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## PETA requests removal of Bassmasters

EASTERN FISHING TEAM  
SEEN AS "BLOOD SPORT"  
BY NATIONAL ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

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Eastern has been requested to disaffiliate itself from a student organization, based on the request of national animal rights group. The request has raised some questions among students and faculty.

Last Monday Doug Whitlock, president of Eastern, received a letter from Bruce Friederich, vice-president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), asking him to "eliminate" the Eastern affiliated fishing team, the EKU Bassmasters.

In the letter, Freidrich contends that fishing is a cruel sport and said Eastern's support sends the message to students that violence is okay.

"Fishing is a blood sport that causes physical and psychological suffering," Friedrich said in his request to the university. "The only lesson that fishing teaches students is that violence is acceptable when it is directed toward those who look different or are smaller and weaker than us."

Paige Snyder, a representative for PETA, said the organization wants Eastern to consider the rights of fish and take the necessary steps to remove the organization from campus.

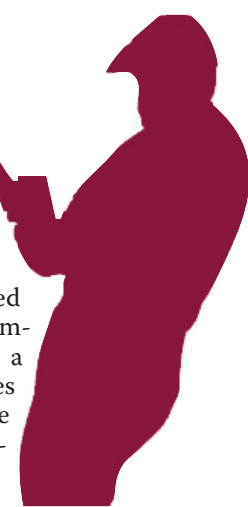
"We are hopeful that the president will read our letter and will learn about the science showing that fish do in fact feel pain just like other animals," Snyder said. "And that he'll make the

kind decision to ban this cruel blood sport from campus."

Whitlock acknowledged PETA's concerns, but said it's more than likely something he, or any other administrative body on campus, does not have the right to sanction.

Bassmasters is a Registered Student Organization that competes in fishing tournaments at a national level. Bassmasters does not receive any funding from the university, and the fishing tour-

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## SGA rolls over smallest budget in years

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The Student Government Association has managed and maintained a tight budget this year.

Exactly 1.79 percent was rolled over from last semester, providing one of the tightest budgets in years.

"This is actually the smallest amount that we've rolled over, over a semester," said Elizabeth Horn, appropriations chair.

SGA and its members were satisfied with such a small roll over

amount.

"Elijah, myself and the rest of SGA were extremely pleased with that number. I think it's just around \$400, which is great," Horn said. "Not only did we appropriate well with the groups, but the groups really followed our policies and procedures and actually used all the money that we gave them."

Elijah House, treasurer, placed the success on the work of the appropriations chair herself.

"It was a really small number this year," said Elijah House, trea-

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**Elizabeth Horn**  
appropriations chair

surer. "Elizabeth did a great job of making sure RSOs got their paper work in on time. I was just really impressed with the job she did."

To accomplish such a low number, SGA had several things they had to do to ensure accurate and timely spending.

"It really starts with educating the RSOs, letting everyone know there is money available for them to receive," Horn said. "And following that up with a good appropriations meeting and making sure our senators are educated on what they need to be doing and

ranking as well. Obviously these groups are spending a lot of their money, and they deserve to be ranked where they are at. I know a lot of people complain about the way we do funding, but I think it just kind of goes to show that there are improvements that can be made, but if done correctly we can achieve great things and that's getting as many RSO's money as possible."

It's also important to be flexible and reserve money for things that can't be budgeted for

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## Cake and food expo welcomes Ace of Cakes

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Grace Now Food Pantry welcomed cake artist and Food Network's star of Ace of Cakes Duff Goldman Saturday, April 23 to the Grace plus Ace Food and Cake Expo at Alumni Coliseum. Goldman judged the cake competition, which held numerous cakes in the youth, amateur and professional divisions.

Tickets were sold to see an hour-long interview set up between Goldman and NewsTalk 590 radio host Jack Pattie.

"He's as nice in person as he is on television," said Pattie during his introduction of Goldman.

Goldman shared his experiences as a

young kid when it came to deciding which career direction he finally took. He wanted to be a rock musician and was only planning on making cakes on the side for extra cash. He fell in love with the profession and enjoyed the smiling faces on his customers. So, he told his dad he wanted to go to culinary school. He went to culinary school, with financial support from his dad.

Goldman's experiences in cake decorating contests he entered when first starting out were harder than he thought.

"I wasn't that good and I lost a lot," Goldman said. "But if you are going to lose, I say do it right."

To all aspiring chefs out there, Goldman's advice is to get a job in the food

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Ace of Cakes star Duff Goldman was given a custom guitar from Blue Collar Guitar Shop. The Grace plus Ace Food and Cake Expo hosted local business sharing food and cooking supplies with the public.





All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

**April 12**

■ A male student reported his My-touch T-Mobile cell phone had been stolen while he was at football practice. The student said he had left the phone in the locker room during practice, but when he returned after practice he noticed the cell phone was missing.

**April 13**

■ A female student re-

ported that her vehicle was scratched on both sides when she left it unattended in Alumni Coliseum Lot in the morning. She suggested that a male she knew was most likely responsible for the damage. She suggested him because she saw him earlier in the day and he called her a whore. Similar damage has happened to her vehicle while parked in the same lot before. The total damaged value was \$600.

**April 14**

■ A male employee advised that when he arrived at work at 7 a.m. he saw a cabinet open with a Stihl gas blower and gas can missing from Case Hall. The employee said that the room where the cabinet is, was locked, but the cabinet itself was left unlocked. He said the items could have been taken on April 13 be-

tween 6 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. when someone could have used a key to enter or an employee could have left the door unlocked. The total value of the missing items is \$200.

■ A female employee reported that someone had taken her parking decal out of her vehicle while she was working. She was not sure if she had secured her vehicle or not before she went to work. She informed the Parking Office and was given a new parking decal.

**April 19**

■ A male student reported his vehicle had been damaged while parked in Kit Carson Lot. A black substance was smeared along the side of the vehicle, possibly black spray paint. The damage was valued at \$400.

**News Briefs**

**Veteran graduation ceremony to take place Friday in Powell**

There will be a graduation recognition ceremony for student veterans and their families Friday April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kenamer room in Powell. Veterans will receive red, white and blue honor cords and an EKV VETS Challenge Coin. Families will receive a certificate of appreciation for supporting their student veteran. For more information or to RSVP, contact Retha Sandlin at 622-2345.

**Deadline set for creative writing conference**

The Summer Creative Writing Conference 2011 will be June 6 through 10 and is now accepting applications. Attending students will participate in

workshops discussing their and other student's original manuscripts. To apply submit \$35, application form and a manuscript to the conference director at r-dean.johnson@eku.edu, no later than Saturday, May 28.

**Tickets for annual retirement dinner on sale**

An annual retirement dinner will be Tuesday May 3 in honor of the 54 Eastern employees retiring. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. and a dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$18.50 each and should be reserved by Monday, May 2 by calling 622-8889 or email mary.raider@eku.edu.

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**THE COLONEL'S CALENDAR**  
Week of April 28 - May 4

What's Happening

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field at Penn Relays</li> <li>Giles Gallery - Campbell Building - Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition.</li> </ul> <p><b>6 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBT Capstone Presentations</li> </ul> <p><b>8 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EKU EKUpella/Treble-makers, SSB</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of classes!!!</li> <li>Track and Field at Penn Relays</li> <li>Giles Gallery - Campbell Building - Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition.</li> </ul> <p><b>8 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EKU Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert, Gifford</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field at Penn Relays</li> </ul> <p><b>1 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Tennessee Tech University (DH)</li> </ul> <p><b>2 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bernardo Scarambone Faculty Piano Recital, Foster 100</li> </ul>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rock the Lot in the Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot</li> </ul> <p><b>1 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Tennessee Tech University</li> </ul> <p><b>Softball at University of Dayton (DH)</b></p>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final examination week begins</li> <li>Giles Gallery - Campbell Building - Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giles Gallery - Campbell Building - Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball vs. Western Kentucky University</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giles Gallery - Campbell Building - Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition.</li> </ul> <p><b>10 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood Pressure Screenings in the library lobby</li> </ul>

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# SGA banquet ushers in new leadership

By **SETH LITRELL AND TAYLOR PETTIT**  
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The Student Government Association (SGA) officially swore in the newest administration of elected officials at the inauguration banquet Monday night. Caleb Armbrust formally welcomed Rachael Mollozzi as the new student body president.

"I am honored to be student body president," Mollozzi said. "Just like in congress, we are not the people, we are merely representing the people."

Also sworn in were Matthew White as executive vice president, Nick Brock as VP of the Student Activities Council (SAC) and Ashley Salyer as VP of the Residence Life Council (RLC). White said that he is "looking forward to all of it next year" and reflected on what he has learned from his campaign.

"This past year has definitely been a learning process. It's been obvious this past year that there has been people who don't like who I am, but I have proven I can remain fair and unbiased," White said.

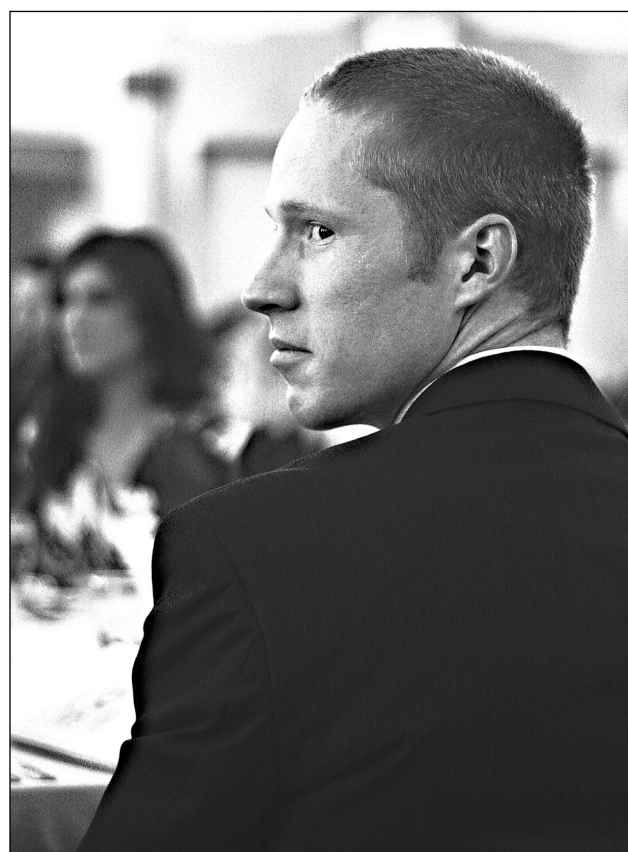
The banquet also recognized the members of SGA who took leadership positions last year in the Student Senate, RLC and SAC, as well as advisers.

The Hanley Funderburk Award for excellence, given to the most outstanding SGA member of the year, was presented to Senate Appropriations Chair Elizabeth Horn. The award includes a \$500 cash scholarship.

"My goals for next year include make the polices even more objective," Horn said of her goals, if appointed next year. "I think my hard work has paid off. It's not the end, only the beginning."



President Rachel Mollozzi, Executive Vice President Matt White, VP of the Student Activities Council Nick Brock and VP of the Residence Life Council Ashley Salyer were sworn into student government office Monday. Caleb Armbrust and Andrew Holcomb delivered closing words of wisdom on how they have viewed that past year.



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# EKU myMail causes phone complications

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As a college student today, it is almost imperative to have email on your phone. However, EKU myMail has caused some students with iPhones to rethink installing the feature.

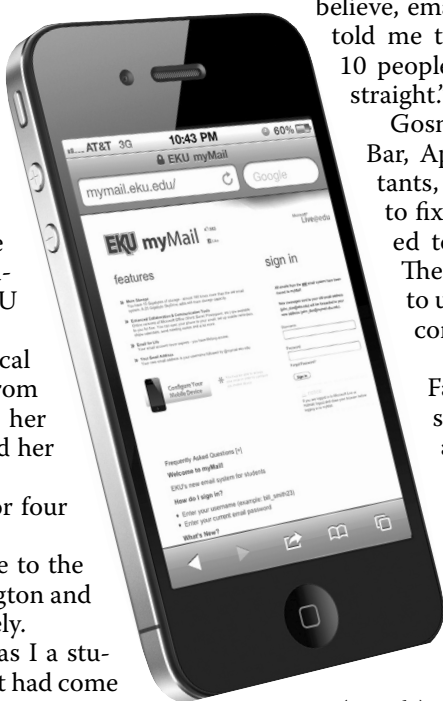
Overheating phones and excessive battery loss have highlighted what students believe can be contributed to EKU myMail.

Megan Gosnell, a sophomore political science and English literature major from Louisville, said that she had noticed her iPhone 4 becoming hot to the touch and her battery power was dwindling faster.

"It got to where it would only last for four hours," Gosnell said.

Gosnell said that she took her phone to the Apple store in the Fayette Mall in Lexington and they recognized the problem immediately.

"The first thing he asked me was, was I a student at EKU, because every problem that had come in that was similar to mine was because of EKU's, I



believe, email," Gosnell said. "They told me that they'd seen five to 10 people every day for a week straight."

Gosnell said that the Genius Bar, Apple's technical consultants, told her that in order to fix the problem she needed to disable the program. The problems were related to updates of the email, the consultants said.

"Jared," a tech at the Fayette Mall Apple store said he hadn't heard about this specific problem with the EKU myMail. He said that it could just be a setting on the iPhone that, when turned on, is causing the email to constantly update and is draining the battery.

"The iPhone can be set to fetch those (emails) immediately or have them set to just go



Mona Isaacs



Megan Gosnell

out to them every so often," Jared said. "You can actually turn those features on and off on your phone under the settings."

He said that you could fix the frequency of the updates by going into the settings on the iPhone, enter 'mail contacts and calendars,' and then choose to fetch new date. From there, the settings can be changed to retrieve mail manually, every so often or to turn the updates off entirely.

Mona Isaacs, the associate vice president for Information Technology at Eastern said she doesn't think EKU myMail is specifically causing iPhones to lose a charge and overheat.

"Its really not an issue that I can tell (that is) related to the new email system but how frequently it goes out and looks for new emails," Isaacs said. "I was having a similar problem with my old iPhone, my battery was dying really fast and I had it configured to check for messages rather than when I looked, it was checking all the time. Now I can get about two days on a battery charge."

Isaacs said that she would have Information Technology look into the problem. She recommends that students who are having similar problems with their iPhones go to apple.com and follow the different procedures to regulate how often your phone fetches emails.

# SGA chair makes changes to IT grant funding

By SETH LITRELL  
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Eastern's Information Technology Department (IT) and Student Government Association recently awarded 13 student groups funding from the Student Technology Grant. The grant is funded by the student technology fee to provide for one-time technology projects in academic programs, and other areas.

This year, for the first time in SGA history, IT Chairman Cody Ison, a junior philosophy and psychology double major made changes to the method in which the funding is disbursed. In the past, the chairperson of the IT committee made the final decision on who would receive funding and who would not. Ison changed this, and instead held a discussion open to all senate members who could show up and vote on where the grant money went.

"It made it a bit more democratic," Ison said.

Twenty-three groups asked for funding, but in the end not every group could receive money.

"There's always more proposals than there is money," said Mona Isaacs, the associate vice president for Eastern's IT department.

The IT department plays an advisory role to the SGA's IT committee, offering another viewpoint on who to dis-

burse funds to. However, the final decision on where the grant money is sent rests with the committee. Ison had three criteria for deciding which groups were funded.

"First, criteria was based on how many students would be affected by the money given," Ison said.

Ison said the committee also looked into whether or not the organizations were getting funding from other grants, to make sure that none of them were double dipping for funding. A final factor the committee looked at was, in Ison's words, "how conducive to IT they were as a whole."

"The Student Technology Subcommittee of SGA is responsible for reviewing proposals and making decisions on what gets funded," Isaacs said. "We provide them information about who received grants in the past, and what other projects are in the works that may impact the proposals, but all the decisions are made by the student committee."

This year, the committee had nearly \$50,000 to disperse among the student groups.

"We received \$100,000 to allocate, but \$50,000 had to

go to the Noel Studio to help purchase technology there," Ison said.

The Association of Fire Science Technicians received the most funding, receiving \$20,000 to purchase two firefighter simulator systems. The Milestone Yearbook received \$5,000 for cameras, software and other accessories. The Alphabet Center received \$900 for a DVD player, projector and TV. Eastern's Graphic Design Program received money for the purchase of a laser printer and five WACOM tablets, which will allow students to draw and design with a stylus rather than a mouse and keyboard.

Gamers Unite, a student group that host video game parties in Powell, was awarded money to purchase a number of gaming systems. The money came with a reminder from Eastern's IT department however, because in 2009 a larger number of similar systems had been purchased, but they had remained unavailable to students since then. These systems will be open to students next year.

**"We received \$100,000 to allocate, but \$50,000 had to go to the Noel Studio to help purchase technology there."**

**Cody Ison  
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## PETA

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naments they participate in do not break any laws.

"They are not an official Eastern Kentucky University athletic team such as basketball, softball and volleyball are, and they are engaged in a legal activity," Whitlock said. "My initial reaction was that they were asking me to do something that I'm not really sure that I have the authority to do."

PETA's concern lies mostly with the catch and release aspect of fishing tournaments.

According to PETA's website, researchers at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation found that as many as 43 percent of fish released after being caught died within six days.

Snyder agrees catch-and-release fishing is cruel and fish have feelings too.

"Fish are impaled with hooks through their very sensitive mouths and they are dragged into an environment in which they cannot breathe," Snyder said. "Fish have no legal protection from cruelty, so fish are abused in ways that would warrant felony cruelty charges...if cats and dogs were the victims."

Jamilyn Boots, a member of Eastern's Bassmasters, doesn't consider catch-and-release fishing to be as deadly as PETA makes it sound.

"I don't buy that for a second," Boots said. "I couldn't tell you how many fish I've caught where it hooks down in their throat, where [the injury] on their lip is obviously where they've been caught before, so I don't believe that for a second."

Tyler Moberly, also a member of Eastern's Bassmasters, said in an email, anglers participating in fishing tournaments take utmost care of their catches.

"People should know that we don't harm the fish we catch in any way," Moberly said. "Tournaments have penalties for any dead fish brought to weigh in. This causes anglers to take every precaution possible to keep the fish alive."

Boots said fishermen in tournaments are subject to inspection before a tournament, during which they have to prove that they have two working live wells with aerators for storing fish on each boat.

Boots and Moberly both said it's very

rare to have a fish die after being caught during a fishing tournament.

"I've been fishing tournaments for over ten years now and can count on one hand how many times I've had a fish die on me," Moberly said.

Boots said PETA's complaint is "ridiculous" and the Bassmasters are being singled out.

"No one complains about the trees cut down to make a football field," Boots said. "But yet it's okay to talk about banning people from fishing because one or two fish may die out of a hundred boat tournament."

Eastern's Bassmasters are currently ranked number one nationally by Bass Ranks. Moberly said this is the reason Eastern was targeted by PETA and they are simply trying to generate publicity for themselves.

"They know Eastern Kentucky University is a dominant school in college fishing and since we're ranked number one in the nation right now, they know we are in the spotlight," Moberly said in an email. "I respect PETA but they have gone overboard with this."

Although catch-and-release fishing is PETA's major issue with Eastern, the letter sent is part of a larger PETA campaign to end fishing altogether. Whether it's for sport or human consumption, PETA maintains fishing is inhumane.

"In this time, in this period, we really don't need to consume animals to survive," Snyder said. "Fish are just like any other animal, they do feel pain, and it's completely unnecessary for us to eat them at all. You can get all those vitamins and minerals

through a plant based diet, and there's no reason to make anybody suffer whether it be a cat, a dog, a chicken, cow, fish or whoever just for the taste."

PETA intends pursue necessary avenues to further their cause and to follow up with their request.

"It's kind of case by case, we'll just have to see what the response is or if we get one at all and follow-up accordingly," Snyder said. "I think that we'll figure out whoever has the authority to remove the program or at least make the suggestion just to make sure that fish are being accounted for. Really college campuses should be cruelty free and that would include banning fishing."

No response from the university had been sent to PETA at the time of press, but Whitlock said he is in the process of generating one.

ey and then whatever is not spent in the spring gets rolled over into the next fall," Horn said. "We're really trying to improve our roll over numbers and get it down to as little as possible and it's definitely a big improvement from last year."

The funding is in place for the student body to use, as part of any RSO.

"Remind people that we do have three different forms of funding, there's Aramark grant for food for RSOs, a university grant and the regular appropriations account," Horn said. "Groups can start submitting applications for that money for year-round calendar events as soon as we have our first senate meeting in the fall"

## GRACE PLUS ACE

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industry before you spend thousands of dollars on culinary school.

"You need to absolutely love cooking, no matter what," Goldman said.

At the end of the interview, Goldman was presented with a custom made guitar by Blue Collar Guitar shop in Richmond. Goldman was speechless.

Goldman also brought an original Charm City Cakes cake to be raffled off, won by Amanda Cupp.

The expo hosted many local businesses sharing their food and cooking supplies with the public. Among them were representatives of the new Michael's that will be opening in the Richmond Centre, that will feature Duff's line of cake deco-



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A specialty cake from Charm City Cakes was raffled off at the event.

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## BUDGET

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initially, such as T-shirts for certain basketball or football games.

"We budget everything in, but as you can imagine there's some expenditures that we can't necessarily budget for, that just come up," House said.

Some students may wonder what happens to the money that is left over and whose pocket, if anyone's, does it end up in?

"Anything that's left over from fall, was rolled over into this spring's pot of mon-



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Kaylia Cornett, editor

## Kentucky has bigger fish to fry

A national organization has spotlighted Eastern and has asked that the university take action and eliminate a club from being affiliated with the school.

PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, sent a letter last Monday requesting the EKU Bassmasters fishing team be disaffiliated from the university. The EKU national champion Bassmasters are a registered student organization and therefore, cannot be removed from the university despite PETA's appeals.

The reasons why PETA feels the club needs to be disaffiliated from the university have been clearly stated - they feel it teaches students at Eastern that the "blood sport" is acceptable, rather than viewing it as animal cruelty. How is removing a club from Eastern's affiliation teaching anything, but only showing the opinion of a national organization that has little presence on campus?

As a public university, all clubs, regardless of what they stand for, have a right to form. As well as the fact that a college campus is comprised of adults who can form their own stance on an issue, and who are not impressionable children to be led to follow a grand name, yelling catchy slogans. Regardless of an individual's opinion whether they view fishing as a harmless hobby or a cruel archaic pastime, there are bigger fish to fry.

Kentucky was named the worst state in the nation for animal cruelty in 2010, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a group that makes the ranking based on how many protections animals have.



Why is PETA not holding their magnifying glass up at the greater issue? Why is PETA asking for disaffiliation when they could be asking for Eastern to become involved in preventing animal abuse? Why are they not asking Eastern to make a public stance for all animals, not just one small animal issue?

Currently, Kentucky lacks policies in place to remove animals from those individuals who have been found guilty of abuse, has no officers regulated to solely protecting animals and no laws that prohibit convicted animal abusers from obtaining ownership of more animals. Kentucky was even found to have an inadequate definition of what proper care for an animal was, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund's standards.

We do not even have a separate statute that considers sexual assault to an animal a crime.

According to PETA, the catch and release system the EKU Bassmasters uses is considered cruel. The

exact imagery PETA used was to suggest that if you replaced the fish with a dog or a cat, the abuse would be obvious. In accordance with the catch and release system, the fish ends up living and moving on with its life.

The sad fate of abused animals will go unnoticed and their abusers, if punished at all, will unlikely see a harsher punishment than a few dollar fine.

In 2008, the greatest stride Kentucky made on behalf of animal rights was enacting Romeo's Law. The law made torture of dogs or cats a Class D Felony, but only if the goal was defined as torture. Extreme pain caused by training or research is considered to be just and valid.

So what should Kentucky do? How should students view the glaring lack of protection toward an animal population without a voice or a vote? Perhaps most obviously, what should PETA really be focusing on?

The top five states in the national ranking - Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Oregon and California - were all applauded on various policies and procedures that make animal's lives safer. All of the states require mental health counseling for convicted abusers, court restricted ownership of animals after a conviction and measures to protect against abuse, cruelty, neglect, sexual assault and fighting.

At rock bottom, the only way we can go is up. Instead of focusing on something we can only "disaffiliate" with, let's focus on what we can change. Eastern shouldn't shun the pull of PETA, but combine forces for the improvement of conditions for a cause Kentucky obviously needs to address.

## The best lessons aren't just taught from books, they stem from real-life experience



MyTurn  
Darren  
Zancan

I struggled to find a way to start out this MyTurn. How do you lump so much into a sentence? How do you tie a bag full of emotions and thoughts into a

short story?

This is the last piece I will write as editor of the newspaper, because in just over a week I will walk across the stage with the class of 2011.

It's something that hasn't hit me yet. None of this has. But, then again, not much in my life has made sense to the point that I understand it when it happens.

I thought right out of high school, in 2000, I was supposed to earn my undergrad degree. It never happened the way I planned, and quite frankly, I am glad it didn't happen that way. It was all suppose to happen this way.

My degree means the world to me. It's something very special to me. I promised my dad before he died that it would happen, and I stuck to it.

I came back to school, and instead of just taking classes and breezing through school, I challenged myself. It's paid off.

In just a few short days I will address the university as the 2011 commencement speaker, something I told myself I wanted when I stepped foot on this campus.

I get the chance to give a message, not a speech. Before that happens I get to write my last MyTurn.

In two short years, I have really experienced a lot.

I've learned that love triangles belong in season eight of One Tree Hill.

I've learned that favoritism still happens in

college. You just have to roll with the punches. Kissing butt only gets you so far in life. Those who aren't professional rear end kissers might just finish the race in good standings. Kudos to you.

I've learned that you must stay true to yourself.

I've heard from many that you meet some of the best people in college. Being an old fogey like me, I thought it didn't exist. Well I did meet some of the greatest people here, people I will never forget.

Just in the past several weeks I have learned the greatest lesson. Always report the truth. Stay ethical. Covering one topic (we all know what I am referring to) gave me insight I never had before. You meet a lot of good and honest people, and you also meet a lot of people with agendas that aren't so good.

But if you report with honesty and integrity, at the end of the day you know you did the right thing.

I've learned you have to stick up for yourself.

I also learned that if you walk across a street on campus, some lady not paying attention might hit you, which in return gets an apple thrown at her car.

I learned how to move on from a broken heart. Well maybe we never move on, we just heal a bit.

Most importantly, I'm learning how to be me. And hopefully you're learning how to be you.

College teaches you a lot. It is suppose to prepare you for what's next, but ultimately college doesn't teach you everything. The final lesson, the thesis of your life, comes down to you.

It's like Mom sending you off to the school bus for the first time. She can only walk you so far. It's up to you to do the rest.

College gives us the kick start. We have to do the rest.

## Journalist advises readers not to take life too seriously



MyTurn  
Maggie  
LaFleur

I could waste your time, and the space on this page, by telling you about how my years spent at Eastern have been some of the best years of my life, but we've all heard that story and I would be lying.

I would be lying if I said my time here is over all too soon. I've taken all I can from this place; I claimed nearly half of Eastern's curricula as my major before finally making a decision. I tried out student government, played sorority girl and have had nearly every job under the sun. I fell in and out of what I thought was love, broke hearts and had mine broken just the same. I had sex for the first time, had my first Coors Light (and then some), my first joint and my first cigarette. More than once, I laughed so hard I peed my pants and even cried myself to sleep.

The truth is, as bad as some of that might sound, life will only get harder, better.

What we must remember is, the harder life gets the more it is worth living.

My advice to you, innocent reader, undergraduate or graduate, is take advantage of the time you have while you have it. Don't take life seriously until you have to.

Just because you got a D in economics doesn't mean you aren't going to get your dream job. Just because you

over slept after a late night of "studying" and missed that test doesn't mean you aren't going to pass the class, and just because the guy or girl you've been after turns you down doesn't mean you aren't better off without him or her.

Keep moving. Keep succeeding. Keep smiling. Fake it, if you have to, until you make it.

I have made some great memories in the last five years and have learned more about myself in the last year than I ever have before.

The beauty of it is, this is just the beginning. There is so much more to learn, so much more to see and experience. I have the privilege of continuing my education through an internship I've accepted and eventually through graduate school.

I have absolutely no idea where life is going to take me.

That's OK with me. As long as I don't lose my drive and passion in every aspect of my life, and pee my pants laughing every now and then, I'm not worried.

If you, reader, are worried about where your life is going, find whatever it is that is keeping you going right now. Focus on that. Build from that. Before you know it, you'll find the drive and passion that I have to succeed and to strive for a wonderful life.

As I said before, I would be lying if I said the last five years have been the best years of my life. I'm only 23 for crying out loud. But I believe the time I've spent here has pointed me in the right direction...for now.

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# 'Sometimes, just love is enough' for dog lover



MyTurn Morgan Caldwell

Growing up in the middle of nowhere, I had several pets through the years: two cats, a dog, a hamster, goldfish, even a skunk briefly—don't ask. After my collie, Rosie, died in high school, it was several years before I could even

consider getting another pet. By the time I decided I wanted another pooch, I was living in dorms, apartments with roommates or places where I simply couldn't afford a pet deposit. So I knew as soon as I moved into my condo two years ago, what one of the first things I'd do would be. I'd had plenty of experience with pets and I couldn't wait.

Thing is, dealing with a dumb but obedient dog who spends most of the time outside is remarkably different from dealing with a smart but obedient dog who spends most of the time in your house. The struggle to adjust has sometimes left me wondering, "Why did I sign up for this again?"

Jazzy notes the signal of "it's time to get up," followed swiftly by the soft staccato of quick little paws on carpet. I haven't opened my eyes, having silenced the jangle of the alarm by feel, but I know without a doubt that a scruffy terrier mix, ludicrously named Gunner, is staring at me from inches away.

I crack open my eyelids, and what starts as a slow, hopeful wag on his part, turns jubilant as it becomes clear I'm getting up. My feet have barely hit the bedroom floor when a much

beloved, much be-slobbered rubber ball is dropped against my leg. It's the Kong brand, the super tough kind that even he seems unable to destroy. Of course, it's his favorite toy. It rolls away after bouncing awkwardly off my ankle bone, and he gives an enthusiastic chase, repeating the drop-roll-chase pattern all the way to the coffee pot.

I pour my coffee to the unmistakable sound of him dumping out his food in preparation of rolling it all back next to the bowl with his nose. Some days he'll blow bubbles in his water, too, but not today.

After my caffeine fix, it's on to my daily dressing ritual, which involves Gunner biting and shaking one leg of my jeans as I put them on. He loses the battle with the first leg, as he always does, and decides to plop down on the other one in protest. I smile in spite of myself, and in spite of the confetti of shredded dryer sheet I see he's left on the floor for me.

Putting on his leash is easy - he loves walks almost as much as he loves fetch - and I actually get him to jump up in the backseat of my car without too much protest. The grey seat cover hides the stain where he barfed up his kibble some months ago. Long trips require hiding motion sickness tablets in peanut butter I've learned. But today we're just headed down to Petsmart for some obedience classes. Gunner's gotten really good at "sit" and "come" and "down," but "stay" is still rough and "heel" a pipe dream.

Gunner, meanwhile, can't ignore a single moving object. The dog trainer gently explains about "chase drive" and "prey

instinct" and says a five-second down-stay with me standing two feet away is a huge deal for a dog with his hunting instincts.

He hops straight up into the air when I come to pick him up after a haircut, nearly level with the groomer's chest. Gunner smells pretty, but still looks vaguely scruffy. He tucks back his ears and butts his head against my legs and wags his entire body, and when I bend down to pet him he catches me on the chin with a kiss. Not a huge fan of being licked in the face, but I do appreciate the implied sentiment.

I'm feeling rather chipper in spite of the expensive dog food I just shelled out for; Gunner can't eat just anything because, get this, he has a wheat allergy. "Shelter mutts aren't allowed to have wheat allergies," I inform him on the way to the car. His jaunty trot conveys his general lack of concern over the issue.

Back home, I'm fumbling with my keys at the front door while Gunner is busily undoing his bath, digging with divine purpose in the flower bed beside the house.

"You're the worst puppy in the world," I tell him for the second time that day, and for the second time, a cheerful wag is his only response.

Maybe it's worth his inability to pass a puddle without wading in, the shoes destroyed in his teething phase, and all the other shenanigans that have made me grit my teeth over the last year or so. Maybe, sometimes, just love is enough.

## >Letter to the Editor

### Former SGA Vice President offers advice for SGA future

Advice and thoughts about this year and for the future:

As my term as SGA Executive Vice President comes to an end, I would like to share some thoughts regarding SGA.

#### Transparency vs. Exposure

Sometimes an internal conflict arises and does occur within an organization. It is important to solve these conflicts as best as possible, but in a private and internal matter. Always be willing to have open meetings, give out documents and let people know about debates. But it is important to keep internal conflict exactly like it says - internal.

#### Consultation vs. Autonomy

Always consult with different people. Talk to people that are directly affected by conflict and those without any special interest. Consult the legal and ethical team, as well as procedures in the organization. You still make the decision, but more people accept your decision if you can convey your decision properly. Talk to people and allow them to ask questions.

#### Earning vs. Demanding

Respect should always be earned in a position of authority. Demanding respect is like pulling the power cord. It shuts people down.

#### Rapport vs. Abrasiveness

When talking to and interacting with people, create a relationship and a sense of trust and professionalism,

and always be willing to compromise and never give up trying to reach an agreement.

#### Global View vs. Tunnel Vision

Look towards the future instead of day-to-day operations. Sometimes a path comes unexpectedly. You do not want to miss it due to looking at distractions.

This is just some advice I have learned throughout this year. Thank you again for electing me as your Executive Vice President. I enjoyed working with students, staff, faculty and administrators, alike. Keep working hard and good luck on finals next week.

Andrew Holcomb  
Former SGA Executive Vice President

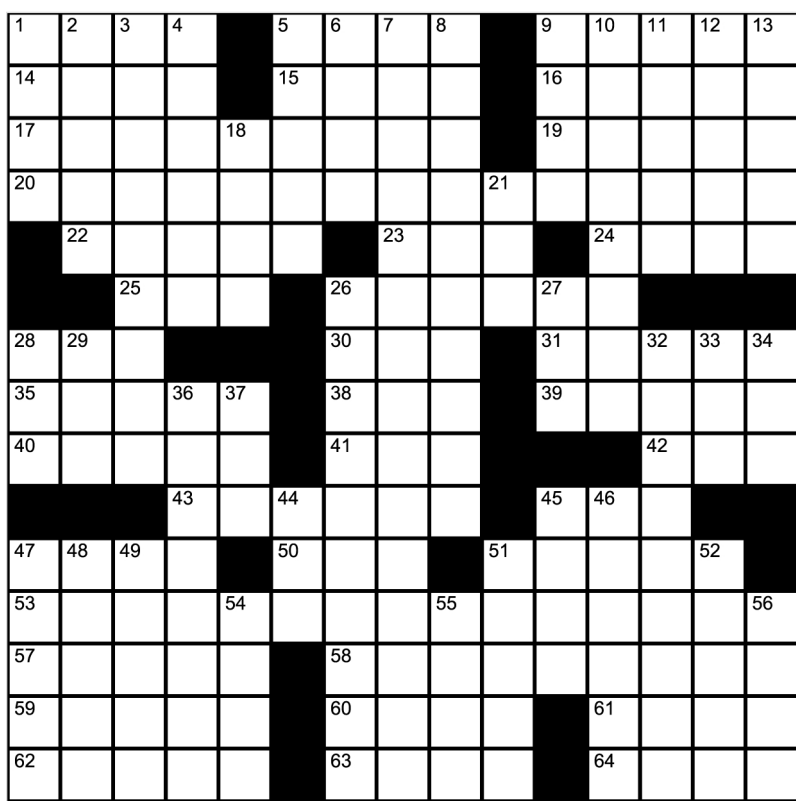
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## New horizons for Eastern graduates

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT RACHAEL HAMM WILL GIVE GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

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The stage is set. The soon-to-be graduates take their seats and Alumni Coliseum is packed with friends, family and strangers. But the only thing that makes this year's commencement speaker Mary Rachael Hamm nervous, is speaking in front of her family.

Saturday, May 7, is a very important day for Hamm, because instead of jumping into college, she decided to put college on the backburner for a few years.



Rachael Hamm

"I was really discouraged when I quit high school and I didn't know what I was going to do," Hamm said. She continued to work at Wal-Mart, and after marrying her best friend at 22, she decided to give college a try.

Hamm is graduating with a bachelor's degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing.

"I switched my major a couple of times before admitting to myself that I wanted to be a writer, and I haven't looked back ever since," Hamm said.

Before being accepted as the commencement speaker for the college of arts and sciences, Hamm sent in a draft and auditioned her speech in front of a panel.

"I didn't think I would get it because I am a non-traditional student. So I was very excited after they called me and told me I would be the speaker," Hamm said.

Being classified as a non-traditional student is a point that Hamm plans on making in her speech be-

**"I understand it's a lot harder to be a non-traditional student because you have more responsibilities. My speech is aimed at those people who may think they will never have the opportunity to go."**

**Rachael Hamm commencement speaker**

cause she wants to reach out to all students, no matter what their age, and explain to them that it is never too late to attend college.

"I understand it's a lot harder to be a non-traditional student because you have more responsibilities. My speech is aimed at those people who may think they will never have the opportunity to go," she said.

Hamm is originally from Oneida, Tenn. She currently works as a writing consultant in the Noel Studio located on campus. This job has not only helped her out academically, but has also helped her become a better writer.

"I get to meet a lot of diverse people by working here and this helps you get out of your comfort level," Hamm said.

Hamm is not shy when it comes to sharing her own creative writing to the public. She reads at the Open Mic Night at Hastings the first Thursday of each month, which is put on by Sigma Tau Delta.

And soon, Hamm will be sharing her words to ignite the passion of the graduates of Eastern, and leave them feeling inspired as they enter into the real world, wherever that may take them.

### Q&A with Megan Pigman

**One word that summarizes your time at Eastern?**

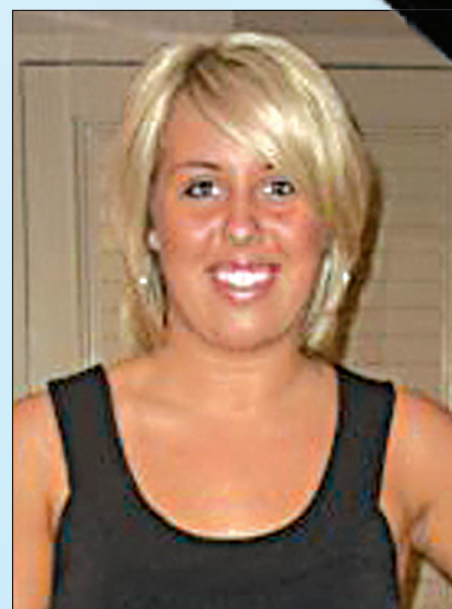
"Opportunities. Basically, I've gotten to do so many things during my four years of college at Eastern that I don't feel that I would have been able to do elsewhere."

**What teachers or mentors have stood out to you?**

"Dr. Lisa Day-Lindsey. I've had her in two different classes, she's an amazing professor who really cares about her students and their success. Also, my Student Alumni Ambassadors advisor, Jey Marks, has always been there and has provided me with so many opportunities through the work he does through SAA."

**Any final words?**

"Honestly, I'm just super grateful for the experience I've had at Eastern and all the incredible people I've had the privilege to meet throughout the process. I'm really gonna miss the "campus beautiful" and I just love Eastern so much. And I do plan on coming back as an alumnus for homecoming weekend and such. I'll always bleed Maroon!"



### SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN HOLLYWOOD IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR EASTERN SENIOR

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For many Americans, reaching California, and more specifically Hollywood, is a life-long dream. Each year, thousands and thousands of hopefuls travel there in pursuit of stardom, riches and fame without any guarantee that work will be waiting for them.

Luckily, for 25-year-old senior broadcasting and electronic media major Joshua Pergrem, such uncertainties are not an issue. Pergrem was recently hired for a summer internship by a company called Vision QC, a quality control company for FOX Studios in Hollywood.

This Orlando native said it was old connections that scored him this sweet job.

"I had a buddy who went to Full Sail University, which is like one of the top film schools in the country, and he graduated about a year ago and moved out to Cali and got this job with Vision QC," Pergrem said. "So I hit him up and said, 'You guys offering any internships? I need one to graduate, only 80 hours to receive credit.' He works the graveyard shift from 11 [p.m.] to 7 in the morning, so he sent me a text when I woke up last Thursday morning that said, 'Man I know you're probably not awake, but you got the internship. See you out here in May.'"

Pergrem also elaborated on what quality control really is.

"I'll pretty much just go in and any new shows or movies FOX is coming out with, or if they are coming out with a new DVD release maybe, I'll just sit down in a dark room in front of a TV and watch it, make sure like everything is framed up where it needs to be, all the audio sounds good, there's no editing that was missed."

It was a long and winding road that led

to this point for Pergrem, one that began in the medical field in Orlando.

"I was a nursing major for a while, but I was always interested in film, music, and I love dj-ing and listening to radio shows. One day I was just sitting around and thought to myself that nursing was just not the job I wanted to do. I don't like old people (laughs). No man, nothing against old people, I don't mind helping them, but nursing homes can be kind of a handful. I just ultimately decided to do something I love, which was broadcasting."

So with his upcoming internship, Pergrem does not know what the future will hold, but knows only opportunity lays ahead.

"Right now I only have a one-way ticket, so I'm not too sure when I'm coming back," Pergrem said, with a laugh. "But my buddy says that if all goes well and I have a good eye for QC, the company is willing to offer me a \$20 an hour entry-level job. So if that happened it would definitely be something I'd have to think about."



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Joshua Pergrem chose Broadcasting and Electronic Media partially because of his passion for DJ-ing.

### Q&A with David Anderson

**What has been your favorite experience at Eastern?**

"Two experiences that stand out in my mind are probably the Honors Program, because we've had a lot of great classes and very supportive faculty, and student government. That's probably the first opportunity I really had to really develop leadership skills and put them into practice."

**How do you feel about Graduation?**

"A combination of feelings really. I'm sad to be leaving my friends and I think Eastern is a great school, a beautiful campus. So it's a bittersweet type thing, because I love it all. I've loved every moment. It's been a blast."

**What would you change?**

"The thing I like least is student apathy. There are so many opportunities to change things at Eastern, to get involved, to make a difference. I think if all the students got together and said this is how we'd like to see ECU be made a better place, and they used that voice and made it very loud and clear and articulate, I think anything could be possible."





# Best Spring 2011 Games

By **TRISTAN MEIMAN**  
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As spring 2011 semester draws to a close, students are anticipating their last final exam. Some students will be keeping busy with summer jobs and soaking up the sun. But there will always be those of us that prefer a good game to pass the time.

The summer selection is lacking in more highly anticipated games, such as "Gears of War 3" and "Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword," which are planned for a fall release. So let's take a look back on the most recent releases from the gaming industry.

## "Portal 2": Xbox 360, PS3, PC

For gamers who picked up "The Orange Box" (a bundle of multiple games from "Valve," Portal being one of them) you know what to expect. The Portal franchise has been by far the most popular First Person Puzzle Shooter. Players are given the Portal gun that can shoot up to two portals, one orange and one blue. As you can guess, your goal is to solve the room's puzzle by using the portal gun to get from point A to point B. This time you can have a friend help you out as you both solve puzzles and try your best to avoid death. Sounds fun right? The answer is yes.



## "Mortal Kombat": Xbox 360, PS3

What young gamer or even non-gamers have not heard of "Mortal Kombat?" The awesome theme song that pumps you up and the terrible movies everyone is familiar with. "Mortal Kombat" has returned and this time has gone back to its roots as one of the most iconic fighting games, right next to "Street Fighter." Staying true to its brutal nature, the game is graphic in terms of blood and gore and now offers attacks that show the x-ray of your opponents skeletal system as you smash it to pieces. On a final note, "God of War" fans will notice that Kratos (main protagonist from the "God of War" series) has joined the roster of playable characters. The game looks beautiful, plays like the classics and brings a lot to the table.



## "Bulletstorm": Xbox 360, PS3, PC

Taking first person shooters in a different direction is a common business move practiced by the gaming industry. "Bulletstorm" adds RPG elements in the context that players receive experience points depending on the way in which they choose to kill their enemy, whether it's a bullet shot to the face or throwing them into spikes on the wall. Players can use these experience points in order to purchase ammo, upgrade or unlock new weapons. The game was developed by People Can Fly and Epic Games, both who have had a large impact on the "Gears of War" franchise.



# Writer reflects on lessons learned in college



Looking back on my life, I am amazed that the day is almost here where I can proudly say I am a college graduate. In high school, college was an afterthought. When most seniors were being accepted into colleges of their choice, I was hell-bent on not conforming to that idea. At that time, I knew I could make it in life without a college degree.

I was not wrong. I had many jobs, some good and some bad. But I was missing a passion in my life and it took me 11 years to figure out what that passion is.

I always knew I wanted to be a writer. In high school, I worked on

the newspaper and I was told by many teachers that I had a talent. I just needed to continue to work on that talent to make it stronger. So, I tried college for two years. Of course, life and discouragement got in the way of that.

I reentered Eastern in the fall of 2009 into the creative writing program, bound and determined to follow my passion. The discouragement that I felt was overwhelming because I had been out of the game for so many years. Students 10 years younger than me would ask me why I stressed out over certain subjects and assignments. I laughed at those questions, because I entered college this time by my own rules and with the intention of learning.

And I have learned a lot. Not just from professors or subjects, but about myself. I have always had a tough exterior, but when it comes to my writing, I usually took criticism too personal. I have learned that criticism is subjective and should be taken with

some reservation. I now welcome criticism as long as that person can back it up with examples and explanation and of course, if their opinion really matters. I know I am not perfect and I know now that I still have a lot to learn when it comes to the art of writing.

This lesson will carry on with me for the rest of my career, wherever that may take me.

I will be a little sentimental when I will no longer walk onto this campus because of the amazing people I have met that have shaped a part of me. And there are a lot of them. Mainly, I am excited for the opportunities that will come my way with the skills that I have learned while attending Eastern.

Just because I will be receiving a diploma doesn't mean that my education stops. Learning is a part of life. If I can come back to school after all this time that has passed and make it among the young and talented, then I can handle the uncertainty of where my future path will take me.

# Summer '11 hosts variety of concerts, festivals

By **JOSPEH LOWERY**  
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Whether you're going half-way across the country or staying local this summer, with several music festivals to cure your finals hangover, you won't be bored.

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If you're looking to stay in the local area, Bonnaroo may be your best bet. Taking place in Tennessee June 9-12, this music festival will headline Eminem, Arcade Fire, Widespread Panic, the Black Keys, Iron and Wine and many more.

If you've got the gas money and can afford to road trip to Wisconsin, you can attend Summerfest June 29-July 3 and July 5-10. Headlining bands include Kanye West, Katy Perry, Kid Cudi, Hall & Oates, Toby Keith, Kid Rock, Sugarland and Peter Gabriel.

One of the better known festivals is Lollapalooza, which as of press time had not released the 2011 headliners. But with bands such as Green Day, The Strokes, Phoenix, Drive-by Truckers, Wolfmother and Slightly Stoopid headlining last year's event, one has to

wonder what's in store for this year's Chicago bash scheduled August 5-7.

Maybe you're in the mood to travel a little further to California-based High Sierra Running June 30-July 3. Featuring bands such as My Morning Jacket, Ween, Neko Case, Warren Haynes Band, Beats Antique and more.

Whatever your music festival needs, summer 2011 is sure to play host to either a favorite band of yours or maybe one will spark interest in a new band. So take your lawn chair, blankets and sunscreen and keep on rocking through the summer.

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# SUMMER MOVIE PREVIEW

By **CRYSTAL BROCKMAN**

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Summer brings visions of road trips, barbecues and hot sunny afternoons. But, this summer seems to be the season for blockbuster movies hitting the theaters. So, to change up this summer's schedule check out some of these films.

## Priest

A new take on vampires, this movie was originally a Korean graphic novel. Adapted into an Americanized version directed by Scott Charles Stewart, this movie revolves around Priest (Paul Bettany) whose niece has been abducted by a pack of vampires. He breaks away from the church to save her from becoming one of them. This film is guaranteed to give you plenty of action and adventure. "Priest" premieres May 13.

## Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

The fourth installment of this blockbuster hit brings a mix of new and old characters together on an adventure to find the fountain of youth. Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) teams up with Angelica (Penelope Cruz) and Blackbeard (Ian McShane) continues the franchise with a new director, Rob Marshall. "Pirates of the Caribbean" premieres May 20.

## The Hangover Part II



Who can forget the moment when Phil, Alan and Stu woke up in their hotel room oblivious to what happened the night before. Well, the same characters are at it again, this time in a different country and searching for a different person. The characters head to Bangkok for Stu's wedding and after a night of drinking, they lose Stu's fiancée's brother, Teddy. Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms make a great comedic team bringing more humor and even

more "what the hell" moments. Mike Tyson even makes a special appearance in the film. "The Hangover Part II" premieres May 26.

## Green Lantern

Originally, Green Lantern was the name of superheroes who wore a ring that wielded their power to fight crime, first showcased in comic books. Now, the superhero has come to the big screen with the character Hal Jordan (Ryan Reynolds) as the Green Lantern. Jordan is a test pilot who is given the ring and becomes part of a membership whose purpose is to keep order and peace among the universe. Martin Campbell, who also directed "Casino Royale" and "The Mask

of Zorro," directs the film. The movie premieres June 17.

## X-Men: First Class

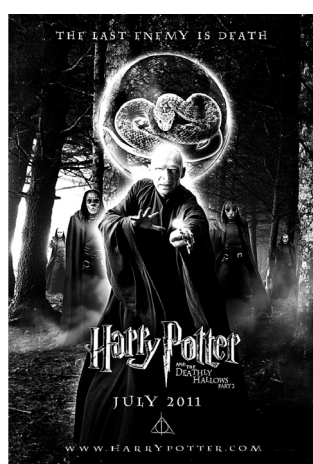
Before they were X-Men, how did Charles Xavier and Erik Lensherr/Magneto become friends first and eventually enemies? James McAvoy plays Professor Xavier and Michael Fassbender plays Magneto, beginning the movie by allowing the inside look into their friendship and what brought them together. Other familiar characters in the film are Mystique played by Jennifer Lawrence (born in Louisville) and Beast played by Nicholas Hoult. "X-Men: First Class" premieres June 3.

## Bad Teacher

How many people have dreamed of having a hot teacher like Cameron Diaz in junior high school? Probably a lot. However, in this movie Diaz who plays Elizabeth Hasley, is the epitome of a teacher who could care less about teaching or her students. That is until she is introduced to a new teacher, Scott Delacorte (Justin Timberlake) and does just about anything to impress him. Director Jake Kasden and writers Gene Stupinitsky and Lee Eisenberg bring this raunchy comedy to theaters June 24.

## Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

The end has come and it is the last installment of the Harry Potter series. It begins when Harry, Ron and Hermione go back to Hogwarts. They return to the school to destroy Voldemort's final horcruxes. However, things aren't always so simple. Voldemort knows what the three young adults are up to bringing out the battle between good and evil. Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint star for the last time in this fantasy thriller. Director David Yates and writer Steve Kloves team up again alongside author J.K. Rowling for this final installment. The movie premieres July 15.



## Friends with Benefits

The cliché of having friends with benefits is teamed up in a movie that wants to avoid clichés about Hollywood-type romance. This movie follows Jamie (Mila Kunis) and Dylan (Justin Timberlake) into a world where their personal romances are anything but sane. So to simplify things, or say they think, they both agree to just have sex with each other without the hassle of commitment. "Friends with Benefits" premieres July 22.



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Sophomore Austin Grisham (No. 2) recored a pair of base hits in the Colonels 14-7 loss to the Buccaneers.

## Baseball falls to East Tennessee State's hot bats

**BUCCANEERS POUND COLONELS FOR 14 RUNS IN MIDWEEK SERIES**

By **RYAN ALVES**  
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Eastern baseball couldn't slow down the hot bats of visiting East Tennessee State, Tuesday night, losing 18-7.

The Buccaneers held the Colonels scoreless through the first two innings but scored 11 runs of their own to take a commanding lead.

The loss dropped Eastern to 14-27 on the year.

Freshman Blake Bottoms recorded the loss for Eastern. The righty went just two-thirds of an inning, allowing six runs on eight hits.

Bryan Soloman was the lone bright spot for Eastern offensively. The freshman batted 3-for-5 with three RBI and scored a run.

Senior Ryan Faidley, junior Richie Rodriguez and sophomore Austin Grisham all recorded a pair of hits in the losing effort.

Despite starting the home half the third down 12-0, Eastern wouldn't give up.

Sophomore Alex Hughes started a five-run rally with an opposite field solo home run. Then after Eastern got a single from Rodriguez and

a pitch hit Grisham, Soloman belted a three-run shot giving Eastern four runs for the inning.

They weren't done. With two outs in the inning, the Colonels got back-to-back-to-back singles from Faidley, freshman Sean Hagen and sophomore Matt Phipps to score another run.

The Colonels added two more in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run single to left by Michael Garcia but in the end it proved to be not enough.

Eastern returns to action tomorrow for game two of the series with ETSU First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Turkey Hughes Field.

## Are background checks on student athletes unnecessarily airing their dirty laundry?



**Darren Zancan**

If you want to become a teacher or work in finances post college, most likely, along with the application, you are expected to submit to a background check.

The background check lets employers know if you have been charged with a serious crime.

In college sports, several reports came out just this year on illegal activity conducted, not only by players, but also coaches.

Of course every year something happens. You won't go a calendar year without some sort of allegation thrown at a college athlete.

When you go to college and want to play on a team, coaches don't pull out a big slip of paper and ask to know your background. Some coaches already know if a student athlete has been in previous trouble, but that's where character of a coach comes into play.

Coaches are humans and are willing to take on a player with a checkered past, because often times, coaches are like parents and want to see a

player excel, instead of turning their back on a player that can make a difference and change his or her life.

Earlier this year CBS Sports and Sports Illustrated did an investigative report on backgrounds of college athletes and found staggering statistics.

They conducted what they called an "exhaustive criminal background check" on every football player on a preseason top 25 team.

Once it was all said and done, more than 2,300 student athletes had background checks performed on them.

When the results were tallied up, more than 200 players had been arrested or were in some sort of trouble with the police.

According to reports, one out of every 14 had a record, with University of Pittsburgh leading the pack with 22 police records.

Even further, only two of the top 25 teams perform any kind of criminal background check, according to the reports.

My question is, since this report has come out, and the recognizable amount of illegal activity has taken place this year in college sports, will coaches crack down on players they recruit?

Do universities feel the heat to perform due diligence and look at every player they bring in?

So what if the university starts doing background checks on all the players? Should universities then do the same checks on every student? And why are student athletes targeted?

I cannot verify how many of these reports they found occurred in the last year, but I would venture to guess several of these athletes did something when they were much younger.

And I would say that many of these athletes have changed and aren't that same person that committed a crime.

If a student athlete came to Eastern with a checkered past, would coaches turn their back on someone knowing we are all humans and make human errors?

Athletes are thrown into the spotlight because they are...athletes. So we follow their daily lives too often with a microscope.

The president of the NCAA said, during the investigation, that he "certainly doesn't want a large number of people with criminal backgrounds involved in activities that represent the NCAA."

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Katie Wiedmar tied for 11th place in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament with a three-day score of 232.

## Women's golf fades to fourth in final round of OVC tourney

PAIR OF JUNIORS FINISH TIED FOR 11TH PLACE, WHILE MOREHEAD CLAIMS OVERALL TITLE

By **STEPHEN HAUSER**  
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With just a round to go, the women's golf team had to play consistent to remain in the top three.

But a tough final round dropped the Colonels to fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament last weekend.

Their three-day score of 932 was 42 shots behind champion Morehead State University.

Eastern finished eight shots behind third place Jacksonville State University. Murray State University placed second with a team score of 904.

Austin Peay University (948), Eastern Illinois University (978), Tennessee Tech University (981) and Tennessee State University (1084) rounded out the

rest of the field.

Despite his team's struggles, Head Coach Mike Whitson thinks his program can build off of the tournament.

"I think we played very well and we were able to play ourselves into the final group in the last day," Whitson said. "That was a big stepping stone for our golf program."

Juniors Linda Hogberg and Katie Wiedmar had the best performances for the Colonels. Hogberg and Wiedmar shot a three-day score of 232 and finished tied for 11th place.

"I'm a little bit disappointed with my finishing holes in the second and third round," Hogberg said. "I've been playing good golf and I had lot of fun."

Sophomore April Emerson was one of the Colonels who slipped in the final round of play.

She entered the day in sixth place, but finished tied for 13th place after shooting a final round 82. Emerson shot a tournament score of 233.

"Emerson showed signs of getting her game back and turning things around," Whitson said.

“That was a big stepping stone for our golf program.”

**MIKE WHITSON**  
Women's coach

## Track team sets personal bests on way to strong showing at Indiana

LEITCH LEADS COLONELS WITH PERSONAL BEST IN 800-METER RUN, TEAM PREPARES FOR OVC OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

By **STEPHEN HAUSER**  
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Competing against the best of the best meant that the Colonel runners would have to be at their best in the Indiana Polytan Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. last weekend.

Five runners posted best times against stiff competition from schools in both the Big Ten and the Big East Conference.

"I think getting second at that level with some Big Ten teams like Illinois and Indiana, that was good for our kids," Head Coach Rick Erdmann said.

Sophomore Picoty Leitich recorded a personal best and the OVC-best time in the women's 800-meter run, and finished second place with the time of 2:07.45. Leitich's time is the 22nd fastest in the East Region and the second fastest in school history. She is more than a second off of Jamie King's record of 2:06.19 that King set in 1999.

Molly Beckwith, of Saucony, won the event and set a Haugh Track record with the time of 2:01.49.

"I always thought Leitich was very capable of running the 800 meter run, 1,500 meter run or distance that she really wants to be competitive in," Erdmann said. "It was good for Leitich."

Juniors Diamond Benjamin and Lutisha Bowen had strong performances for the sprinters. Benjamin finished in fifth place in the women's 100-meter dash with the time of 12.25. Bowen finished in fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles with the OVC-

best time of 14.16.

On the men's side, Senior Kristopher Hawkins ran a personal and OVC-best in the 400-meter dash, with the time of 47:35. Hawkins finished in second place and was less than a second behind Indiana's Chris Vaughn. Hawkins' time is the 34th fastest time in the East Region.

Sophomore Victor Kemboi finished in sixth place in the men's 800-meter run with a personal and OVC-best time of 1:54.20. His time edged out teammate David Willis, senior, who last week had the fastest time at the Sea Ray Relays.

Sophomore Soufiane Bouchikhi ran a personal and OVC-best time in the 5,000-meter run with the time of 13:53.47. His time was also the 10th fastest time in the East Region and the second fastest time in school history. The time was four seconds faster than his previous personal best which he set in March at the Stanford Invitational.

"I'm not really looking up to that place with my time, the most important thing was to get a good race and have a good effort for next week," Bouchikhi said. "I was actually pretty surprised when I saw the time on the clock. It didn't feel like I was running my personal best."

Bouchikhi finished in second place and was six seconds behind University of Cincinnati's Eric Finan.

Bouchikhi plans on taking his renewed confidence with him to the historical and prestigious Penn Relays.

"I felt like when I raced at Stanford I lost maybe a little confidence," Bouchikhi said. "I still broke my personal record, but I was expecting to run much faster than what I did. This race definitely gives me more confidence."

A member of the team, who will be selected, will make the trip to Philadelphia to compete in the Penn Relays. The Colonels will compete in the OVC Outdoor Championships from May 5-7 at Murray State.

## Late home run puts an end to softball team's slide

By **CHRIS MCGEE**  
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The losing streak finally came to an end.

Eastern softball (22-24, 9-17 OVC) put the brakes on their recent 11-game losing skid with a 9-8 victory over Murray State (18-24, 9-14 OVC) last Saturday.

Trailing 7-6, Nikki Bruce hit a three-run home run in the top of the fifth to put the Colonels up 9-7. The Racers scored one more run in the game, but Eastern held on for the victory.

Bruce went 2-for-4 with a run and five RBI for the game. Ashley Dollins finished 4-for-4 with a run and Raquel Howes belted her 11th home run of the season going 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI.

Noelani Esperas (8-8) pitched three and one-third innings and gave up one run on two hits, four walks and had two strikeouts.

Although Eastern won the game, there were some issues with pitching control. Colonel pitchers had a combined 12 walks and five hit batters. This allowed Murray State to score seven runs off just three hits.

Coach Worthington was a little concerned, but not really surprised by this statistic.

"This has been our story as of late;

our pitching just hasn't been there," Worthington said. "When the pitching isn't there, it makes it tough to win games."

Esperas couldn't point to anything specific to explain the lack of control in the game.

"Mental focus is the only thing I can think of to explain the control problems," Esperas said.

She said she has a plan to fix the problem before their next game.

"We (the pitchers) are going to concentrate on practicing with the batters and hitting our spots this week," Esperas said.

“I want us to continue to fight because we are going to need some help to get in the OVC tournament”

**JANE WORTHINGTON**  
Head Coach

The team faces the Dayton Flyers (18-23, 10-7 A-10) Sunday. The Flyers come into the game having won five of their last six.

Dayton split a doubleheader with Fordham last Saturday on solid pitching performances

from junior Sarah Wedel and left-handed freshman Alysha Isaacson.

Coach Worthington's goals for the last five games besides finish .500 or better, are simple.

"I want us to continue to fight because we are going to need some help to get in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament," Worthington said. "I want us to be able to make a move and do something if we get the help we need."

First pitch for Sunday's game is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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## Senior athletes REFLECT on life as a COLONEL



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Corey Welch, a senior member of Eastern's men's golf team, finished his career as a Colonel with a 77.9 stroke average. In 2007-2008, Welch's redshirt freshman season, he shot a career-low 70 in the second round of the Eastern Kentucky Colonel Classic. In 2009-2010, he was a Colonel Scholar and his senior year competed in seven tournaments, shooting a season low +5 in the John Piper Intercollegiate. He finished tied for 17th with a two-round score of 149.



### Corey Welch - Men's Golf

**Major:** Communication Studies  
**Hometown:** Floyd Knobs, Ind.  
**Career statistics:** Finished with a career stroke average of 77.9

**Why did you choose Eastern?** Eastern had a very good golf team and they offered me a scholarship. It was mainly because of golf.

**The best part of being a Colonel?** The friendships you build amongst your teammates. We've had a tight nit group since I've been here. We all still hold those relationships with each other. We continue to still play competitive golf and have fun together.

**Favorite sporting moment?** My freshman year we won the Ohio Valley Conference championship. Even though I was a redshirt that was something that was really cool to be a part of and it's still means a lot today. Personally, I haven't had the most success here, but I enjoy just playing and grinding it out round after round.

**Hardest part of being a student athlete?** Time management. As a student athlete you have a lot of stuff going on. You have a lot of class stuff to turn in and you have to get your professors OK with missing class and tests and stuff because of tournaments. You kind of

give up the regular student life. You give up the normal experience of going out and partying and stuff. But with it you also gain a lot of over perks, so I guess it balances out.

**Best team moment off the field of play?** Like I said we've had a tight nit group and we always hung out at the "golf house." We did everything together. My high school team was like that and we had a lot of success. I never thought I would find another group like that. I didn't think anyone would mesh, it would just be a bunch of individuals on a team but we were really tight nit. I wouldn't give that up for anything.

**How has college changed you?** I realize now that there is no formula for doing things. You have to be comfortable with yourself no matter what you're doing. Coming out of high school you think you have to be this certain person to be successful. But now I know it doesn't matter as long as you bust your butt and continue to do what you love, you will eventually come out on top.

**What legacy do you hope to leave behind?** Just hardwork. Eastern really represents how a mid-major can compete and have success with skilled players and the right resources if you work hard.

**Best piece of advice for an incoming freshman?** Really try hard to work on being comfortable with yourself. Don't be afraid to go out and make mistakes. That's going to happen. Don't put fake pressure on yourself and don't always think that coach is evaluating you. Just go out and play your game.



### Cherie White Women's basketball

**Major:** Undergraduate in sport's management with a minor in business. Graduate degree in sport's administration.

**Hometown:** Bonaire, Ga  
**Career statistics:** Finished with 459 rebounds and scored 584 points in four years as a Lady Colonel.

**Why did you choose Eastern?** I chose ECU because of the family environment. It wasn't a big or small school. I liked the fact that all the athletes knew each other and the relationship between the students and professors. You weren't just a number in the classroom. You were someone. Also I had family that played here and I wanted to keep that going.

**The best part of being a Colonel?** The best part is the connection and the environment. You don't understand how good it feels to be out there on that court and look up in the stands and know the people who are cheering for you, or walk in the cafe and for people to know you as you not just as a ball player.

**Favorite sporting moment?** My senior year at home against Murray State. I hit four threes. I've never shot that well and I don't know where that came from. It was a great day and a great feeling.

**Hardest part of being a student athlete?** The hardest part is the word student athlete. Knowing that your not just an athlete but your a student first and foremost. A lot of people think it's all glory when you go on the road but it's a business trip and you have work to do. Being a student first is a full-time job. You can't play in college unless you love it.

**Best team moment off the field of play?** My freshman year we went to New York. Being off the court in that atmosphere just chilling with your teammates. Getting to walk down those streets, acting

like a New Yorker. It was fun.

**How has college changed you?** I'm seven hours away from home so I had to grow up quickly. I realized mom and dad weren't there to do everything for me. Growing up has helped me mature quicker.

**What legacy do you hope to leave behind?** I want to be remembered as a player who gave all she had. And gave it 110 percent every day. I left everything on the court. I can honestly look back and not regret anything. Especially after playing on a torn ACL all this year. Hopefully that teaches those other players that you can accomplish anything. It's all mental, not physical.

**Best piece of advice for an incoming freshman?** One, only come here if you love it. If you don't love it don't come. It's a full-time job and takes a lot of commitment. Two, don't get behind in your school work. It's hard to catch up. And three, come here to have fun. It's a great experience. Our coaching staff here is great. Learn how to follow before you lead and you will have a great career.



Cherie White (No. 20) finished her career as a Lady Colonel with 459 rebounds and 584 points.



### Evan Cromer - Football

**Major:** Insurance  
**Hometown:** Tampa, Fla.  
**Career statistics:** Finished his career at Eastern with 724 receiving yards and one touchdown.

**Why did you choose Eastern?** I felt ECU was the best fit for me. Several of the other options I felt didn't give me the best opportunity to come in and start in football. And they also had the insurance program, which really attracted me. I fell in love with the coaching staff and the camaraderie of the players on my visit.

**Favorite sporting moment?** By far the most memorable moment would be in 2007 and in 2008 when we won the Ohio Valley Conference championship. All the hard-work, blood, sweat and tears was all paid off when we held that trophy.

**Hardest part of being a student athlete?** I think I can speak for all student athletes when saying it's the time commitment for your sport and for your academics. Balancing them out and getting success out of both is hard. You may be performing on the field but then your grades my slip. Or you may excel in the classroom but your on the



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Gabrielle Andersson competed in four events her senior year. She finished with a career stroke average of 80.7 during her four years as a Colonel.



### Gabrielle Andersson Women's Golf

**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Stockholm, Sweden  
**Career statistics:** Finished with a career stroke average of 80.7.

**Why did you choose Eastern?** I loved the coach here when I signed. I love my coach now too. I signed because the team was really good and so was the program. I'm from Sweden so moving here was cool but different. But all the girls on the team were really nice and were like a family.

**The best part of being a Colonel?** Just being a part of a team. You have friends right away and you get to travel.

**Favorite sporting moment?** My sophomore year we played in the Morehead State University Spring Kick-Off, in California.

**Hardest part of being a student athlete?** The first couple of years it's time management. You go to practice then you do all your homework and its really time consuming. Golfers miss a lot of class and its hard to keep up if you dont manage your time well.

**Best team moment off the field of play?** When we played in California we went to Santa Monica and then to Hollywood and saw the Hollywood walk of fame with all of those celebrity stars. That was cool.

**How has college changed you?** I had to grow up fast. Being far from home it taught me a lot about life and responsibility.

**What legacy do you hope to leave behind?** I'm the only senior on the team this year and we haven't had one in the last three years so I hope that it's a positive one.

**Best piece of advice for an incoming freshman?** Have fun. Don't stress so much over your scores. That will all come naturally with time.

field play will fall. It's definitely the hardest obstacle to overcome.

**Best team moment off the field of play?** A lot of the team hangs out together or we cook out together or go out at night. Some guys have even come home with me to Florida. It's not just showing up and playing on the football field.

**How has college changed you?** It's definitely made me grow up. I've had to learn all those time management skills. Football has helped me with overcoming adversity. And become a well-rounded individual. It has helped me learn how to push through the hard times and when you do you realize the outcome was worth all the hardwork you put in.

**What legacy do you hope to leave behind?** I want people to remember me for someone who laid it all on the line everytime, had no regrets and was a very hardworker. I also hope to have instilled some leadership skills for people on the field, the weight room and the classroom. I want people to say 'Hey, Evan Cromer he worked hard and gave it everything he had. He never backed down and if we were losing in the game he never gave up.'

**Best piece of advice for an incoming freshman?** My best piece of advice would be don't get behind early. Most of the student athletes create a hole for themselves early when they go out and party don't focus on their education. Come in and focus on your academics, not failing classes and then also excelling on the field of play.