillary Hadley, at the beginning of last semester, proved the group has strong ties.

"It has been a really big struggle for our ministry, and it's been really hard," Wollum said. "Even students that didn't know her very well have been really affected by it. It's been really cool to see the students come alongside one another and really encourage one another through that."

Hadley's death has enlightened members and their hope and strength in God has made this time a time of celebration for Hadley's life and the fact that she is in heaven now. The death also encouraged them to appreciate their own lives more.

"It really kind of focused us on what's really important and just how valuable people are and the importance of each life on campus and how brief our lives are," Cannon said.

JORDAN

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"I would go through the same stupid process called the downward spiral," Jordan said.

After college, she landed a job in public relations making tons of money and buying all kinds of material things. She figured her new plan would make her happy, but it didn't. One day while sitting in a bar alone she said she "prayed her first prayer."

"I confessed to God, if you are real, then help because I'm broken, I'm hurting," she said.

Jordan looked out into the audience of several hundred young college girls and said, "I stand before you transformed."

She quoted the Bible saying the truth will set you free. She finally found the only thing that made her

truly happy and that was God.

"The first truth is that only God can feel the God-Spot," Jordan said.

Jordan also touched on the subject of sex saying "sex is supposed to be sacred between two people because God designed sex for bonding."

Jordan believes and teaches in her book that God says to save sex for marriage because he wants to protect his daughters from any kind of pain. She went on to explain about the statistics on STDs, and to drive her point home she read an excerpt from her book.

At the end of the event, Jordan stayed to talk with anyone who wanted to talk.

"It was different in a good way," said Vivian Arnold, an undeclared sophomore. "She didn't bash the show. And there was a lot of honesty from her."

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"It's going to depend. I'm not going to guarantee it's going to be fixed for next semester. At best, it will probably be fall of 2012 that it would actually be removed from effect," Masden said. "It would be glorious if it got removed this coming fall, but that's kind of optimistic."

Masden said he hopes this discussion will ignite an effort for students and faculty to work alongside one another in discussing a more effective way to solve the problem of class registration and withdrawal.

"We want to get the students and faculty to work together to say 'hey it's a bad idea and you guys should find a different route,'" Masden said.

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article, Tretina was quoted as saying that she struggled to confirm that any officials would indeed be present at the forum, as many had said they were interested but no one ultimately confirmed that they would be there.

Provost Janna Vice said the Provost's office was not aware of any forums taking place, and did not receive any e-mails confirming dates or times of the forums or their needed attendance.

"I had no knowledge about invitations to forums," Vice said. "When the article came out about the forums, we called Andrew to ask if we got an invitation."

In senate meeting notes obtained by the Eastern Progress, on four separate occasions, in senate, Tretina mentioned a need for forums.

On Nov. 2, 2010, Tretina spoke for the first time in an open discussion about the future forums.

On Jan. 11, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, Tretina discussed the forums, and on Feb. 8, told senate to "watch for an e-mail and a flyer" about the forums.

Early Friday afternoon, when asked if Holcomb had any knowledge about the forums he said, "I'm not going to answer that."

In a second interview later Friday afternoon, he said, "We knew forums were in the future and that forums were taking place."

Holcomb presided over and called to order each of the meetins mentioned above, according to the senate notes.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

As the head of senate, Holcomb is required to report all senate affairs up the chain of command to SGA President Caleb Armbrust, according to SGA's Constitution.

But Armbrust said he was unaware the forums were to take place until Aramark called him to discuss the length of the forums, which were scheduled for four hour time slots, a length that was likely unrealistic for many administrators.

"I don't know what you're talking



TREY BURKE/PROGRESS

Vice President Andrew Holcomb, above, presided over the senate meetings that featured discussions, led by Student Rights Chair Cari Tretina, about the open forums week.

about," said Armbrust to Charles Brubeck of Aramark.

Armbrust emphasized SGA has open communication and a good relationship with parking and Aramark.

"If you're planning on having forums, tell me," Armbrust said. "Four hour blocks are unrealistic and I don't want to be blindsided (when people call me)."

A THURSDAY MORNING CALL

Still it was not the forums themselves that caused the sudden resignation of Holston and Tretina, but the comments made in the article that stirred internal conflict.

Thursday morning, Tretina said she received two phone calls around 11 a.m., one from Jean Arthur, SGA's administrative assistant, and the other from Holcomb.

In the messages, both asked to speak



Armbrust

with Tretina immediately.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. Holston, Tretina, Holcomb and Phillip Migyanko, SGA's ethics administrator, met to discuss the comments.

At this time Holston and Tretina were asked to resign.

Tretina said her resignation was forced.

When asked about the resignation Holcomb said, "I'm not going to comment on that."

Tretina said Holcomb told her she had to resign, because of the tone she took in the article.

Holcomb, however, said the reason for their resignation was brought about because of the comments in the paper and did not stem from the actual forums themselves.

"If you talk really bad about your company, it's the same sort of principle," Hol-

comb said.

Armbrust said he was never told about the call for Tretina and Holston's resignation until three hours after the meeting.

"I was not involved in the decision to ask them to step down," Armbrust said.

Tretina, on the other hand, said she was under the impression the decision for their resignations came from the Provost's office.

The Provost, however, said she played no role in the resignations.

"Whatever dialogue happened between SGA, I had nothing to do with," Vice said. "There was no pressure coming from us. What happens in their inner-ranks is completely up to SGA."

'THE SCAPEGOAT'

Even though Tretina said she was hurt by the sudden reaction to the article, she said she submitted her resignation and decided not to appeal.

"I'm not trying to fight this for three months," Tretina said. "I don't want to be looked down on in senate."

Tretina said she felt that Holcomb's reaction to the comments pointed the blame toward Tretina and Holston.

"I think I was used as a scapegoat," she said.

Holcomb said SGA followed proper procedures.

"We did an investigation to see what exactly happened and we made an in-

formed decision from that," Holcomb said. "I don't like that this situation has to happen. It's just not what SGA is."

Holston said she did resign, but did not comment further.

"This article was just about the administration coming out," Tretina said. "I was struggling to get help and wanted to be heard, so we could help each other out. I

would never do anything to demean EKU or SGA. I'd never insult Eastern. I don't do this for the credit. This sucks. When I finally get awareness, I get shut down."

Caleb Armbrust
SGA President

"If you're planning on having forums, tell me. I don't want to be blindsided when people call me."

RSO FUNDING

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helped speed up the long process so that the meeting ended an hour or two sooner than usual. Tuesday night's meeting was the fastest they had finished in a couple of years.

"There was time for a lot more talk and discussion, however, I felt like it was very productive," Horn said. "It means we were efficient."

The national champion Bassmasters received the most money, getting \$6,799. VETS received the second most, taking home \$4,148.17.

SGA decided due to the fact that The Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) didn't have a representative at the meeting, they were not worthy of the funding they requested because many

other RSOs had a representative present the entire meeting, some of whom also left empty handed.

One of the bigger discussions of the night was for the funding of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) for a plane ticket to a convention in Colorado and an embroidered tablecloth to make the group look more professional and be taken seriously. The group ended up with \$1,103.63.

Racquetball received the amount of funding it applied for, at \$1,634.27, for group T-shirts, approved on the grounds as being a team uniform and memberships to the YMCA to use the racquetball courts. The group argued the racquetball courts in Begley are twice the size of regulation courts and the floors were deteriorating.

The official records will be kept in the SGA office in a binder and anyone can access them.

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Elizabeth Horn
SGA appropriations chair



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Funding meeting results

The following amounts were dispursed to numerous RSOs. The amounts are waiting cabinet approval.

Resident Student Organization	Requested Amount	Amount Received
 Men of Character	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
Ranger Club	\$1,635.00	\$1,635.00
 Alphabet Center	\$889.77	\$424.24
Racquetball	\$1,634.27	\$1,634.27
Students for Appalachia	\$1716.10	\$1416.10
 Colonels Infrantry	\$3,792.00	\$1,893.00
KEASP — Corbin	\$200.00	\$200.00
VETS	\$6,254.82	\$4,148.17
Bassmasters	\$17,877.00	\$6,799.00
 Corbin Environmental Pride	\$1,350.00	\$400.00
Campus Cycle Coalition	\$958.00	\$107.64
SAM	\$1,249.95	\$0
MARS	\$577.80	\$0
 AESA	\$1,886.96	\$1,886.96
Barristers Society	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
Sport Club Council	\$3,563.00	\$1,781.50
 Eastern Equestrian	\$4,398.40	\$2,398.40
American String Teachers	\$2,370.00	\$1,620.98
NORML	\$1,817.67	\$1,103.63
 Ultimate Frisbee	\$734.94	\$359.94
Gamers Unite	\$1,002.53	\$155.84

*By the end of the meeting the SGA had \$1.58 left.

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Kaylia Cornett, editor

Energy efficiency: what's our motive?

Why is it whenever anyone talks about "going green" they are inevitably focused on money?

The campus just received over \$300,000 because of the changes they made to the lighting and air-conditioning systems in some buildings. Would they have done it for nothing?

President Whitlock said he expects to save close to \$9,000 a day from the changes that have been made to the buildings on campus, and that this is a great way for Eastern to take part in environmental stewardship. But does stewardship necessarily have to focus on monetary gain?

It's great that Eastern can eliminate \$9,000 of energy inefficiency a day, and the fact that we get a rebate for it is even better. But if the motive behind this "stewardship" is profit, is it still stewardship? Would we be doing these things if there weren't some sort of gain? If the motives from those at the top of the totem pole are not to run a more energy efficient campus, the people at the bottom will not do the things they can do to make the campus more efficient.

We can see this happening now. Take a walk around campus at night, when most, if not all, of the professors have gone home. You will see lights on in office windows, burning away at our energy efficiency and hurting the campus report card that we get every year. There are lights in some buildings that stay on all the time. These aren't hallways or facilities that people need to have access to, they are just offices that someone didn't bother to turn the lights off in when



they left.

Professors are not the only ones guilty of being energy inefficient. The facilities around campus have also been wasteful. We have heard complaints about toilets that flush when they aren't supposed to and paper towel dispensers that malfunction and won't stop dispensing. The computers in labs are kept running at all times. Of course, many students take advantage of the computer labs in the library, but there are com-

puter rooms in departments that are locked if a teacher is not there. Is it really too hard to shut these off at night? If we are so concerned about being a clean and efficient campus, why haven't all of these issues been remedied?

We at the Progress have admittedly been found guilty of this before ourselves, and we would be lying if we said the student body always did their part for campus efficiency. We sometimes come into the office after long nights of copy editing to find that the last person to leave didn't turn off the lights, or that our computers are still running.

So what does this list of problems mean? If Eastern is going to really focus on becoming more energy efficient, it means that we have to make that focus a campus-wide effort. We can't just make the changes that will benefit us financially and then give ourselves a pat on the back for being more environmentally friendly. If Eastern wants to improve its report card, it will take more than President Whitlock and the others in charge of the campus. It will take the participation of everyone involved on campus doing their part in the little ways that make the big differences.

We began with questions on how it is possible for Eastern to improve its efficiency. We will end with a challenge. Do you want Eastern to be a more energy efficient campus? If so, prove it in your own way.

>Letters to the editor

Student body president invites students to discuss real-world politics, campus-related issues

Fellow Colonels,

Mr. Zancan wrote a couple of articles in last week's Progress, one about Egypt, and the other about using our voices.

The general message behind both pieces, as I interpreted them, was that as students and Americans, we should be staying involved with not only the things that happen on our campus, but that we have a responsibility to stay current on the happenings in our country and world.

I could not agree more with Mr. Zancan. His articles have prompted me to extend an offer to the student body that is long past due. I would like to present the opportunity for students to meet in my office on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. to discuss a national issue, as well as a campus issue.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact me via e-mail at caleb.armbrust@eku.edu or contact the Student Government Association at 859.622.1724.

I would love to have our first meeting tomorrow morning in my office, which is located in middle Powell within the confines of the SGA office.

If this is something that we can agree is a worthwhile endeavor, there is a strong possibility of refreshments being provided.

Caleb Armbrust
Student Body President

An apple a day keeps the campus drivers away



MyTurn
Darren
Zancan

What's the point of having crosswalks on campus if people fail to stop at them?

On Monday, I was walking across the Park Drive, the street between the Student Services Building and Combs. A pedestrian was walking toward me, when a car came up to the stop. When the first pedestrian made it halfway across the street, the driver decided to floor it and go.

The only problem: I was right in front of her car. She was a nanosecond away from hitting me. It looked like she was a parent who had no idea what the rules on campus were. She looked at me with that "What did I do" look.

I thought about chasing after her, jumping on her car and screaming at the top of my lungs, maybe even chucking apples at her car, then inserting the

famous line, "How do you like them apples?"

Instead, I continued to walk to class.

I've heard rumors that if pedestrians are hit on campus they receive free tuition. Dang it. I was just a fraction of a second away from free tuition. OK, maybe that's not true, but simply put - pay attention, people.

I've seen cars go by at what feels like 40 miles per hour. It's a campus where everyone walks. And I have seen many cars just blow by crosswalks when pedestrians were walking.

Maybe people are too busy texting, or talking on their phones (like the one lady was).

But for the most part, people are just in a rush to get to where they are going.

Eastern students follow the rules, and aren't the ones I am calling out.

It's more of the soccer mom-casual, or never on campus driver that I am speaking to.

Next time I see a car coming, I'm going to lie in the street, with a bag of apples, ready to fire.

SGA will provide transportation to 'Rally for Higher Education' for students to lobby for affordable tuition

It's that time of year again, a time where our voice, the student voice, will be heard at the State Capital.

Public universities across the state, including the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Morehead State University, and of course, Eastern Kentucky University, are meeting at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort on Tuesday, March 1, for the "Rally for Higher Education."

The theme this year is "Because we are worth it."

This year the Board of Student Body Presidents will be fighting for students to keep the cost of higher education affordable and to prevent tuition increases.

The Student Government Association will be supplying a bus, free T-shirts and an excused absence from class for 50 people. Students whose attendance is verified by the Student Government Association will receive a university

excuse.

The bus will be leaving Alumni Coliseum at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and we will be returning around 6 p.m.

If you would like to attend and have a chance to speak with state legislators and voice your opinion about higher education, stop by the SGA office or contact Chief of Staff Matthew White at (859) 622-6525 or at matthew.white@eku.edu.

Matthew White
SGA Chief-of-Staff

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>Letters to the editor (continued)

Dispute over sandwich prices in Fountain Food Court stirs interest in the treatment of Aramark employees

It is no secret the price of food on campus is outrageous. For the cost of one PB&J, I can make four at home and get free water. I try to avoid spending half of my part-time job paycheck on snacks and lunch on campus, due to the fact I feel that the tuition I shell out should, in part, go to making food affordable on campus.

In any case, today I was in a hurry and missed breakfast. As a last resort, I happily clacked my flip-flops over to downstairs Powell and resolved to purchasing the cheapest, yet fulfilling, thing I could find between my two French classes.

I bypassed Chik-Fil-A and Grillworks, frowning at their \$3.50 hamburger. Come on, I can get three and a half McDoubles for that price.

So I sauntered to the refrigerated cooler, housing the deli sandwiches and veggies. Usually, I settle on a PB&J, but I was hungry. I tossed the \$5 subs away and discovered a gem, a ham and cheese on Kaiser with lettuce, tomato and onion for, get ready, \$2.59.

I happily grabbed my prize and got in line at the cash register. I was barely paying attention when the cashier promptly asked for a \$5 and some change. Having already given her my card, she had swiped it before I politely said, "Ma'am, the sandwich is only \$2.59"

She didn't hear me at first, so I repeated.

This time she heard and ushered over what appeared to be a manager.

Now, I consider myself a nice person, but evil thoughts penetrated my rainbows and puppies as this manager snappily told her employee to restart describing the situation.

She edged on the verge of verbal abuse in my book as she impatiently said, "Now you're going to have to start over!" and "I can't see your screen!"

I suppose you had to hear the tone of voice for the full effect, but I was shocked and surprised that this woman treated her employee that way, especially in front of a customer.

In any case, they re-rang me up, and it still showed I owed \$5.

"Well, just do half-off then!" barked Miss Snappy Pants, every word laced with impatience.

Feeling psyched I had inadvertently swindled the overpriced food system, I took my half-off sandwich and sat down at a table. I noticed the man at the table next to me was also a manager on lunch break.

I dug in only to look up and see Snappy with armfuls of my ham and cheese sandwiches in front of the other manager.

"Look at this! We need to tell them to be more careful. They just cost us three bucks!" She hastily walked off to what I assume to be some stickering and pricing room where they devise the best way to eat into our pockets. Let me preface the next part by saying I understand how a business works; if something goes wrong a manager must confront an employee. However,

as the lady manager returned from her visit to the pricing room, I could tell that no such form of professionalism took place in her confrontation.

"I told them they just cost us money! They tried to deny it and blame it on (insert random name here)." I instantly no longer desired my half-priced sandwich. It appeared that the employees there did not receive respect from their uppers and if my \$3 off would cause such a disturbance, I wanted no part in it.

Why am I writing this about a seemingly small experience? I was appalled by this manager's demeanor. It leaves me wondering how the Aramark employees are being treated and it leaves a bitter taste in my mouth that this behavior occurs over asking for some cash register assistance and \$3. Downstairs Powell may need to re-evaluate the way their employees are treated if a customer is seeing such a display of disrespect, especially if the students and faculty are expected to pay outlandish prices for food.

Jessica Rapier
Student

Feminists hope to stir change without being impeded by stereotypes

Feminism. After the recent article written in The Eastern Progress, one conjures up an image of a high-heeled, make-up wearing, man-loving, Barbie Doll-looking feminist. She sounds like the spitting image of someone you would befriend. Yes, this is the case for some feminists, but why are feminists being defined by the way we look? Feminism as an ideology does not rely on appealing to the masses to think forward about gender equality.

The members of Feminists For Change care about looks, sure, but our mission is to create activism through feminism and raise awareness on gender equality issues. This means we care about creating change in many ways for women AND men.

Feminists for Change have women with hair on their legs that like women, and women with shaved legs. We have women who like men and men who like men. We have men who like women and women that like men and women. We have women and men that like women and men. But does any of this really mat-

ter? Does the stereotype of a feminist stand up for the rights of both genders and support their equality? Does the anti-stereotype touch lives through activist work with rape and sexual assault, like Take Back the Night? Does the stereotype hang each of those T-shirts that tell someone's story? Does that stereotype travel and work and fight and live and love and change this small world in hopes of changing the whole world? No, the men and women of Feminists for Change do all these things.

Feminists for Change isn't about busting stereotypes because someone's ability to affect lives and make their world a better place for everyone isn't affected by the clothes they wear or the make-up on their face. Feminists for Change aren't for stereotypes, it's for people who care and want change. It's for *people*, not their exteriors. Leave those at the door.

Farah Ardeshir &
Emily Atwood
Feminists For Change

'Just the two of us': Couple doesn't need children to have a satisfying marriage



As I sit in my living room watching "Sex and the City 2", a scene comes across the screen where Carrie and Big tell another couple they don't want kids. The couple acts like it was the worst thing a fellow married couple could ever say.

For me, this is a common occurrence.

I have been married almost seven years and have been together with the same man for almost 13 years. And we do not have kids, nor do we ever plan to have any. Carrie and Big may have coined the phrase "just us two", but my husband and I have been living it and will continue to live it for the rest of our lives.

When asked why we choose to live our lives without children, I simply say it isn't for us. Instead, I want to ask them why they choose to have children. Is it because that is what they think they are supposed to do? Is it just to carry on the family name? But I never ask these questions.

I often hear the misconception that I do not like kids. That is far from the truth. I love being around kids. They say some of the most amazing things. I enjoy getting down in the floor and playing games or toys with them. Plus, they often put a smile on my face.

Besides that, the truth is there are so many reasons why I have chosen not to have kids. First off, I enjoy my freedom too much to be flooded with the responsibility of a child. I enjoy going out on a Thursday night, or going out of town for a weekend without worrying who will take care of my child. To some, this may sound selfish. But to me, I am taking full advantage of what life has to offer. That is what is important to me. If this makes me selfish, then

so be it.

Another reason why I choose not to have a child is what I went through with my nephew who died when he was a baby almost eight years ago. I was so close to him and to see him suffer was hard to bear. And he wasn't even my child. For me, the scary part of having a child would be to go through something like this again. Because a person never knows how their child will be born into this world. That baby could have some kind of disease that will only allow them to live for a few years. To me that type of pain is something I never want to experience.

Among other reasons out there, the main one is this: to live is to feel and experience pain and no matter what, a parent cannot protect their child from the pain that they will endure on this earth. For the most part, I enjoy life, but it has handed me a lot of pain as well. What does a parent do when their child is constantly being tormented at school for not being perfect? What does a parent do when their child has been run over by a van and their life is hanging on by machines and doctors? I have seen parents struggle with this and there is nothing they can do to take away their child's pain. And because of that simple truth, I choose not to have kids.

I know by not having kids I will never be able to pass down my grandmother's wedding ring or pass down memories of my life. And that is OK with me. I have been blessed with amazing nieces and nephews and I know they will always be a part of my life. I don't need a child to fill a void in my life because there is no void to fill. I am happy with it being "just us two."



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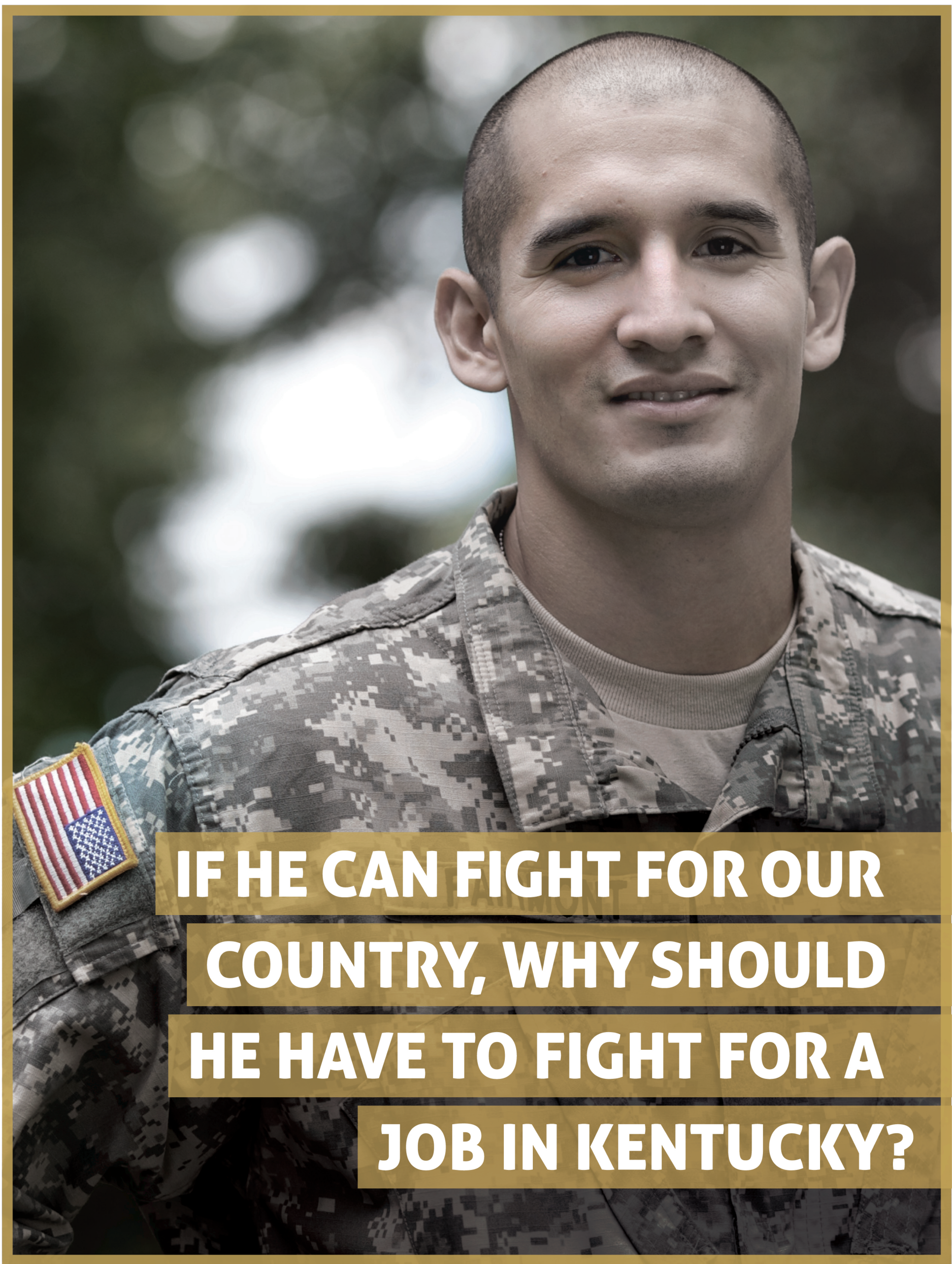
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- Animal hair
 - Specks in the sea
 - 1984 Peace Nobel
 - Single-strand molecule (abbrev.)
 - Chiang Kai-shek's capital
 - Knowing, as a secret (2 wds)
 - Shortened version
 - Gentle
 - Like The Citadel, now
 - Corpulent
 - "... happily ___ after"
 - Professional wrestler Mike Awesome
 - Dullard
 - Class
 - Agency monitoring edible products (abbrev.)
 - Wood sorrels
 - Lash out at
 - Floor coverings
 - Deserving rebuke
 - Atlantic City attraction
 - Statues with no head and hands
 - One who mimics
 - Chester White's home
 - Energize
 - Links rental

- Down
- Brawl
 - Undo the lock
 - Make less dense
 - Inspection Test Date (acronym)
 - Thickening agent (pl.)
 - Backbend dance
 - Blunt-edged fencing sword
 - Alexander Hamilton bills
 - Locale
 - Preset explosive (2 wds)
 - Unambiguous

- Put up with
- Disrobe
- "American ___"
- Not far
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- Discordant noises
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- Weaken
- Omens
- "Cast Away" setting
- Pueblo doll
- Allergic reaction
- French royalty
- Forever, poetically
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LET'S GET READY TO WRESTLE

EASTERN'S SEFC HOSTS FREE PPV WRESTLING EVENT

By **TRISTAN MEIMAN**
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When most people think about wrestling, the first thought that comes to mind is ridiculous acting, fake punches, body slams and the realization that folding chairs serve a greater purpose other than just for sitting.

On Feb. 21, Eastern's SEFC (Sports Entertainment Fan Club) hosted a pay-per-view event "The Road to WrestleMania XXVII Goes Through Elimination Chamber." The World Wrestling Federation's February pay-per-view "Elimination Chamber" consisted of wrestlers Edge, Drew McIntyre, Wade Barrett, Kane, Rey Mysterio and a mysterious secret wrestler, to be unveiled later. For those unbeknownst to what WrestleMania is, in short, it's the world series of wrestling.



Brian Garcia

"We've been doing this for about a year now," said Brian Garcia, president of the SEFC. "We're expecting an even bigger turnout for WrestleMania next month."

Eastern's SEFC started last semester and is aided by the Student Activities Council (SAC). The SEFC organizes the events, while SAC takes care of the finances.

"We first started out in Palmer as a little get together," said James Allen, vice president of the SEFC. "We pitched the idea to SAC and it took off from there. We're very pleased with what we've done."

The cost of the event was the usual price for a pay-per-view match, which can cost as much as \$50.

"It was a pretty good event," said Andrew Hainley, a sophomore music education major. "You meet some awesome people while watching the match, so overall a good time."

The event took place in middle Powell lobby and was nothing short



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Lovers of wrestling from across Eastern's campus gathered Sunday for a pay-per-view showing of "The Road to WrestleMania XXVII Goes Through Elimination Chamber," hosted by Eastern's Sports Entertainment Fan Club.

of packed, with wrestling fans and newcomers.

"It was a good turn out overall, more and more people show up every time," said Tyler Nutter, secretary of the SEFC.

While observing the event, a recurring question kept coming up - "Who is this mysterious wrestler whose identity remains secret?"

As the event continued, the announcer informed the audience the secret wrestler would soon emerge. There was almost a sudden hush over the audience. Then out came the wrestler Big Show (a well-known wrestler in the WWE) and not only did the crowd at the show erupt with excitement, but students watching the match joined in as well.

With the crowd fired up, and the match just beginning, the excitement was only escalating.

"When you watch so much wrestling you know what's coming," said LaRon Goodwin, a junior psychology major. "Sometimes they catch

you off guard, but not too bad."

Some of you may be asking yourself, "How do people actually enjoy an event that's staged and fake?"

The answer is simple.

The fact that it's fake is why people watch it.

Wrestling fans enjoy the drama that supports the foundation on what the WWE is based on.

While among fans there is a constant rivalry between the world of wrestling and the world of UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship), each cater to their own specific audience. While the WWE is all a big act, it falls under a PG rating, therefore, appealing to a broader audience.

UFC, on the other hand, is for people who wish to see two people test their skills of various martial arts or to see someone get the crap beaten out of them.

The next event scheduled by the SEFC will be Sunday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in Powell lobby. If you are interested in some hardcore wrestling do yourself a favor and stop by.



'SWEENEY TODD' IS A BLOODY GOOD TIME

EKU THEATRE PRESENTS 'SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET' FEB. 23 TO 28

By **ADAM TURNER**
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If you're looking for a nice haircut or a clean shave, you may want to venture far away from Fleet Street.

However, if you're looking for a high quality, entertaining production of the famous play "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," look no further than Eastern's very own performance, playing from Feb. 23 to 28.

For those not familiar with the well-known Stephen Sondheim musical or the 2007 Tim Burton film based off it, "Sweeney Todd" takes place in 19th century London and revolves around the title character, a vengeful barber who begins murdering his customers with a razor.

With the help of his loving accomplice, Mrs. Lovett, Todd proceeds to process their bodies into meat for Lovett's meat pie business.

With a premise as seemingly morbid as this, it could be easy for a play and its actors to sink into gloom, resulting in an upsetting, disappointing performance.

Luckily, "Sweeney Todd" uses its unique premise to give way to at times hilarious, dark humor and ultimately tragic, affecting drama.

Director Homer Tracy and Vocal Director Jessica Slaton lead an impressive cast full of students both young and old to create a believable, captivating scene. Though



Homer Tracy



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Caitlin Ingram, as Mrs. Lovett, and Thomas Gibbs, as Sweeney Todd, perform a number titled 'My Friends' during a recent dress rehearsal for Eku Theatre's production of 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.'

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2011 Oscar Predictions



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It is that time of year again when our favorites from the film industry go head to head with hopes of receiving that iconic, coveted golden man. This Sunday, Feb. 27, is the 83rd Annual Academy Awards, broadcast on ABC at 8 p.m.

With each Oscar season comes a certain air of unpredictability. Each Academy Awards Ceremony has its own surprises, snubs, underdogs and sure things. This year will be no exception. Here are some predictions as to who will win in the major categories, as well as who truly deserves it.

Best Picture

Nominees: "127 Hours," "Black Swan," "The Fighter," "Inception," "The Kids Are All Right," "The King's Speech," "The Social Network," "Toy Story 3," "True Grit" and "Winter's Bone"

Will Win: Most critics and analysts are expecting the more traditionally Academy tailored "King's Speech" to take this one, but I'm predicting an upset by the former front-runner for this award, "The Social Network." Both a critical darling and a commercial success, this film tapped into our generation's zeitgeist like no other this year.

Should Win: Though "The Social Network" was an undoubtedly worthy and amazing film, Christopher Nolan's "Inception" just barely gets the edge, due to the way it captured the minds and imaginations of millions for months after its release.

Best Actor

Nominees: Javier Bardem- "Biutiful," Jeff Bridges- "True Grit," Jesse Eisenberg- "The Social Network," Colin Firth- "The King's Speech" and James Franco- "127 Hours"

Will Win: Colin Firth for his role as a king with a speech disorder. After decades of solid work, this is his moment.

Should Win: Jesse Eisenberg kept his performance of Facebook-mastermind Mark Zuckerberg layered and complex enough that people still argue whether he was in the right or wrong.

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'Unknown' offers mind-bending adventure



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Using the term "identity crisis" would be an understatement for the star of the new movie "Unknown."

Liam Neeson ("Taken" and "Shindler's List") stars as Dr. Martin Harris in the new thriller who has his world turned upside down.

"Unknown" takes viewers on a wild ride while Neeson figures out whether someone is trying to steal his identity, or if he's just crazy.

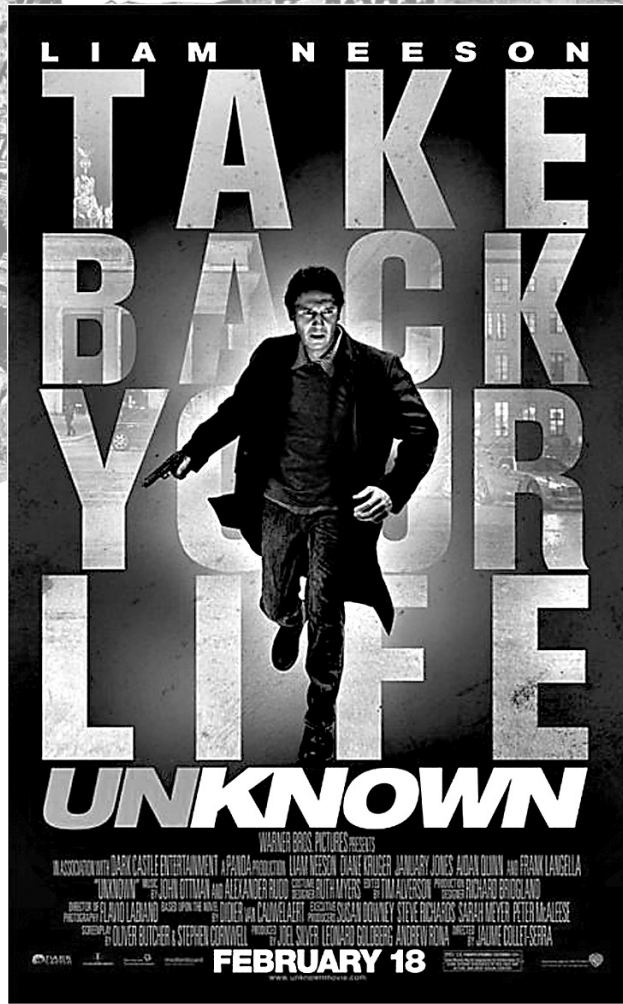
It's a mind twisting adventure sure to intrigue moviegoers.

January Jones, from the series "Mad Men," co-stars along with Diane Kruger from "Troy."

Jaume Collet-Serra, who is best known for "Orphan" and "House of Wax", directed the film.

Neeson's portrayal of Harris is predictable and tough, much like the role he played in "Taken."

So, if "Taken" is a favorite of yours, then "Unknown" will be right up your alley, with edgy scenes and non-stop action.



The film's acting was great, especially January Jones who filled her niche particularly well.

The movie's main downside is that there were some slower parts; however, the majority of the movie is interesting and thought provoking.

The plot does seem to jump around too much at times, and not enough background is really given to understand certain situations or what is really happening.

But despite a few critical things, the movie's performance at the box office this week doesn't seem to reflect many negatives, as it was number one, and for good reason.

It will have you contemplating what's next with its high-paced plot.

Overall, I enjoyed the movie. It was a good mix of action and drama, yet, as I said earlier, somewhat predictable. The ending, however, is sure to surprise you. There weren't many boring bits, and if you like low-budget action that has a good story line, I recommend "Unknown." It's a versatile film that anyone can enjoy.

Verdict: B-

'Go-Go Boots' is an unexpected twist from The Drive By Truckers



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For years and years now, critics, fans and even musicians themselves have lamented the ever-decreasing rock music scene. With the rise of pop, rap and hip hop over the last few decades and a focus on auto-tuned perfection, many feel a lot of popular music has lost its meaning and soul.

These people have no reason to fear, however, because a small number of active bands are still around to bring the truth back to our music, and the rock back to roll.

One such band is Athens, Ga. based southern rockers the Drive-By Truckers.

This alternative rock unit has been busily touring and producing some of the finest music our generation has ever heard since the early 1990s and shows no signs of slowing anytime soon. Over the years they have become known for their explorations of the South, their impressive songwriting and character studies, and their aggressive, three-guitar led rock. Some of their most memorable albums include 2001's "Southern Rock Opera," 2004's "The Dirty South" and 2008's "Brighter than Creation's Dark."

Quickly following last year's hard rocking, Tom Petty-influenced "The Big To-Do" is this year's "Go-Go Boots." Referred to by the primary lead singer Patterson Hood as an "R&B murder album," this outing represents a departure for the band, delving deeper into the soul and country music influences sometimes seen in their previous work.

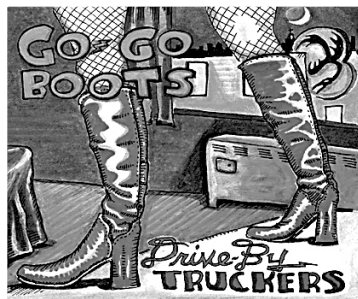
Some have seen this departure as a setback, resulting in a slower, and at times, boring album.

On the contrary, this album's new direction is a breath of fresh air for the band and highlights a particular aspect of the band that has long been strong, but sometimes overlooked: the songwriting talents of the band's three main writers, the aforementioned Hood, Mike Cooley and Shonna Tucker.

Hood has always dominated each album with his lyrics, contributing the majority of the songs to the Truckers cata-

logue. He outdoes himself here, giving listeners some of the finest short stories of small town life in the Deep South they are likely ever to hear. Though all of his lyrics shine, his best songs on this album are the title track "Go-Go Boots," an epic, bloody tale of an adulterous preacher, and "Ray's Automatic Weapon," an in-depth look into a scarred Vietnam vet who can't seem to let go.

Often seen as second rate in comparison to the gifted Hood, Cooley has proved over the years that he is just as talented and crucial to the band. Though certainly less prolific Hood, Cooley's songs add a humorous, wry contrast that is essential to balancing Hood's passionate, serious subject matters. Cooley contributes three songs here, from the hilarious "Cartoon Gold" to the full-blown country tune "Pulaski."



Finally, over the past three albums, bassist Shonna Tucker has become the band's secret weapon. Adding a much-needed feminine perspective to the band, Tucker's songwriting has grown in style, substance and impact. Here she lends her vocals to a classic Eddie Hinton cover "Where's Eddie" as well as writing the colorful "Dancin' Ricky."

Though the album is certainly different from all that came from the band before it and probably can't compete with the very best the band has to offer, "Go-Go Boots" is both an unexpected and remarkable variation from the standard Truckers formula. Even when they decide to take it slow, the Drive-By Truckers still "rock" harder than any other band out there today.

Verdict: A-

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Best Actress

Nominees: Annette Bening- "The Kids Are All Right," Nicole Kidman- "Rabbit Hole," Jennifer Lawrence- "Winter's Bone," Natalie Portman- "Black Swan" and Michelle Williams- "Blue Valentine"

Will Win: Natalie Portman, for owning her role as a tortured ballerina in "Black Swan." All the more appropriate considering the myriad of movies she will star in during 2011.

Should Win: Annette Bening also impressed as a complicated and loving lesbian mother in the indie smash "The Kids Are All Right."

Best Supporting Actor

Nominees: Christian Bale- "The Fighter," John Hawkes, "Winter's Bone," Jeremy Renner- "The Town," Mark Ruffalo- "The Kids Are All Right" and Geoffrey Rush- "The King's Speech"

Will and Should Win: After years of amazing performances the Academy forgot, bet on Christian Bale getting his due this year for his transformative performance as former boxer/drug addict Dicky Eklund.

Best Supporting Actress

Nominees: Amy Adams- "The Fighter," Melissa Leo- "The Fighter," Helena Bonham Carter- "The King's Speech," Hailee Steinfeld- "True Grit" and Jacki Weaver- "Animal Kingdom"

Will Win: Melissa Leo for her turn as a crazed, slightly villainous mother to Mark Wahlberg's reserved boxer.

Should Win: For her astonishing performance as a determined young lady out for vengeance, "True Grit's" young

Hailee Steinfeld deserves recognition. She showed up competitors twice her age.

Best Director

Nominees: Darren Aronofsky- "Black Swan," David O. Russell- "The Fighter," Tom Hooper- "The King's Speech," David Fincher- "The Social Network" and Joel and Ethan Coen- "True Grit"

Will and Should Win: David Fincher's "The Social Network" combined Aaron Sorkin's rapid-fire dialogue with Fincher's creative camerawork. This is his to lose.

Best Animated Feature

Nominees: "How to Train Your Dragon," "Toy Story 3" and "The Illusionist"

Will and Should Win: If you are even questioning this one, you clearly haven't seen the masterpiece that is "Toy Story 3." Pixar couldn't possibly lose this one. It's the closest thing to a done deal in the entire show.

THEATRE

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most of the actors tackle the ever-challenging English accent, rarely does it feel contrived or unconvincing.

The entire cast delivers with compelling performances and great vocals.

As this is a musical, it is the songs that truly stand out throughout the show. Some highlights include the humorous "The Worst Pies in London" and "A Little Priest," the emotive "Johanna" and the fun "By the Sea."

The entire production, from set design to lighting to costumes, contributes to an entertaining show, but one particular element is worth mentioning as well: the orchestra.

Eastern's very own orchestra lends their considerable talents to "Sweeney Todd", elevating the whole show to another level. It truly is exciting and fascinating to see and hear them perform.

Overall, EKU Theatre's "Sweeney Todd" is a memorable experience that should not be missed. In fact, you could even say it is to die for.

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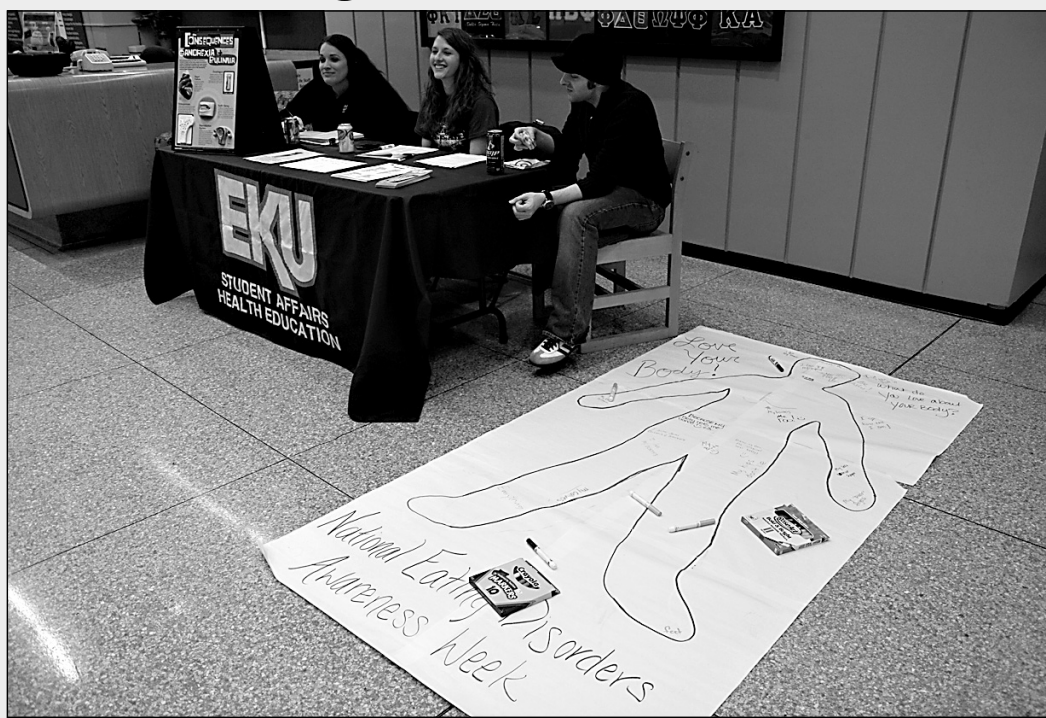
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Mandy Williams, 32, a senior nursing major from Salt Lake City, Utah, Vaness Newton, 23, an industrial organizational psychology graduate student from Bloomfield, Iowa, and Steven Dilbert, 22, a senior HLS major from Cincinnati work the table for the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week Event in Powell. Students were encouraged to write on the poster above things they liked about their bodies.

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But with the wins, came the losses. The past two seasons have been down years for the program, suffering back-to-back losing seasons. "She doesn't take losing out on the kids," said Eastern's current Athletic Director Mark Sandy. "Coach takes the responsibility. She goes about her business the same win-or-lose." Worthington said with the losses, she still doesn't feel any external pressure. "I don't feel much pressure around me," Worthington said. "I do put a lot of pressure on myself. It's no fun to lose. It's not acceptable. Truthfully I don't worry much about external pressure. It comes down to how much the players and I want it, and there's a lot of pressure there. We must have done something right the last 17 years to overlook last year." Sandy agreed. "I like how her teams play," Sandy said. "She runs a program like an administrator would want a coach to.

She's concerned about her players, she's aggressive recruiting and she brings in players that are good for the team and the university." To her players and coaches, Worthington is the only person right for the job. "She's intense," said Megan Ink, current assistant head softball coach. "She wants to win, bad. That competitiveness has rubbed off on a lot of people." Those around her say it comes down to more than just being a good softball coach. "She cares about you personally," said Ink. "She's interested in your life, not just as a player on the field for four years. She wants relationships with people after they are done here." That's one thing current Lady Colonel standout Shyenne Hussey loves about her coach—the tight relationships Worthington builds and holds on to. "I can't just pinpoint one thing about her," Hussey said. "She's made a huge impact on me and she's someone you will never forget. That's just how she is. She's one of the most caring individuals out there."

Hussey was recruited from Hawaii and Ink, who played for Worthington and graduated in 2002, was recruited from California. "No way was I coming to Kentucky," Ink said. "I was California all the way." But Worthington pulled her to the program and Ink has never left since. "I love working with Coach," Ink said. "We have a bond." Ink and Worthington have coached together since 2002, but Worthington never saw herself being at Eastern this long. "I thought I'd be here a couple years, because of something bigger," she said. "But something about this place is special. It's a win-win situation here. You get the best of both worlds here. We are competitive, but I can give the players a positive experience, and because of that they show you they care." After 20 years, Worthington said coaching is never the same, and she doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon. "I still enjoy it and I am not counting the days down until I am done."



TREY BURKE/PROGRESS
Softball coach Jane Worthington, shown here with her OVC Championship trophies, has been the program's only coach in team history. She is closing in on 500 career wins at Eastern.

TENNIS

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stars won in straight sets. Against the University of Kentucky, it was a different story. The Wildcats handled Eastern easily in a 7-0 win. In four previous meetings with Kentucky, Eastern is 0-4. "The athleticism at that level is just so superior and it's great for our girls to get a chance to play," Oertel said. "There's nothing better than seeing that level of players." In doubles play, (No.3) Saioa Oscoz and Sophie O'Neill fought hard against Meredith Morrow and CeCe Witten in the first set, but eventually lost steam and fell in extra sets 8-7(4). In singles, it was much the same outcome. (No.1) Jessica Albuquerque was defeated 6-4, 6-0 while (No.5) Anouk Faure was bested 6-2, 6-2. The rest of Eastern's lineup didn't fare much better but the experience will help the Colonels going forward. "You get something out of the match regardless of what the score is," Oertel said. "Our games are so precious and we only have 25 dates

of competition. You've got to get something out of every game regardless if they're high ranked teams. You've just got to go out and give your best effort every point and get something out of it." Eastern's schedule doesn't get any easier, with a nonconference match against No. 54 ranked Marshall University (10-2). Last season, Marshall defeated the Lady Colonels 7-0 in straight sets. The Thundering Herd finished with 19-6 record and received a berth into the NCAA Tournament. The Colonels try to extend their home winning streak to seven games when Duquesne (3-3) comes to the Greg Adams Tennis Center. "We've got to come together and play as a team," Oertel said. "Kentucky and Marshall are way more superior to Duquesne. Their ball, their speed and their court coverage is going to feel a lot easier because we played two teams in a row where the ball is flying faster, players are stronger, players are smarter and players are quicker. It's going to play a big part in our mental psyche going into the match; our confidence will be sky high."

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The Skyhawks used the ball screen successfully against the Lady Colonel, but Carpenter believes they will be able to slow down Newsome this time around. "We just have to stay under her and guard her drive first because she is really quick," Carpenter said. "We still have to contest her shot." The Skyhawks are second in the OVC in rebounding, averaging 40.5 per game. And White believes that a victory in rebounding will translate into a victory on the scoreboard. "I feel like if we win on the boards we will win the game. If we box out and crash the boards on the offensive end, it will be a totally different ballgame." But Roberts knows they have to play a complete game. "We have struggled all season period trying to find a way to get it done," Roberts said. "We have been a team all year that has come out the first half pretty solid, then the first three or four minutes of the second half have killed us. We have to put two complete halves together." Tipoff is at 8:30 p.m.

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Lecture series inspires sports enthusiast



Here at Eastern, students are putting in their teacher nominations for the "If this was my Last Lecture" series. This inspired me. What if, by chance I go in for a routine check-up and the doc tells me I have some crazy, out of this world, disease and I only have one day left to live? I would miss a lot of things in this world. But the thing I would miss most would be sports. Hands down. So in light of the upcoming lecture I came up with my own: "If this were my last day on Earth to watch any of Eastern's teams in history." I'd go way, way back to the year 1982 to see Roy Kidd and his foot-

ball Colonels play in the NCAA Division-1 FCS Football National Championship against Delaware. That year Eastern went a perfect 13-0 en route to its second school national championship. They beat Delaware, one of the nations top scoring teams that year, in a thrilling game, 17-14. That team had one of Eastern's most exciting players ever in wide receiver Steve Bird. In 1982, Bird was All-OVC first team, an All-American and the OVC Player of the Year. He hauled in 10 touchdowns and racked up 1,056 yards. The year 1982 was arguably Kidd and Eastern's finest season yet. Next, I'd fast-forward 23 years to the 2005 OVC Championship basketball game between Eastern and Austin Peay. You might remember that magical night. With 19 seconds on the clock and Eastern clinging onto a one-point lead, Zach Ingles

launched a deep three-pointer. It was a career-defining shot, hitting nothing but the bottom of the net. Matt Witt was on this team as well. He's Eastern's all-time leading scorer. The Colonels went 22-9 that season, and almost upset the University of Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Talk about March Madness. Eastern cut Kentucky's 16-point lead down to five with 3:59 left on the clock. But in the end Big Blue proved too much for Eastern. For my next trip down memory lane, I'd travel back to 1989. The next moment isn't that far back, but I would have loved to see it. In 2009, Eastern's men's tennis team won another OVC Championship when they beat Tennessee Tech 4-2 in the tournament finals. The Colonels have the league's coach and player of the year in Rob Oertel and Alex Das. In the championship match Das (No.1 singles) clinched the trophy

for Eastern when he fittingly defeated Alex Chen 6-3, 6-2. Skip ahead to 2004 and the Lady Colonel volleyball team was making waves too. They ended the season at 27-5, won the OVC regular season and tournament championships and finished a perfect 14-0 at home. This team, to this day still has the highest winning percentage in the programs history at .844. Head Coach Lori Duncan and her squad lost to No. 10 Tennessee in the NCAA Tournament but little to none can be said of the success her team had. I realize this would be a long journey back and forth through time but my trip would be missing something if I didn't stop in on the women's basketball team at least once. So I decided on 1998 for one reason only: Chrissy Roberts. Roberts, who is Eastern's current head coach, had arguably one

of the most successful seasons in the program's history that year. In 1998, Roberts finished the year as the nation's BEST three-point shooter making 48.8 percent of her shots from deep. She was all-conference and an honorable mention All-American. She earned OVC Player of the Year honors after leading the league in free throw shooting (89.2 percent) and three-point shooting (45.9 percent). She still holds the NCAA record for career three-point shooting percentage. She won two national awards that year, the AT&T Long Distance Award and the Edward Seitz Award. Today her uniform, practice gear and shoes hang in the Naim-Smith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Sports have had a lasting affect on my life. If I were given the chance to witness these Holy Grail moments I would die a happy man. Time to make that doctor visit.



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Eastern's Stephen Heffler pitched six innings in the Colonel's 3-1 loss to Pepperdine over the weekend. The senior only allowed one unearned run and struck out five batters.

Penn State comes to town in baseball's home opener

By RYAN ALVES
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After being swept over the weekend by Pepperdine, Eastern baseball doesn't have much turnaround time as Penn State comes to town Saturday.

The Colonels (0-3, 0-0 OVC) host the Nittany Lions in their first home stand of the season with a double-header starting Saturday and the final game Sunday.

Penn State started their season winning three of four games in the annual BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge last weekend in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"They had a really good weekend," Eastern's Head Coach Jason Stein said. "They are bringing a real good ball team in here."

The Nittany Lions recorded back-to-back wins over Seton Hall Friday and West Virginia Saturday.

On Sunday Penn State fell to Notre Dame but capped off its stay in Florida with an 8-7 win over the Nexen Heroes of South Korea Monday.

In the win over the Heroes, Penn State capitalized on a five-run sixth inning to erase an early deficit and used its defense to halt a late Heroes comeback for the win.

Michael Glantz finished 2-for-2 on the offensive end that day.

On the weekend Ryan Clark went 4-for-9 scoring three runs and Joey DeBernardis had five hits and two runs batted in for the Nittany Lions.

Despite the success Penn State is riding into Richmond, Stein is only worried about his team going in.

"I don't worry too much about the opponent," Stein said. "We want to focus on our team and what we can do to improve

and how we can better execute. I want to look at what we did right and fix what we did wrong in those games."

Even with the weekend losses, the Colonels aren't hanging their heads.

"We're actually in a good spot," Stein said. "I've had some teams where things couldn't be fixed that quick. We made some errors that we hadn't been making in inter squad. But these mistakes are an easy fix."

Game one resulted in a 9-2 loss for Eastern. Game two was an 11-inning thriller that was postponed Saturday night until Sunday afternoon.

Eastern held the lead 8-7 when the game was called in the ninth inning Saturday. The Colonels couldn't hold off the Nittany Lions, who came back to win 9-8.

The Colonels got positive performances from several players, one of which was Macon Smith.

Smith showed promise in the first game when he came in for relief and threw three innings and only allowed one run on two hits.

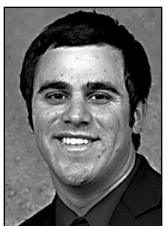
Richie Rodriguez went 9-for-13 over the weekend offensively. The junior proved to Stein why he's a force to be reckoned with offensively.

"Macon is coming in and throwing strikes and getting hitters out," Stein said. "He earned some extra innings with this performance. And right now Richie is the heart and soul of our team."

Stephen Heffler also showed positive signs in the final game, a 3-1 loss for the Colonels. The senior, right-hander went six innings,

allowing one unearned run, while striking out five.

"We played a good team and competed," Stein said. "Though we got swept, we easily could have won two of the three games against a good team, on the road in California. Overall we are in a positive frame of mind and look forward to this weekend."



Richie Rodriguez

"We're actually in a good spot. I've had some teams where things couldn't be fixed that quick."

Jason Stein
Head Coach

Softball loses title game, head to Magic City Classic

By CHRIS MCGEE
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After winning just 11 games last year, Eastern's softball team wanted to start on the right foot this season. Their goal for the first two weeks was to come home 6-3.

Although Eastern (2-3 0-0 OVC) didn't finish the weekend on a winning note as they had hoped, they have laid the groundwork to achieve their short-term goals.

Coach Jane Worthington's squad was just a few innings away from winning the First Pitch Classic in North Carolina, but fell to the host, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 5-2.

The Colonels dropped their first two contests to Saint Francis University (Pa.) 8-5, and UNC at Greensboro 10-1, in five innings.

In the loss against Saint Francis, pitcher Kristin Perry lasted just a third of an inning, giving up six runs on four hits, with a walk.

Noelani Esperas came in relief and pitched four and two-thirds innings giving up two runs, one earned on five hits.

They won their next two games against UNC Charlotte, 12-4 and 6-5, giving them a spot in the championship game.

Worthington tinkered with the lineup for Saturday's games.

"We used different leadoff hitters, put different hitters together and changed the batting order," Worthington said.

With the changes, she said that the team played with more confidence and had better pitching.

With the momentum in the Colonels favor, fresh off two wins, the Colonels hoped to exact revenge from Friday's loss to UNC at Greensboro.

The championship game was tied 1-1 through five innings, but four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning was the difference maker.

Cassi Gibson put the team on top with a single in the first inning that scored Diane Gallagher. But the Spartans tied it up in the bottom of the second with a RBI double by Heather Robb.

Four Colonels each had a hit in the game.

Perry recovered from her opening day outing to pitch a solid game.

She started and allowed four earned runs on six hits in five innings. In addition, she walked one and struck out three. Freshman Hannah Driver pitched one inning of scoreless relief.

Perry said nerves caught up with her over the weekend.

"I believe I got overly excited for the first game of the season which caused me to play a little too conservatively," Perry said.

She added that her conservative play led to her trying to get things done too fast instead of getting them done right.

Perry credits a team meeting after Friday's games with the turnaround on Saturday.

"We got together that night (Friday), went over what we had done wrong

and made a determination to win Saturday," Perry said.

Gibson said the weekend gave her and the team a good idea where they stand.

"The team definitely did pretty good; we got to see a lot of big hitters," Gibson said. "This team is solid from top to bottom."

She also had high praise for the girls on the team from a personal standpoint.

"We have a good group of girls who are willing to put it all out there on the field," Gibson said.

After five games, Worthington said defense in bunting situations is a top priority heading into this week's practices.

"We allowed our opponent to reach base on a bunt three different times last weekend because we didn't field them correctly," Worthington said.

Even with the things the Colonels have to improve on, Worthington praised her team's perseverance.

"They did not quit or give in, even when they were down six runs," Worthington said.

The Colonels played on Wednesday, Feb. 23 against Western Kentucky University in a double-header.

The Colonels get a day off then head on another road trip to the Magic City Classic in Alabama for four games.

First pitch is against Indiana State University on Feb. 25.

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SOFTBALL COACH STARTED PROGRAM FROM THE GROUND UP 20 YEARS AGO

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But it started with just two scholarships and a limited roster.

Worthington enjoyed the work it took to build the program up in the first year even though the team didn't actually take the field until year two.

"It was pretty fun," Worthington said. "It was refreshing knowing these players wanted to play so badly. They wanted to be here and compete."

Worthington said she wasn't going to build a soft schedule in her favor.

She wanted to compete in year one.

"I remember when Coach Kidd asked me in the interview how many D2 schools we would play, and I said probably none," Worthington said. "Because I felt we could compete with D1 schools right away."

And that was a selling point for Kidd.

"That impressed me the most about her (playing a D1 schedule)," Kidd said. "She was the one I wanted."

The Lady Colonels finished the first season 11-26. But in year three, they finished with a winning record, 31-29.

"It was ground zero," she said. "And we played a pretty tough schedule. You think you are a good team, but you play these other teams and realize how good everyone else is."

Worthington never backed down from competition.

Within the first five years the program existed, Worthington's teams beat No.7 ranked South Carolina in 1995, faced UCLA, the top ranked team in 2002 in the NCAA Regional and just recently fell in a close contest to 18 ranked Louisville in 2008.

In 2004, Eastern finished 42-17 and played in its second NCAA Tournament.

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Knowing field hockey would not be a conference sport, Eastern athletics decided to drop the sport 20 years ago.

With a void in the program, former athletic director of Eastern, Roy Kidd, turned to a sport that was growing in popularity...softball.

Kidd then decided on a young and unknown coach from halfway across the country, Jane Worthington.

"I wanted a true softball coach," Kidd said. "The interview came down to two people and we talked about recruiting. I felt like she had a good idea what it would take to recruit and bring quality players to Eastern."

Worthington, a native of Utah, started as an assistant at Miami (Ohio) and Livingston University in Alabama before heading to Eastern.

Twenty years later, Worthington, the only softball coach in the program's history, has given Colonel nation 484 wins, along with two Ohio Valley Conference titles and two NCAA Tournament berths.

Men win 28th straight at home, women split pair of matches

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Home is where you make it.

And Eastern's men's tennis team continues to prove it so, as they extended their home winning streak to 28 games by defeating Cumberland (Tenn.) and the University of Dayton.

In singles play against Cumberland, (No.2) Parul Verma and (No.3) Phillip Janz both won 6-2 then blanking their opponent 6-0 in the final set while team captain (No.1) Alex Das won in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

Das improved to 7-2 while playing as the top singles star for Eastern (8-2, 0-0 OVC), and won all three matches Friday by a combined score of 32-0.

"I have never done that before in my four years here," Das said. "It's hard to win every game but it was a motivation on the first match when I won the first set 6-0. I knew I could win all the games the rest of the day."

Oertel took it one step further. "To go 32-0 I don't care if you're playing your grandma," Oertel said. "He's had an unbelievable level of killer instinct this year."

Eastern swept Cumberland in the doubles portion as well.

Against Dayton, who hasn't beaten Eastern since February 2005, the Colonels cruised to victory 7-0. The Flyers were no match for the Colonels, only having four returning players from last year's squad.

"Experience is irreplaceable," Oertel said. "It goes back to being in the comfort zone. We all play our best when we're comfortable. Experience makes you more comfortable."

The Colonels begin a five game road trip this weekend with a trip to West Lafayette, Ind. to take on Purdue University, who defeated the Colonels 6-1 last season.

On the women's side, Eastern has been building a streak of its

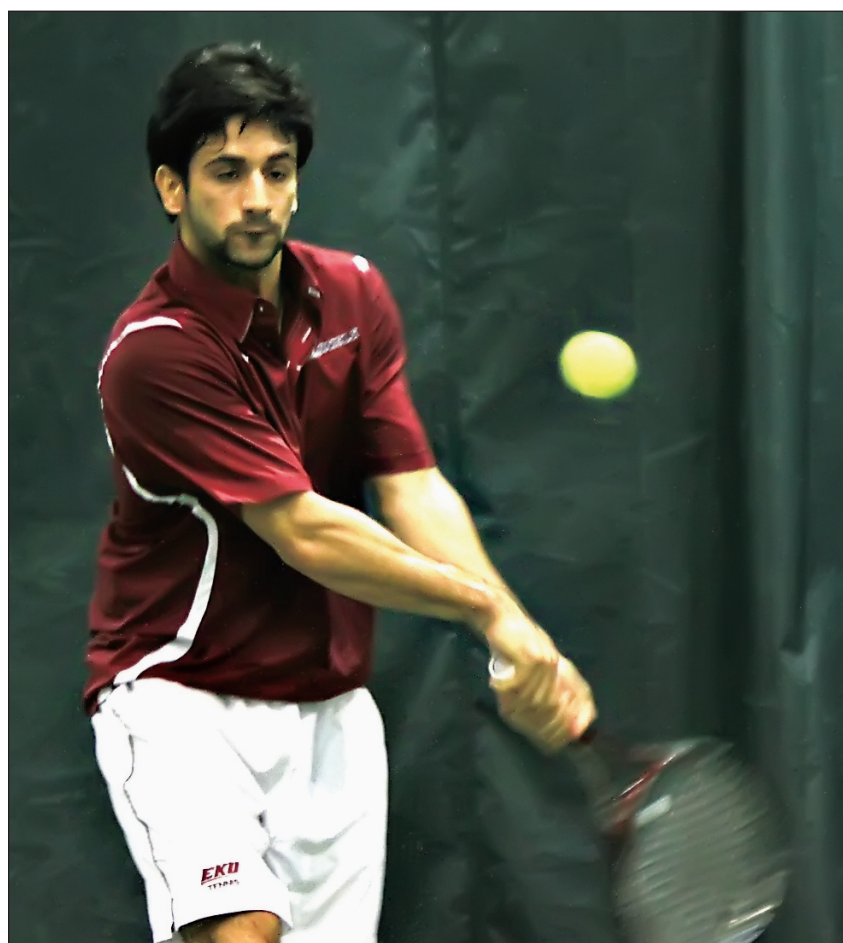
own.

With a win last Friday over Cumberland the Lady Colonels pushed their winning streak to six games at home. The Lady Colonels bested Cumberland with a 7-0 victory at the Greg Adams Tennis Center, while falling at the University of Kentucky, Saturday 0-7.

"The comforts of home are very prevalent here in the Colonels home," Oertel said. "We play a lot of home matches here, everyone plays their best when they're comfortable."

In doubles, (No.1) Jessica Albuquerque and Anouk Faure defeated Larissa Akari Miura and Courtney Schaud 8-1 while (No.3) Esmira Gheisary and Saioa Oscoz blanked their opponent 8-0.

In singles play, it was easy to see that the Lady Colonels were too much to handle for Cumberland, defeating them in every set. Three of the top five singles



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Parul Verma returns a backhand in his match over the weekend. Verma won his matches 6-2, 6-0 and 6-3, 6-1. Eastern has now won 28 straight at home.

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Lady Colonels face a must-win situation on the road



SONYA JOHNSON/PROGRESS

Alex Jones (left) drives down the lane against Terrice Robinson (right). Jones scored 14 points in the game but Eastern lost 71-62.

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When Morehead State comes to town, even though it is just another conference game, it's easy to see that emotions are running high on the court.

Both teams want to win badly.

Throw in Senior Day, and it's an even different mixed bag of emotions.

Unfortunately seniors Cherie White, Reese Bass, Nadia Mossong and the Lady Colonels fell to Morehead State University (19-8, 12-4 OVC) spoiling the seniors' big day, 71-62.

With eight minutes left in the half and the game tied at 21 a piece, the Lady Colonels made a run. Over the next five minutes Eastern would open up a nine-point lead, extending their lead to 30-21.

Unfortunately, the offense scored

just four more points in the remaining three minutes of the half. The Eagles capitalized on the cold streak and cut the lead to two points heading into the break.

Eastern's two-point halftime lead quickly vanished in the opening minutes of the second half.

The Eagles took a 37-36 lead and never looked back.

Eastern made one last push with a pair of buckets by sophomore forward Alex Jones, cutting the deficit to 64-60.

But Morehead State withstood the flurry and held on for the victory.

The defeat to the Eagles gave Eastern just two chances left to climb into eighth place in the OVC standings.

They currently stand in ninth and hit the road to face the University of Tennessee-Martin (17-10, 12-4 OVC) Thursday evening. Eastern leads the all-time series 30-13,

but the Skyhawks have won the last three.

In their previous meeting, on Dec. 4, Eastern lost 61-46.

Brittany Coles was the only Eastern player in double figures with 13 points.

Skyhawks guard Jasmine Newsome scorched the Lady Colonels in the last meeting with 20 points. Fellow guard Heather Butler was right behind Newsome in scoring, dropping 15 points.

The Skyhawks' offense leads the league in scoring, averaging 72 points per game. Newsome and Butler have been the one, two punch for the Skyhawks. Butler averages 19.1 ppg and Newsome is right behind her with 16.9 ppg.

"Newsome and Butler are very good off the bounce and using ball screens," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said.

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