

PART ONE OF INVESTIGATIVE SERIES

# SGA VP faces possible impeachment

SGA MEMBERS FILE COMPLAINT  
 STEMMING FROM SENATE  
 RESIGNATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR

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For a second time in less than a year, a complaint has been filed against Student Government Association Vice President Andrew Holcomb, and in both instances members of SGA filed the complaints.

Executive cabinet members Matt White and Elijah House filed the most recent complaint on March 3.

However Holcomb said he remained unaware of the second complaint filed against him, until Tuesday night's senate meeting.

"To be honest with you, I haven't seen a complaint," Holcomb said. "I can't verify it was against me yet because I haven't seen the document."

A committee was formed and approved Tuesday in senate to start an investigation process that could ultimately end in Holcomb's impeachment.

The complaint stems from the recent resignation of two SGA senators.

"The Executive Vice President (Holcomb) has effectively ripped the freedom of speech out of the Student Senate, and he has gone on to say disciplinary action of the same manner will take place to other senators if they did the same thing," White said. "Andrew Holcomb is not a victim. He has hung himself out to dry and he has single-handedly damaged the name of SGA."

Holcomb said even with the recent string of events, he will continue to fulfill his SGA obligations.

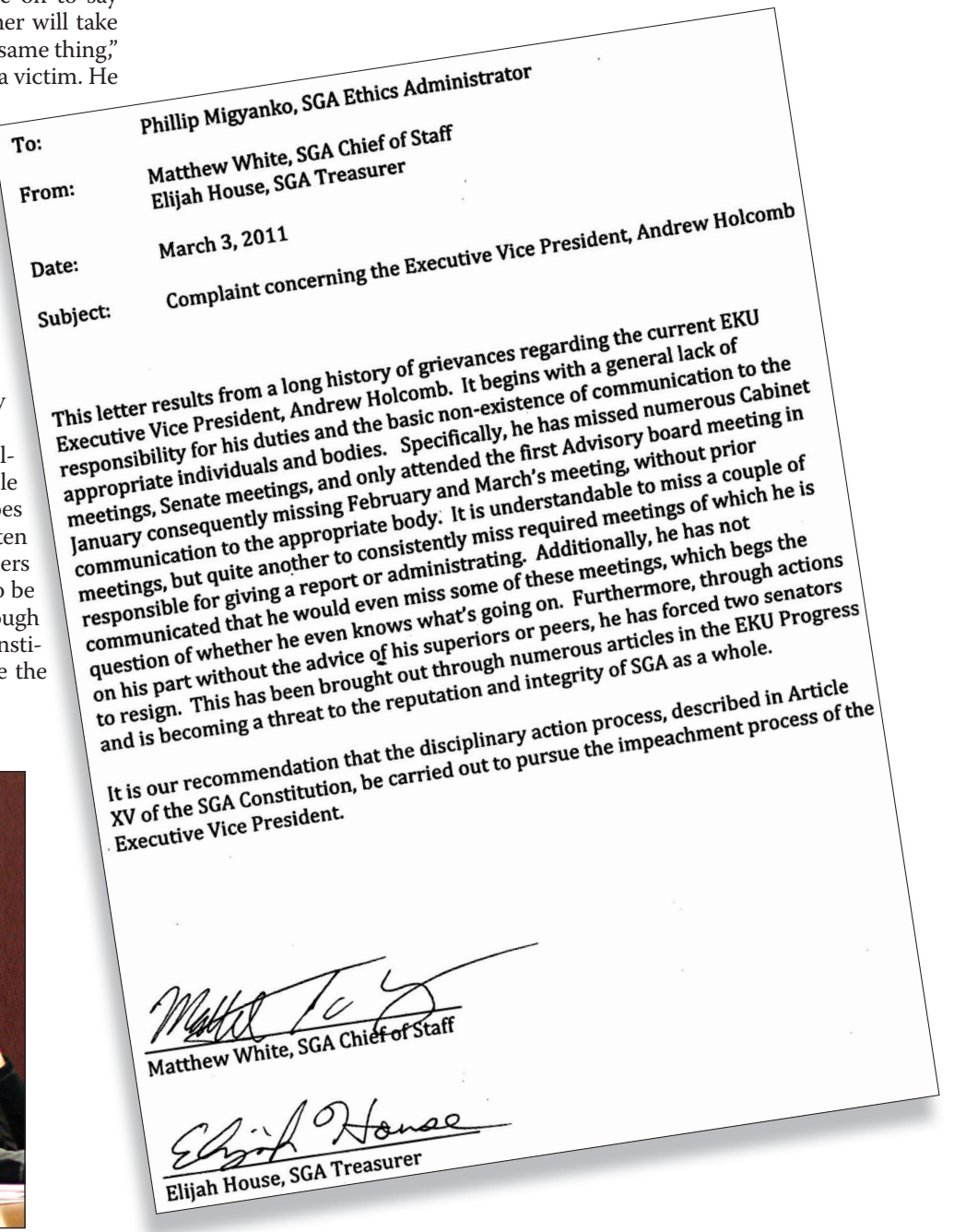
"People file complaints for anything and everything — you just have to do the best you can," Holcomb said. "I've done my job to the best of my ability."

But White disagrees with the way Holcomb has done his job.

"He has failed to communicate relevant information to the right people at the right time," White said. "He does not listen to his superiors and he often fails to share information with his peers and subordinates. It is time for him to be removed from this organization through the due process outlined in the constitution and for SGA to continue to be the voice of the student body."



Matt White



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SGA Vice President Andrew Holcomb, far right, has had two complaints filed against him.

## Dorms offer a sense of community

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Eastern has 14 residence halls and one efficiency apartment complex.

All residence halls, except for Palmer and Commonwealth, offer single rooms.

If an applicant wishes to room with a specific person, he or she are to include that person's name on their housing application. If two applicants name each other as preferred roommates, it is considered mutual, and will be a significant factor in room placement. Co-applicants must be the same gender.

All of Eastern's residence halls are co-ed by floor, except for Burnham Hall, which is all female, and Telford Hall, which offers co-ed floors, but with same-gender suites.

Students can request single rooms, but they are granted on availability. If there is not enough space, private rooms will not be assigned.

Eastern features a number of living learning communities. Some of these include entire halls, such as Sullivan Hall for Honors students. Others have floors dedicated to specific disciplines. The communities are:

- Connexions
- Discovery
- Education
- Fine and Creative Arts
- Flight Deck (Aviation)
- Honors
- Justice and Safety
- Next Step
- Outdoor Pursuits
- PGA
- S.W.O.O.S.H. (Students Working Out On Staying Healthy)
- Sophomore Overdrive
- W.I.L.L (Women Involved in Living and Learning)
- W.I.T.T (Women's Interests of Today and Tomorrow)

# What's the future of gender-neutral housing?



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

Campuses across the country are leaning toward dorm rooms with members of the opposite sex. At this point, Eastern only has co-ed dorms. Telford Hall is the only dorm on campus with co-ed floors because of single gender suites.

By **DARREN ZANCAN**  
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Could Eastern dorms become gender-neutral?

Next fall, Rutgers University will allow students to pick roommates of the opposite sex to share a dorm room with.

The university adopted the change following the death of freshman Tyler Clementi, a gay student who committed suicide late last year.

Clementi jumped off the George Washington bridge, killing himself, after his roommate filmed a "sexual encounter" in their dorm room and then posted it on the Internet.

Gender-neutral housing is part of a pilot-program that other colleges and universities across the nation are picking up on.

The program allows gay, lesbian and transgender students the option of picking a male or female roommate, and under the program guide-

lines, straight couples may also live with their boyfriend or girlfriend.

"This has been under discussion for a long time," said a Rutgers University spokesperson. "Many other universities around the country already have gender-neutral housing. In the aftermath of the Clementi tragedy, members of the university's LGBTQ community told the administration that gender-neutral housing would help create an even more inclusive environment. Since then, the university has been exploring this in greater detail."

With the changes across the country, could Eastern be in the mix for gender-neutral housing?

The idea hasn't been brought up to President Doug Whitlock, yet.

"Ultimately it would come to me, but under the government we operate, we'd have to study it and make sure it's the right thing to do," Whitlock said. "Obviously this involves a lot of student and faculty input, but it's a subject we would be open to discussing."

If co-ed dorm rooms were to become a hot topic on campus, the

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President Whitlock



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Burnham Hall, right, is the only all girl dorm on campus.



All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

**March 1**

Police responded to a male student who reported that items were stolen from his father's Jeep. The student said that it appeared the suspect had entered the vehicle through the soft top. An iPod, a backpack and three political science textbooks were stolen. The estimated value of all stolen property is \$305. The vehicle's cen-

ter console and glove box suffered damages estimated at \$300.

A female student reported that her vehicle had been broken into in the Alumni Coliseum lot. The student said that she left her vehicle at 4 p.m. and when she returned at 5 p.m. she noticed items were missing. The stolen property included softball equipment valued at \$170, a wallet valued at \$14, a pair of boots valued at \$20, an astronomy textbook valued at \$114, an FM transmitter valued at \$20, a student ID, a debit card and two credit cards. Police did not observe any signs of forced entry into the vehicle.

**March 2**

A male student reported that his wallet was stolen from his

backpack while he was at the Intramural Fields with his class. The wallet contained a student ID, a credit card and \$20 cash.

**March 4**

Police observed Jordan Woolen driving his pickup truck west on Park Drive. Woolen failed to correctly stop at a stop sign and made a left turn on to Lancaster Avenue without signaling. The officer observing performed a traffic stop, and upon contact with Woolen he detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. The officer also observed an open can of Bud Light on the rear floorboard of the vehicle next to a case of Bud Light. Woolen failed several field sobriety tests, and he was arrested and taken to the Madison County Detention Center.

**News Briefs**

**Women's veteran recognition luncheon in Keen Johnson**

The Women's veteran recognition luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 22 in the Keen Johnson south room will have a panel discussion on breaking down barriers working as a woman in the armed forces. The Women and Gender Studies Program and the Office of Veteran Affairs will sponsor the luncheon. Speakers will include Dean Clair Good, Louis Stack, Ret. Lt. Col. Elizabeth Rogers and Staff Sgt. Gina Vaile. For more information, contact Evelyn Jones in Women and Gender Studies Office at 622-7235.

**Free health screenings in Herndon Lounge**

Free health screenings will be offered by Saint Joseph Health Care from March 21-24. The screenings will include cholesterol, blood pressure, triglycerides and glucose. Appointments must be made online. Appointments are available in 15-minute time slots from 8 a.m. to noon. The March 21 and 22 screenings will be in Herndon Lounge in the Powell Building. The March 23 and 24 screenings will be in Perkins 212/220. For more information, contact Leanna Bowles at leanna.bowles@eku.edu

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**THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR**

Week of March 17 - 23

**What's Happening**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>11 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Powell Corner</li> </ul> <p><b>11:30 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employee Recognition Luncheon, Keen Johnson Ballroom</li> </ul> <p><b>4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking Appeal, Conference Room D Powell Building</li> </ul> <p><b>8 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connie Rhoades Faculty Recital, Brock Auditorium</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Tennis vs. Austin Peay</li> </ul> <p><b>12 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown Bag Discussion - "Little know facts about Asia," Kennamer Room</li> </ul> <p><b>1 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Tennis vs. Austin Peay</li> </ul> <p><b>3 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Indiana State University</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Tennis vs. UT Martin</li> </ul> <p><b>2 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball at Austin Peay</li> </ul> <p><b>3 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Indiana State University</li> </ul> <p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Golf at William &amp; Mary University</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EKU Bridal and Event Showcase, Keen Johnson Building</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseball at Indiana State University</b></p> <p><b>2 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball at Austin Peay</li> </ul> <p><b>3 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dennis Davis Faculty Recital, SSB</li> </ul>	<p><b>5:00 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residence Life Council, Jagers Room</li> </ul> <p><b>8 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EKU Choral Concert, Brock Auditorium</li> </ul>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Employee Orientation, Jagers Room</li> </ul> <p><b>11 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal Justice Graduate Program Information Session, Stratton Room 300</li> </ul> <p><b>3 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball vs. Miami University</li> </ul> <p><b>4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball at Tennessee Tech University</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood Pressure Screenings, Gentry Break Room</li> </ul> <p><b>6 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Miami University</li> </ul> <p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field at Stanford Invitational</li> </ul>

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# Senate overrides cabinet's veto to fund NORML

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Student Senate voted to overturn Cabinet's veto of the appropriation legislation March 15. The overturn officially passes the legislation, allowing RSOs to receive the funding appropriated to them during the spring funding meeting.

"It's most important that we get the organizations awarded funding, as soon as we can, is the main thing," said Andrew Holcomb, SGA vice president.

Cabinet vetoed the \$30,000 legislation twice, based on issues involving the legality of funding to the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws (NORML) and policy violations of Racquetball Club.

"If it wasn't going to pass, we would have stuck with Cabinet's decision and failed it the first time," said Elizabeth Horn, appropriations chair. "That's the neat thing about our SGA that we really have checks and balances like the regular government in the United States and honestly, it was their opinion. There was some concern even before the funding meeting with that organi-

zation." With the passing of the legislation, NORML will receive funding.

Issues had been raised regarding the legality of appropriating state funds to an organization that supports an illegal activity, Student Rights Chair Matt Thacker, said.

The university confirmed before the funding meeting that appropriating money would be legal.

"Cabinet felt that SGA just could better appropriate it's money elsewhere... on a different organization that would better represent EKU," Thacker said. "Although we may not have necessarily agreed with funding NORML because, I personally did not vote for them during the appropriations committee. But, for us to approve as a majority and say, 'Yes we will fund you' but then turn around and say, 'Actually, you don't get anything!' I think that would be very wrong of us."

Ashley Sharp, president of NORML, was unable to be reached for comment.

The Racquetball Club was cut from funding by student senate March 1, for policy violations.

**"If it wasn't going to pass, we would have stuck with Cabinet's decision and failed it the first time."**

Elizabeth Horn  
appropriations chair

he has accepted the consequences without any argument whatsoever."

Horn said in four semesters working on appropriations, the issue of unverified signatures has never come up before, but raised some concerns for SGA.

"Obviously, in light of this, our standard operating procedures will be changing and they will become much more concrete than

what they have been," Horn said. "It was a wake-up call for SGA and it will be an incidence that will make us put standard operating procedures in for appropriations."

Horn said the issue came up "almost a month ago and it was handled the day of, definitely been a dead deal really."

Alex Martin, president of the Racquetball Club, denied comment on the policy violations.

"Alex was phenomenal to work with; he carries himself in the utmost class and prestige, which is what we love to see at Eastern," Horn said. "Obviously in this situation, he and his group have been punished so there's no reason to ridicule them any longer. He will be paying his dues to SGA by revoking that money."

The funds that the Racquetball club had been appropriated, but will not be receiving will go back into the appropriations fund. Senate and Cabinet will then have digression to decide on the fate of the unused funds.

Horn said some ideas have been brought up, but will be decided on in the near future.

## Take two: student forums get a second chance

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After much controversy and two resignations, legislation has been submitted to permit SGA to hold the student forums that were originally scheduled for the week of Feb. 20.

The idea behind the forums was to allow students to come voice their concerns to some of the larger campus entities, such as Aramark and parking. The original forums fell through, however, and resulted in the resignation of two senators, including the student rights chair Carrie Tretina.

"Basically the whole issue with the last time the forums were presented, there was severe miscommunication and very poor planning as far as the forums were concerned," said Matt Thacker, student rights chair. "So after the whole resignation issue, I took over student rights chair and I sat down with my committee and we determined it was a good idea to go back and redo the forums; this time think them out more and properly prepare."

The original forums were meant to

last four hours per day.

"I shortened it to two hours," Thacker said. "What I would like to happen is that the administrator come for the last 30 minutes. That way it will give students an hour and a half to come up with or voice their grievances and come up with alternative solutions. And that way the administrators can come in the last 30 minutes and students can voice their opinions to them." The topics discussed at the new forums differ slightly from the previous forums' original plan.

The first forums' topics were Aramark, parking and academics.

"Parking and Aramark, there's a general consensus across the student body that there are problems. But they are very large scale problems and until we come up with a feasible solution that we can take to them a forums isn't really going to help," Thacker said.

Since previous topics may be too difficult to change with a forum, the new topics will be different and allow students a realistic chance to voice

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## Eastern's new animal studies program is unique to area

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Choosing a major can be a difficult task, especially when considering the numerous options. Eastern has added another program and it just happens to be the only one of its kind in the area.

Students now have the option of obtaining a bachelor's of science degree in animal studies. This unique major was first offered by the university last fall and 25 students have declared it as their major. Listed under the Department of Psychology, the courses are centered around a liberal arts curriculum.

Robert "Bob" Mitchell is the foundation professor and coordinator of the animal studies program. Students interested in the option may be wondering what jobs await them after graduating with the degree.

"You have to direct yourself where you want to go," Mitchell said. He added that stu-

dents enrolled in the program are self-motivated and discover what they want to do on their own. This can be achieved through electives. Some students pursue careers as an animal photographer or videographer, or even as a journalist in the field of animal science. Electives such as journalism, photography and video, compliment the program.

Courses are taught through various methods. English, law and history classes help students develop an understanding of the relationship humans and animals share. Other courses investigate the behavior of animals, such as the comparative psychology course. Teaching these courses require observation skills.

"A lot of it is observing what animals do," Mitchell said.

Not only is the animal science program the only one in the area, it is also the first degree of its kind in the world. While there are similar degree programs, most are not as in-depth as Eastern's or only offer concentrations.

For more information on the program, contact Mitchell at robert.mitchell@eku.edu or call his office at 622-3122.



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Kaylia Cornett, editor

## Opening a door for tolerance

When Tyler Clementi, a gay student from Rutgers University took his own life, campus pressure forced the university to open its doors to gender-neutral housing.

Clementi's roommate secretly videotaped a sexual encounter.

Students across the country became witness to Clementi's violation of privacy. If Clementi had been assigned to a roommate that was tolerant and accepting of Clementi's lifestyle, he might still be with us today. The "what if" thought lurks in people's mind because if Clementi's roommate had been tolerant, accepting, or even decent enough to not secretly tape him, he would still be with us.

No one has control over that now, but changes to the housing process are being implemented at various universities across the nation, in hopes that procedure and policy can provide a more accepting and tolerant environment.

Gender-neutral housing would allow any two people to live together regardless of gender. It has become the buzzword and some students are wondering if Eastern is next.

The concept of gender-neutral housing, with its best intentions, could create and foster an environment filled with judgment-free students who are living with their ideal roommate.

It could also open the door to heterosexual couples living together.

Students, when given the ability to choose a roommate regardless of gender, provides more opportunity for issues rather than inclusion.

Heterosexual students who choose to utilize the gender-neutral housing option and live with an op-



posite sex roommate, could be opening the door to a range of issues that most students who choose to live in a dorm, have never had to experience before.

On-campus living is many student's first venture away from living under Mom and Dad's wing, but now it could be straight from living with their parents to moving in with a significant other. The experience of sharing the incredibly small dorm space can now be amplified, by sharing the space with your boyfriend or girlfriend.

But, haven't the loopholes always been there? Many gay and lesbian couples could easily choose to room together without ever causing an issue, even on the most conservative campus, in the most classic housing situation.

"Gender-neutral" housing inspires the utopian picture of all students getting along and accepting each other for exactly who they are, based on the fact that a gay man could now choose to room with a straight woman or that a lesbian woman could now room with a straight man.

Who is to say that any of this makes a difference to how we view another person's sexuality?

Gender has little to do with sexuality and even less to do with how tolerant one is.

The fact is, the creative inspiration behind this idea won't be able to ensure anything but a façade of equality and tolerance. The utopia will look picturesque, but who is to say the straight couple sharing a room accepts the lesbian woman living down the hall, the transgendered student living upstairs, or their RA who defines their sexuality as bisexual...

An inclusive environment, in order to thrive, cannot simply lie in one building on any campus. It is an idea that needs to be embraced by all students, not only those that choose to live in "gender-neutral" housing.

Students need to ask themselves if simply "looking" tolerant and progressive is enough for Eastern or if they would rather throw the door wide open and discuss the real issue at hand.

### >Personal Point of View

## Student Government Association has suppressed the student-voice



By K. Joshua Koch  
Guest Columnist

There's something rotten in the Powell Building, and the forthcoming details of SGA-Gate keep getting worse. The time has arrived for Student Government Association Executive Vice President Andrew Holcomb to stop refusing to comment on his recent misconduct and do the right thing. It's Holcomb's duty to come clean, reinstate the senators he forced out of SGA and resign his office.

The biggest shock to most students following this story is that the SGA seems to be actively working against the interests of the student body at large. Nothing highlights this failure of the organization more than the recent allegedly forced resignations of student senators Cari Tretina and Danielle Holston. As documented in The Eastern Progress, Tretina and Holston were forced into resignation for comments related to a series of forums they proposed in order to involve students in decisions on dining services, tuition and parking.

According to the SGA Constitution, the role of the Student Senate is this:

"The Student Senate shall serve as the legislative branch of the Student Government Association. Their du-

ties include, but are not limited to, academic affairs, student organizational funding, and student rights issues, as well as any other general issues."

Reading this definition of the Student Senate, it appears that Tretina and Holston were the only two senators who grasped the concept of service to their fellow students. They appear to have been forced out of office by Holcomb before they could allow you, the tuition-paying students of Eastern, to be involved in decisions regarding your school.

I, for one, do not accept this destructive, sell-out behavior from a group of insider students who masquerade as our representatives. In particular, I focus my outrage at the person who seems to have engineered this repugnant atrocity, Andrew Holcomb. Looking at the enumerated powers of his office, I do not see "bullying students' rights advocates" and "forcing resignations from senators" listed, so these seem to be abuses of his office.

It isn't as if the dining, rising tuition or parking situations are acceptable at Eastern. I don't want to pay higher tuition, I dislike Aramark's service and I am sick of enduring terrible commuter parking. That only Holston and Tretina, out of all the senators in SGA, seemed concerned about these issues is the most shocking item of this sad saga. That they were forced out for doing their jobs and exercising free speech is an intolerable act of aggression by the SGA against the student body and

the first amendment.

We deserve answers to some questions. Where were the other elected "representatives" when this brave pair wanted to give the students a chance to discuss these issues? Where was our student "leaders" pushing for our right to be heard? Why does the administration talk about freezing teacher salaries and raising tuition because of financial difficulties, while President Whitlock's line item in the proposed public Eastern budget for FY 2010-2011 increased by 8.64 percent? Why did the senate refuse veterans the opportunity to register early, which would help some vets with processing their financial aid from the government?

This brings me to my final assessment. The SGA is actively suppressing the student body's voice and interests, while it continues to ignore the pressing and growing issues that trouble students.

As long as SGA allows Holcomb to bully and remove senators who seek the views of the student body, it cannot be viewed as representative of the students and our interests. I extend the invitation to Holcomb and the other guilty parties in SGA to apologize and resign, after they reinstate the wronged Senators Holston and Tretina. If SGA refuses to do the right thing, we, the students, will make our voices heard loudly until justice has been served.

### >Letters to the editor

## Smoker calls for an end to campus butt chucking

Smoking and litter and butts, oh why?

Having spoke about the need of a higher level of awareness concerning campus litter in general, I now come to a particular concern, Butts!

Cigarette butts here, there and everywhere.

Of all the litter ground crews and custodians have to deal with, butt litter is the most problematic and time consuming. Time is money, and money is tight. Once again, simple actions can replace man-hours.

Stow your butts until a proper disposal receptacle can be found.

I do not wish to extol judgment on smokers. I smoke. No, I want to implore my fellow smokers to respect the privilege granted us for the right to do so on campus.

You see, we have the right, a liberty right, to smoke, but our fellow non-smokers have a claim right not to deal with the various aspects of our habit. They have a right to not have to walk through clouds of smoke toxins. They have a right to a beautiful campus, free of saliva soaked, chemical inoculated butts scattered carelessly about.

Richmond as a community has a right not to have to deal with the flood of butts that wash down the sewer drains and into our water

ways where the chemicals leach. You see, rights not respected are rights that can be taken away.

Eastern has done its job towards the smokers by securing their liberty right by providing smoking shelters, signs to remind us where not to smoke and butt receptacles. I propose that we as smokers bolster our image a little in the effort to maintain our right to smoke on campus.

If you're going to smoke, be a righteous smoker, and consider your fellow non-smoker. Obey proximity laws and most of all don't be a "Butt Chucker." If needed, I can supply you, for free, with a Butt Box; a small plastic pop-lid container designed specifically to stow butts until a proper receptacle is located.

I will be in the Powell courtyard Friday, March 18 and 25, from noon to 1 p.m., where you can come on by and get one. Just look for the Big Butt Head!

Jennifer Hazzard  
Student

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### On-campus group invites education majors to gain experience

Collaboration is an important skill that we are taught as students in the field of education. So why not begin to use it now? Your fellow future teachers are looking to help you along in your journey to better educate the students of tomorrow. To do that, we want to introduce you to our campus organization: KEA-SP, The Kentucky Education Association Student Program.

Here at Eastern we offer education majors all types of opportunities to network, gain experience, help the community, grow as leaders and grow as an individual. We offer chances to experience professional developments required by the program, assistance and advice as you move through your major, and also protection, such as liability insurance, as you begin your work in the classroom. Members are also given special opportunities to apply for scholarships or awards.

In the past, our chapter has participated in Literacy Night at Madison County High School, attended the KEA-SP Student Conference at the University of Kentucky and

attended the KEA leadership training Boot Camp in Georgetown. We have volunteered our time to Shriners Children's Hospital by interacting with children in intensive care through arts and crafts, and even been judges for the middle school science fair at Model Laboratory School. All in all, we have offered our time in various other manners and have even hosted events such as "In at the Inn," where we prepared food and shelter for the homeless in Madison County.

This year we are also planning a retreat at the Alders Gate camp in Estill County, in order to improve leadership qualities and promote social awareness. All members are invited to come on this retreat, but we have a limited space of 20 people, so it is first come first serve. Events will include trust exercises and teambuilding activities, networking and, if the weather is nice, even some hiking. We will be having an open meeting for members and all interested individuals on March 21 in Combs 437 at 4 p.m. If changes occur, notification will be sent out on EKU Students Today or OrgSync for current members.

We are also honored to host the KEA State Student Assembly on April 15 and 16 that will bring KEA members from all around Kentucky together for workshops, professional developments and networking. Our very own Dr. Richard Day will be giving a presentation on bullying. This is a significant event for Eastern and for our chapter, as Eastern has not hosted this conference since 1995. It will be held in the Perkin's building next to Hummel Planetarium. There is also limited space for people to attend this exciting event due to the large number of visitors to our campus.

If you would like more information on KEA or the events above, please contact our student president, Dominic McCamish at [Dominic\\_McCamish1@mymail.eku.edu](mailto:Dominic_McCamish1@mymail.eku.edu).

Amanda Lockett & Sherri Williams  
Officers for KEA-SP

### Professional defends massage therapy

Dear Editor,  
The article "My Turn by Crystal Brockman," February 3, 2011, is very good and accurate. However, she failed to mention that there are many, including myself, that are legal, legitimate massage therapists working in Richmond and Kentucky.

We are required to graduate from an accredited school, pass a national exam, follow ethical standards and participate in continuing education to maintain our license that is issued by the state.

The parlors she mentions are the illegal and inappropriate side of our profession and should not be allowed to operate. But please remember that not every massage therapy location is this type of business. Thank you.

Steven Dickerson  
Certified Massage Therapist

## The silent treatment is unconstitutional



My Turn  
Dana Cole

Just in case some of you have forgotten, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This statement can, and has, been interpreted in many ways. And of late, it has been violated on this campus.

On March 2, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down their latest judgment concerning the First Amendment.

A controversial church from Topeka, Kan., Westboro Baptist Church, believes that American soldiers are dying in war to punish our country for being tolerant of homosexuals. They picket outside funerals of fallen soldiers to further their cause. They hold signs that say, "God hates fags," and "Thank God for a dead soldier." Their website is titled [godhatesamerica.com](http://godhatesamerica.com).

Although offensive to some, and in my opinion, completely unethical, the Supreme Court said what they do is not illegal. Their actions are protected under

the First Amendment, and I agree.

This is America. We have the freedom of speech. It is the premise this country was founded on and what makes it great. It is what allows me as a journalist to write this piece and print it simply because I want to. And in the same right, allows anti-gay protesters to picket as they please. We as Americans take this freedom for granted.

It seems quite fitting this decision was handed down in the wake of Eastern's own mini- First Amendment battle.

If radical church groups can hold pickets and rallies outside places where our nation's heroes are being laid to rest, and the Su-

preme Court rules 8-1, that is protected speech and assembly, then why can't a student senator speak his or her opinion?

In the Court's decision, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote, "Speech is powerful. It can stir people to action, move them to tears of both joy and sorrow, and—as it did here—inflict great pain. On the facts before us, we cannot react to that pain by punishing the speaker."

We cannot silence someone because we don't agree with what they are saying. It's unconstitutional. Should a law making body on a public campus be violating students' First Amendment rights? I think not. And I believe the United States Supreme Court would agree.

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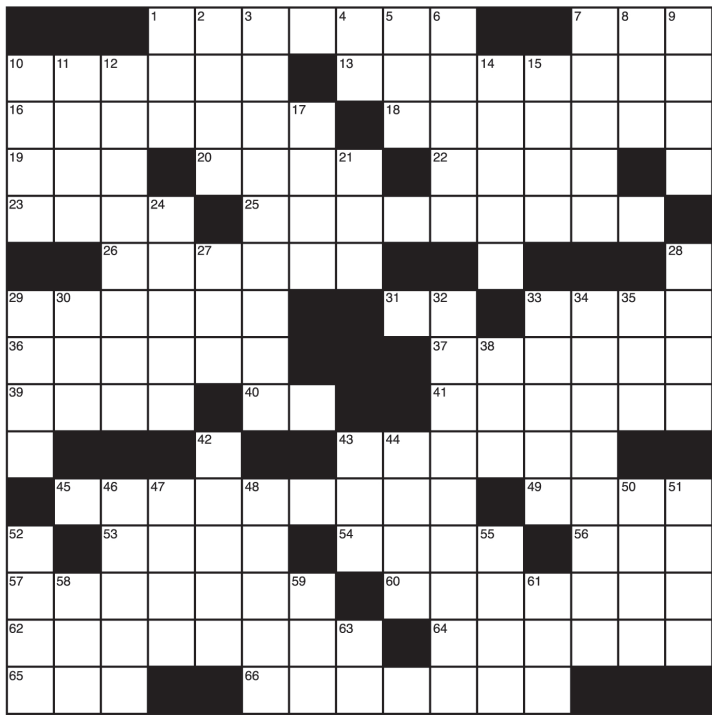
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- Across
1. Plural of "spectrum."
  7. Ornamental trophy in sports competitions.
  10. Fine cord used in sewing.
  13. Stare longer.
  16. Little root.
  18. Quality of no importance.
  19. Whole.
  20. Different.
  22. Closely connected.
  23. Money.
  25. Traveling about without any clear destination.
  26. Commands given by a superior.
  29. Island in Western Samoa.
  31. Objective case of "we."
  33. Chalcedony with alternating black and white bands.
  36. Compensation for an injury or insult.
  37. Unwind from a reel.
  39. Hide.
  40. In order that.
  41. Disqualify oneself in a particular case.
  43. Fruit juice especially when undiluted.
  45. Gain upon.
  49. Separate out.
  53. Something causing misery.
  54. Child who behaves badly.
  56. Beverage made by steeping tea leaves in water.
  57. Causing awe.
  60. Relating to the Ural Mountains.
  62. Someone from Kashmir.
  64. Entertains as a guest.
  65. Previous to.
  66. Crisp, smooth, lustrous fabric.
- Down
1. Put something in a particular place.
  2. Lacking in brightness.
  3. Small plant of the Alps with white flowers.
  4. Function word to indicate direction toward.
  5. Allow a line to feed freely.
  6. Make amends for.
  7. Small, rough-haired breed of terrier from Scotland.
  8. Large pot for making coffee in large quantities.
  9. Small cylindrical pins used to plug a hole.
  10. Light one-horse carriage with springs.
  11. Hollow area in something solid.
  12. 1991 film starring Jane Fonda.
  14. Daniel \_, Phil Berquist in City Slickers.
  15. Descendant of a native of Thailand.
  17. Male monarch.
  21. Existing thing.
  24. \_ Herbert, author of Dune.
  27. Past tense of "do."
  28. \_ Foley, Beverly Hills Cop.
  29. State of being purchasable.
  30. Acronym for Atomic Mass Unit.
  32. Fill to an excessive degree.
  33. AKA killer whales.
  34. Inflammation of a nerve accompanied by pain and sometimes loss of function.
  35. Affirmative.
  38. \_ (clean), it is said of an honest wine with the well-defined characters.
  42. Toxic secretion in animals.
  43. Steal.
  44. Very light brown.
  46. Excessively fat.
  47. Hastily.
  48. Send money to pay for merchandise.
  50. Achievement requiring great courage.
  51. Makes brown by sun exposure.
  52. \_ Thomas, Matt McGuire on Lizzie McGuire.
  55. Stretched tight.
  58. Open state of armed conflict.
  59. Period of time marked by distinctive character.
  61. \_ Wait, historical novel writer for children.
  63. In the event that.

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## Literacy program aims to benefit local schools

By KRISTIE HAMON  
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The Residence Life Council (RLC) is sponsoring a literacy program called Clues for Schools, to raise supplies for local schools in need of assistance this week.

RLC Vice President Ashley Salyer, a senior communications disorders and Spanish double major, explained that each residence hall will have posters with passages from a book on them as clues. Every time someone donates something to the schools, he or she will get to make one guess as to which book the clue comes from. Students write their names and their guesses in a folder that will be at the front desks of each hall.

Everyone who guesses the book right will be placed in a drawing,

and the winner will receive \$150 for their hall council to use as they see fit.

Anyone can drop off their donation with their hall's desk worker.

Maegen Schmidt, the RLC programming chair and an elementary education major, talked to the college of education about which local schools are in need of supplies and determined that the supplies raised will benefit Madison Middle, Daniel Boone Elementary and Mayfield Elementary.

Schmidt said some of the supplies the schools are in need of include paper towels, pencils, tissues, Clorox wipes, colored pencils and crayons.

"It's just a good way to help underprivileged schools in the area," Schmidt said.

would never make it past the approval stages.

"I don't see Eastern doing it because it's more of a conservative school," said Evan Ardeshir, former resident adviser for Todd and Palmer Halls.

Others think Eastern's LG-BTQ community could put the pressure on officials to join the conversation of co-ed dorm rooms.

"I don't know if it will happen here soon, but RLC

(Residence Life Council) should have a forum and talk about students needs," said David Anderson, a senior political science major, who also helped start up the Alphabet Center on campus. "I think more and more schools will feel the pressure to move to this. What happened at Rutgers, something so tragic, does highlight a need to talk about this."

## FORUMS

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their opinions and offer viable solutions.

"I know the topics for forums, I think a couple of them are going to be a little different," said Becca Reynolds, student rights committee member who has also been placed in charge of advertising for the forums.

Thacker works closely with the non-traditional council in SGA and they want to have their opinions heard as well.

"They suggested that they would also like to do a non-trad specific forum," Thacker said. "They want to bring up things about parking, child care services, things like that."

The non-traditional students have the ability to voice their opinions, though their opportunity will be combined with another forum topic, such as parking or the miscellaneous general university forum.

The search for topics of discussion is still on.

"I thought about doing a tuition forum, but I feel that the tuition forum has been kind of beat to death," Thacker said. "From what I understand, the university has already approved a 5 percent increase for next year, so I feel like it might be too little too late for that."

It's important for SGA to expand their horizons when it comes to issues they want to handle, Thacker said.

"I don't want to continue to do the same things over and over again that previous people in SGA have done," he said. "Parking, advising and Aramark seem to be like the holy grails of forums and I want to get away from that. I want SGA to branch out and start impacting other areas in the university."

While no administrators have been invited yet, Thacker intends on inviting several administrators throughout Eastern.

"I haven't asked the administrators yet but I've drafted a personal letter to them to come out," Thacker said.

One of the invitees will be Provost Janna Vice. "After the whole situation last time, Dr. Vice has always been very supportive as far as reaching out to the students, and you know she wants to be involved, so even if we don't have anything directly geared toward her, she is a very vital companion to have when trying to restructure

policies within the university," Thacker said.

Committees on Committees Chair, Rhett Ramsey will also be involved in the new forums week.

"All the committee chairmen report to me and we discuss legislation and pending legislation and things like that, so with these forums, I'm going to be attending and listening to the students concerns to try and help build legislation to make the campus a more student-friendly place," Ramsey said.

The controversy that occurred with the previous forums, still hangs over SGA's head.

"I am kinda concerned," Thacker said. "We wanted to kind of make more time between the mishap and the new forums, but this date was the farthest that we could push it back and try to get anything done."

Thacker doesn't want the administrators to be dismayed from the events of the last forums.

SGA wants to encourage the student body to come participate and ensure that administrators on campus hear their opinions and solutions.

"This time around we want students to know that we really do want to hear your opinions," Reynolds said. "Just come out with solutions and we'd love to hear them."

Reynolds and Thacker aren't the only ones who want to encourage students to attend. Ramsey does as well.

"If I had to say anything, I just really encourage students to come out because if they want to improve things on campus, they need to come talk to us and let us know what their needs are, what their desires are," Ramsey said. "If we know that stuff, then that's something that we can build off of and work to try and make campus better for all the students."

Campaigning for the new SGA administration begins soon and this is an opportune time, not only for students, but also for potential candidates.

"This is going to be a critical time for students to start voicing their opinions during these forums. It's right before campaigning starts for the new administration," Thacker said. "I've read some of the responses to previous articles written in the Progress talking about 'they (SGA) need to start over with clean slate..' and for the candidates who are going to be running---this is going to be where they get their ideas for where they need to start next year. So this is probably the best time to come out, make your voice heard."

## HOUSING

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process would have to go through student government first.

"Is it (gender-neutral housing) really needed?" said SGA President Caleb Armbrust, who was also a resident adviser in Sullivan Hall. "That's my question."

More than 50 colleges and universities have taken part in the pilot program, including the University of Chicago, Miami (OH), University of Michigan and Oberlin College, in Ohio.

Telford Hall has co-ed floors, but the suites are still single gender.

But some people on campus believe co-ed dorm assignments

**"I don't see Eastern doing it because it's more of a conservative school."**

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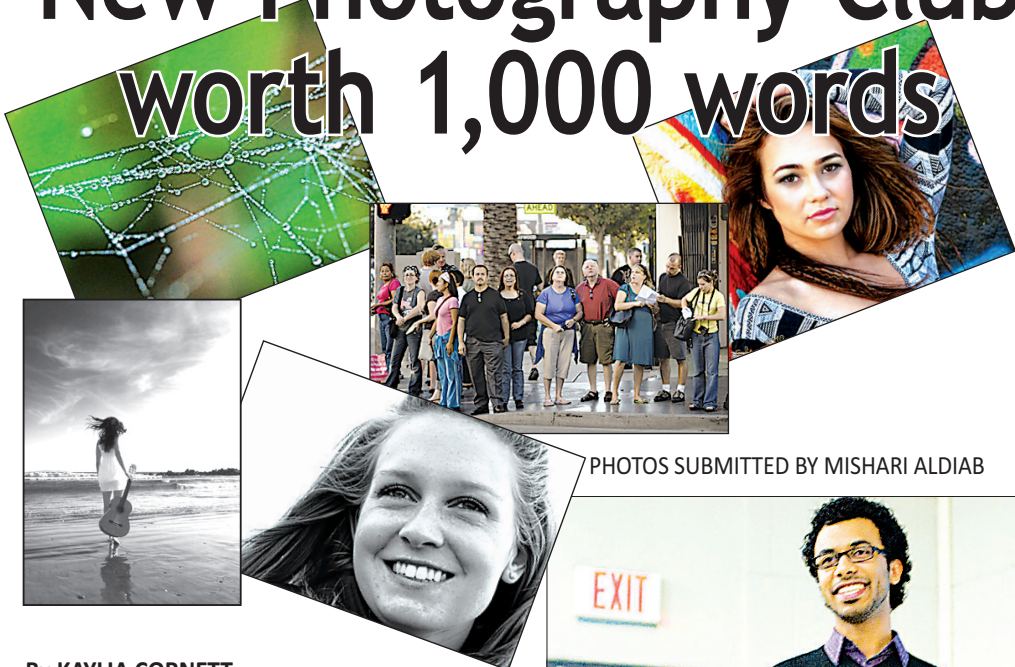
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## New Photography Club

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By **KAYLIA CORNETT**

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For freshman Mishari Aldiab, photography means something. And in 2004, he discovered just what it meant. Several years later, that discovery led him to start Eastern's very own photography club in February.

Aldiab, originally from Saudi Arabia, moved to the United States in September 2009, where he spent nine months in Los Angeles learning English. While there, he joined a photography club. He previously had been involved with a club back home in Saudi Arabia as well.

"My story may be funny, somehow," he said with a laugh.

In 2004, Aldiab said he and his brother started a friendly competition photographing license plates, which turned into an epiphany.

"I started to find an art in photography," he said. "There was a feeling inside with me, taking me toward loving [it]. A message can be delivered with a picture."

He said from that point on, he learned that photography is a never-ending challenge, which heightened his dedication to the craft, which also led to the founding of Eastern's photography club.

"I find myself mostly aiming toward portraits," Aldiab said. "[When] I came to the states, I found myself shooting landscapes, [but I have] way more to learn about it before I can successfully pass that."

Aldiab said his experience in previous clubs is what helped him to start this one, which already has more than 20 members and is increasing steadily.



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

**Mishari Aldiab, a founder of Eastern's Photography club, speaks to new members.**

"Being in a club will give you the opportunity to make new friends sharing the same interest," he said. "Just an interest [in photography is needed]."

### Club Details

- Meetings are every other Wednesday in Ferrell Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.
- Meetings consist of lectures, followed by workshops
- If interested in joining, contact Mishari Aldiab at [mishari\\_aldiab@mymail.eku.edu](mailto:mishari_aldiab@mymail.eku.edu)
- Students and faculty are encouraged to join
- Owning a camera isn't necessary

## DOGS ON THE RUN

### EKU UNLEASHED OFFERS DOG LOVING COLONELS A CHANCE TO SOCIALIZE AND ORGANIZE

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Having a dog can bring more than just companionship between the owner and his/her dog. It can also bring fellow dog-lovers together. At least this is the goal of EKU Unleashed, an organization barking its way onto campus.

For over a year now, the seven members of EKU Unleashed have been meeting at Judy Reins Memorial Dog Park located at Lake Reba. Here, they socialize with one another as their dogs run around and play with other canines, allowing strong connections to form.

The goals of Unleashed are listed on their website, [ekuunleashed.com](http://ekuunleashed.com), originally started by Gina Portwood, business manager of The Eastern Progress. The idea came to her while working on her master's degree in recreation and park administration.

"I found that the average participant agreed that they feel safer when they have their dog(s) with them and that they are more receptive to conversation with strangers when accompanied by their dog(s)," Portwood said.

The first and primary goal of the group is to bring strangers together to form a network of friends among those colonels who happen to have a love of dogs. They also would like to organize sessions with local veterinarians to talk about the best ways to take care of your pet.

"We'd love to be able to offer dog-training sessions, veterinarian Q&A sessions, fundraisers for pet rescue organizations, etc., as our organization grows," Portwood said.

Some other goals are to raise awareness of any boarding kennels, pet-friendly apartments and dog-sitters that are available within the community.

Perhaps most importantly, Unleashed members want their dogs to become comfortable around other dogs.

"Our goal is to socialize dogs with other dogs and with people because it makes them well-mannered pets. If they do not socialize then they can become vi-

cious animals," said John Wright, coordinator of Unleashed.

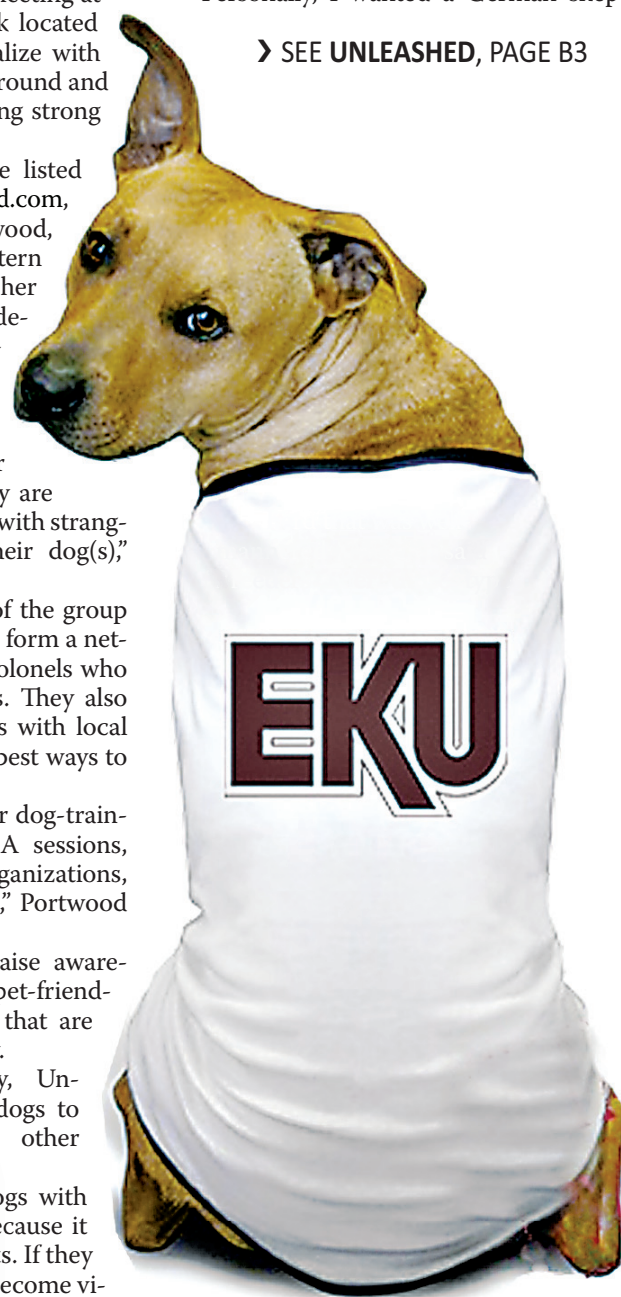
Wright believes this organization would be a great asset to the Richmond community, bringing people with shared interests and, of course, a love of dogs together.

Wright himself brings his three dogs to the park: Madison, a pit bull/husky mix, Jake, a German shepherd and Riley, a German shepherd/beagle mix.

For anyone who is interested in getting a dog, the question is brought up of where to get one: breeders vs. shelters. Wright believes it all depends on the type of dog you want.

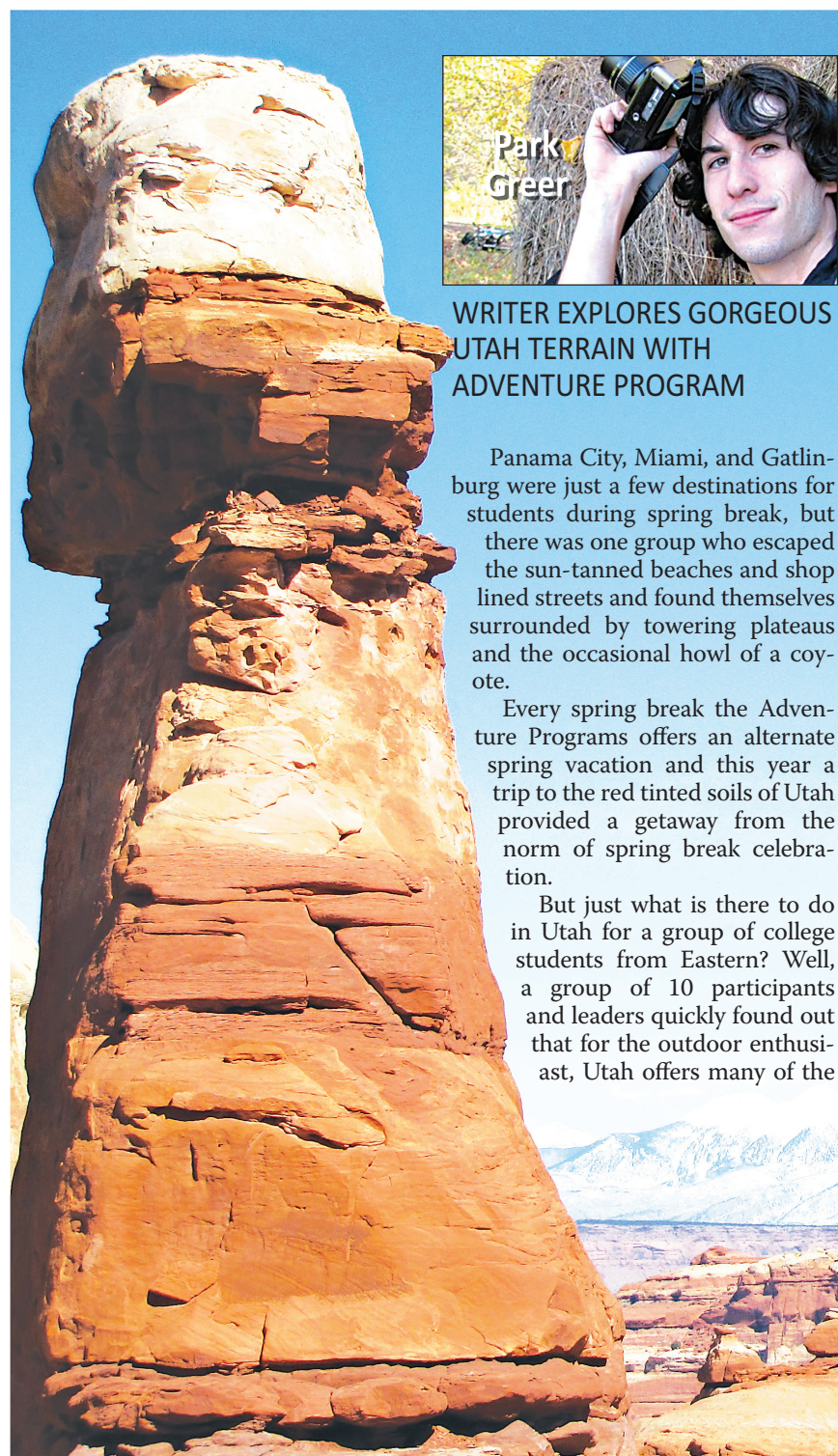
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## A BREAK FROM THE NORM TO REMEMBER

### Progress writers reflect on their alternative spring break adventures



**WRITER EXPLORES GORGEOUS UTAH TERRAIN WITH ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

Panama City, Miami, and Gatlinburg were just a few destinations for students during spring break, but there was one group who escaped the sun-tanned beaches and shop-lined streets and found themselves surrounded by towering plateaus and the occasional howl of a coyote.

Every spring break the Adventure Programs offers an alternate spring vacation and this year a trip to the red tinted soils of Utah provided a getaway from the norm of spring break celebration.

But just what is there to do in Utah for a group of college students from Eastern? Well, a group of 10 participants and leaders quickly found out that for the outdoor enthusiast, Utah offers many of the

most eye-opening scenes and gorgeous hikes in the west.

Friday held high expectations and excitement for the road ahead. The only downside?

Thirty hours in a 12-passenger van with 10 people and gear for the upcoming week.

After a decent drive across six states, including the vast, never-ending expanse of Kansas, the van rolled to a stop in Moab, Utah where we all fell out of the van into a dark and cool landscape. After a quick recon of the area, we still did not know much of the area other than it was rocky and full of cacti and tumbleweed.

The next morning held a wonderful surprise as we awoke to find we had set up camp on the banks of the powerful Colorado River nestled between towering plateaus. This wondrous site was only the beginning of what would become a beautifully memorable spring break experience.

The next few days we spent exploring the area around camp, scaling steep mountains, bouldering and traveling to some of the best natural destinations in the west, such as Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park.

Arches National Park is one of those places that you have probably seen pictures of in National Geographic, on television, or just around on posters, but none of those mediums do the real

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**WRITER TRAVELS TO GREAT WHITE NORTH IN SEARCH OF BEER, HOCKEY AND FUN**

While most students either went to areas of warmer climate or just back to their homes, I took a different approach. My destination was Vancouver, Canada.

Being excited for the trip meant sleep was not an option. My first flight left Nashville's International Airport and landed at Midway Airport in Chicago. Getting into the airport was no problem. I had my boarding pass already printed out and was ready to go. However, there was only one obstacle that stood in my way: airport security. I felt ready for whatever they were going to throw at me. I only ask that they cuddle with me or at least have the decency to take me out to breakfast after the frisking.

The flight to Seattle was not as bad as predicted, even though the connecting flight seemed like "bring your baby to the plane day." Luckily for me, I had my iPod fully charged and a window seat to keep me entertained.

After a smooth landing and a bus ride to the border, I finally made it to my destination. I managed to meet up with my older brother, Ian, an Eastern alumni who is currently attending the University of British Columbia for his masters in music. After 11 consecutive hours of travel, I was exhausted, but my brother knew the number one cure. We stopped by the St. Regis tavern for a few pints of Canada's finest beer. If there is one thing I learned about Canadians, it is that they know how to drink.

I soon realized my brother still had classes all week and it was up to me to venture out on my own in the great city of Vancouver. What could possibly go wrong? Besides, I knew the drill. Look both ways before crossing the street and don't talk to strangers...unless they have candy.

As I was making my way through town completely lost, I went to the local train station to find a map. Attempting to read the map before was like deciphering a foreign language. Luckily, a new friend was met this way. A girl named Katharina was equally lost, so we decided to stick together.

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# Black Sabbath debut still rocking hard decades later

By JOSEPH LOWERY

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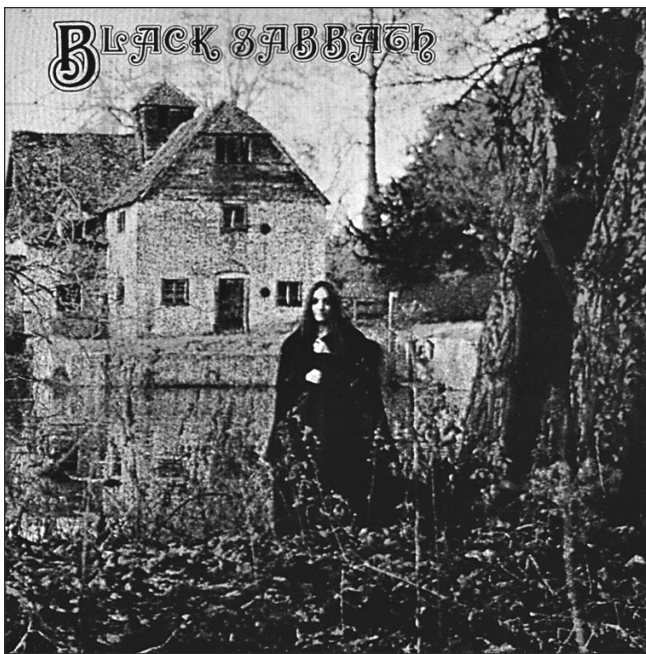
When bands first start out they rarely know they're going to make it big. They hope and dream, but never *know*. How can they? Musicians can't know the impact they'll have on their fans, other musicians or other generations.

Such is the case with Black Sabbath. Formed in 1968, the line up of vocalist Ozzy Osbourne, guitarist Tony Iommi, bassist Terrance Butler and drummer Bill Ward, Sabbath was originally a blues band. All that changed in 1969 when they released their first album, "Black Sabbath."

Back in the 70s, when parents first heard Sabbath, they assumed the worse. The members of Sabbath worshiped Satan and were trying to convert the youth. Not true. Although Sabbath did set out to "scare" people, much like the silent films of the day tried to do.

One only needs to listen to the first track off the album, also titled "Black Sabbath," to realize why parents were scared. Ozzy talks of dying and going to Hell and being "the chosen one." The song actually serves as a warning for Hell, but mix in the doom and gloom of Iommi's guitar and Ward's heavy drumming and it's easy to see why parents feared for their children.

Track number two, "The Wizard," featuring Osbourne on harmonica, an awesomely scary thought in itself, once again derails the notion of evil band members, although



magic is involved. The song tells of a wizard who protects a village from demons by casting spells.

"Behind the Wall of Sleep" and "N.I.B." are combined

into the next track. The former talking about drugs and the latter is a love song written from Satan's point of view. OK, maybe parents had a right to be a little scared of that one. However, Iommi's guitar work couldn't have been in better form on "N.I.B." and the bass solo between the two songs, often referred to as "Bassically," is nothing short of phenomenal.

The next track, "Wicked World," is another great offering of heavy guitar playing by Iommi and powerful lyrics by Osbourne. The lyrics tell how war is so rampant and yet people back home are dying of diseases.

The final set of songs, "Sleeping Village" and "The Warning," once again lumped into one 14 minute-plus track offers up some of Iommi's sickest solos and licks. "The Warning" tells of a man who has lost the woman he loves and warns of relationships. Although it could be talking about Satan; it's kind of ambiguous.

Black Sabbath is a band that has influenced many people, musicians and fans alike. They also helped spawn Doom Metal, although their specific sound is more blues and hard rock than death metal. Tracks like "Black Sabbath" and "N.I.B." are sure to please and tracks like "Wicked World" and "The Warning" are still relevant today just as they were 40 years ago.

Do yourself a favor and pick this album up. Your parents may actually enjoy it too.

## 'The King's Speech' silences its critics with moving story

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"And the Oscar goes to... 'The King's Speech!'" Closing the ceremony on Feb. 27, the 83rd Annual Academy Awards surprised millions of viewers by awarding yet another Oscar to the Brit hit "The King's Speech."

The film ended up winning four of its 12 nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, and has won countless others from groups such as the Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild. It seems more than clear to critics and those in the film industry that this movie is spectacular.

On the minds of most Americans, however, a question surely remains: What on earth is "The King's Speech?"

"The King's Speech," directed by Tom Hooper of HBO's award-winning series "John Adams" fame, is a period piece set in early World War II era Great Britain. The film explores Prince Albert, the soon-to-be King George VI played by Colin Firth, his crippling speech impediment and how he begins to overcome it with the help of an eccentric Aussie named Lionel Logue, played by Geoffrey Rush (Pirates of the Caribbean), and a loving wife, played by Helena Bonham Carter (Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street).

Now, if you found yourself dozing off during that description, you probably are not alone. On its surface, "The King's Speech" does not sound like a terribly interesting film and certainly would not seem to warrant the immense praise and

accolades it has received.

So were critics hit by a massive wave of delusion and stupidity when it came time to review this film?

The answer is definitely no. "The King's Speech" rises high above its somewhat dull plot description with humor, grace and most importantly, fully-fledged intriguing characters.

Firth has received endless praise for his performance as the reluctant king, including a Best Actor Oscar, and for good reason. Firth totally embodies the role, implementing a perfect stutter and diving deep into his character's quirks, his fears and ultimately his triumph.

Equally important are Rush and Carter, two other industry stalwarts who turn in expectedly fantastic performances here as well. Rush takes on the failed actor turned speech therapist Logue with gusto and wit, while Bonham, typically known for her feisty, merciless roles, exudes warmth, love and undying faith in her husband as the future Queen Mother here.

The script, written by 73-year-old David Seidler, now one of the oldest Oscar winners, shines as well with rarely a boring moment present. The story rings even truer when you consider that Seidler was once a stutterer himself.

The movie is not without its faults, of course. It is a bit old fashioned and conventional throughout; there is never any doubt what the conclusion will be, for example. And given the time of its release, the film does seem to have



an air of "Oscar bait" to it. Though it may not be the "hippest" film out there, especially in comparison to some of its competitors such as "The Social Network" or "Inception." "The King's Speech" is without a doubt a rousing, inspirational and entertaining film, entirely worthy of its acclaim. Check this one out in theatres while you still can and discover what all the fuss is over 'that one British movie.'

**Verdict: A**

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# UNLEASHED

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health problems and a mild temperament. Shelters are also a good place to get dogs, but it can be a risky decision because that animal may have been abused."

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EKU Unleashed is open to all students, faculty and staff. Since they are still in the process of becoming a registered student organization, membership fees have not been determined. At least 10 members are needed to form an official organization, so if interested in joining, don't go barking up the wrong tree. Instead, contact Gina Portwood at gina.portwood@eku.edu or John Wright at john\_wright75@mymail.eku.edu and join EKU Unleashed today.

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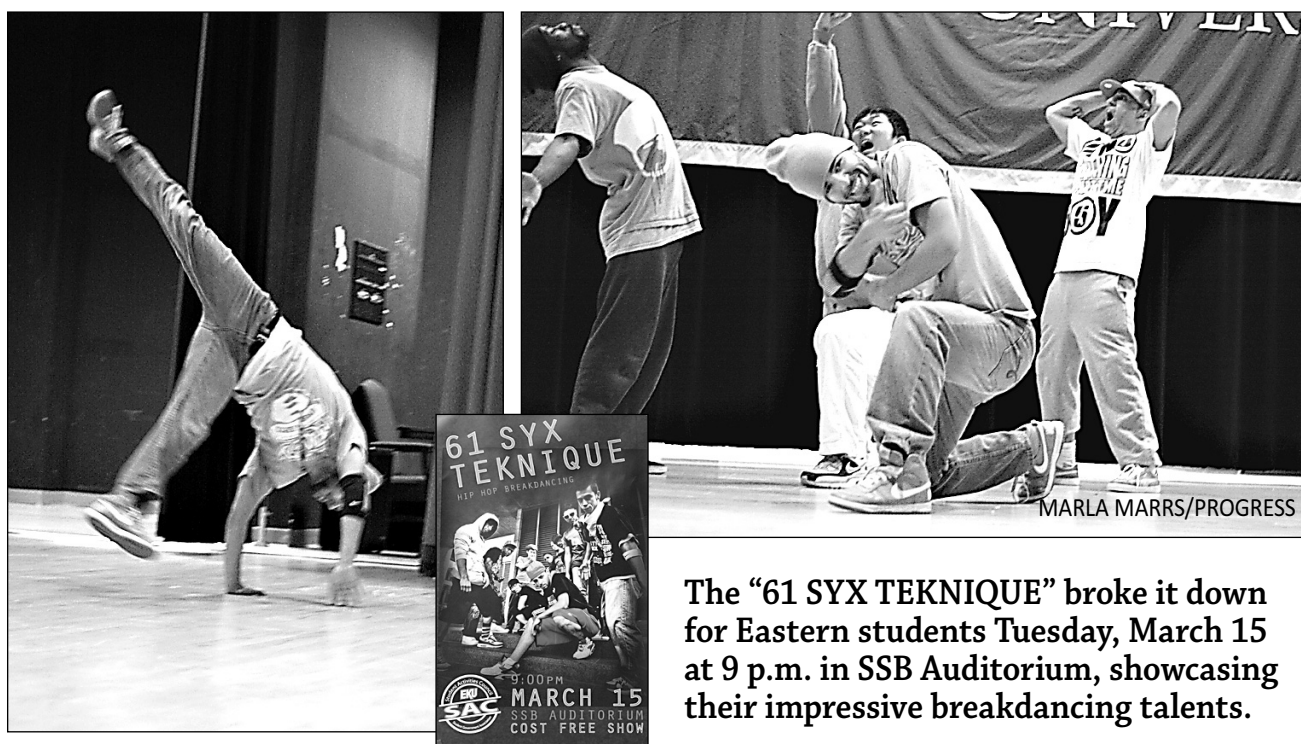
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# THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS



The "61 SYX TEKNIQUE" broke it down for Eastern students Tuesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. in SSB Auditorium, showcasing their impressive breakdancing talents.

## MEIMAN

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This was a common thing in Canada, the people are friendly and are willing to aid anyone if they need it. It really gives one a "home away from home" feeling.

The rest of the days were filled with trips around Vancouver, and my ever so humorous attempts at ice-skating. Surprisingly enough, I only fell once or twice. Not bad for a boy from Kentucky.

While we're on the topic of ice-skating, I had a chance to view first-hand how Canadians watch hockey. While hockey back in the states may not be as exciting as football or

baseball, for the Canadian people it's a part of who they are. As I sat at the pub watching the Vancouver Canucks play against the San Jose Sharks, tension filled the air as the game nearly went into overtime. The Canucks managed to up the ante against the Sharks, and with that, the crowd went wild cheering on for their home team.

My final day ended with my brother, some new friends and I enjoying a few pints at an on campus pub. Yes, that's right: UBC has four on-campus pubs each owned by UBC and other investors. Hey Eastern, I know a great way to pump more money back into the campus!

For me, this has been by far my most remarkable and exciting spring break trip, yet. I hope in the near future I can return to the Great White North for another visit.

## GREER

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thing any justice at all. With natural arches formed over millions of years delicately hanging on to the cliffs and dizzying heights of the canyons, Arches is a must for anyone traveling west.

Canyonlands National Park was the next stop and after a night of star gazing, at which the Milky Way could be seen hovering over our heads with shooting stars streaking the sky, we began a seven mile hike through a section of the park known as "The Needles." With soaring stone spires, deep canyons and amazing vistas with the immense, snowcapped La Sal Mountains ever present in the background, participants and guides alike will definitely have a lasting memory.

"I don't even know where to start; the whole trip was pretty awesome," said Anthony Frisby, a senior psychology major from Ashland. "The staff was cool, they didn't really seem like trip leaders as much as they did people who were sharing the same experience as me."

Adventure Programs offers students the chance to ex-

plore local and national areas through hiking, rafting and climbing, and hopefully imparting a lasting memory and seed for love of the natural world in each participant.

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"The AP spring break trip was a great introduction to the western part of our country," said Bryan Klapheke, a junior recreation major from Louisville. "I really enjoyed getting to know the patrons and connecting with them through the awesome sights that were unfolded to us on our journeys through Utah and Colorado. I can't say that I terribly miss Kansas but it was definitely an interesting area to go through."

Returning on Saturday was difficult, not only because we passed through two time zones, but also because leaving such a gorgeous and wild country behind was a hard thing to do. But after many days roughing it, we were glad to be back in good old Kentucky.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, be sure to check out the Adventure Programs on the Campus Recreation website and sign up for a highly affordable trip that best suits you!

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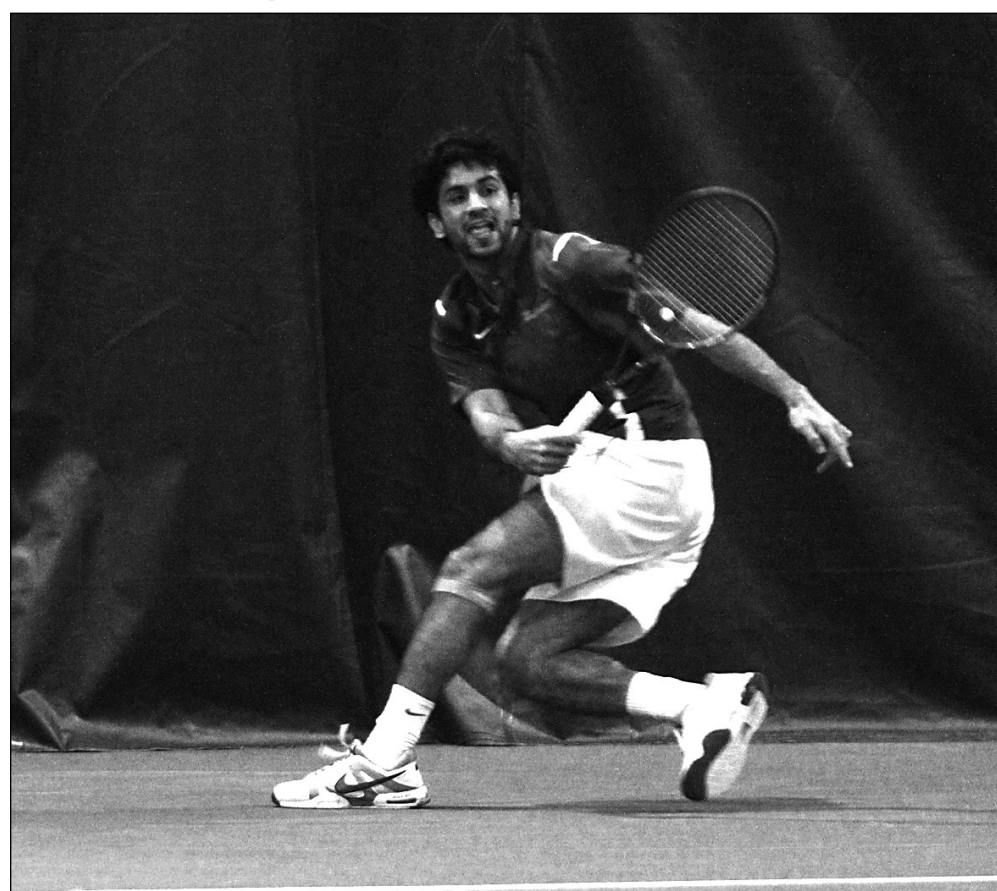


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# Spring break trip beneficial for Colonel tennis



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Parul Verma, and the rest of the men's team, came home from their annual trip to Florida with three wins, and now sit at 11-3. Last year, the men struggled on the spring break trip.

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For the first time since 2007, Eastern's men's tennis team came away with multiple wins during their spring break trip to Florida last week.

In previous seasons, Eastern went 0-6 against teams on the trip, which normally kicks-off the outdoors portion of the spring season for the Colonels.

"It's never easy to go down there and win matches," Head Coach Rob Oertel said. "You're playing against teams who have been playing outdoors all year and are good outside. It's always a tough transition."

With three solid wins over Stetson, Flagler and Embry-Riddle, the Colonels (11-3) are riding a new wave of confidence heading into conference play.

Last year Eastern was riding a four match-losing streak, including losses to Stetson and Embry-Riddle, heading into conference play.

This year seems to be different. "For the dudes to go down there and sweep three of them is absolutely huge," Oertel said. "It speaks volumes how well the season is going. But we can't get too big of a head. We have to stay focused on the ultimate goal."

That goal is an OVC regular season and tournament championship.

The men haven't lost a conference match in two seasons and will try to continue that streak.

"Our goal is to go undefeated in the conference season and win the title," Oertel said. "Anything less is unacceptable and would be a disappointment."

Austin Peay was picked to finish third in the OVC preseason poll, and recently had their four match win streak snapped with a loss to South Alabama, 4-3.

It was a close match for the Gobs, who won the doubles point but lost four of the six singles matches, the deciding match in a third set tiebreaker.

Freshman Jasmin Ademovic leads the Gobs at the No. 1 spot and is 5-2 in singles on the year. The Gobs are also strong at the No. 2, as sophomore Henrique Norbiato posts a record of 7-1 in singles.

As a team, Austin Peay already has a win over conference foe Tennessee State.

"They are young, hungry and well-coached," Oertel said. "They were picked third but I think they are the second best team in the league. We have more talent but talent doesn't always win for you. We have to guard against having a big head. We

can't expect them to just lie down for us, because they won't."

On the spring break trip, Eastern got stellar play from juniors Hugo Klientovsky (No. 2) and Niklas Schroeder (No. 3), both of which went a perfect 3-0.

"Both of them stepped it up over the trip," Oertel said. "When they are playing the way they are right now it takes our team to an even higher level."

On the women's side, Eastern didn't fare as well, losing all three matches to Stetson, Flagler and Embry-Riddle.

"We played some good competition, so I'm not totally disenchanted with the women's outcomes," Oertel said. "We had a chance against Flagler, but just came up short to a good team."

Despite the overall team's lack of success, several Colonels played well individually.

Anouke Faure, the senior captain, posted a 2-1 record on the trip. She had a 3-6, 6-4, (12-10) win over Josefine Strom from Embry-Riddle and a 6-1, 6-3 win over Deon Miller from Flagler.

"That was by far the brightest part of the women's trip," Oertel said. "She played like a senior down there, and it showed. Her veteran leadership is starting to show and she is willing to make any sacrifices for the team."

The women start their OVC campaign Friday against Austin Peay. The Lady Gobs were picked to win the conference title in the preseason poll, but have lost back-to-back matches to Kennesaw State and South Alabama.

Junior Vanja Tomic places the Lady Gobs at No. 1 singles. She has logged a 7-2 record in singles play.

"Austin Peay is favored, but if we play well and come together as a team we can beat them," Oertel said. "They are talented at No. 1 and No. 2 but young at bottom."

Austin Peay also has defaulted the No. 6 singles spot, which would automatically give Eastern a singles win.

On Saturday, the Colonels play UT Martin, another top team in the conference.

Jodie Tiley, who plays No. 1 singles, has netted a record of 4-6, and she has won three of her last four singles matches. Ivon Simic, switches up between the second, third and fourth singles spot, but has a record of 4-3 in singles. She has won her last two matches.

"We have a hell of a big weekend ahead of us on the women's side," Oertel said.

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# Last place finish doesn't sit well with women's basketball

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Road woes and inconsistent play caught up to the Lady Colonels at the end of the season.

Eastern (6-21, 3-15 OVC) finished in last place in the Ohio Valley Conference regular season standing and did not qualify for the OVC tournament. They went winless, 0-13, on the road capping off a difficult year.

"The season was disappointing and you never anticipate a season turning out this way, but it did," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "There is nothing we can do about it but make some changes and do some things differently."

The Lady Colonels opened up the season defeating Chicago State University 74-61.

The good fortunes ended there, as Eastern dropped the next three games.

Eastern would respond at home, winning three out of the next four games, bringing their record through 10 games to 5-5.

Coach Robert's team then lost 17 of their next 19 games, including 10 in a row, one short of the program's all-time losing streak.

"There was a point and time where we lost so many games in a row, and I don't think anyone ever expected us to lose that many in the row," sophomore forward Alex Jones said.

Eastern snapped the 10 game losing-streak on Jan. 27, when they defeated Austin Peay 61-56. The Lady

Colonels followed up that performance with an epic double-overtime win against Tennessee State University 91-86. Unfortunately it would be the last victory for the Lady Colonels, as they dropped their last seven games of the season.

"The goal is to learn from this season, and be willing to accept the challenges that is ahead," Roberts said. "We have to put in the work and bounce back. We are going to be getting stronger, we are going to be hitting the weight room and work on some speed and agility workout."

Even with a losing record, there were a few bright spots.

Jones was named second team all-conference and freshman Marie Carpenter earned a spot on the OVC All-Newcomer team.

Jones averaged 14.1 points per game to go along with nine rebounds. Carpenter finished her first collegiate season third on the team in scoring, with a 12.9 per game average.

Even with a last place finish, the Lady Colonels know they have what it takes to be more competitive next year.

Sophomore guard Brittany Coles believes that their disappointing season will give them a little more drive this offseason.

"Now we know how it feels to be that team and now we don't want to be there anymore," Coles said. "We don't want to go back there again."



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Senior Reese Bass, played in 26 games and was fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 6.5 points per game.



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The Colonel's offense has been a factor in the team's turnaround this year, thanks in large part to players like Melissa Costa. Costa is batting .257 in 13 starts this year.

# Colonels drop three straight, say they haven't 'peaked' yet

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The Colonels got off to a hot start in nonconference action.

But inside conference play it's been a different story.

With a 13-6 record heading into Ohio Valley Conference action, the Colonels hit a wall against Jacksonville State, getting swept by the Gamecocks.

They have a chance to put the sweep behind them when they take the field Saturday for a weekend series against Austin Peay (3-16, 0-3 OVC).

When these two teams played a three game set to close out the 2010 season, the Colonels won the series, 2-1, behind strong pitching from Kristin Perry and Noelani Esperas. In addition, the team had strong hitting from Cassi Gibson and Raquel Howes.

"We're not peaking yet, but our pitchers are coming around," Coach Jane Worthington said. "Now, if we can only keep our bats going."

She did, however, add there are still things to work on.

"We have not been able to (mainly due to inclement weather) work on fundamental items such as relays and cut-offs," Worthington said.

Catcher Cheyanne Pounds doesn't have any misgivings about the team's level of play after the Rebel Games.

"I think we're in a good place; we got a couple of wins under our belts that built our confidence," Pounds said.

She added the games also gave the team a chance to work out some things that they had been focusing on in practice, and a chance to see some different situations.

"We need to come out stronger this weekend against the Governors and keep the intensity up," Esperas said.

Worthington has high hopes for the Colonels, especially when it comes to conference standings.

"I believe this team is going to go farther in the conference than what was originally predicted," Worthington said.

The Colonels play a doubleheader Saturday and a single game on Sunday. Game time for both days is 1 p.m.

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## INSIDE SPORTS —B4 and B5—



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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Colonels finished their season on a seven game losing streak, which culminated in a last place finish in the OVC.

Eastern went 0-13 on the road and did not make the conference tournament.

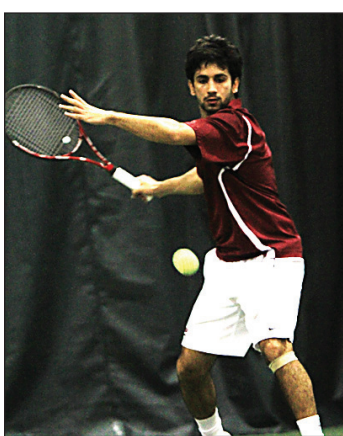


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### SOFTBALL

After starting off the season on a hot streak, the softball team dropped three straight to Jacksonville State.

The Colonels have the chance to redeem themselves in a three game series against Austin Peay.



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### TENNIS

What a year a difference makes. The men's tennis team went 3-0 on their recent spring break trip in Florida.

The women struggled during their spring break trip to Florida.

## SPRING BREAK SPORTS RECAP

#### Baseball

- 3/5 Memphis — 11  
EKU — 2
- 3/6 Oral Roberts — 3  
EKU — 1
- 3/8 UK — 8  
Eastern — 1
- 3/12 (DH) EKU 10,10  
UNC Asheville 3,6
- 3/13 EKU 13  
UNC Asheville 6

#### Softball

- 3/6 EKU — 6  
Loyola — 5
- 3/6 EKU — 11  
Univ. of Pennsylvania — 4
- 3/7 EKU — 8  
Wagner — 0
- 3/9 Sacred Heart — 4  
EKU — 1
- 3/9 EKU — 7  
Yale — 0
- 3/12 JSU 9,6 — EKU 0,2
- 3/13 JSU 4 — EKU 2



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# The art of free throws

FREE THROWS ARE EARNED BUT PLAYERS PUT MENTAL PRESSURE ON THEMSELVES

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Sometimes before practice officially starts, the Lady Colonels loosen up by shooting free throws.

Except these aren't your typical free throws. The players stand at midcourt, each taking a shot underhanded, partially for the fun of it and maybe as an ode to former NBA great Rick Barry, who perfected the underhanded shot.

Barry was one of the most accurate free throw shooters in professional basketball history, finishing at .900 percent.

The free throw is one of the most important shots in the game of basketball, but it's not always a "free" shot depending on the situation.

"The time, the score, the elements of the game all play a role. The players put pressure on themselves," Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "Free throws are freebies. But it's easier said than done."

Even though free throws are earned because a player was fouled in the process of a shot, there are a lot of factors from the time the player stands at the line to the time the ball goes in, or out, of the basket.

"Free throws are 80 to 90 percent mental," said sophomore forward Alex Jones. "It's like a gimme, an easy two points, because it's just you and so you should make it, but then everything goes through your head."

Roberts, a former standout college player, never let the shot get to her during her playing days.

"You earn that opportunity, so take advantage of it," Roberts said.

Jones attempted 60 more free throw attempts than any other teammate this season. Part of that comes from being a post player and getting "hacked" going to the basket.

"I've gotten pretty comfortable at the line," Jones said. "Being a post player, I get fouled a lot."



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TOP: Brittany Coles has a routine she follows when shooting foul shots: spin, dribble and shoot. MIDDLE: Coles follows through at the charity strip. BOTTOM: Alex Jones attempts a free throw during a regular season game.



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Jones' comfort level starts when she walks up to the free throw line.

First she wipes both feet with her hands, spins the ball backwards, takes three dribbles, pauses and shoots.

It's her routine.

If she forgets to spin the ball, the mental side of shooting creeps back into her head. If she forgets to wipe both feet, the shot is not the same.

"It doesn't feel right if I don't do it," Jones said. "It feels incomplete."

Fellow Lady Colonel Brittany Coles follows a similar routine when standing at the charity strip, but admits it's not so much the routine, but the rush of the shot that could make or break her.

"I used to go up and rush my shots," Coles said. "And I'm not sure why."

In college, players get 10 seconds to shoot a free throw, giving each player just the right amount of time.

"It comes down to concentration," Jones said. "It's the easiest shot, but it's also the hardest shot."

Over the summer, Jones spent more time working on her free throws; something that she said has paid off this year.

Both players said that one missed shot could shift the momentum or ultimately lose the game for their team.

"I was watching college basketball this weekend and I saw how much free throws can really determine the outcome of the game, not just the end, but at the beginning of a game," Coles said.

Jones agreed.

"At the end of the game it can be one of the most important shots and can bring you back," Jones said. "It can win you games."

That's why the Lady Colonels shoot free throws three times per practice, so they can be ready when the opportunity presents itself.

Then again, when it matters most, you won't see anyone taking a Rick Barry underhand shot any time soon.

"They would be sitting beside me during a game for a long time," Roberts said with a smile.

## Colonel Corner

### Q&A with Victor Kemboi



Victor Kemboi, in just his second season, has been a solid contributor for the men's track team this year.

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Victor Kemboi, a sophomore runner from Eldoret, Kenya, runs the 1500 and 5000-meter for the men's track team. On March 6, Kemboi ran a personal-best time of 4:09.60 at the Notre Dame Alex Wilson Invitational.

**Q:** Why did you choose to come to Eastern?

**A:** I came to Eastern because I found they were among the top schools and they had a good program.

**Q:** What is your goal for the season?

**A:** The goal for the season is make the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

**Q:** Who is your inspiration?

**A:** My inspiration is definitely my parents; they inspire me to take the opportunity whenever you can. Especially when they realized that I have the running capability they inspired me to keep on running.

**Q:** Who is your favorite athlete?

**A:** My favorite athlete is Bernard Lagat, who is the currently a middle and long distance champion. He is a former Kenyan and I'm a fan of him.

**Q:** What do you miss the most about Kenya?

**A:** I miss a lot especially my family, who is over there and I miss the good weather over there.