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—PART THREE: CONTINUING SGA COVERAGE—

Bid to reinstate SGA senators denied

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After being asked to step down in February, two senators reapplied for their positions in senate Monday.

Cari Tretina and Danielle Holston submitted applications to Vice President Andrew Holcomb, in an attempt to be reappointed to senate.

Although several senators supported the pair, the decision to reinstate was ultimately in the hands of Holcomb.

"Basically, it's up to the VP on how they are appointed," Holcomb said. "I tried to have a meeting, but it never took place. It takes awhile, sometimes up to two weeks. I receive a lot of applications and a lot of people don't follow up."

Tretina was under the impression Holcomb would contact her to schedule a meeting.

"I heard nothing from Andrew," Tretina said. "Once again his lack of communication is apparent."

But eight senators, including new Student Rights Chair Matt Thacker, felt Holcomb had a different agenda, so they filed legislation Monday, hoping to push the re-

instatement to Senate for an immediate vote, Tuesday night.

The legislation didn't get that far. Holcomb denied the act, refusing to place it on the Senate docket because he said it was "unconstitutional."

"I submitted the legislation yesterday," Thacker said. "There is no timeline to put it through. He (Holcomb) told me yesterday he wouldn't put it through. He said there were constitutional issues."

Despite the view of the senators, Holcomb stood by his decision.

"In U.S. Senate you can't just vote some random senator in if there are no seats open," Holcomb said. "I'm just following the constitution."

Thacker disagreed.

"Something definitely needs to be done with the constitution, because according to them (Holcomb), the only way to be in senate is to be elected or be appointed," Thacker said. "There is nothing to prevent the VP from not appointing somebody just because. There's definitely a flaw in the system."

In recent weeks, students voiced their opinions by signing a petition to bring the former senators back.

"According to Holcomb, he said he didn't care if there were 16,000 students that signed the petition, he said he wasn't going to appoint them," Thacker said.

Tretina said she believed she was going to be reinstated Tuesday.

"It's just a repeat of what happened in February," Tretina said. "He's letting his power get to his head. Most of the senate body wants me in senate, so why is he not doing that?"

Even though the topic of reinstatement was not on the docket, several senators stood up for Tretina in open discussion.

"I know Cari well, and she was a very good senator," said Senator Donovan Nolan. "She had good opinions. I want Cari and Danielle to know there are people in senate that are welcome to them coming back. I want people to know we are the voice of the students and the students want them back."

At this point the only way they can come back is by running for next year's senate seat.

"We're pretty much at the end of the road right now," Tretina said. "It's not pointless because I'm still holding on to principle."



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Leo Comerlato presented Vice President Holcomb with a petition from students during open discussion Tuesday in senate.

Eastern vies for presidential debate in 2012

By **MORGAN CALDWELL**

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With its bare concrete floors, unfinished drywall and the odor of paint, the Center for the Performing Arts building might be the last place someone would expect to entertain congressmen, city officials and members of the media.

But Eastern President Doug Whitlock

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Eastern's new Center for the Performing Arts is on the list of prospective sites for the 2012 Presidential Debates.

Japan draws support from local students and faculty

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She placed her hands over her heart and breathed deeply each time she said "radiation."

Noriko Okura, visiting assistant professor from Japan, was raised knowing earthquakes and tsunamis were an imminent danger and part of life.

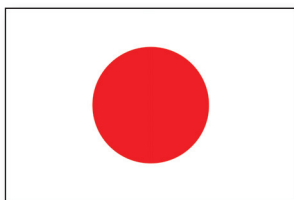
Growing up in Osaka, the third largest city located in middle-Japan, Okura remembers times she practiced ducking beneath desks for protection from falling debris if an earthquake should strike. She was also able to recite all the tsunami safe places in her town.

But radiation is a different story.

"I am just speechless. This issue, it's an issue of the Japanese people, but it's a global issue," said Okura, referring to the Fukushima nuclear power plant damaged by the tsunami. "We don't want to hurt someone. We feel sorry, like it is our fault. It's all about being an environmental issue as of now."

The Japanese community, especially those located near Fukushima, were told by the government to stay inside due to the danger of radiation exposure. Japanese residents had limited access to

goods because of radiation as well. Supplies that were available had been contaminated and new supplies had to be brought in, said Masami Hara, a Japanese resident who evacuated the area and is now living in Kentucky.



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Noriko Okura folded origami cranes to give as gifts of gratitude at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Okura may have feared for the global community, but there was a moment she simply feared for her sister. "My sister is from Tokyo, close to the nuclear power plant."

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After 40 years Arlington still Eastern's hidden gem



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Mick Blackeney, an emergency medical care professor, plays a round of golf at Arlington.

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Nestled on the outskirts of town, Arlington Country Club is, perhaps, one of Eastern's oldest hidden traditions. Arnold Hanger presented Arlington to Eastern in 1967, and the property has since been under the university's wing for more than 40 years.

Yet, many students are under the impression Arlington is off-limits to students, but, in fact, it's quite the opposite. Even though it's a private country club, Eastern faculty, staff, students and alumni have Arlington privileges.

"This was a way the university could provide faculty and staff an affordable way to belong to a club," said Skip Daugherty, chairman of the Arlington board. "It has fulfilled its dream and then some. It's a very open and inviting club, a crown-jewel of Madison County."

Jey Marks, associate director of Alumni Relations, has been a member of Arlington since graduating from Eastern 11 years ago.

"I loved playing golf at Arlington as a student," Marks said. "It has a beautiful pool and great dining options."

Students can play at Arlington's golf course for a discounted rate. Arlington even caters to alumni by allowing them the chance to come back several times a year to play.

"You cannot find a better course for golf in this region," Daugherty said, adding 23,000 rounds of golf were played on Arlington's course last year.

President Doug Whitlock agreed. "It has helped in faculty-staff recruitment, provides an excellent facility for small conferences, recreational opportunities for our students and is a focal point for our excellent town-grown relations with Richmond and Madison County," Whitlock said. "We are fortunate to have such an as-

set." Arlington's golf course also serves as the home for Eastern's men and women's golf teams.

"This has always been our home," said Pat Stephens, coach of men's varsity golf. "There are not many division one schools that have their own course. We never feel we're stepping on toes here."

Taylor Church, a member of the women's golf team, reflected much of the same.

"The people there are super nice," said Church, a 20-year-old junior from Louisville. "The facility is great, especially now with the new club house."

Several professional golf management students at Eastern, like Justin Wheeler, find their privilege to the golf course an advantage over other schools.

"Being a private club, we can play more games because it's not crowded," Wheeler said.

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Eastern organizations prepare for Earth Day with various activities sponsored by Student Life

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In honor of Earth Day 2011, various clubs and groups at Eastern are sponsoring events to celebrate environmental clean up and to raise awareness. The month-long celebration kicks off at Powell Corner at 11 a.m. April 4, with a tree climbing clinic, bonsai tree planting and free food.

Students can also bring any recyclable item for a pen or trade in five plastic bags for a reusable tote bag.

EKU Earth Days 2011 will begin with a tree planting for an outdoor classroom on April 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. and April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The outdoor classroom is designed so that students involved in classes, such as wetland management, have the opportunity to work hands-on.

"The area is about 56 acres and we call it the Taylor Fork Ecological Area," said David Brown, professor of biological sciences. "The goal is to restore the site and create habitats representative of the bluegrass, including forest, prairie and wetlands."

Brown originally got involved with the proj-



ect when he wrote a grant for small-scale environmental research. "This project has a lot of neat components, including service-learning, undergraduate research, student leadership, land-stewardship, environmental education, collaboration among offices within EKU, and between EKU and local community," Brown said.

The Corbin campus will begin April 8 by initiating a planting at their 1,300 sq. ft. rain garden, which is the largest in the state and the first of its kind at a Kentucky university.

"We have been working on the green angle at the Corbin campus for almost two years now and we're gaining ground each year," said Randal Napier, SGA-Corbin Chair. "In January the students created a new RSO called EKU-Corbin Environmental P.R.I.D.E that will take our initiative to another level."

Festivities will begin to wrap up in Richmond with professor Robert Frederick's musical performance "A Sound Conservation: A Musical Look" in Keen Johnson's Walnut Hall at 3 p.m. April 21.

"I've been playing the banjo and singing since I was a kid," Frederick said. "Over time I collected a series of songs about wildlife and conservation that turned into a set."

For more information and a look at a variety of events, visit www.green.eku.edu.

SGA members announce candidacy

Student Government Association Election Day is April 12. Students will be able to log on to ekudirect using their student identification number and password beginning at 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Students will be able to vote for SGA president and vice president running mates, student activities council vice president, resident life council vice president, student senators, student activities council candidates, Corbin campus candidates and Manchester candidates.

The executive candidates are:

- Rachel Molozzi and Matthew White
- Chris Pitakos and Terry Masden
- Rhett Ramsey and Elizabeth Horn
- Matthew Thacker and Corey "Skinny" Bruck

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Week of March 31 - April 6

What's Happening

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Scholarship Week: Blending Service into Scholarship and Research, Faculty Lounge in Keen Johnson Building <p>12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cooking with sous chef, Fresh Food Company 	<p>8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Scholarship Week: Writing for Publication, TBA <p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Tennis vs. SIU Edwardsville <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis vs. SIU Edwardsville 	<p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis vs Jacksonville State <p>1 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Tennis vs. Jacksonville State <p>■ Baseball vs Southeast Missouri State University</p> <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Softball at Tennessee State University <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jazz Crawl 	<p>1 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball vs Southeast Missouri State University <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Softball at Tennessee State University <p>3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EKU Piano Studio Recital, Foster Building 100 	<p>All Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Last day to register for Intramural Triathlon ■ Registration begins for Intramural two-person golf scramble 	<p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Women's Tennis at Morehead State <p>2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Men's Tennis at Morehead State <p>3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baseball at Marshall University <p>8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EKU Percussion Ensemble, Brock Auditorium 	<p>8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EKU Faculty Brass Quintet, Brock Auditorium ■ EKU Dance Theater Concert, O'Donnell Hall

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Forums offer ear, lack voice from students

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The Student Government Association (SGA) was there.

Administrators were there.

But where were the students?

After two days of forums last week, a total of eight students showed up to voice their concerns. SGA leaders were confused about the lack of attendance, due to previous high student interest.

Matt Thacker, student rights chair, decided to cancel the forum scheduled for Thursday, due to the lack of attendance.

"With all this issue that's been going on, people say SGA is trying to silence people's voices and the administration doesn't want to hear," Thacker said. "We had administration here yesterday that was willing to listen to people, we have them here today and no one shows up, so it's hard to silence what they're not speaking."

For two days last week, members of SGA and administrators from across campus, crossed paths in Powell's Kennamer room to discuss issues regarding parking and

general university policies.

Student senator Dajuane Harris said they were hoping students and administrators would weigh in on the issues.

"As much input as we can get, that's really what we're looking for," Harris said during day one's forums. "Parking is something that's always been a concern."

Josh Tedder, a freshman business management major from Louisville, was there to voice his opinion.

"I'm here to inquire about seeing if we can get a shelter for the wind, rain and cold in the future at a shuttle stop?" Tedder said.

Mark Jozefowicz, Associate Director of Public Safety, seemed to have a positive response to Tedder's proposal as something the university could look into, saying after determining the funds and cost, creating a shelter could be possible.

Other topics of debate were parking garages, individual motorcycle spots and the lack of parking spots.

"There's a whole lot more to parking than people realize," said Captain Brian Mullins of Eastern police.

The second day of forums offered open

discussion and various university policies.

"I was hoping with addressing all the university policies that we would get more of a turn out," Thacker said. "We put it in ECU Students Today, we put signs up in the residence halls, put signs up in Powell...it was in the Progress. Advertising is not the issue, it's apathy now."

Several administrators were in attendance Wednesday during the second session of forums as well, including Provost Janna Vice, Faculty Support Service Specialist Claire Goode and Associate Vice President and Dean of Enrollment Linda Fossen.

Vice suggested SGA find another avenue to reach out to students, another way to invite students to provide input to the issues at hand.

"When you want to accomplish a goal and getting people to buy into that goal, there are some things you just have to accept," Vice said. "One is that not everybody is going to [buy in], and that given that everybody is not going to, then you look to see who will."



SARAH STEWART/PROGRESS

After noticing the lack of student attendance at last weeks forums, Provost Janna Vice suggested SGA find some other way to make students care.

Class registration process faces possible overhaul

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Joseph Wilson, student senator-at-large, proposed legislation to Senate March 22 that would change the current registration policy.

The legislation passed through Senate and is, now, awaiting a decision from cabinet.

The new process would allow students, with the exception of graduate students and students with priority registration, to register based on credit hours earned at 10-hour increments, with no less than 24 hours between each registration.

Presently, the registration policy is based on class and follows a timeline still allowing students with priority registration and graduate students to register first.

Then seniors, juniors, sophomores and

freshman, in that order, are permitted to register.

In his proposal, Wilson said, "The current registration policy has been ineffective in allowing students a convenient time and process for class registration, due to overload in the server caused by an excess of students registering at the same time."

Wilson threw around several ideas on how to solve this issue before doing some fact-finding, using studies conducted by Eastern and other schools concerning registration and class sizes.

"I went to institutional research and did some research on some of our sister schools and benchmark institutions, and I noticed that a lot of them had separated their classes into credit hour increments," Wilson said. "And that's pretty much where I got the idea from."

Using institutional research compiled

over the last five semesters, Wilson was able to find an average number of students per class and use that to plan for Eastern.

"What I found was a trend to where that there is roughly the same number of students every 10 credit hours," he said.

According to Wilson's findings, there are approximately 840 students every 10 credit hours, whereas there is anywhere from 2,400 to 4,000 students in each class.

Separating the registration by credit hours, rather than class, would significantly decrease the server load during registration.

"The value of separating it is you go from having 3,300 people registering at a given time, to having 800 people registering at a given time," Wilson said.

Although the resolution hasn't been adopted yet, Wilson doesn't think it will have any problem passing through cabinet, Pres-

ident Whitlock and Faculty Senate to become official.

"I showed data and statistical information that it was going to work," Wilson said.

Senior elementary education major from Richmond, Megan Fergie, has experienced frustration with registration and said she supports the resolution.

"I hear a lot of people complaining about it, so it's definitely an issue," Fergie said. "If you don't have as many people on at one time trying to register, it would create less clutter."

Other students think there may be alternatives to solve the dilemma.

Jake Vaughn, a senior CIS major from Henry County, thinks preference should be given based on GPA.

"I'm tired of people with a 2.4 being able to register for a class when I have a 3.8," Vaughn said.

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Forum opens discussion for tuition increase

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President Doug Whitlock addressed the likely tuition increase over the next year during Tuesday's forum in Ferrell Auditorium.

The general consensus points to a possible five percent increase in tuition for the future, Whitlock said, as he presented to a handful of people and quite a few empty chairs.

Further tuition details will be officially decided April 28, but until then, the Board of Regents will discuss the matter at their April 18 meeting.

Whitlock said Eastern has the fifth highest tuition in the state, behind the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University and Northern Kentucky University.

"Attendance at Eastern Kentucky University is still a bargain," Whitlock said.

While he prefers face-to-face interaction between students and faculty, he said

there's a possibility the university will explore marketing online education.

The revenue from providing online education to a vast range of people could be used toward lowering rates on campus, which would dampen the need for future tuition increases, he said.

Additionally, a new tuition model is being considered for the purposes of revenue maximization, to encourage students to graduate in a timely manner (four years) and to increase efficiency and capacity.

Among other possible increases Aramark proposed a 3.75 increase in meal plan rates and, like tuition, university housing might see a five percent increase as well.

Whitlock said last year there was no housing increase, and in fact, Eastern has the lowest housing rates in the state.

Sierra Emrich, a junior nursing major from Clay's Ferry, asked what kinds of things the university is planning on doing to cut back costs, in order to put that money toward tuition.

Whitlock said Siemens has reduced the university's heating and cooling costs by 40 percent.

"Efficiency and effectiveness aren't the same thing," Whitlock said.

He said during hard times, like these, it is easy for other businesses to cut back and cut employees because their service isn't in demand, but for a university it is the opposite scenario, because education will always be in demand.

Emrich said she thinks the school can do lots of things to cut back on spending. She suggested landscaping could be done by

landscaping majors and that the university should turn the power off on all computers each night. She said Henry Clay High School was able to save \$100,000 from following such habits.

"The number one thing I want to see is proactivity on the university's part," Emrich said. "We have to, as a student body, work with the administration."

Emrich said she wished the tuition forums were marketed more through Facebook, fliers and banners because she fears many students don't check their email often enough.

"I believe the students know how to solve these problems. I really wish people would show up more," she said. "When we graduate we're competing with 216 thousand unemployed Kentuckians. Education is about to be unaffordable."

"It's a pretty bleak situation," said Jim Fisher, Cooperative Education Coordinator for the College of Business & Technology. "He (Whitlock) does the right thing with the student perspective in mind."

DEBATES

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urged those gathered at Tuesday's press conference to use their imagination and envision the place finished – and the site of a prospective 2012 presidential debate.

Eastern called the press conference to announce the university's bid to host a debate and that the submission was already in the mail. The deadline to submit is today.

Eastern will know whom it has to compete against around April 1.

A snippet of a promotional video, complete with endorsements by Nick and Nina Clooney, along with a jingle extolling the virtues of the "country called Kentucky," was unveiled alongside the logo that would be used should Eastern's bid be successful.

All of the work for Eastern's submission was completed in roughly two weeks, a process that normally takes at least two months.

Deborah Hoskins, new Executive Director of the Center for the Performing Arts, was the driving force behind the project – and she's only been at Eastern seven weeks.

"The staff was literally working through the night," she said. "No one hesitated to make it happen."

But the university would not have thrown its hat in the ring if it did not feel it had a legitimate chance of success, Whitlock said.

"EKU has the physical resources to pull this off," Whit-

lock said. "Have to like our chances."

Hoskins was Director of Programs at the Norton Center in 2000 when the presidential debate was hosted there, so she's not exactly new to the process.

Retired Secret Service Agent Don Cox was hired as a consultant to further assess the campus before the project was given a green light. And he found a lot to like at Eastern.

First off, the Center for the Performing Arts is right off the Eastern Bypass, a large thoroughfare. Small side streets make it difficult for large motorcades.

Then, of course, there needs to be space to put everyone, and resources to deal with potential emergencies.

"It would be the equivalent of a small city descending on campus," Cox said.

The Business and Technology Center next door would serve well as a media-filing center, and the Perkins building would be ideal for credentialing and ticketing. Across the street, Alumni Coliseum could also be used to house the media. State Police Post 7 is just up the Bypass. So is Pattie A. Clay Regional Hospital. And so is a fire station.

It's all just a few minutes from I-75, and all the buildings meet square footage requirements set by the Commission on Presidential Debates, Cox said.

And finally, Cox said, never underestimate a ready body of volunteers – namely, Eastern's students and ROTC.

"It would be a chance for students to witness history in the making," Whitlock said.

Hoskins said they want students heavily involved during the week the debate is in town. They plan to pair students

with professionals all across the board.

"They're going to need runners," she said. "People to get coffee, copies."

Student upheaval? Parking problems?

"Not going to be that big of a deal," Hoskins said. If the bid is a success, the university could open up fields for parking, she said.

But Hoskins warned, tickets to the debate itself would likely be limited. While some would certainly be reserved for Eastern's students, only a small percent would end up with the proverbial golden tickets. That's why, she said, Roy Kidd Stadium would be the site of a community concert for those left outside looking in. Screens showing the debate itself would also be set up, as Hoskins arranged on Centre's campus during the 2000 debate there.

If Eastern's bid is chosen, the Commission on Presidential Debates would require \$1.6 million up front. While it would come from the university, it would be through private funding, Hoskins said. Estimated total costs would range from \$2.5 million to \$3 million, with the remainder being made up through fundraisers.

But a potential debate isn't just Eastern's baby. Sen. Mitch McConnell wrote a personal letter to the Commission, pulling for the university.

Congressman Ben Chandler said he's so eager to see it happen, he wrote to President Obama asking for his endorsement.

"What better way to prepare students to be leaders?" Chandler said. "No matter where you are on the political scale, this is going to be a big deal for Richmond."

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 April 11-30 Display, Powell Lobby
 Contact: Jason.Williams212@eku.edu

March 15 - April 30
The Big Green Climb 6-Week Challenge
 Take the stairs, not the elevator, and earn Healthy You at EKU points!
 Contact: Leanna.Bowles@eku.edu

March 23
The Mountaintop Removal Road Show
 with Dave Cooper
 3:30pm, Crabbe Library 108
 Contact: Alan.Banks@eku.edu

March 26
Honors Student Advisory Council Highway Clean Up
 10am, Carpool from Daniel Boone statue.
 Contact: Lizbeth_Campbell41@mymail.eku.edu

March 26
Cumberland Falls Clean Up
 8:00am- Noon
 Contact: Mark Davis, 888-577-4339

March 26
Earth Hour
 8:30-9:30pm at Home
 Turn everything off for one hour.
 Contact: Emily_Wells14@mymail.eku.edu

March 30
Health Fair
 9:00-4:00pm, First Floor Powell
 80 Vendors, 20 Screenings
 Contact: Leanna.Bowles@eku.edu

March 30
Virtual Ride on the River
 5:30-8pm
 Center for Appalachian Studies
 Music by Nathan Jasknski
 Contact: Alan.Banks@eku.edu

March 31
Maywoods Work Day
 3:30-7:30pm
 Contact: Melinda.Wilder@eku.edu

March 31-April 2 & April 7-9
WALDEN: Ballad of Thoreau
 Free with ID on March 31, April 7 8pm, Pearl Buchanan Theatre
 Contact: Alice.Jones@eku.edu

March 1 - April 2
RecycleMania 2011
 Use the recycling receptacles!
 Contact: Randy.Wilson@eku.edu

April 1-30
ECRES Transportation RIDES
 Watch EKU (Students) Today!
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 Contact: Catherine.Clement@eku.edu

April 1-30
Cell Phone Recycling Drive
 Donation boxes: SGA Office, Powell 128; Crabbe, BTC, & Stratton Libraries; and Corbin, Danville, & Manchester Student Lounges.
 Contact: Emily_Wells14@mymail.eku.edu

April 1
Clean & Green Campus Day
 3pm
 Meet at SGA Office in Powell
 Contact: Kathryn_Engle4@eku.edu

April 1 (2-5pm) & April 2 (9am-4pm)
Outdoor Classroom Tree Planting
 Meet at Perkins lot near Lancaster.
 Contact: David.Brown@eku.edu

April 2
Paddle Out Pollution
 Clean. Canoe or kayak; then food & fellowship at Fort Boonesbrough
 RSVP with Brian.Perry@eku.edu

April 6
Bike Maintenance Workshop
 5-8pm, Presnell (next to Gentry)
 Contact: nick_elliott4@mymail.eku.edu

April 6
Addicted to Plastic Documentary
 2pm, ECU Danville
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 7
Humane Society at EKU
 11am-4pm, Powell Corner
 See the pets EKU recycling supports
 Contact: Jennifer_Hazzard3@mymail.eku.edu

April 4
Earth Days Kick-off
 11am-2pm, Powell Corner

- Freebies
- EKU CRAFT
- Bike club table
- EKU Dance Theatre
- Promotional handouts
- Trade 5 plastic bags to get a tote
- Special recycling drop-off location
- Bring any recyclable item for a pen

- CAER Center
- Free hot dogs
- Raptor Rehab
- Tree climbing clinic
- Bonsai tree planting

April 7
Community Recycling Drop-off
 11am-4pm, Ashland Parking Lot
 Contact: Jennifer_Hazzard3@mymail.eku.edu

April 7
Maroon Goes Green Day
 Exchange e-waste for a shirt or bag. ECU Danville
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 7
Bike Maintenance Workshop
 12-3pm, Presnell (next to Gentry)
 Contact: nick_elliott4@mymail.eku.edu

April 7
Homer Marcum Film & Public Presentation
 2pm, Crabbe Library 108
 Contact: Deborah.Givens@eku.edu

April 8
Rain Garden Planting
 9am, ECU Corbin
 Lunch will be provided.
 RSVP Jill.Petry@eku.edu for ride to Corbin by April 6.

April 8
Clean & Green Campus Day
 3pm
 Meet at SGA Office in Powell
 Contact: Kathryn_Engle4@eku.edu

April 8-9
Planting for Sustainability
 Leave Friday for Pike County, KY
 RSVP with Brian.Perry@eku.edu

April 9
Dale Hollow Lake Clean Up
 9am-1pm
 RSVP with Mark Davis, 888-577-4339

April 11
Bee Hive Build & Paint
 11am-1pm, Powell Corner
 Contact: Tammy.Horn@eku.edu

April 11
Recreation & Park Surprise
 1-4pm
 Lawn at Begley Building
 Contact: Aaron_Noon2@mymail.eku.edu

April 12-14
EKU Recycle Tours
 Noon-3pm, Gentry Building
 20-min. tours start on the hour
 Contact: Randy.Wilson@eku.edu

April 12
Waste Audit of Powell
 9am, Powell Corner
 Contact: Michael.Mazzotta@eku.edu

April 12
Recreation & Park Surprise
 1-4pm
 Lawn at Begley Building
 Contact: Aaron_Noon2@mymail.eku.edu

April 12
Death by a Honeybee
 by Author Abigail Keam
 33% discount on book!
 5:30pm, Crabbe Library 108
 Contact: Tammy.Horn@eku.edu

April 13
Honey Information Day
 11-1pm, Powell Lobby
 Contact: Tammy.Horn@eku.edu

April 13
Recreation & Park Surprise
 1-4pm
 Grassy area in front of Library
 Contact: Aaron_Noon2@mymail.eku.edu

April 13
Addicted to Plastic Documentary
 2pm, ECU Manchester
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 14
Poetry for the Planet
 11am
 Case Annex Courtyard
 Contact: Barbara.Szubinska@eku.edu

April 14
Recreation & Park Surprise
 1-4pm
 Free speech area at Powell
 Contact: Aaron_Noon2@mymail.eku.edu

April 14
Vanishing of the Bees Documentary
 5:30pm, Crabbe Library 108v
 Contact: Tammy.Horn@eku.edu

April 14
Maroon Goes Green Day
 Exchange e-waste for a shirt or bag. ECU Manchester
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 14
Chautauqua Lecture by Sonia Shah
 7:30pm
 SSB Auditorium
 Contact: Minh.Nguyen@eku.edu

April 15
Recreation & Park Surprise
 1-4pm, Ravine
 Contact: Aaron_Noon2@mymail.eku.edu

April 15
Clean & Green Campus Day
 3pm
 Meet at SGA Office in Powell
 Contact: Kathryn_Engle4@eku.edu

April 15
Roll Your Own Beeswax Candle
 11-1pm, Powell Corner
 Contact: Tammy.Horn@eku.edu

April 16
Bee Day
 10am-12pm, at New ECU Outdoor Classroom
 Celebrate ECU as 1st "Pollinator Friendly Campus!"
 Plant wildflowers & bee trees and don a bee suit.
 RSVP with Amanda Sears by April 7, 859-623-4072

April 16
Memorial Tree Planting at Richmond Cemetery
 10am, Entrance at 606 E. Main
 Deadline to order tree: March 31
 Contact: Tonita Goodwin, 859-623-5248

April 16
Laurel Lake Clean Up
 9am-1pm
 Contact: Mark Davis, 888-577-4339

April 18-22
Table for 6.8 Billion
 Lunch & Dinner Hours
 Sustainable food production
 Sponsored by ECU Dining Services

April 18
Addicted to Plastic Documentary
 2pm, ECU Corbin
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

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April 18
KSP Kentucky Solar Lecture
 1pm, ECU Corbin
 Contact: Connie.Hodge@eku.edu

April 18
Plastic Musik
 7pm, SSB Auditorium
 Contact: Nikki.Hart@eku.edu

April 19
Eating for a Better Environment
 Noon-1pm, Powell Kennamer Room
 Contact: Leanna.Bowles@eku.edu

April 19
Maroon Goes Green Day
 Exchange e-waste for a shirt or bag. ECU Corbin
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 20
Raptor Rehab
 1pm, ECU Corbin
 Contact: Randal_Napier41@eku.edu

April 20
Addicted to Plastic Documentary
 6:30pm, Crabbe Library 108
 Contact: Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 21
Salato Wildlife Center Trip
 10am, ECU Corbin
 RSVP with Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 21
Sound Conservation - A Musical Look
 3pm, Walnut Hall
 Contact: Bob.Frederick@eku.edu

April 21
Forging Fresh Food Chains in the Americas
 7:30pm, Chautauqua Lecture, SSB Auditorium, by Lisa Markowitz
 Contact: Minh.Nguyen@eku.edu

April 22-23
Lilley Cornett Woods Hike
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April 26
Honors Student Advisory Council Highway Clean Up
 10am, Carpool from Daniel Boone statue.
 Contact: Lizbeth_Campbell41@mymail.eku.edu

April 27
Greek Life Campus Clean Up
 2pm, Powell Corner
 Contact: Sarah_Coons@eku.edu

April 27
Earth Force Project Presentations
 5:30-6:30pm, Crabbe Library 128
 Contact: William.Bennett@eku.edu

April 28
Salato Wildlife Center Trip
 10am, ECU Danville
 RSVP with Jill.Petry@eku.edu

April 30
Kentucky Watershed
 8:45am-1pm, Meadowbrook Farm
 Call 800-982-0045 or register online at: http://eppcapp.ky.gov/Watershed
 Contact: Joann.Palmer@ky.gov

May 2-6
EKU Cases for Kids
 8am-4pm, Gentry Building
 Donate your gently used luggage & duffel bags to help foster children in Kentucky.
 Contact: Randy.Wilson@eku.edu

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PERSPECTIVES

Perspectives 6

Thursday, March 31, 2011

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Kaylia Cornett, editor

Humans first, Americans second

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

What were you doing when Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast?

Did you know anyone affected by the Haitian earthquake?

Does the recent tragedy plaguing Japan keep you awake at night?

The majority of Americans can tell you exactly what they were doing the moment they learned the Twin Towers had been crashed into. Ultimately, the nation, itself, stopped what they were doing.

People gazed at television screens with tear-stained cheeks and utter disbelief.

The World Trade Center stood for an American way of life. Our secure barriers had been broken. That made us question the security of our own well-being.

Aside from that, unless these disasters occur on the home front, Americans seem to disconnect themselves from global tragedies.

Of course, most of us cared about Haiti, and most of us care about Japan. But since we aren't directly involved or personally know people who were affected, we don't seem to sympathize in the same way.

The U.S. has offered its services to Japan, representing our nation as a whole, but as individual citizens, we are simply indifferent to lending a hand.

"That's so terrible, I feel so bad for all those people..." is reflective of something normally said by many of us. But why don't we act on those words? Why don't we show that we care?

Why is it American media outlets showcase pop culture fads and celebrities more frequently than international and global issues?

If you ask people who won



American Idol or what Lindsey Lohan wore to court, they would be able to give you a clear answer.

Why is this?

As Americans we tend to isolate ourselves from tragedy. If it's not happening in our backyard we don't care. Granted, there are exceptions as with anything, it's simply easier not to care.

But, as with Japan, even if you aren't directly affected, you should care.

And that caring should stem from a general compassion for all humans, an unspoken bond shared by all people.

What if you woke up one morning and everything you had was simply, gone?

You would feel completely alone and unimportant, but if you had just one person in the world who cared. That would mean something.

Would you ever be that one

person to someone else?

Other countries seem to handle disasters better than us sometimes.

After the earthquake in Japan, they have banded together.

There is no looting. There are no riots. Lawlessness is not running rampant. Despite the lack of physical structure and presence of law, the Japanese are still abiding by rules as if everything was intact.

There are humans helping fellow humans survive an ordeal that will be one of the worst they will probably experience in their own lifetimes.

After Hurricane Katrina, news crews captured video of distraught people wading through several feet of water, raiding stores and stealing frivolous items, such as brand-name shoes.

Does this behavior reflect how a majority of Americans feel? Are

we more worried about our own benefit than seeking the comfort of others?

Is there room for compassion even on the home front?

The so-called "American dream" we strive to achieve is a selfish one.

It focuses on possessions, achievement and having the upper hand.

The American dream isn't to love your neighbor. It's to be better than your neighbor, to have more money, a bigger house and a nicer car.

What would your life amount to if all your worldly possessions were gone?

Conversely, Western cultures are based on honor, dignity and family. And even in tragedy, they cling tight to their beliefs and remain stoic. They have pride in their country and culture even in

their darkest hour.

America could stand to learn from the Japanese.

As a country, we need to wake up.

We need to be more aware.

We are all spinning around on this big ball called Earth, no matter where we're from, or who we are, we all have something in common.

We are the human race.

From the homeless man panhandling on the corner to the friendly lady at the drive-thru window to the president, deep down we are all the same.

We yearn to be loved, to be included and to be wanted. We get scared and we cry. We laugh and we smile. We need one other.

Whether we are half a world away, or just down the street, when a fellow human is suffering, out of love, we should offer a hand.

Is the juice worth the squeeze?



MyTurn
Darren
Zancan

I have heard people use the saying moral fiber several times in my life, but never really understood what it meant.

Was it something nutritious you gained by eating a bowl of Wheaties?

Or did you have to take a pill to get the right amount of moral fiber?

Maybe a glass of orange juice does the trick. I mean the juice is worth the squeeze, right?

The definition of moral fiber actually means to have strength of character and a firmness of purpose.

To me, that definition is still vague.

I have read that in the news it describes a whistleblower, especially in political corruption, and other places it describes the Robin Hoods of society who intervene for the good of strangers.

Either way, I believe we all need moral fiber.

Ethically, morally and through honesty, we need it.

Maybe it's like our second conscience. If we stand for good, then we must have it somewhere inside, so how does it come out? How do we know we have it?

We are all presented with life situations where we come to a crossroads, with two decisions. In several instances, it sits between good and bad. It's up to us which path we take.

I will be honest, several times in the past, when I was a wee little one; I took the easier path, which ultimately was the bad road.

Most often, the bad road is the easiest road to take, and we never think of the outcome, because we are too worried about just getting there.

Chalk that up to irresponsibility, lack of maturity and not enough moral fiber.

As we all know, the older we get, the harder things get.

As kids we have limited financial responsibilities. We can just be kids.

But the lessons we learn come into play as adults, and that's where honesty and our morals really are challenged.

How easy is it to cheat?

How easy is it to lie?

How easy is it to steal?

But how easy is it to tell the truth to someone whom you hurt? It's not, because we fear that the repercussions out way the ability to come clean.

In one of my classes, we had to tally up the amount of lies we told over the course

of a week and then write a paper on them.

Not only was I conscious about what I said, but also I tried harder not to lie.

Why must we try harder not to lie? And cynically, how many of us would go out of the way to stop lying for the betterment of a project?

I just raised my hand, because I did not want to lie.

Recently I've been challenged. My moral fiber has been put to the test, and I think I've grown some bal... err fortitude.

Once you realize you have it, you must use it. And we all know when we really have it. It all comes together at one specific time, like the cowardly lion that asked for courage. Yes, he had it the entire time; it just took a yellow brick road and a small dog to do the trick.

So what is moral fiber?

You'll know when the time is right.

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JAPAN

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er plants. When the earthquake started she was at the doctor and she had left her 5-month-old baby with her mother-in-law. When she felt it, she jumped into the taxi. If she had not got into a taxi and got into a train, the power might have cut off..." Okura said, her voice trailing off.

"The power had already stopped by the time she got to her building, and she had to climb 13 [flights of stairs]. But, everyone was safe," she said.

Okura's sister evacuated to Osaka, her hometown considered a safe region. Currently, there has been controversy over whether the water is safe to drink.

"I watch the TV and the leaders drink the water and it's sad," Okura said. "Because we know the water is not safe to drink, even if you boil it. But he needs to be strong for his people. I respect his brave attitude, but I have mixed feelings."

Inaccurate news coverage and government statements have been major unforeseen issues for those living near or around the devastated areas, as well as those watching from the U.S.

"I think the news being shown in the U.S. is not the same as what we see on the news in Japan," said Maria Patrick, a 2009 Eastern alumna who graduated with a degree in journalism, through an email interview.

"Truthfully, I think some of the news stories in the U.S. have been sensationalized a little bit. Our parents call us and are scared because of things they have heard on the news, but what they've heard isn't always 100 percent accurate."

Patrick is living in Japan with her husband, where they both teach English.

They moved to Japan in August 2009, to the small town of Kannami. The town is surrounded by mountains, offering more protection against earthquakes and tsunamis.

"When the earthquake struck on March

11, we felt it at a level of about four because of our distance from the center of the quake. It was very scary and eerie to see the lights in our apartment swinging back and forth and feel the ground moving beneath me."

Patrick said they have lost power twice. But Patrick is still having trouble finding flashlights and candles. The disaster has placed the Japan in shock, causing mass shortages of items across the country.

Akiko Makimoto, a senior business major who moved to the U.S. in 2007 from the small city of Nagoya, thinks about the shortage of supplies frequently.

"If I could give the people of Japan anything right now, it would be batteries," she said. Makimoto said the lack of electricity is not only inconvenient, but also dangerous for those living in damaged areas.

"I am so scared every day, all day, every minute, every second," she said. "My best friend, who was living here, went back a few days ago to care for his family. He tells me he waits in line for gas rations for hours. But I know I need to be strong."

Makimoto said she too has become frustrated with the news.

"There is so much different information, which one do you trust," she said. "The Japanese people doubt the information."

She said the most confusion stems from the lack of information about the radiation.

"You don't know. No one knows. There is no way to tell. We might not know the [damage from the radiation] for a long time," she said.

But Makimoto has made a point of doing what she can.

"I always have the Red Cross donation can. Whatever you can do to help, a dollar, two dollars, it helps," Makimoto said. "So many people here help, we are all so grateful."

"There is a word in Japanese, 'gombate.' It means 'cheer up,' 'good luck,' 'do your best.'"

Noriko Okura
visiting professor

Kendra Bailey, a senior communications major from London, had never been to Japan before. But when Bailey heard about the disaster, she knew what she needed to do.

"I have a friend who is living on a military base over there. It has been scary to see her Facebook statuses, of her waking up because there was another tremor," Bailey said. "It's important for me, who has been blessed, to give back."

Bailey has been collecting backpacks full of items aimed at bringing normalcy to children who have been affected by the recent disaster.

"The children, having everything taken away from them, it really burdens my heart," Bailey said.

She has teamed up with her friend and a Girl Scout troop who is living in Camp Zama, a U.S. military base in Sagami-hara, to collect the donations.

"This can happen to anybody, it could happen in Kentucky with us living near the fault line. We need to act in a way that we would want to be treated if this ever happened to us," Bailey said.

Currently, Bailey has 12 full backpacks in the trunk of her car and is continuing to spread the word to find more.

"I know I still have donations out there," Bailey said.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities is collecting donations at the Cherry Blossom Festival April 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Middle Powell.

Students can purchase lanterns to hang on Cherry trees in an effort to support the disaster relief.

Okura held up a bag full of origami paper cranes, "This is how we will say 'thank you.'"

Okura said she is thankful for the concern she received from everyone she comes in contact with.



SARAH STEWART/PROGRESS

Kendra Bailey, a senior from London, has been working with a Japan-based friend and Girl Scout troop.

"The celebration of the cherry blossom is coming soon, and the people of Japan are in mourning and do not want to celebrate. But, here, we are in that states. We are safe, let's enjoy."

The Nihon (Japan) Club and The AnimEku Club are helping to fold cranes to give as gifts of gratitude to those that attend.

"There is a word in Japanese, 'gombate,'" Okura said. "It means 'cheer up,' 'good luck,' 'do your best.' Mentally, it will take a long time to recover. I just want to say 'gombate' to the people of Japan."

For more information regarding the Cherry Blossom Festival, contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities at 622-2996. For more information regarding donation to the Kendra Bailey's backpack project, call 606-524-3063.

ARLINGTON

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And of course when a round of 18 is complete, golfers can grab a bite to eat at the Colonel's Paddock, or head to the clubhouse."

Marks said he and his wife had their wedding reception at the clubhouse, inviting nearly 500 guests.

"We got so many compliments on how pretty Arlington was that night," he said.

Of course, the classical revival-style mansion, itself, has

several amenities for members, including a restaurant, as well as a private dining room.

"My wife and I try to go there once a month for dinner when we are having a date night," Marks said. "Both of us love the Arlington chicken salad sandwich."

But Arlington isn't just about food and golf.

Not far from the course is the Mule Barn, containing a large fireplace, stage and dance floor.

Daugherty said Eastern students can rent the barn for dances and Greek functions.

Behind the mansion, the club has six lighted tennis courts.

The club also features a swimming pool, which opens after Memorial Day and has been renovated, Marks said.

Membership of Arlington is available to all faculty, staff and alumni of Eastern. In addition, the establishment offers positions for co-op students and internships for PGM majors.

Fees vary depending on resident and non-resident status of members.

"It is a choice to be a member here, considering the fee requirements," Daugherty said.

But he added the business of Arlington is an asset to the Eastern foundation that owns it, which in turn, provides funding for students and the campus.

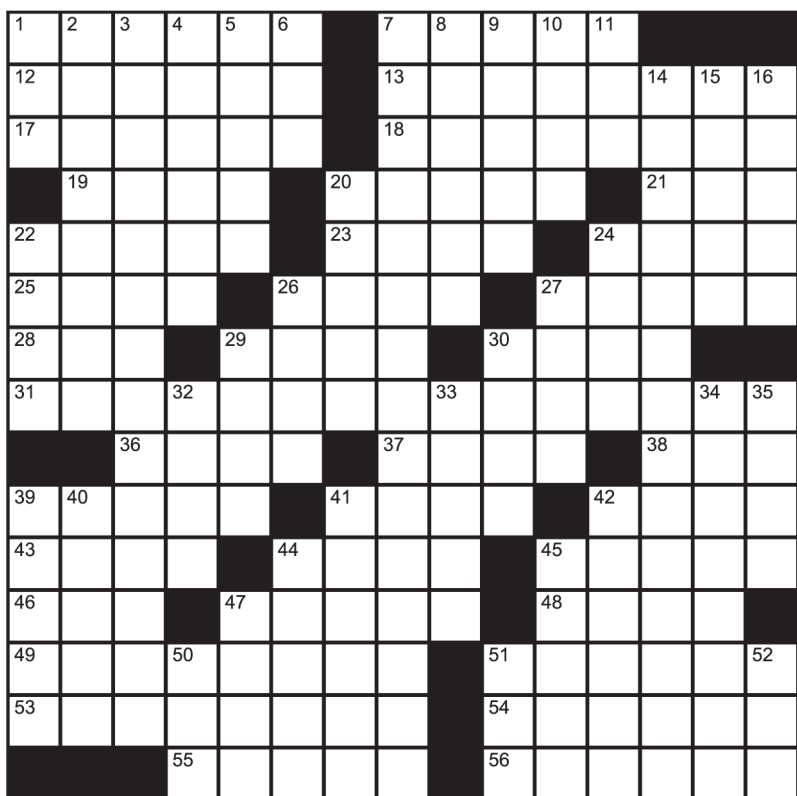
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1. Code word for "S"
7. Catch, in a way
12. Temper, as metal
13. The Natural State
17. "Nonsense!"
18. Eyelet creator
19. Detective, at times
20. Attendance counter
21. "___ the fields we go"
22. Sleeveless dress resembling an apron
23. Biblical shepherd
24. Ashtabula's lake
25. "Unimaginable as ___ in Heav'n": Milton
26. Cloud
27. Balances
28. His "4" was retired
29. Numero uno
30. Decorated, as a cake
31. Hand sewing necessities (3 wds)
36. Acquire
37. Black and white cookie
38. Designated area for golfer's first stroke
39. Cancel
41. Check
42. Bickerer in the "Iliad"

43. Western blue flag, e.g.

44. Bank
45. Breakfast sizzler
46. Head, slangily
47. Poetic name for Earth's moon (pl.)
48. Crumbs
49. Ruins in India known for diamond mining
51. Looks for
53. Kinetic and thermal, e.g. (pl.)
54. Spotted wild African cat
55. Article of faith
56. Appearing as freezing rain

Down

1. Chucklehead
2. Get going
3. An unmanageable, mischievous child
4. Purify
5. Come from behind
6. A pint, maybe
7. In addition to all the foregoing (4 wds)
8. More chichi

9. Expertise

10. Ad headline
11. "___ moment"
14. Investigator employed to stop pilferage
15. Saved on supper, perhaps
16. Tender spots
20. Chip dip
22. A unit of loudness
24. "... happily ___ after"
26. Page
27. Reflected sound waves
29. Give away, as a secret
30. Any one thing
32. God
33. Squirrel's nest (pl.)
34. Balloon or dirigible
35. Campus bigwig
39. Burn
40. Sing like Bing
41. Letter getter
42. Zimbabwe's capital
44. Altercation (2 wds)
45. The intestine
47. Balcony section in a theater
50. Computer monitor, for short
51. Balaam's mount
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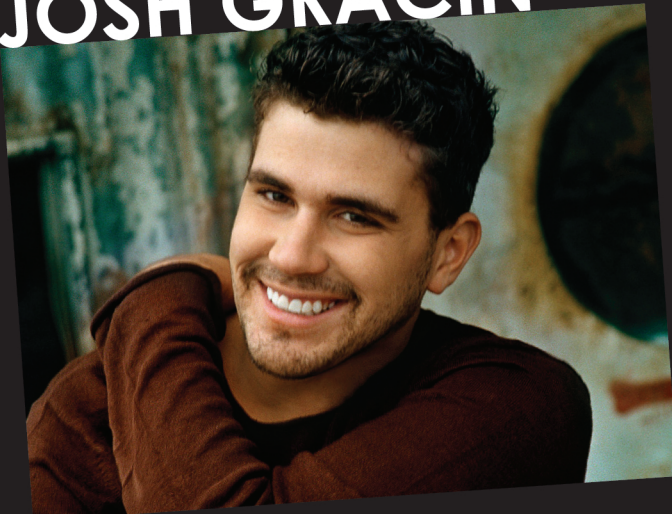
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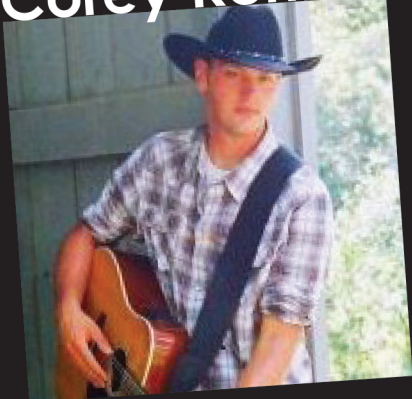
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SAC announces country line-up for spring concert

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Kristen Moser and Megan Franklin, concert co-chairs, spent more than six months coordinating and putting together the spring concert, Rock-the-Lot.

After a successful 2010 spring concert headlined by Bowling for Soup and Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Moser wanted this year to be even bigger.

And she wanted it to be outside.

"We wanted to do something in the football stadium, but the amount of money to spend on planks and protecting the turf, it would be ridiculous," Moser said.

Instead, Rock-the-Lot will be May 1, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Alumni Coliseum's parking lot, where capacity is set at 11,000.

The concert is co-headlined by Mark Wills, Colt Ford, Janedear Girls, Josh Gracin and Ty Brown.

"They all have hits and they're all well known," Moser said.

Two Eastern students, Corey Kenton Smith and Roxanne East, get the chance to open the show.

"When Kristen Moser asked me (to play) I just freaked out and jumped on it immediately. It's awesome," Smith said.

Smith said he was thrilled to get to play some of his original songs that he wrote.

"I'm very excited, I was in the concert when Kieth Anderson was here in 2009 and it was fun," East said.

East said she is looking forward to meeting as many people as she can at the show, not just fans of her music, but also the stars she'll be performing with that night.

"I'm so excited and kind of star struck to get to meet some of them," she said.

Smith said he felt the same.

"I really like Mark Wills, and Josh Gracin has some good stuff. The Janedear Girls are kinda hot, so that will be fun," he said.

But both performers say that the best part of the night will be performing live in front of thousands of Eastern students.

"Eastern has a great crowd," East said.

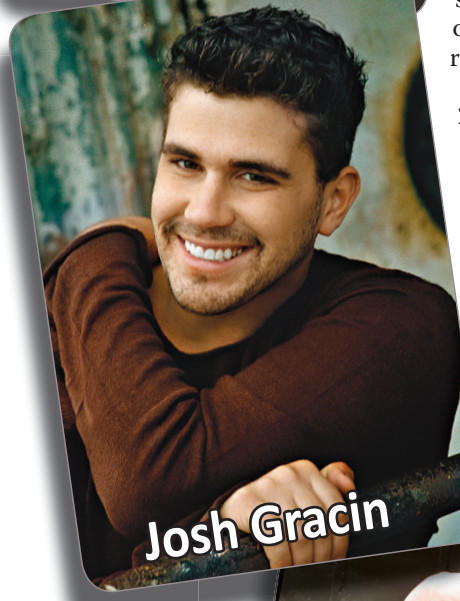
"It just multiplies the atmosphere, I love being in front of a crowd," Smith said.

At one time Moser thought the show would not go on.

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Roxanne Smith



Josh Gracin



Ty Brown



Mark Wills



Janedear Girls



Corey Kenton



Colt Ford

US lends technological hand to Japan

By **GREG SCHULTE**
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Most of us are familiar with the tragedy in Japan. Many people have lost homes and even families to this natural disaster. To make matters worse, the nuclear reactors in certain areas, like at Fukushima Daiichi, are crumbling and causing radioactive material to leak into the water supply.

But Japan is not going through these tough times alone. The U.S. has offered our services and military resources to help the survivors, as well as control the aftermath.

Since reactors are leaking radioactive material, it is hard for people to clean up the mess without getting harmed in the process. To fight this nasty situation, the U.S. military has loaned a Global Hawk Spy Drone to fly over the damaged nuclear reactor area, so that together, we can figure out how to clean up the radiation without putting people in harms way. The drone can stay airborne for nearly 30 hours and is radio-controlled.

The spy drone has a thermoptic imagery that allows the aircraft to take high-resolution photographs, showcasing the damage done to the reactors.

It has an infrared imaging system that can detect hot spots as well. In this situation, it can be used for checking for cracks in the reactor that could cause it to leak more radiation. The big problem is that if the case is cracked, and partially melted, fuel rods could have been misplaced leading to even more radiation leaks.

Ben Cooper, senior criminal justice major, said the U.S.'s aid to Japan is a reflection of the good faith our country has in helping others.

"I feel like it's a good situation with our country helping out with Japan," Cooper said. "It's actions like this that make the U.S. what it is."

The drone isn't the only piece of technology our military has loaned.

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'Ace of Cakes' star headed to Richmond

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Cake anyone? There will be plenty to go around come Saturday, April 23 in Alumni Coliseum. Grace Now food pantry is hosting a Food and Cake Expo, which will include a cake decorating competition for professionals, semi-professionals and amateurs. Judging these competitions will be none other than the lovable, eccentric chef Duff Goldman, star of Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" and owner of Charm City Cakes.

Not only will Goldman be one of the judges, he will also be conducting an hour-long discussion hosted by Jack Pattie.

"The interview will be a kind of 'Inside the Actor's Studio' setup," said Sherry Robinson, chief operations officer of Grace Now.

Grace Now is a non-profit organization that provides food as well as clothing for families within Madison County and surrounding counties since 2001.



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"Our mission is to make a positive difference in our community by providing resources, particularly food and clothing, to people in need and to assist them in a way that treats them with dignity and grace," according to their website.

In 2010, Grace Now provided food to 1,200 households, sending just under 127,000 items of food to these families. Their staff includes an all-volunteer group of people from numerous churches, the lo-

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Campus Rec hosts upcoming triathlon

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With the weather warming up and the sun finally emerging from the clouds, Campus Recreation is hosting two events to get you out and about the latter half of this semester.

The first event is the Fourth Annual ECU Triathlon on April 9. The race is open to anyone on campus or in the community and consists of a 300-yard swim, 6.2-mile bike and a 3.1-mile run. Everyone is encouraged to participate, but if you find yourself lacking in a particular event, sign up as a team!

For those who have never competed in a triathlon, the ECU Triathlon is your chance to try your hand at this enjoyably competitive activity. Only \$15 for students, it is cheaper than other triathlons that can cost \$45 or more.

"I would recommend the triathlon to everyone," said Mackenzie Whalen a junior from Cynthiana who competed last year. "It was my first one and was such a good experience for me. It was challenging, but fun."

All registered runners will receive a gift bag and short sleeve wicking shirt, along with an awesome experience. After the triathlon, a raffle will take place to give out cool prizes and is open to everyone. Raffle tickets are \$1 and all proceeds go to the American Red Cross to benefit the Japan relief efforts.

Be sure to register quickly as the dead-

line to sign up is April 4.

The second event is Jump for Japan and is a three-on-three basketball tournament on April 11.

The event is \$15 per team, and as well as the triathlon raffle, all proceeds are going to aid those affected by the devastating events in Japan.

So find two other friends and register before April 5 to take part in this great way to help others while having fun yourself.

To register for either event, or for more information, contact the Intramural Office at 859-622-6752 or email Greg Corack at greg.corack@eku.edu.



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WRITER EXAMINES RISE OF 3D TECHNOLOGY IN RECENT YEARS

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Over the past two years, it seems the entertainment industry has entered into a new dimension: the third dimension. With films, televisions and now even gaming consoles, like the 3DS, embracing the 3D format, its influence is inescapable. The question that remains, however, is why has it become such a full-blown phenomenon?

And why now? It is not as if 3D itself is a new innovation. With roots tracing back to the early 1900s, the 3D format was first seen in the 1922 film "The Power of Love." It reached what many consider the "golden era of 3D" in the 1950s with a large run of successful films released. Due to the cumbersome nature of the equipment needed for 3D at the time as well as audience's decline in interest, it faded away shortly after.

After a brief revival in the early 1980s, 3D was seen sporadically in IMAX non-fiction films, occasional movies and even theme

parks rides. In 2004, "The Polar Express" became a huge success in 3D, earning 14 times more per screen than its 2D counterpart, spiking interest in the format once again. It was not until 2009, however, that the resurgence truly began. James Cameron's science fiction epic "Avatar" crushed countless records, was critically acclaimed and became the highest grossing film of all time. This is in part because of its groundbreaking use of 3D and CGI. The industry almost immediately changed. Many companies converted their upcoming blockbusters to 3D in a controversial post-production process. Soon, other mediums such as television and gaming followed suit. The formerly expensive and ineffective 3D equipment was now advanced enough to make its inclusion a financially awarding endeavor.

This new wave of 3D technology shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. It seems believable that eventually mobile phones and computers may take the leap into the third dimension, utilizing 3D apps and images. 3D glasses may also become a thing of the past. Can interactive, virtual reality be far behind?

With so many advancements happening at such a rapid pace, there is hardly enough time to wonder whether or not this is all a positive step forward or not.

There are many of those who favor this new technology, including Mr. Titanic himself, James Cameron, stating its ability to add a sense of depth as a major asset. And there is no doubting that when the 3D works, such as in "Avatar" or the Nintendo 3DS, it is awe-worthy, unforgettable experience.

For every fan, however, there is an even more outspoken critic. Director Christopher Nolan and critic Roger Ebert have remained skeptical about this trend. They have stated a number of common complaints including the format's dimness, motion sickness and headache inducement and simply the superiority of the traditional 2D format. The added price tag that comes with anything labeled 3D is also a big turn-off, as is the underlying truth that most Hollywood films include 3D simply to gain an extra buck rather than as a legitimate artistic or story device. And of course, 3D glasses are pretty goofy.

Despite all of the differing opinions and pros and cons, it seems likely that 3D is here to

stay for the foreseeable future. Just like older innovations such as color or sound in film where people doubted their lasting quality, 3D may yet prevail. As the technology advances, fixing bugs and perfecting the form, 3D could possibly be the next big step in both the entertainment industry and our modern day lives.



3DS rocks world of handheld gaming

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Nintendo had to step up their game if they were to continually wow their audience after the motion controlled sensation, the Wii, and what better time than when the popularity of 3D movies was on the rise. And thus was born their newest handheld creation: the 3DS.

With this system, Nintendo's innovators have accomplished something that has never been done before. Imagine viewing 3D games and movies, but without the use of glasses.

About.com explains, "the process works, thanks to a special screen that projects a 3D auto stereoscopic effect. 'Auto stereoscopy' refers to a method of image projection that adds the illusion of depth, without the aid of additional headgear."

That sounds great on paper, but does it actually work?

In my experience, absolutely.

Overall, the 3D is amazing, adding depth and interest to every frame. There were times when I moved my head the 3D lost its effect, but that's to be expected at first con-

sidering your eyes are constantly adjusting to the image.

Of course, there are plenty of big titles either in the works or already out, including 'Super Street Fighter IV,' 'nintendogs + cats,' 'The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time' and 'Star Fox 64,' meaning there will be no shortage of great games to play.

The only issue I found with the 3D was that using it drains away more of the 3DS's battery life, lasting only a few hours before needing to be recharged. If players choose to, they can turn off the 3D function entirely via the 'Depth Slider' on the side of the 3DS.

After experiencing the 3DS's capabilities, I was blown away. To see with my own eyes a solid example of 3D-imaging in the palm of my hands, seemed unbelievable. It's almost hard to put the visuals into words other than to say how impressive they are. This is truly a 'you have to see it, to believe it' scenario.

This is just the beginning of what the 3DS and 3D technology can accomplish. But Nintendo will always be remembered for leading the way with their exciting creation.



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cal community, other organizations, as well as some current and former clients.

"We have had fundraisers in the past to raise money for the organization, but this is by far the largest we have ever had," Robinson said.

So of all the chefs out there, why Duff Goldman? "It made perfect sense," Robinson said. "He is very energetic and down to earth. So we took a chance and contacted Charm City Cakes and he was more than happy to do it."

A cake made especially for this event by Charm City Cakes will be raffled off at \$5 a ticket.

The Food and Cake Expo's cake decorating competition

has three categories: Youth ages 6-12 and ages 13-17, Amateur and Professional. Judging will begin at noon and the awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m., which includes cash prizes and a People's Choice award. The competitors may elect to participate in a Cake Silent Auction by donating their cakes and the auction proceeds go to Grace Now.

"We are getting competitors from all over Central Kentucky and tickets are being sold to people in different states," Robinson said.

The hour-long interview with Goldman will begin at 1 p.m.

The expo starts at 10 a.m., allowing those in attendance to view the cakes before the competition and scope out the exhibitor's tables for samples of food and their products.

Tickets for the expo only are \$7 for an adult and \$5 for a child 12 and under. Tickets for the expo plus the Duff Goldman interview with premium seating are \$40 and with general seating is \$30.

Ticket Information

•To purchase tickets go to gracenowky.com. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the event.

•For further information about the event or the organization, contact Sherry Robinson at sherry@gracenowky.com.

CONCERT

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In fact, it was cancelled on Feb. 4. The original date of the show was schedule for April 16, but a baseball doubleheader moved the show to May.

"I got an email at like one in the morning (on Feb. 4) saying sorry your show's been cancelled," she said. "They had some concerns because the show was the Sunday before finals."

Everything worked itself out and the show will go on. Tickets are \$5 per student and \$10 for the public, with a

limit of two per student ID. VIP packages are \$30 and include VIP parking, a T-shirt to get into the Surge Pit and a ticket. The Surge Pit is closer to the stage.

Overall Moser hopes for a successful event, which could lead to bi-annual Rock-the-Lots.

"I want an awesome day, with lots of people and a great show," Moser said. "If this is a success, this will be one of the biggest events Richmond does."

Smith agrees. "Go ahead and get your tickets now, cause it's gonna be a great show," he said.

For ticket information visit rock-the-lot.com or ticketmaster.com.

Tickets and T-shirts are available in the SGA office.

JAPAN

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Many scientists are looking toward the satellites in space for some extra help, utilizing them as geographic trackers to send back detailed information on the damage caused to the landscape by such natural disasters.

These satellites have played a vital part in search and rescue efforts by showing how the land has changed after the disaster. More than 63 satellites made observations 48 hours after the tsunami hit. The data has been collected from not just the U.S., but from France and Germany as well.

So far satellite research has shown that Japan's Northwestern coastline has shifted almost 13 feet east and whole towns have been washed away. Scientists hope this information can help with recovery and reconstruction. They also hope it can help with future warning systems.

Recently, China has become uneasy with the United States' and Korean exercises being practiced on their border. China is afraid that since these exercises have happened, sooner or later, they themselves will be dragged into Korean problems.

Due to the Japan disaster, China has joined in as well to assist in the relief effort.

Currently, the U.S. Navy has multiple ships operating off the coast of Japan, including the U.S.S. Ronald Regan, Fitzgerald, McCain and McCampbell. The Blackhawk helicopters on the ships are being used to bring supplies to survivors of the tsunami.

Okinawa has a strong U.S. Marine base and due to Oper-

ation Tomadchi, they have been assisting in the relief. They expect another 2,200 Marines to arrive in Okinawa soon to help speed up the relief. China plans to send a few hospital ships to aid in the relief, as well. One of the ships is called the Peace Ark, which is a 10,000-ton vessel with more than 428 crew members that can help with medical relief wherever the ship docks.

On the home front, there is technology allowing people to use not only computers but also their cell phones to contribute to the relief fund.

AT&T and Verizon are offering free phone calls so that families in the U.S. can check on their friends and family in Japan. Social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, are using different methods to get peoples' attention about the Japan relief effort.

Facebook allows people to update statuses asking others to support the relief efforts, while there are certain tweets that when clicked on will donate a specific amount of money to the disaster zone.

"It's good to have technology that saves human lives, instead of putting more at risk," said Keith Justice, a senior majoring in broadcasting.

Texting services are also taking a part in the donation effort. Depending on the words you text to specific relief organizations, you can donate \$10, or more. More information can be found on your phone company's website.

With all these efforts, it shows that even though we have volunteers over in Japan helping, none of this would be possible without technology. With the continuation of help from the U.S. and many other countries, we can help clean up the destruction one day at a time.

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RAICH

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bikes to be donated to the EXPO center in Los Angeles.

"It was really cool to hang out and talk with them and help with the program for kids," Raich said. "These kids don't really have the opportunities other kids do. It was really neat."

The Summit's message hit home for Raich.

"They talked a lot about following your dreams and really going after what you want," Raich said. "I really want to coach. I don't know exactly what level yet, but I want to be involved in coaching. I'd love to work with a professional team in some way."

She will get her chance to coach next season as the graduate assistant coach for the women's soccer team.

Head Coach Lindsay Basalyga is looking forward to bringing Raich along board next season.

"She is going to bring her passion and work ethic with her," Basalyga said. "I pegged her early on as one day being a great coach. She picked up the game very well and you can see how as she was maturing as a player she was more vocal with her teammates. Alex is a shy person, but when she gets on the soccer field she has a huge personality. This is her niche and the sky is the limit for her as a coach."

Going from player to a coach can be a

difficult transition. But Basalyga says that Raich has embraced the role, and more importantly, her teammates have responded positively.

"The respect that her teammates have shown her during this transition has been huge," Basalyga said. "Alex will be able to instill her passion for where this program is headed into the under-classmen. Its really commendable."

Dr. Wardell Johnson, associate professor in the department of exercise & sport science, has seen first hand the changes Raich has made.

"I have seen her grow from a very shy young lady to a strong and very opinioned young woman," Johnson said. "She has truly gained a great deal of confidence over the last few semesters."

Johnson also gave Raich a piece of advice: "Get out of your comfort zone, see what the rest of the world is doing and bring something new home."

Which is exactly what Raich is doing this summer, when she travels to Guatemala to volunteer for a program called Soccer without Borders.

The program, which is based out of Berkeley, Calif., has a single mission: to provide youth with an avenue for positive engagement, a platform for personal growth and a toolkit for a brighter future.

"This is a chance to give people, who sometimes make less than \$2 per day, an opportunity," Raich said. "And we get to use soccer to do that."

Which is right up her alley.

Golf teams stay hot

By STEPHEN HAUSER
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Eastern's women's golf team shot a two round score of 654, which was good enough for fifth place in the Saluki Women's Golf Invitational.

Junior Kara Fant led the Colonels when she shot a 160, her best of the spring season. Fant, who finished tied for eighth place overall, was very surprised at the end of her round.

"I was shocked, but I didn't feel I played that great," Fant said. "It was a nice surprise, I was very happy that I stuck with it and pulled through."

Juniors Lindsey Rankin, Linda Hogberg and Katie Wiedmar had solid rounds — each finishing in the top 30.

Rankin placed 18th with a two-round score of 163. Hogberg shot a 166, which gave her 27th place and Wiedmar rounded out the top 30 with a 167.

The women don't return to action until April 9 when they host the ECU Lady Colo-

nel Classic at Arlington.

The break will be beneficial.

"We finally have two weeks to practice because we have gone from tournament to tournament," Fant said. "We are going to be practicing and playing as much as we can."

On the men's side, Eastern finished in second place with a three-day score of 871, in the Grub Mart Intercollegiate, hosted by Jacksonville State University Tuesday.

The Colonels were seven shots off the leader Jacksonville State.

Three different Colonels finished inside the top 10 places.

Junior Billy Peel Jr. shot the lowest score of any Colonel with a 215, which was good enough for sixth place overall. Sophomore Johan Eriksson finished tied for eighth place, and Brian Fister, who shot an ace on the fourth hole in round two, finished tied for 10th place overall.

"I was real pleased where we were," Head Coach Pat Stevens said. "We are very much capable of doing what we've done."

The Colonels return to action April 9, at the UK Bluegrass Invitational, hosted by the University of Kentucky.



Kara Fant

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that is 0-10 and have that type of record. Alex Das definitely wont get a day off."

Jacksonville State is 8-9 on the season, but has won four of their last seven.

Brian Kenyon plays No. 1 singles and is 8-9 on the year. Last season, the Gamecocks fell victim to the Colonels 7-0, which gave Eastern the OVC regular season championship.

"We're really looking forward to playing these guys," Oertel said. "The boys are really hyped up to keep this thing going. They are really focused."

On the women's side of the court, Eastern capped off last weekend with a 7-0 win over Eastern Illinois.

The win came in good time, as the Colonels (9-9, 2-2 OVC) had dropped two straight previous matches, both 4-3 decisions.

"It was a heart breaker," Oertel said of Eastern's 4-3 loss to Murray State on Friday.

In the win over the Panthers, Melina Poffo (No. 5) shut out her opponent 6-0, 6-0 and senior Anouk Faure (No. 3) won

her fifth straight match 6-4, 6-3.

"She has really taken her captain title by the horns," Oertel said. "She knows how important these conferences matches are and she has really stepped up her leadership."

SIU Edwardsville, just won its fifth match of the season, with a 4-3 victory over the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Sophomore Amanda Miller held on for a three-set victory (6-2, 2-6, 6-4) at No. 6 singles to seal the win.

"They are a team we can't sleep on and take lightly, but I feel pretty confident," Oertel said

Jacksonville State comes in having lost its last match 5-2 to Troy, but had previously won two straight matches against OVC foes, Eastern Illinois (4-3) and Tennessee State (7-0).

The Gamecocks have used four different players at No. 1 singles, but Marani Vivane has had the most success at the top spot, with a 5-5 record.

"This game is always full of emotion and our girls are really excited to play them," Oertel said. "I have a feeling it will be another on of those 4-3 matches, I just hope we're on the right side of it this time."

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Senior Noelani Esperas sends a pitch to the plate in Eastern's most recent game with UT Martin. She struck out six in seven innings.

Softball peaking at the right time, as they host Tennessee State Saturday

By CHRIS MCGEE
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This was the kind of season everyone was expecting for Eastern's softball team.

Inside the dugout, most of the players feel the team is just starting to catch fire, something that could be dangerous for other Ohio Valley Conference foes.

"We definitely still haven't peaked yet," said Head Coach Jane Worthington. "We are only about a third of the way through the conference schedule, so we still have a long way to go."

Senior Shyenne Hussey is focused on the big picture.

"We are on a pretty good streak right now," she said. "We have to

stay up and play our game."

The team is gelling on and off the field, which has made the game easier to play.

"This is the best team I've been on in my time at Eastern," Hussey said. "We get along on and off the field, which is very important."

Of course when a team is winning, it's easy to over look what improvements need to be made, but catcher Cheyanne Pounds still sees room for growth.

"Our defense and pitching need to work on getting us (the offense) out of the inning," Pounds said.

The Colonels take the field against Tennessee State University

(7-27, 1-10 OVC) Saturday at 2 p.m.

Last year when the teams played, Eastern won the three game series, 2-1, behind strong hitting and solid pitching.

Diane Gallagher, Raquel Howes, and DeAnn Horswill each finished with two hits for the Colonels and Stacy Toups provided strong pitching.

Although Tennessee State is near the bottom of the OVC, Worthington is not taking the game for granted.

"The last place team can beat the first place team on any given day," she said. "It depends on who has the most consistent play. We aren't going to over-look anyone."



Cheyenne Pounds

Marshall steals one from Eastern

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Eastern baseball dropped its second straight game 8-5, when visiting Marshall broke a 5-5 tie in the top of the ninth inning on Tuesday.

The Colonels hosted the Thundering Herd at nearby Whitaker Bank Ballpark, home of the Lexington Legends.

Sophomore right-hander Anthony Bazzani started on the hill for Eastern and went six innings, only allowing three earned runs on four hits.

Marshall scored the game's first run in the top of the second, but Eastern struck back in the bottom of the third, when Richie Rodriguez's double down the left field line, scored two Colonel base runners.



Michael Garcia

Both clubs traded runs early in the fourth but Michael Garcia's pinch-hit RBI single in the bottom of the fifth gave the Colonels a 4-2 lead.

It didn't last long, as in the top of sixth; Thor Meeks belted a two run home run to tie it for Marshall. The Thundering Herd added onto their lead in the top of the seventh and the Colonels faced a 5-4 deficit going into the home half the inning.

Garcia delivered again for Eastern on a RBI single to tie the game at 5-5.

After Matt Harris recorded two outs in the ninth, Eastern seemed like they were doing good but a throwing by Rodriguez, that would have been the third out, gave Marshall another chance.

In stepped Isaac Ballou for Marshall and his two-out single scored base runner Victor Ramos. The

Thundering Herd weren't done yet, as James Lavinskas cranked a two-run home run to extend their lead to 8-5.

In the bottom of the ninth, Eastern had two runners in scoring position, but sophomore Matt Phipps struck out looking and junior Michael Garcia lined out to end the game.

Harris, who gave up three runs on two hits and struck out three Thundering Herd batters, picked up the loss for Eastern. Chris Hord also pitched one inning of relief, striking out one and allowing one run off of one hit.

Garcia, who went 2-for-3, and Rodriguez, who went 1-for-3, both had a pair of RBI for the Colonels on the day. Senior Bryce Labhart went 2-for-2 at the plate.

Eastern returns to action this weekend when they host Southeast Missouri in three-game conference series.



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Sophomore pitcher, Anthony Bazzani started the game against Marshall for Eastern. In six innings of work he struck out six batters.



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Junior Hugo Klientovsky goes for a backhand volley in Eastern's home match with Austin Peay. The men's team faces off against SIU Edwardsville and Jacksonville State in their home finales this weekend.

Colonel tennis teams close out home schedule with OVC double-header

By RYAN ALVES
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It's been 780 days since Eastern's men's tennis team lost a home match.

It's been 1,081 days since they've lost an Ohio Valley Conference match.

And when SIU Edwardsville and Jacksonville State come to town this weekend in the home finales, Eastern will put both streaks on the line.

Though the streaks are impressive, Head Coach Rob Oertel knows his team isn't focused on those numbers.

"Those streaks are for everyone else and the newspapers to count," Oertel said. "If you start counting your numbers too much all of a sudden they end."

The Colonels (13-4, 2-0 OVC) did their part in keeping the streak alive over the weekend with a 7-0 pasting of Eastern Illinois.

Eastern started off sweeping all three doubles matches, 8-4, 8-4 and 8-3.

In singles, senior Alex Das (No. 1) and junior Hugo Klientovsky (No. 2) each dropped just one game apiece.

Emilio Perez clinched the sweep, when he outlasted Kevin Bauman in a grueling super tiebreaker, 2-6, 6-3, (12-10).

"Emilio has been a model citizen for the Colonel tennis program for three years," Oertel said. "He's been borderline playing and on the bench so I was happy getting him some PT (playing time). You can't say a bad word about the guy. Everyone was really happy he got the win."

SIU Edwardsville, who will join the OVC next season, is coming into the match winless on the year at 0-10.

Despite the team's struggles, Paulo Gonzalez has netted a 5-4 record at No. 1 singles. Last season, Eastern dispatched the Cougars 7-0.

"Their No. 1 is very respectable," Oertel said. "It says a lot about him to be on a team

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Baseball loses in ninth to Herd

Eastern and Marshall were tied 5-5 going into the ninth inning, but late game heroics from the Thundering Herd left the Colonels with a loss, 8-5.

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Softball peaks at right time

The softball team sits at 18-11 as they begin a three-game series with Tennessee State starting April 2. Eastern is 5-5 in OVC play.

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Tennis squares off in home finales

The men and women's tennis teams finish off their home schedules with matches against SIU Edwardsville and Jacksonville State.

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Kicking it for the community



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Alex Raich, center, has provided leadership on the field for the Colonels. That leadership landed her a spot as a graduate assistant coach next year. Raich was selected, in early March, as one of 100 student-athletes to attend the NCAA Sports and Entertainment Summit in L.A.

SENIOR ALEX RAICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL ON AND OFF THE FIELD IN HER FOUR YEARS AT EASTERN

By RYAN ALVES
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Alex Raich never envisioned her dream of playing college soccer would mesh with her degree.

When Raich started her freshman year at Eastern, she declared herself a nursing major.

After a year of juggling classes and soccer, Raich found herself overstretched.

She knew she needed to make a change. "Nursing didn't really work out," Raich said. "The time commitment it took with also playing soccer couldn't really work for me."

Now a senior, Raich decided on sports management, something she was not familiar with.

"Actually I had never really heard of that before," she said.

But any way to learn more about the game she loves, and to be closer to it, worked for Raich.

"Sports are a big part of my life, they have been for as long as I can remember," Raich said. "I enjoy all the topics. I've learned more about the legal issues, the media and going more in depth on what goes on from behind. Its more than just watching sports on TV."

Raich's hard work in the classroom — she's been a member of the Dean and President's list — has opened new doors, giving her a blueprint for her career.

In early March, she, along with 100 other student athletes from across America, were selected to attend the NCAA Sports and Entertainment Summit in Los Angeles.

The Summit, a three-day educational workshop, coupled with a community service project, focused on helping student athletes who wanted to pursue careers in entertainment and sports media.

"It was the first year they'd done this, it was all expenses paid and in a week's time they had over 350 people apply so I was surprised to get it," Raich said. "It was really a diverse group of people from different sports and different schools. It was cool to interact with them."

The event consisted mostly of panel discussions from professionals, who currently work in the fields of entertainment and sports media.

On hand were Shelley Smith and J.A. Adande of ESPN, Lee Jenkins of Sports Illustrated, music producer Harvey Mason and visual effects artist Shannon Gans, whose company New Deal Studios worked on the Academy Award-winning film "Inception."

"Harvey Mason was very interesting," Raich said. "He played on the 1998 Arizona Final Four team and later produced the song 'One Shining Moment' with Jennifer Hudson."

Attendees of the Summit were selected from each NCAA Division, not only proving beneficial for Raich but also for her counterpart, Eastern, back home.

"This really gets our name (EKU) out on a national scale," said Assistant Athletics Director for Administration, Corey Bray. "And more specifically it gets the word out about our women's soccer program. It speak volumes about the way Coach Basalyga runs her program off the field."

Also on the trip, Raich helped with the community service project, Build a Bike. Along with more than 100 inner-city kids, the Summit attendees built over 20



“ This is a chance to give people, who sometimes make less than \$2 per day, an opportunity. ”

Alex Raich
Senior Forward



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Alex Raich (right) fights for the ball in Eastern's game with Murray State earlier this year.

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Colonel Corner

Q&A with Larkyn Wood



By CHRIS MCGEE
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Larkyn Wood is a junior nursing major who plays shortstop and second base for the softball team. She has played a valuable role in most of the Colonel's wins this season.

Q: What made you decide to attend Eastern?

A: I decided to attend Eastern because of the opportunity to play softball at Division I level. In addition, it is close to home and my friends.

Q: If you weren't majoring in nursing, what would your major be?

A: I would choose to major in health care administration because that has more to do with the business side of healthcare. Actually, I'm up in the air about both right now.

Q: Is there anyone in softball or nursing that you would like to meet if you had the chance?

A: I would like to meet Levon Jones (Olympic softball player).

Q: Was softball your first sport of choice?

A: No, I was a cheerleader first. I did that until high school.

Q: How long have you been playing sports?

A: I have been playing since I was seven years old and I am 20 now, so about 13 years.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Dirty Dancing.

Q: Who is your favorite actor?

A: Jake Gyllenhal

Q: What's the last movie you saw?

A: Definitely, Maybe.