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Regents Approve Revised Alcohol Policy

The EKU Board of Regents has approved revisions in the University’s alcohol policy that will allow limited alcoholic beverages to be served at some official University functions and approved non-University functions at selected campus locations.

A task force appointed in 2001 to study the matter submitted its report this past spring. “We wanted to submit the policy for the Board’s consideration because we wanted to allow time to consult with and seek input from faculty, staff, students and the community,” President Glasser said.

The new policy, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2003, “establishes a framework for responsible use of alcoholic beverages on our campus and will serve the University community well in the future,” Glasser added.

Under the new policy, wine and beer may be served and consumed at official University functions and approved non-University functions at selected campus locations.

- The revised policy also stipulates that: Consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to persons 21 years of age and older.
  - Common alcohol sources such as kegs, beer balls, party punches and champagne fountains are prohibited.
  - All alcohol must be served through a licensed provider.
  - Food and non-alcoholic beverages must be made available at any event where alcoholic beverages are served.
  - Events at which alcoholic beverages are served will be closed except to those persons specifically invited.
  - Promotions and advertisements for events shall not be permitted to indicate that alcoholic beverages will be served or consumed.
  - Intoxicated persons will not be served or permitted to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises.
  - Alcoholic beverage service will be limited to a maximum of three hours at approved events.
  - Those planning to tailgate in the Alumni Coliseum or Colonel Club lots do not have to obtain prior approval or secure the services of a licensed provider. All beverages must be consumed from paper or plastic cups and not from cans or bottles.
  - Every event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have a designated sponsor who must submit a request at least 10 working days prior to the event.
  - Students and/or student organizations are prohibited from sponsoring events where alcohol will be served.
  - The vice president of administrative affairs will be responsible for the regulation of the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus.
  - Also at their Nov. 8 regular meeting, the Regents approved:
    - The expenditure of $171,000 to add 200 parking spaces for commuter students.
    - The additional spaces will be located in the area of the existing Van Hoose and Denny Building lots and at the intersection of Madison Drive and Summit Street, where University-owned houses at 216 and 220 Summit will be razed.
    - Naming the auditorium in the new Student Services Building O’Donnell Hall in recognition of EKU’s fifth president.
    - The building lots and at the intersection of Madison Drive and Summit Street, where University-owned houses at 216 and 220 Summit will be razed. The residence hall that once bore his name was razed to make room for the new building.
    - A mid-year adjustment in Model Laboratory School fees to cover an impending reduction in SEEK funds (state support per student). Tuition for 2002-03 will be raised $60 per student. The increase will be levied during the billing periods of December, January, February and March.
    - The Board also learned that bids will be opened in December on three important construction projects that will begin next year: a Health Education Center, the Southeast Regional Postsecondary Education Center in Corbin, and the Business and Technology Center.

Student Services Building: ‘Dream Come True’ for Students

“IT is one thing,” President Joanne Glasser said, “for a college or university to say that students come first. It is quite another to erect a building with that sole purpose in mind.”

President Glasser, just completing her first year in office, was speaking at dedication ceremonies Thursday, Oct. 31, for the new Student Services Building, a $20 million facility that houses all of the University offices that directly provide student services.

Gov. Paul Patton, who also spoke at the ceremonies, said the building “is a great way to show our appreciation and true devotion to each student and his or her future success” and “a shining example of this administration’s commitment to higher education and the reform we started back in 1997.”

The building, on Park Drive near the center of campus, opened in August to rave reviews, particularly from students. Amber Jones, a junior speech communica-
**Events**

Monday, Nov. 18

**Men’s Basketball**
EKU vs. Charleston Bisons, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

**EKU String Orchestra Concert**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Thursday, Nov. 21

**“EKU after World War II”**
University Historian Dr. Bill Ellis talks about post-1915 Eastern, 7:30 p.m., Room 212, Perkins Building, sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History & Politics.

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**Mediation Center Helps Students Resolve Conflicts**

National studies show that students who drop out of college usually do so for reasons other than academic difficulties.

Many times, their frustration stems from personal conflicts with their peers, particularly roommate disputes, use of property, interpersonal and intragroup conflicts, and landlord-tenant conflicts. The Mediation Center offers help to students who need assistance in resolving their disagreements.

Under the direction of Dr. Amy Thieme, the Center offers mediation services for individuals and groups, conflict training workshops for campus groups and one-on-one “conflict coaching” when one party won’t accept mediation. All the services are free and confidential.

“A campus community needs a safe place where students can go to resolve conflicts,” Thieme said. “The services we provide build community and stronger relationships because students learn that they can walk away with a solution and be happy about it and not hateful toward the other person.”

Cases mediated by the Center include roommate disputes, use of property, inter- and intragroup conflicts, and landlord-tenant conflicts. The Mediation Center does not deal with cases involving illegal activity or violence.

Especially for underclassmen away from home for the first time, the Center is a “good home for the first time, the Center is a good home for the first time,” Thieme said. “The mediator only helps them get there.”

Thieme, an experienced mediator with three academic degrees in conflict resolution management, is the sole mediator and leads all workshops. Eventually, qualified students may serve as peer mediators under her supervision, she said.

The dispute-resolution major and minor are proving popular with students from the justice- and safety- and human resources fields and those planning to attend law school or criminal justice.

For more information about the Mediation Center, call Thieme at 859-622-1303 or the Office of Student Affairs at 859-622-2642, or visit www.communication.eku.edu/thieme/mediation.html.
ROTC Team Captures Ranger Challenge Camp Title

A 10-member team from EKU’s Army ROTC program captured the Ranger Challenge Cup at the 34th Brigade’s Annual Ranger Challenge competition at Fort Knox Oct. 25-26.

The Eastern squad outlasted 35 teams from 25 university-level ROTC programs in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee during a non-stop 18-hour competition. Among those competing were the University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, University of Dayton and Xavier University.

“The amount of dedication, self-discipline, teamwork and physical development required to compete at this level is enormous,” said Lt. Col. Brett Morris, chair of EKU’s Department of Military Science. “These cadets have experienced first-hand what it takes to become combat-ready soldiers, and they have acquired the organizational skills that they will need when they become second lieutenants in a couple of years. Their impact on our character is visible every day. Winning first place was just their reward for a lot of hard work.”

It was the first time in 16 years that Eastern’s ROTC program brought home the overall first-place trophy. The cadets competed in eight events, taking first place in rifle marksmanship and one-rope bridge construction. The winning team placed eighth or better in the other events: Army Physical Fitness Test, Patrolling, 10-Kilometer Ruck Run, Weapons Assembly, Hand Grenade Assault Course and Land Navigation.

Members of the winning team, coached by Master Sgt. Dean Burnhart, were: team captain Scott Jolman, senior, fire science major from Zeeland, Mich.; James Spencer, senior, psychology major from Duvall; Chen Muholand, junior, criminal justice major from Georgetown; Mike Dargavel, junior, history major from Richmond; Eric Ellis, junior, criminal justice major from Mount Sterling; Josh Murphy, junior, fire science major from Philpot; Tom Phillips, junior, police administration major from Richmond; Eric Ellis, junior, criminal justice major from Elizabethtown; Kurtis Lawson, senior, psychology major from Dunnville; Chris Mulholland, major from Dunnville; James Darnall, Lexington; Danielle Matthews, Stanton; Emily Matter, Covington; back row, Dr. Sarah Ziegler, team coach; Samantha Shelton, Crab Orchard; Kristin Shellen; Boone County, and Ryan Head, Covington. Plato also was honored at the USPS tournament as Outstanding Attorney, as was Laura Ford of Bardstown. Kimberly Ratliff of Berea received an Outstanding Witness award at the USPS tournament and that honor went to Lexington native Sarah Carter at the EKU competition, held Nov. 1-2. “The students performed beautifully in South Carolina,” Ziegler said, “despite the fact that several of the students were competing in their first tournament. Mock trial requires an enormous amount of preparation and tests communication skills, poise under pressure and critical thinking. The team’s success speaks to the talent and dedication of EKU students.”

Randy Lloyd, who holds a joint visiting appointment in Criminal Justice/Police Studies and Political Science, also serves as a team coach.

ORDER IN THE COURT

Members of EKU’s Mock Trial program received awards at recent competitions held at the University of South Carolina and on the EKU campus. Twenty-two teams, including Furman, Rhodes and the Citadel, participated in the USJC tournament last month where an EKU team placed second. Members of the winning team were, front row, left to right, Jessica Newman, Irvine; Sarah Darnall, Lexington; Daniael Matthews, Stanton; Emily Matter, Covington; back row, Dr. Sara Ziegler, team coach; Samantha Shelton, Crab Orchard; Kristin Shellen, Boone County, and Ryan Head, Covington. Plato also was honored at the USJC tournament as Outstanding Attorney, as was Laura Ford of Bardstown. Kimberly Ratliff of Berea received an Outstanding Witness award at the USJC tournament and that honor went to Lexington native Sarah Carter at the EKU competition, held Nov. 1-2. “The students performed beautifully in South Carolina,” Ziegler said, “despite the fact that several of the students were competing in their first tournament. Mock trial requires an enormous amount of preparation and tests communication skills, poise under pressure and critical thinking. The team’s success speaks to the talent and dedication of EKU students.”

‘Scrooge’ is coming to EKU

“Scrooge” is coming to EKU. EKU Theatre and the Department of Music will join forces to present the classic musical Dec. 5-7 in Gifford Theatre. Tickets, at $6 apiece, go on sale Monday, Nov. 18 in the Gifford Box office. The box office, in the Campbell Building lobby, will be open weekdays Nov. 18-26 and Dec. 2-6, noon-6 p.m. For reservations, call 622-1323.

Curtain time nightly is 7 p.m. (instead of the usual 8 p.m.) The production is directed by Homer Tracey.

Publications & Presentations


Deferred Compensation Plans Offered

The University’s Board of Regents approved the establishment of a 457(b) deferred compensation for EKU employees effective Jan. 1, 2003. Among the most beneficial changes resulting from the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001 was that the dollar limit on contributions to a 457(b) deferred compensation plan would no longer be reduced by contributions made to 401(k) tax sheltered annuity plans. As a result, EKU employees who participate in 401(k) tax sheltered annuity plans will also be eligible to participate in a 457(b) plan concurrently without offset beginning 2003.

The basic employee contribution limits are 100 percent of includable compensation up to $11,000 for both the 457(b) and 403(b) plans ($22,000 total) with increases of $1,000 each year to $15,000 in 2006.

In addition to maximizing investment opportunities, the investor may benefit in other ways. For example:

- The 401(k) plan provides more liberal in-service account access through tax-free loans and less restrictive withdrawal provisions.
- The 457(b) plan provides penalty-free access to account values after separation from service and before age 59½, except for amounts rolled over to the 457(b) plan from other plan types.
- Employers have the option for their employees to participate in the 457(b) plan through one of three approved vendors — THA, CREF, VALIC and ING ALTA. For more information about the new 457(b) deferred compensation, contact your representative at one of the three authorized vendors or contact the Human Resources Benefits Section.

Your Resources

by Gary Barkdike, director of Human Resources
Conference Dec. 11 Examines Impact of KET

A conference at EKU on Wednesday, Dec. 11 will examine the impact of Kentucky Educational Television in its first 40 years.

At least two former governors will serve as panelists in the daylong event. “Kentucky Education Television: How It Began and Its Impact on Kentuckians Over Four Decades” is sponsored by EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

“The conference will focus on two major themes,” said Center Director Dr. Paul Blanchard. “The panelists will examine the major challenges that had to be overcome in order to get KET up and running and will discuss the influence that KET has had on the Commonwealth. It’s a fascinating history.”

The only two executive directors in KET’s history will participate. Current Executive Director Virginia Fox, who recently announced her plans to retire, is a panelist in the afternoon session. O. Leonard Press, the network’s “founding father,” is the luncheon speaker. Press also will receive the Center’s John Sherman Cooper Award for Outstanding Public Service in Kentucky at the luncheon.


The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Perkins Building at EKU. The registration fee of $30 includes lunch.

For more information or conference registration materials, contact Dr. Paul Blanchard, EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, Ky., 40475-3102; telephone, 859-622-4380; or e-mail paul.blanchard@eku.edu.