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Students complain of mold to SGA

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS SAY PROBLEMS ARE MINOR AND HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED

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This past summer, after a sprinkler system was vandalized, Sullivan Annex suffered from flooding.

"It was ridiculous the amount of water damage. There were buckles in the floor, and the room smelled like mildew," said a former dorm resident.

Aware of the flood and the strong smell wafting from the walls, the resident said the room's problems stemmed not only from water damage, but likely an additional factor – mold.

The resident, who wished to remain anonymous, acknowledged that she had no evidence that the smell was a result of mold. But she said the room had all the symptoms: signs of water damage, including a swollen closet door, and a musty smell. These damages have since been repaired by Facilities Services, she said.

Despite the fact that the room had been fixed and painted, the walls still showed signs of "something," she said.

"It was just unacceptable," the former resident said.

More recently, several dorm residents, mostly students living in Burnam and Keene Hall, have complained about mold to the Student Government Association, who is working alongside university administrators to investigate the complaints.

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Pipes in the basement of Burnam Hall are one of the many places currently growing mold.

A DINGY BACKGROUND

Mold is a spore that forms when warm temperatures and moisture coexist, said Marvin Dixon, manager of Madison County Health Department's Environmental Program. Dixon

said it's not uncommon for mold to be a problem in older buildings, such as residence halls, where ventilation, plumbing, construction and water-related issues can create an environment conducive to mold.

Dixon said common ailments resulting

Mold's not to be taken lightly



If you had told me five years ago that something as common as mold was going to change the rest of my life, I would have probably laughed at you and went on with whatever I was doing.

Most people don't see mold as much of a danger. In fact, most people don't worry at all when they find a little mold. I was one of those people, but not anymore. It took nearly dying, having open-heart surgery and being on medicine for the rest of my life for me to realize the true dangers of mold.

In the beginning of 2006, I learned that the mold in my apartment from Hurricane Ka-

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Alphabet Center offers resources, safe space for LGBTQ community

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It took three years for the vision of The Alphabet Center to become a reality. And so far, members of the project said they believe the center will have a successful future.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," said David Anderson, a senior political science major. "Faculty, students and staff have shown a tremendous amount of pride, which speaks very highly of our university."

The idea for The Alphabet Center arose from two students when they were asked in a Women and Gender Studies class to conduct an activism project on campus. Farah Ardeshir, a junior political science major, and Sam Ratcliffe, a junior English major, decided there should be a center on campus to serve the LGBTQ community.

After a lengthy process to find space for the center, University Pro-



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The Alphabet Center is located in the basement of Miller Hall.

grams assisted the project by granting a space in Miller Hall.

"We remain so grateful for the

space," said Ardeshir. "And from there it was crunch time to open our

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Comedian Tosh sets record in ticket sales

By SETH LITRELL
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When the Student Government Association booked comedian Daniel Tosh, they had no idea he would be so well-received by Eastern students. According to Chris Pitakos, vice president of Student Activities, the event "just kind of happened."

"The price was good, so we contacted his agency," Pitakos said.

The overall cost of bringing Tosh to Eastern was \$36,000. Getting Tosh was out of the ordinary for the SGA for two reasons, one being that he was booked earlier than most guests the SGA brings to Eastern.



Daniel Tosh

Because of the good price, Pitakos said the Student Activities office booked Tosh by referral, meaning before they had received their

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Some aspects of Facebook that users might not 'like'

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Facebook, the social networking website whose mission is "to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected," has become an essential part of everyday life for the average college student. With more than 500 million active users on Facebook today, it comes as no surprise that the site has become a central part of socialization (or stalking, whichever verb you see most fit) on college campuses – in fact, the site is the second highest-ranked site on the Internet (Google is first). But when a website proportions such tremendous proportions, there's bound to be a few drawbacks.

Education company Ka-

plan surveyed 500 top colleges in 2008 and found that 10 percent of admissions officers admitted to looking at applicants' Facebook pages. What's more, 38 percent of those said what they saw only "negatively affected" their views of those applying.

And, with the many interactive features on Facebook such as others' ability to tag someone in photos, a funny picture someone snapped on an iPhone of a person vomiting after a night at Jerzee's could quite easily turn into the loss of a potential job. Even if that person convinces the friend to delete the photo, it's possible that Facebook's servers can store them after, a Facebook spokesperson told Ars Technica.

While some may feel safe

in the cocoon of customizable privacy settings, Facebook, which could bring as much as \$1 billion in revenue this year, has a history of leaking out information its users have marked private to advertisers.

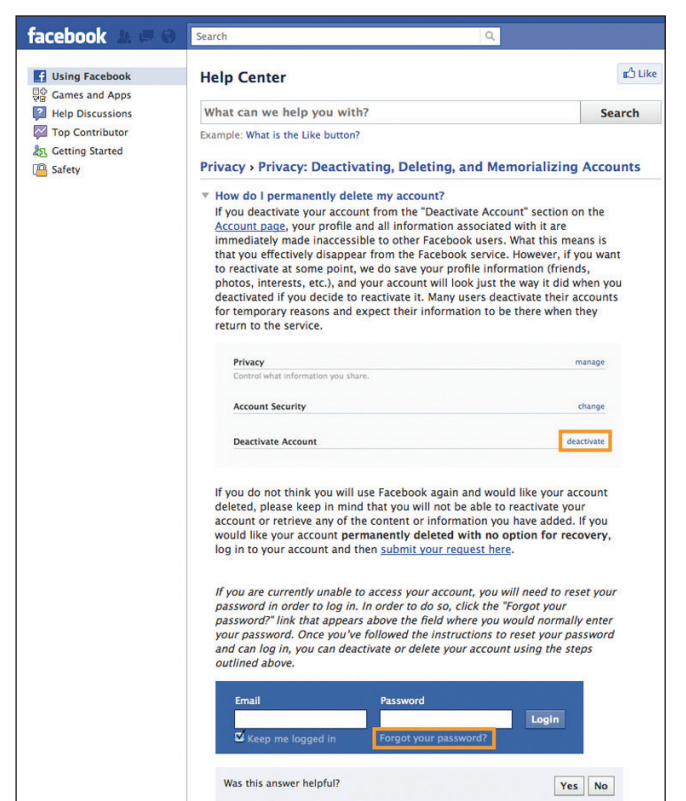
Just this October, a Wall Street Journal investigation discovered many popular applications (including the prevalent FarmVille) that were providing people's names, and in some instances, the names of their friends, to advertising and Internet tracking companies, including those who have their privacy settings at the strictest limits. And while this is against the website's privacy policies, it isn't the first time the world's biggest social network has had a slip-up. Yet people are milking their

virtual cows while "liking" John Doe's wall post about how much fun he had at the Cincinnati Reds game. Keisha Amburgey, a sophomore occupational science major from Mally, said that information perturbed her.

"No one wants random people on the Internet to know stuff about you," she said.

If any of this should give someone pause and he/she finds themselves wanting to opt out of social networking land for good, the process of deleting a Facebook account can be a lengthy and complicated one. Deleting is not to be confused with the "deactivation" option, which doesn't erase you from Facebook's data-

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Police Beat

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Oct. 22

Warren Oliver was arrested after an officer observed him drive past a stop sign without stopping and almost strike another vehicle. Upon contact with Oliver, the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his person and observed that his eyes were bloodshot. Oliver was given several field sobriety tests and failed them. Oliver was given a breath test and had a .138 blood alcohol level. Oliver was arrested and charged with disregarding a stop sign, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle and for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Oliver was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Oct. 23

An officer observed a vehicle in the Alumni Coliseum parking lot with its lights flashing and the alarm sounding and observed three individuals in the car. Upon contact with the people in the vehicle, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. The officer asked if marijuana could possibly be in the car and Brian Elvir told the officer that the marijuana was under the front seat, but said it wasn't his. The officer also observed a glass pipe in the floorboard of the vehicle, which Robert Burns said was his. The third passenger, Joe Oliver, was questioned and Oliver advised that they had just started to smoke when the officer came to question them, and that neither the pipe nor the marijuana was his. Oliver was searched and allowed to return to his residence, while Elvir was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and Burns was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Oct. 25

Cameron Bolds was arrested

and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after police responded to a report of two students possibly selling drugs out of Case Hall. Police obtained permission from Bolds to search his room and found more than 40 grams of marijuana in various Ziploc bags throughout the room as well as rolling papers and pieces of aluminum foil being used as screens. Bolds was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Vinay Puram was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia after police responded to a report that a resident assistant had confiscated a grinder containing marijuana residue from a resident. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with Puram who gave the officer verbal consent to search his room. Puram voluntarily gave the officer a glass pipe and told the officer he had used the pipe to smoke marijuana recently. Puram was then cited and released.

News Briefs

Texas Hold'Em Poker

Student Life will sponsor a game of Texas Hold 'Em from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Powell Lobby. For more information, contact Nikki Hart at nikki.hart@eku.edu.

Dilana to perform in Powell Lobby

Breaking Point will present Dilana Smith, indie musician, at 9 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Powell Lobby. For more information, contact Nikki Hart at nikki.hart@eku.edu.

Rock climbing at Foster Falls

Adventure Programs will be taking off to southern Tennessee for a weekend of rock climbing at Foster Falls on Nov. 5. Sign up for \$35. For more information, contact Hank Whalen at 859-588-9161.



The Rocky Horror Picture Show

The Student Activities Council will screen cult classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 9 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. For more information, contact Nicholas Brock at nicholas_brock8@eku.edu.

Women's Self-Defense training

The EKU Police Department will offer the R.A.D. Women's Self-Defense training from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Kennamer Room in the Powell building. The 12 hour course is offered free of charge. To reserve your space in the class, contact Cecilee Tangel at 859-622-1111 or cecilee.tangel@eku.edu.

Wellness Wednesday: Snooze or Lose

WELL 4 U will sponsor a workshop on how to get a good night's sleep and the importance of sleep in the demanding college lifestyle at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 10 in the President's Box of the Fitness & Wellness Center. For more information, contact Adrienne Bauer at adrienne.bauer@eku.edu

Inspections

All information in Inspections is obtained from the Madison County Health Department.

Regular inspection with no follow-up due:

- Dairy Queen, 131 Clay Drive, 94%
- Meijer, 2001 Lantern Ridge Drive, 100%
- Kentucky Fried Chicken, Carriage Gate Center, 100%
- Krystal, 440 Eastern Bypass, 88%
- Jerzee's, 122 E. Main Street, 98%

Regular inspection with follow-up due:

- Subway, 101 Peggy Flats Road, 89%
- *Grease trap disconnected from drain at 3-compartment sink.

Happenings

THURSDAY

7 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Morehead State at home

7 - 11 p.m. - Texas Hold 'Em poker in Powell Lobby

9 p.m. - 12 a.m. - Dilana performs in Powell Lobby

FRIDAY

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Fitness in a Flash: First Friday Health Screening in Powell Lobby

SATURDAY

1 p.m. - Men's Rugby vs. Western Kentucky at home

2 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at home

7 p.m. - Football vs. Jacksonville State at home

9 p.m. - "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" screening in Keen Johnson Ballroom

SUNDAY

3 p.m. - EKU Guitar Ensemble at the Student Services Building

TUESDAY

6 - 10 p.m. - Women's Self-Defense class in Kennamer room of Powell

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. - Wellness Wednesdays: Snooze or Lose in the President's Box of the Fitness & Wellness Center

Weather

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Precip: 20%



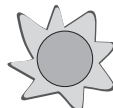
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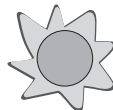
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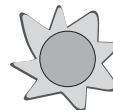
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MONDAY

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Precip: 0%



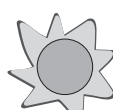
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WEDNESDAY

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Chautauqua series features animal researcher

By CHRISTINA CRAWFORD BOLTON
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Animal activist Jonathan Balcombe asked the audience at the Chautauqua lecture, "Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals" on Oct. 28, "What are the most dangerous weapons?" Surprisingly, his answer was the fork or chopsticks, depending on what utensils a person used to "consume human bodies."

"Because we use forks to convey into our mouths the parts of these animals we intend to eat, and because China is now the world's largest total consumer of meat, forks and chopsticks are the most dangerous weapons if we include animals in the calculus of global suffering, as we should," Balcombe said.

Balcombe has a Ph.D in ethology and is a writer, activist and researcher. He is an independent consultant who works for animals and considers them to be his clients.

He told a story of himself as a 9-year-old boy at summer camp in Toronto. A scruffy older man with a fish net and a burlap sack asked young Balcombe to hold a leopard

frog for him while he caught more. Balcombe began to see things from the frog's perspective of being in harm, and he let the frog go. Balcombe said he felt he had "done the right thing."

Since then, Balcombe has spent his life researching animals, including their sensory systems, intelligence, emotions, communication, pleasure and virtue.

"The largest social problem we're faced with today is our relationship with animals," he said.

Balcombe said the number of animals harmed or killed by humans in meat and dairy production far exceeds the numbers in other categories, such as recreational hunting or fishing, fur production, animal testing or experimentation and other forms of entertainment.

Balcombe's studies show that baboons grieve as humans do over the loss of an offspring, and offer grooming to other baboons as therapy for themselves. Balcombe explained that animals have long-term moods.

"We can't feel animals' feelings, but we also can't feel other humans' feelings," Bal-



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Animal activist Jonathan Balcombe signs autographs after his lecture on animal psychology.

combe said.

He said humans can have sympathy when a human is going through an emotionally hard time, but we don't physically

feel their pain. We also can't physically feel animals' physical or emotional pain.

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Eastern's Madrigal Feaste to celebrate its 40th year

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Next month, the Keen Johnson Ballroom will be transformed into a medieval kingdom. Kings, queens, belly dancers, jesters, mimes and of course, a lonely princess desperately seeking a date to the grand ball will be present. Wassail, Cornish game hen and bread pudding will be served. Grand madrigal songs will echo through the halls, resembling a scene out of "Shakespeare in Love" or "Elizabeth."

The 2010-2011 ECU Choral Music Department will be hosting its 40th annual Madrigal Feaste on Dec. 10 and 11. The Feaste, which recreates 16th century madrigal dinners, will feature Eastern's Madrigal Singers. It includes a five-course meal and a concert of traditional madrigal and Christmas songs.

"The dinner is like a show," choral director Sue Ellen Ballard said. "We transform the evening; we've gone back in time and we are no longer in 2010."

Because this is the 40th anniversary of the Feaste, Ballard decided to shake things up a bit.

"I wanted to keep the tradition, but also bring in a modern twist and make it different," she said.

This year, Ballard put together a group of 13 talented singers to make up Eastern's Madrigal Singers. The 13 singers, along with help from some professors, collaborated on a script for the 40th presentation.

"They have taken the initiative to write a script of Elizabethan character, but with a twist," Ballard said.

Not wanting to give away the plot, Ballard alluded to the theme of this year's Feaste. The queen has died and the princess, with the help of her father, is trying to obtain a date to the Grand Ball, Ballard said. Several suitors vie for the princess's heart and must compete in a series of tasks in order to win her affection.

"Think, 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire,' 'The Bachelor' and 'American Idol,' all rolled into one," Ballard said.

Guests to the Feaste are not required to dress in time period costume, but it is encouraged, Ballard said.

"It is very interactive activity," Ballard said. "We like to see guests show up in costume."



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In celebration of its 40th anniversary, this year's Madrigal Feaste will feature a new script.

Tickets are \$26 and include the five-course meal. They go on sale on Nov. 1 and can be purchased in the Colonel 1 office. Reservations can be made by calling 622-2179. Doors open at 6 p.m., seating begins at 6:45 p.m. and first fanfare is at 7 p.m.

BOX: There will be a special showing for students on Thursday, Dec. 9. The Choir department will be accepting donations for entry into the show. Medieval refreshments will be served.

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MCDANIEL

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trina had infected an undetected heart defect I had and I was told by doctors that I was going to die. I was in complete shock. I was a United States Marine, I ran 10 miles every day, I always scored high on my physical fitness tests, and mold was killing me?

As shocked as I might have been, mold really was killing me. It had infected my aortic valve and my heart was leaking blood at an alarming rate. In a few short weeks, I went from being in great physical shape to needing help sitting up in bed. I was literally dying and it was happening faster than I expected.

In October 2006, I was discharged from the Marine Corps and sent home a broken man. My health continued to decline through the next few months. In the following January, I met my cardiologist for the first time.

At that point I was given two options: valve replacement surgery or death. Simple choice. The surgery was scheduled for March, and I had two months to contemplate death and whatever came after.

I guess the actual surgery was harder on my family than it was on me. We woke up early in the morning on the day of my surgery and went to the Rudd Heart and Lung Clinic at Jewish Hospital in Louisville to wait for show time.

The first thing I remember after waking up was a ticking sound. My eyes had some kind of goo all over them so I couldn't see, and there was a tube down my throat that was really getting on my nerves. The tube didn't stay in for very long, but it hurt coming out.

When my eyes were cleaned up and I was moved from the ICU to a private room, I was a little freaked out when I got to see myself in a mirror. I had tubes coming from everywhere, including two tubes, which were coming out of 1-inch holes in my stomach. Those tubes were by far the most painful part of the entire surgery. I was told they were draining my lungs, but whatever they were doing, it was the most intensely painful thing I have ever experienced in my life.

Eventually I found out the ticking noise I heard when I woke up was my new aortic valve, and it would be something I had to deal with for the rest of my life, along with many new challenges and frustrations.

It took 27 days for me to be released from the hospital. Since then I have had to visit the emergency room several times, I'm on blood thinners for the rest of my life and I have to get monthly blood tests.

I've heard recently that there are some mold problems in some of the dorms on campus. I hope that, by sharing my story, people take mold a little more seriously. It's not something that should be dismissed as an unimportant issue. Mold is very dangerous and can kill you. I was really fortunate that my problems were identified early enough. The next person may not be so lucky.

CHAUTAUQUA

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"There are probably far more continuities between ourselves and other animals than we ordinarily appreciate, particularly in areas of cognition and perception, where, as Mr. Balcombe demonstrated, their abilities can be found to awesomely exceed ours," Sica said.

Balcombe said he has been a vegan since 1989, and encourages others to become vegan or vegetarian.

"The risks to human health from a diet built around animal products

include heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes," Balcombe said. "What we eat is where the rubber meets the road."

"Following a plant-based diet is the holy grail of personal activism for animals," he said. "It is an immediate, powerful way to make a positive impact."

Various audience members said they thought Balcombe made several good points in his lecture.

"I thought (Balcombe's first statement) was an effective way of provoking us to reflect upon whether our carnivorous culinary habits are worth the suffering they depend upon and perpetuate," said Eastern librarian Rob Sica, who was encouraged to attend

the lecture because of his curiosity about what other animals' experience is like and his growing concern that humans' treatment of them falls miserably short of what it should be.

Katy Shelton, an animal studies major, agreed.

"I was really impressed by the examples of the intelligence of animals," she said.

Balcombe said his hope was that audience members would walk away with the knowledge that animals are no less sensitive to pains and pleasures than we are.

"Animals have lives that matter. They matter to them, even if not for us," he said.

FACEBOOK

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base completely and is easily undone.

The first step in ridding oneself of Facebook for good is to go through one's profile and delete every last bit of information: pictures, wall posts, comments, wall posts and comments left on friends' pages, messages, networks (imagine doing this after having a Facebook for years). From there, one must contact Facebook and request that their information be deleted. If one misses anything, Facebook will ask the person to delete what was missed. Only after deleting everything will Facebook wipe the informa-

tion from its servers.

"That's ridiculous," said Heather Watts, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major from Pippa Passes. "At least on MySpace, you can just delete it and it's gone."

Still, it looks as though the downsides of Facebook aren't quite enough to keep students away. Jessica Berry, a freshman elementary education major from Taylorsville, said she could never bring herself to actually delete her Facebook.

"I would die without it," she said. "I'm so addicted to it. I'm on it all the time."

Rebekah Buckley, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from Henry County, agreed.

"I would start to have withdrawals," Buckley laughed.

TOSH

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funds from the SGA.

The second reason was the value of the show. When the idea to bring Tosh to campus was voted on by the Student Community Council, it passed. However, Pitakos says that the plan failed in cabinet.

"It was voted down because it wasn't educational, it was for entertainment," he said.

Pitakos added that after some debate in the SGA, the plan was passed because entertainment is an important part of campus life.

Eastern students seemed to agree with Pitakos on the importance of entertainment. Tickets for Tosh's show sold out just days after being released. This made it the fastest-selling show in the history of the SGA. Pitakos estimates that Eastern made \$16,000 from

ticket sales.

Students are waiting eagerly for Monday's show. Freshman Sam Unterreiner said he was excited when he heard Tosh was coming to Eastern.

"I didn't think he would come to such a small town," Unterreiner said.

Unterreiner is a fan of Tosh's show, Tosh.0, because it takes material from the Internet that he's seen and makes fun of it.

Juniors Jim Jordan and Samantha Mills said they were two of the first people in line when they heard that Tosh was coming to campus.

"I've seen his early stand up, and I love it," Jordan said.

Tosh will be performing at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 in Brock Auditorium. Because the event is first come, first serve in terms of seating, students are allowed to line up as early as 6 a.m. Camping out the night before is not allowed.

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from mold spores include allergic reactions and respiratory problems.

“(Mold) can grow to levels making it harmful to some people,” Dixon said. “But (others) may have no reaction at all.”

The former Sullivan resident said while living in Annex that she frequently suffered from a scratchy throat—a symptom that cleared up when she moved out of the hall.

“Anyone that I would check-in would have a scratchy throat the next day if they stayed over a couple hours,” she said. “And some people wouldn’t even come into my room or they would get headaches. I wouldn’t say that it was (strictly) mold, because again, I didn’t test it, but I definitely had a scratchy throat and when I moved, every piece of clothing and bedding I had smelled disgusting.”

IT’S ALL AROUND US

University officials acknowledged that mold can be a problem—it’s a common one, particularly in old buildings and places where lots of people live in close-quarters. “Mold is everywhere,” said James Street, who is in charge of the university’s construction and maintenance projects. “We’re breathing mold spores right now.” Street said he hadn’t heard of any reports of mold in the residence halls thus far this semester. Still, he said that facilities services has dealt with mold outbreaks on campus before, and they arise every few semesters or so.

“(We deal with mold) as it comes up, and it’s not like it never comes up, because it does,” Street said, adding that Kentucky is more susceptible to mold growth due to its damp, humid conditions during much of the year.

But he said that mold growth doesn’t necessarily mean it’s become a big hazard, so long as it’s addressed.

“I can’t remember a single time when the indoor airborne mold count was higher than the outdoor airborne mold count,” Street said.

Rich Middleton, director of Facilities Services, likewise said nothing out of the ordinary has been found in recent months regarding mold.

“To my knowledge, or to the knowledge of my supervisors, we have not experienced mold issues beyond what would normally be expected,” Middleton said.

He said that in the last six months Facilities Services have dealt with minor issues in Sullivan Hall in April, Combs Hall in July, Sullivan Hall in August and also Case Annex in September—issues that he called “household mold.”

The biggest test in combating mold this year came in July, when it was found in the



Ceilings with water damage, such as this one in Sullivan Hall, are prime places for mold growth.

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basement of Martin Hall, mostly confined to storage areas, Middleton said. Then, in October, students reported mold growing in a room in Burnam Hall as well as in ceiling tiles in a Combs Hall computer lab.

Middleton said with a campus of this size, it is not uncommon for there to be reports of mold. And he added that when facility services is made aware of complaints, they immediately respond to the problem.

“We have a ‘mold crew’ of eight employees established that have been trained and fitted with respirators,” Middleton said.

REPORTING THE PROBLEM

Campus officials urge students who experience problems to report them to their RHC, who will report the problem to housing. If the level of mold is potentially harmful or causing health symptoms, students may immediately report the complaint to facility services, Street said.

The former Sullivan resident said Housing and Facilities Services worked diligently and responsively in alleviating the dorm’s mold problem, and she was ultimately moved out of the hall.

However, other Sullivan Annex residents said their attempts to get help weren’t addressed with as much success.

One student living in Sullivan for the

past four years, in the same room in Annex, said mold hadn’t really been a serious problem for her until this semester.

“It’s gotten worse,” the resident said. “My room is actually musty. Before we just credited it to the basement, but it’s spreading.”

She said the smell (and whatever was causing it) was exacerbating her allergies. She said even her friends noticed it, saying they wondered aloud how she could continue living there. She said she filed a complaint to Facilities Services at the beginning of the semester.

“I tried to do something about it, but not much got done,” she said. She said she was told that the problems were not attributed to mold, even though she said her dehumidifier fills up daily.

“Basically, they told me to deal with it, which I didn’t feel was an appropriate response,” she said.

CORRECTING THE PROBLEM

After the flood in Sullivan Annex, Street said Facilities Services worked diligently for several days to dry the area. He said the building’s carpets were replaced as well to help remedy the problem.

“The key is to get the moisture up,” Middleton said.

After that, he said, Facilities Services

conducted visual inspections, all of which showed no signs of new mold growth.

Dixon from the Madison County Health Department said the only way to control mold is to find what is causing the growth. If you don’t address the moisture problem, the mold will simply return no matter how many cleanings occur, he said.

Middleton said the most common type of mold found in residence halls is regular household mold, which can be cleaned with a chemical known as Biocide. He said the product isn’t harmful to people.

Street added that there have been a few, if infrequent, discoveries of what is called black mold, but these occurred many years ago.

“But not all mold that is black is black mold,” Street said, adding that the sight of mold, while a concern, doesn’t necessarily equate to an immediate health risk.

Depending on the nature of the problem and the allegations, an industrial hygienist out of Lexington is called in to inspect the air quality. Street said the university hasn’t needed to call a hygienist for three or four years.

If students do have problems, they can report the issue to the RHC, Housing or Facilities Services.

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center.”

Ardeshir said the group formed a committee that had painting parties and collected items for the center, such as books.

Ratcliffe worked with another student, Madison Holly, to create a mural symbolic to the LGBT community. The mural is rich with rainbow colors, along with listings of historical dates for LGBT.

Also on the mural, one will find five names – Tyler Clementi, Seth Walsh, Asher Brown, Billy Lucas and Justin Aaberg.

These are individuals who recently committed suicide after facing harsh discrimination for their sexual orientation.

“Their names are not insignificant,” Anderson said. “They were people who served a purpose and give reason for a center like ours.”

Members of the project said The Alphabet Center will offer guidance to students facing discrimination.

“In light of the recent struggles for the LGBTQ community,” said Ratcliffe, “The Alphabet Center is an affirming statement at EKU that students have a space to turn to

if they feel bullied or alone.”

The Alphabet Center has designed a strategy to incorporate safety. Volunteers are serving as monitors of the center. Anderson said there has already been a significant amount of people to sign up as a volunteer. Ardeshir added that violence and safety workshops are future endeavors.

The center includes a small library, seating area and resource pamphlets. Next semester there will be two WGS classes to take place there with a probability of many more classes in the following years.

To become a member, students can pay \$5 per semester or volunteer five hours. Faculty is also encouraged to join for \$10 per semester.

“The need for money is as relevant as it is for any center on campus,” Ardeshir said. “We need more books and more resources. We want to fill our shelves and offer the best possible service we can.”

The members said they are proud of the support so far and want to encourage students on campus to become involved and help serve their campus.

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Lindsay Huffman, editor

Social networking: the legal form of stalking

Last week, a Florida woman charged with shaking her 3-month-old son to death in January pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Why would she commit such a terrible crime?

Because her son's crying interrupted her while she was playing FarmVille, a Facebook application that allows people to own and manage a virtual farm.

This is obviously an extreme example of the Facebook obsession that has taken over our generation, but the problem is there nonetheless.

When the social networking craze began a few years ago with sites such as MySpace and Facebook, it was seen as just another fad that would eventually die down. But instead, these sites have become a part of most people's daily routines.

And it is technology like these websites that has caused us to turn into a creeper generation.

For those readers who may not know what a "creeper" is, it is a person who keeps up-to-date on what others are doing, who they're friends with, whether or not they have children, etc.

In short, creeping is the legal form of stalking.

Need to know what your best friend had for lunch? Check Facebook. Want to find out where that person is at this exact moment? Read the tweets he/she posts on Twitter. Dying to see the pictures and know what your classmate thought about the big concert? Check that person's blog on Tumblr.

It's almost impossible to hide anything from any-



one nowadays because we have become so accustomed to the easy flow of information that we can get just by clicking a computer mouse.

Social networking sites aren't just a distraction anymore, either. They are an obsession.

But this obsession is affecting how people function—the woman who shook her baby to death can probably attest to that. Especially for those of us who are in college, checking websites like Facebook is almost like a compulsion; we just have to know what's going on.

And do we ever stop to think about the people whom we have never met, but can learn everything

about us just by looking at our web pages? Privacy settings help a bit, but advertisers are privy to our personal information as soon as we join almost any application.

Perhaps George Orwell was right about the future when he wrote "1984" and proclaimed that "Big Brother Is Watching You."

Of course, these sites aren't all bad. The upsides, in fact, can be very helpful. For groups or associations, Facebook is an easy way to send out notifications about meetings or other important matters because some people check their Facebook pages several times a day.

And creeping on another person doesn't always have to be malicious or intrusive, but allows you to find and reconnect with people you may not have seen or talked to in a long time.

In short, these sites are popular because they're convenient and fun. FarmVille, Family Feud and other applications can be a nice way to de-stress, if only for a few minutes (or hours, in some cases).

The key to not crossing the line between distraction and obsession is finding balance. It's OK to take a few minutes to check up on some friends' pages, but it's not OK to become so addicted to a game that it takes over our whole lives.

We can't just ignore the technology that has changed how we get information, and most of us probably don't want to. But we have to know when enough is enough. Creeping isn't always a bad thing, but becoming a creep is.

>Letters to the editor

Homosexuality debate is about people, should not become a battle among academic disciplines

In the last few weeks the discussion concerning same sex marriage benefits has degenerated into an academic one. I think discussing which academic discipline is more "worthy" of deciding the issue misses the point. This is not a dry academic issue, but one involving real human beings.

I agree with Roger Richardson that the homosexual rights issue has nothing to do with being a Christian, mainly because Jesus had absolutely nothing to say on the issue. Jesus did, however, have a lot to say about loving one another and not judging, but that's beside the point. This is a human issue, not a religious one. If we really used the entire Bible as our

moral guide, we would stone to death our non-virgin daughters before they marry. Eating shellfish, like homosexuality, would be an "abomination," we would still have slaves and women would be considered the property of their husbands. (Now that's "traditional" marriage.)

I wish Dr. Richardson had explained a little more how extending equal marriage rights and responsibilities to all Americans would "demean" the institution of marriage. I truly don't understand how that would happen. Our current version where two people fall in love and marry is relatively recent. For most of history, it was more about marrying "well," not

love. So, like everything else in the world, the institution of marriage is evolving as we learn more and extend rights to those other than white heterosexual males. And I'm not much concerned with institutions. I'm concerned about people.

I also agree with Dr. Hartch that the welfare of children is a primary concern in this issue. I disagree with his conclusion that children suffer with same-sex parents. I wish he had cited a few of those studies he said indicated that to be the case. Every study I've read on the subject indicates the opposite.

I know a lady who as a child suffered unspeakable torture and

abuse from both her heterosexual parents. I asked her once if she had a choice between having her heterosexual monster parents or loving supportive homosexual parents, who would she choose? She snorted and looked at me like I was an idiot. She said she would have given a body part to have had loving homosexual parents.

The point is not that heterosexual parents can be bad parents. The point is that the gender orientation of parents is pretty darn insignificant when it comes to providing love and stability to children. Ask yourself this question: Which was more important when you were a child, that your parents were heterosexual or that

they loved you, were committed to you and nurtured you?

I believe with all my heart that all humans have the same capacity for love and nurturing whatever their sexual orientation, color, religion or nationality. I believe that as a society we should encourage love and commitment from all of us. Can anyone say that we have such an abundance of love in the world that we can pick and choose from where we want it to come? I can't.

Jack McDowell
Retired Eastern faculty member

Receiving a higher education should be about learning, not curricular requirements or good grades

In the previous issue of the Eastern Progress, student Matthew White offered an excellent statement on student self-responsibility in his "Rise up, ye apathetic students." He is right on target with his concerns over the value of his education at ECU and he recognizes that grades have little intrinsic value without a real education. He emphasizes LEARNING as the key to life success, not just a diploma. I wish to add to his call for students to recognize their

purpose here beyond simply getting a degree.

Question: What do you intend to take with you in life from ECU? Is it only certification of meeting curricular requirements? Heck, why waste time, money and effort if that's all you want? Buy a degree online. You can even be Ph.D in short order with the right amount of money. That always works... not!

Or do you also include good grades as the ultimate product?

Of course, good grades may indeed help get your first job. But then what? From the first hour of the first day of your first job and for the next 40-50+ years, you're on your own! It's what you know, what you can do and your attitude that will make that navigation through life a success or failure. Face it—you can't take your transcripts or diploma with you to work; no one cares. They only care that you have the necessary learning, skills and background

to add value to your job and colleagues. Or will you drag them down through incompetence, ignorance, laziness and a false sense of entitlement?

A last note: Although courses typically emphasize facts and knowledge, those alone are half-measures. The real value gained in higher education is the ability to THINK. According to Plutarch, "The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." Being able to solve problems and

make decisions through critical thinking are the necessary skills for success in most professions. Isn't that what you really want?

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>Letters to the editor

Participants of homosexuality debate encouraged to be respectful, tolerant of others' perspectives

Tolerance, as it has been classically conceived, means that two parties can disagree about some particular issue, even vehemently disagree, while maintaining respect for one another as persons. There is much to say about the recent discussion of homosexuality and domestic partnership benefits occurring in the Progress and on campus in recent weeks, but one thing that has been missing at times is respectful disagreement and tolerance.

Grouping Dr. Hartch with those who favor executing homosexuals in Uganda or those who believe that the earth is flat might be rhetorically effective, but it is wrong. So is implying that the reason Dr. Hartch is arguing against domestic partnership benefits and homosexuality is that he has latent homosexual desires. Both tactics have been used in recent weeks. Moreover, and more importantly, the appropriate

expertise concerning homosexuality is not exhausted by the findings of the American Psychiatric Association. There are moral issues to consider here, which go beyond the purview of science and are in fact philosophical issues. I have no problem with scientists making moral or philosophical claims, as long as it is clear that they are moving beyond their area of expertise when they do so and are not depending on the cultural capital

that "science" currently enjoys. Consider also Professor Robert Mitchell's argument that "given the extent of homosexual behavior among humans (particularly males) worldwide, and given that so many animal species naturally exhibit homosexual behavior and pair-bonding" there is nothing biologically disordered about it. This is true and I accept it as far as it goes. However, I think the claim made by Professor

Hartch is not that homosexual behavior is psychologically or biologically disordered, but rather that it is somehow morally wrong. And the prevalence of some behavior among humans or animals is insufficient for a moral conclusion about that behavior. A conclusion about morality requires moral premises. Parties on both sides need to offer moral premises for their moral conclusions. In closing, I am not against EKU's extension of

benefits to domestic partners. I think that basic medical care is a human right. But if we are going to discuss issues related to religion, sexuality, morality and politics, let's do it properly, with tolerance and intellectual rigor.

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High school graduates should 'stay away from college' until ready



What am I going to do for a career? This question of what I should do with my life has been burning at my heart and mind for years. In high school, while everyone around me was filling out college applications, I had my mind set that I wasn't going to waste another four years of my life sitting in a classroom learning about what people did in the past. I wanted to work. After a year out of high school, I decided to conform and give college a try. So I packed my bags and headed to Eastern. I should have stuck to my original plan, because like so many freshman, I became infatuated with partying instead of studying. So I quit after two years. After eight years of working several different jobs, I experienced what life was really about and yet I kept coming back to the question of what I was going to do for a career. So, here I am, back at Eastern with a clear head and the

knowledge that I did not have at the age of 19. I figured out that I am not alone in my situation. I have met many students (they call us "non-traditional students") who took years off to live their life before committing to school. I find this to be a realistic way to approach education. Unless you know exactly what you want to do and you have the motivation to stick with it, I suggest to all incoming students to stay away from college. There are so many students who are forced to go to college because their parents told them to or they don't know what else to do. I say to these students: Live your life on your own terms. Give yourself some breathing room. Heck, you just spent 13 years or more in school. There is nothing wrong with needing a break; otherwise, you start to burn out. Between 40 to 50 percent of incoming freshman have no clue what they want their major to be. And if they do decide, the majority of those people end up changing it more than once throughout their college career, leaving a trail of unusable credits, expensive loans and added years to your college life.

So what are we as a society teaching these kids? That it's OK to attend an expensive college just as long as you are doing something. And what about the students who, like me, just wanted to party? We drink away thousands of dollars of government grant money that could be used to better education in parts of the state that need it. I know what you're thinking: it's odd that I said to stay away from college. But that's not my point. I think a person should attend college only when you know it is right for you, not for someone else. I understand now more than ever that a degree of some sort is essential to moving up in the career you desire (even though at one time, I was working at a home health agency in the accounts receivable department with no degree, alongside a woman who had a degree and yet our pay was the same). But then again it took me 12 years to finally decide what career is for me. I do not take this chance at a higher education for granted because I chose to be here, on my own terms. And that's the way it should be.

Quote undermines student educators' work

Alcohol Awareness Week was a week of events where the student peer educators on campus worked diligently to put on programs to educate their peers of the dangers of binge drinking, drinking and driving while intoxicated. They did a great job of providing educational materials and demonstrations (Rocksobersfest). The article that was written in last week's paper did this event no justice. In an article that is supposed to show how Rocksobersfest was beneficial to the students in providing information about the negative consequences of drinking, using a quote like "People who already [drink and drive] still will. I mean I heard kids walking away saying that it wasn't really what drunken driving was like," seems

completely inappropriate. What many people don't seem to realize is that these simulations are just that, simulations. There is no way to accurately predict how you will react to being drunk. There are tons of factors that affect how you act when you are intoxicated: weight, food, gender, heredity, rate of consumption, strength of the drink, etc. And even with these factors, each of them of separate factors that will affect how alcohol affects you. So when you are participating in a simulated drunk driving activity, it takes into account some factors (the one at Rocksobersfest asked your gender, body type and how many drinks you drank in an hour before driving), but even then, these simulations are based off averages. The drunk driv-

ing simulator had drunk goggles that came with it and those compared to the drunk goggles that were at the cornhole game were different. Simulations are designed to give you an idea of how something will affect you (in this case, how certain amounts of alcohol will affect you). So thank you, Eastern Progress, for choosing quotes from the night that downplay the hard work the peer educators put into Alcohol Awareness Week. Next time, I hope your staff realizes that the point of Alcohol Awareness Week is to provide information to students about alcohol so that they can make an informed decision and not to encourage them to drink and drive.

Vanessa Newton
Student

'Out and Proud' changes reporter's views about LGBTQ community



"You were a Marine; how do you feel about the way these people are using the freedom you fought for?" I was asked while reporting on Eastern's "Out and Proud" event a few weeks ago. I almost immediately replied, "I served so they could have the freedom. What they choose to do with it is their business, not mine." I am by nature a very closed-minded person when it comes to the gay and lesbian community. I grew up in a military family and in a Baptist church, both of which taught me to fear and hate gay or lesbian people. But why? Will shaking their hand make you gay too? Do gay people have a terrible airborne disease that you catch when you're near them? Do they blow up buildings and kill innocent people? Why are we taught that gay people are the enemy? I don't have the answer to any of those questions, but a 27-year-old senior in Eastern's paramedicine program said he had an idea. "It's against nature," he

said. "In my country of Saudi Arabia, these people would get capital punishment for being openly gay. They would be put to death." OK. I'll agree that to me being gay seems unnatural, and as a Christian, I view being gay as a sin. But why should I fear or hate gay people? Why should I protest their God-given rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? I'm pretty sure none of our rights are homophobic. The freedoms given by the Constitution of the United States apply to everyone regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual preference. The "Out and Proud" event changed my perspective about several things. First of all, straight people are incredibly mean in comparison to the gay and lesbian people I met. Most of the participants were wearing some sort of anti-hate clothing and not one of them had one negative thing to say, even when a rude "fag" comment came from the mixed crowd. More importantly, I've realized that gay and lesbian people are just that: they're people. Hating someone because of their sexual preference is no different than being racist. It's wrong on so many levels. I've heard the argument, "They choose to be gay;

it's their fault people hate them." Really? I'm not so sure. "Watch the news. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people are being harassed to the point that they're committing suicide," said a 24-year-old philosophy and political science major who I talked to. "Why would anyone choose that for their self? They are absolutely born like this." Admittedly, there is no proof as to whether or not gay and lesbian people are born that way or not, but this student has a point. Why would anyone subject themselves to this sort of treatment if they have the choice? I don't see how or why anyone would do that if he/she had a choice. A day I had dreaded since getting my syllabus in the beginning of the semester ended up being a very enlightening day. I realized that the big, bad, scary gays that I was taught to hate really aren't that bad. They're actually very nice people. I've thought a lot about my views and beliefs toward gay and lesbian people, and although I may not agree with their actions, I've chosen to go with advice my mother gave me a long time ago, and decided to "let God decide who's going to heaven or hell. Just love everyone equally."

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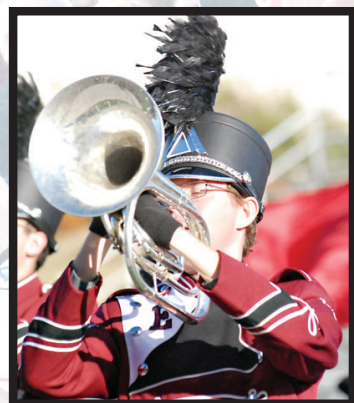
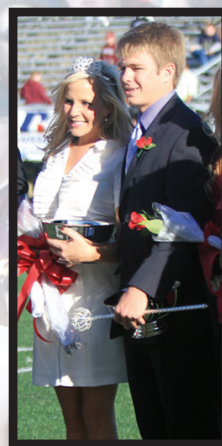
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Homecoming Weekend



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Homecoming offers everyone a time for tailgating and traditions

PARKING LOT OFFERS EVERYTHING FROM CORNHOLE TO SANTA CLAUS

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It's a sunny and windy October day. Cars line up along the bypass and overflow parking lots all around campus. Students and their families can be seen everywhere this weekend exploring Richmond. There is a buzzing excitement in the air. This can only mean one thing: Eastern's Homecoming is here.

Homecoming signifies many different things to different people. To some, it's a big-time home football game, this year featuring Murray State. To others, it's literally a welcoming home to our school's alumni. It can be about Homecoming courts, kings and queens, parades or even decorating the student dorms.

One thing that everyone seems to agree on, though, is that a crucial part of Homecoming weekend is one of America's favorite traditions and pastimes — tailgating.

Tailgating is an ultra-popular event generally seen in parking lots outside stadiums before sporting events or concerts. Setting up in the back of vehicle, people enjoy cooking out, playing music and socializing with friends, family and strangers. And in this way, Eastern is no different. People from all walks of life join together out-

side Alumni Coliseum each Homecoming weekend for one singular purpose: to have a great time.

It's immediately clear after stepping foot in the parking lot that everyone's having a good time. Tents are set up all around with organizations' flags waving high in the air. Grills are blazing every couple yards throughout the lot. Port-A-Potty lines are growing by the minute. There are plenty of games of cornhole and hillbilly golf, plenty of dancing and music blaring, and of course, plenty of drinking.

Given that this weekend also coincided with Halloween, many students even came out in costume. Among these students was "Super-Senior" Anthony Miller, who came in full Captain America garb. Claiming he had been out since 6 a.m. with hopes of making it on the field during the game, Miller exclaimed, "I'm just here to roam around and have a good time, man...Captain America, spreading the love for EKU!"

Another who came out in costume would only identify himself as "Kris Kringle." Dressed in full Santa Claus attire, including a spray painted beard, Mr. Kringle, who seemed to be enjoying a little too much "eggnog," shouted "HO! HO! HO! Go Eastern!"

Others in Halloween dress included rugby players Duke Mann, dressed as Walter from "The Big Lebowski" and Tyler Wade, dressed as one of several gorillas wandering about. "We're just here to chill

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She graduated Eastern in 1941 and has been attending games ever since

MARIE ABNEY, 91, HAS BEEN A LIFELONG COLONELS FAN

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Homecoming draws in people from all over as alumni weekend offers a chance for Colonel followers to reunite once again, discussing memories and where their Eastern degrees have taken them.

In fact, for many life-long fans and alumni every Eastern game is a homecoming.

Such is the case for Marie Abney.

Abney, 91, grew up in Madison County, graduating from Eastern in 1941 with a business degree.

Her local ties to the area influenced her decision to attend Eastern.

Her father drove to town each morning to deliver milk door-to-door, so it was convenient for him to take her to class, that way she wouldn't have to ride the bus.

Abney said her father told her, "I'm going to give you an education, that way you will have something to fall back on."

Back then, it wasn't common for many people to attend college, she said.

And since graduating nearly 70 years ago, Abney has continued to relish in her maroon pride, watching every home football game, and even attending some of the basketball games. She said that she used to go to all of the home basketball games,

and even follow the football team to their games on the road.

But what influences Abney to continue attending Eastern games isn't purely her love of sports, but because it gives her a chance to see her classmates and old friends.

In addition, Abney said the homecoming parade this year was very enjoyable, admitting that she has attended it for many years as well. She included that it appeared that in the past perhaps some of the floats were larger, and more bands would participate, but that this year's was tip-top.

Recollecting on her own years at Eastern, she said the biggest change since her own tenure here is the college's expansion, adding that Eastern State College, as it was called then, was much smaller.

But despite the college's tiny atmosphere, it was enough to please Abney, who joined the campus marching band, in which she played the French horn, and marched at football games and in parades whether "sunshine or cold."

Abney was also a founding member of the Eastern Pioneers, influenced by her being a first generation Eastern attendee from her family.

Upon graduation, Abney taught for one year, but wasn't satisfied. So she applied for an accounting job at the Bluegrass Army Depot, working four years in personnel.

Then, she started a family of her own, taking leave from the career world for 10

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A Cellular Decision

IT CAN BE A TOUGH CALL FIGURING OUT WHICH SMART PHONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

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In two months, I'll be retiring my aging Blackberry cell phone. And I, like millions of others who have already done so before me, plan to round out my life by upgrading to the latest and greatest smart phone.

But that's where the tough part kicks in: Just what is the latest and greatest smart phone?

There are so many excellent phones out there nowadays that picking a new one is almost as difficult (and expensive) as choosing a college.

As they say, the devil is in the details. And while all the phones have something to offer, ultimately it's up to each person to decide which phone is right for them.

iPhone 4 (\$199.99-16GB; \$299.99-32GB) – This beast is probably one of the most well-known cell phones out today. It currently offers users a 5.0 megapixel camera, decent storage, face-to-face video chat and more useless applications than you can

think of. As long as I get to play "Angry Birds," I'm happy.

Pros: For Mac users like myself, the phone is easily compatible with my computer. Macs are known for great customer service. And the touch screen is great for texting (i.e. I won't have to stab my old Blackberry numerous times until my finger is broken to type a message.) The storage, which ranges from 16 to 32 GB, gives me plenty of space for my music, videos and much more. The phone offers cool video chat with its built-in camera (although others have to have the same phone for this to work). It offers 3G networking, which allows users to use their phone connection as a means to get online. Now people can check Facebook while they drive. It's safe, right?

Cons: A phone that rings in at \$199 for 16 GB and \$299 for 32 GB takes a toll on my overall budget. Currently, all users are locked into an AT&T plan for a set amount of time along with the selling of one's soul. There are the occasional disruptions in service that AT&T has become known for. Not everyone has an iPhone, which makes the face-to-face video chat application limited to iPhone 4 users only. It doesn't support Flash video. You can make a phone that can browse the Internet, but you can't make one that supports Flash videos? That's a little disappointing, Apple.

Android (Droid) Samsung Captivate (\$199.99) – Built by Google, the Droid phone is also known in the techie world as the "iPhone killer." The Droid has shocked many with its similar iPhone uses and improvements that surpass many of the iPhone.

Pros: It has use of both touch screen as well as a flip-

open keyboard and is good for people who find touch screens annoying and difficult to type on. The phone can be operated by voice, whether it's a text, a Google search or to get to a website. Suddenly the cell phone just got a lot lazier, but cooler at the same time. The "Chrome to Phone" feature allows users to send maps, Web pages and even YouTube videos straight to their phone. And most importantly, the "Chrome to Phone" feature is free — an instant plus.

Cons: The phone requires multi-button sequences to do simple tasks (i.e. unlocking phone or checking voicemail). Pretty soon, I'll have to enter in secret passwords and sacrifice a small animal just to check my messages. Since I'm stuck with AT&T, I'm limited to lesser models such as the Backflip, HTC Aria, Samsung Captivate and Sony Ericsson. Also, only one of the Backflips offers a keyboard for typing. A keyboard is not required, but having one would be comforting.

Blackberry Torch (\$199.99) – This is the latest model by Blackberry, which offers a sliding keyboard as well as touch screen features. Known for its great use in Web browsing as well as

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ITS A GAMPY, STRANGE RIDE

THE CULT CLASSIC 'ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW' STILL ENTERTAINS, BUILDS A MASSIVE FAN BASE

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"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a very hard movie to define.

When trying to convey its essence to those who haven't seen the film, the conversation almost always inevitably ends with "You just need to see it. Then you'll understand!"

A simple summary of the movie doesn't do it. The movie revolves around a young couple named Brad (Barry Bostwick) and Janet (Susan Sarandon) whose car breaks down one rainy night nearby an impressive mansion. Soon after entering for help, they realize the house is owned by a mad scientist named Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), a sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania, who has been obsessed with creating the perfect man named Rocky (Peter Hinwood). Crazyness ensues. Though this is in fact the film's basic plot, one would still be no closer to really understanding the film after hearing it.

Learning some background on the movie doesn't do it either. The musical, released in 1975, based on a British stage play and directed and written by Jim Sharman and Richard O'Brien respectively, was made as a parody of science fiction B-movies. The film kind of flopped at first, but soon gained notoriety as a popular midnight showing. It quickly grew a huge cult-like following and has been shown in theaters weekly for more than thirty years, making it the longest-running and most successful midnight mov-

ie of all time.

The film was even chosen for preservation by the Library of Congress in the U.S. National Film Registry. Part of the reason the film has stayed so popular and relevant is because of its highly provocative and comedic themes and its portrayal of sexuality.

Another big ingredient to the movie's success is its audience participation. People all over the country still flock to theaters dressed up as their favorite characters to interact with the movie and other audience members. Even by hearing this, however, one still couldn't truly "get" the film.

Listening to the music won't do it. By playing for a friend the classic dance number "Time Warp," the beautifully moving "I'm Going Home," the eerie opener "Science Fiction/Double Feature," or the suggestive "I Can Make You a Man," you will only further confuse them. The songs, though undeniably catchy, are simply a little baffling without their original context.

Perhaps the reason that this film is so hard to pin down is because it isn't really about any one particular aspect. It is about the experience. You can't really know "Rocky Horror" unless you have experienced the film in all of its campy, strange glory.

If you have never seen the movie and would like to, don't be intimidated by its massive fan base. Thanks to the show "Glee," the film is on many people's minds, so now is a perfect time to jump in. Go to your nearest movie store and rent it, or if you can, watch it in a theater with an audience.

Eastern's Student Activities Council is hosting its own "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" showing at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 in the Keene Johnson ballroom if you want to check it out.

Now, let's do the time warp again.



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good e-mail management.

Pros: Premium sleek design with sliding keypad. In addition to a keyboard, the Torch offers a touch screen. Whether you're a touch screen or keypad person, you get the best of both worlds. It offers group messaging and saves me time from having to forward one message to 10 friends. Phone space can be easily upgraded from a 8 GB to 32 GB via an SD card. This would be very convenient and would save me the trouble of having to buy a new phone just to get more data space.

Cons: The Torch lacks games and apps that other phones have. Everyone needs to be entertained when bored; I mean, who wants a phone that just makes calls? A 3.2 inch screen could prove too small for most users. The physical keyboard takes some getting used to due to its feel.

Microsoft Phone (Price not yet available) – Recently Microsoft has jumped on the bandwagon of cell phones and has released the Windows Phone 7. Packed with the features of Windows 7, this phone is an obvious competitor with the iPhone and Apple in general. The phone remains somewhat mysterious, but from what I've seen, it sounds promising.



Pros: Just like the iPhone is for Mac users, the Windows 7 phone is more compatible with PC users. This is the first phone to offer a mobile version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Now I can write last-minute papers in the palm of my hand. Through wireless interface, the Windows 7 phone can sync with Xbox Live, so there's another plus for gamers like me.

Cons: This phone does not allow the use of multi-task. An example: I cannot listen to music while simultaneously downloading music. Say what? Microsoft, you expect me to just sit there brain dead for 5 minutes? I do that on a daily basis! Although the Zune marketplace has several hundred apps, it's nothing compared to the list of apps given from the iPhone. Although the HTC Surround offers slide-able speakers, I'd rather see a slide-able keyboard.

So my list of choices is there. It's all a matter of what provides the better service for me and my needs. If there's one thing researching this has taught me, it's that not all phones are perfect — they all have their faults. I've got some serious thinking to do.

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out, drink, maybe sing a few rugby songs. It's always a pretty good time!" Wade stated.

Mann agreed. "Nothing quite like tailgating in the south!" he said.

Senior Megan Pigman had a few choice words of her own to describe her feelings on the event.

"I LOVE Homecoming!" she cried out, while celebrating her recent LSAT score with some friends. "Homecoming is my absolute favorite event because of the never-ending spirit in the air here. I love seeing all of the past alumni present, especially knowing that I will be returning next year as one myself."

Pigman said she's been coming out to tailgate every year since she was a freshman as the official "grillmaster" in her group of friends.

Though there was alcohol present, it was not necessarily everywhere. Senior Eric Highfield and alumnus Erik Seaman were occupying themselves in a different way. Both were members of Eastern's Dance Theatre, and the two were enjoying a game of water pong with friends. "It's healthier this way," Highfield said with a

chuckle.

Though many followed their example and kept tailgating the entire game, many still looked forward to the upcoming game. Senior Ryan Gleeson, after spending his morning working the President's Brunch with Student Alumni Ambassadors, had high hopes. "We will win," Gleeson said. "I can feel it."

The majority of people in the lot were either students or recent graduates, but not everyone fit this bill. Alumna Jamie Jenkins from the class of '86, with her husband Cedric and son Elijah, was visiting the school for the first time in nearly 20 years. She was here for a reunion with her old sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first African American women's sorority on campus.

"It is certainly a lot different from when I was in school," Jenkins said. "There used to be a lot less cars for sure. Still, I remember coming out for each game, and it is nice to revisit that entire social experience."

And at the end of the day, that is what it all seemed to be about. Homecoming tailgating isn't just about the beer, the music, the food or the games. In the end, it's about the sense of unity that connects all Colonels, both new and old, and the college experience, all wrapped up on a small slab of asphalt.



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The Colonel led the spirit squad to the field Saturday as they tackled Murray State at 3 p.m., defeating Murray 28 to 21.

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years before going back to work at the Depot where she retired after 30 years of service in 1982. After retiring from the Depot, Abney began working part-time at H&R Block and did so for 25 years.

Currently, Abney volunteers at Pattie A. Clay Hospital as a liaison for patients and nurses and has volunteered there for

the last 15 years.

Still going strong, Abney still makes time to remember those cherished years she had as a student at Eastern, and advises current students "to do their best and honor their commitment to the university, (that) life is so short, (and to) get good knowledge and leadership from teachers."

She has two sons, Bill and Gary, who have carried on their mother's Eastern traditions. Bill retired from industrial safety, while Gary currently serves on Eastern's Board of Regents.

This Week in Photos



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TOP: EKU Dance Theatre stirs the crowd in the Homecoming Parade Saturday morning. DIRECTLY ABOVE: A slew of student organizations showed their creative side with unique float displays.

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The Division of Student Affairs and the Commencement Speaker Committee are once again looking for two graduating students (one for the morning exercise, and one for the afternoon exercise) to share their Eastern Kentucky University experience. The persons selected will represent the student body at the December 18, 2010 Commencement exercises. If you are registered for fall graduation, and would like to apply for this honor, please submit the following no later than **Wednesday, November 10, 2010:**

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Eastern seeks revenge against Panthers

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It's make-it-or-break-it time for Eastern's women's soccer team. It's either beat Eastern Illinois and extend their season by another day, or lose and start looking ahead to the start of next season.

The Colonels (7-9-2, 4-4 OVC) face the Panthers (6-8-5, 3-2-3 OVC) in the first round of the OVC tournament in Morehead Thursday at 5 p.m. The Colonels hope to exact some revenge from their 1-0 loss to the Panthers earlier in the season.

"We know that they are a beatable team," Junior Stephanie Murray said.

In their last meeting, the Colonels' offense couldn't find a way to score. The Colonels had a chance in the 30th minute, but Tess Akgunduz's shot was blocked by the Panther's goalie, Kaylin Lorbert.

The Panthers' offense pressured the Colonels in the second half, and in the 63rd minute scored the game's only goal.

Panther Jessica Blake put the ball into the back of the net, after senior goalie Stephanie Lynch initially made a save. Lynch batted the ball down and Blake got a

hold of the rebound and blasted it into the back of the net.

To defeat the Panthers, the Colonels must set the tempo of the game early, re-establish the tempo in the second half and be riskier in offense.

"We must score goals," Freshman Britany Nomady said. "We must start being more risky in the attack by taking chances on the net."

The Colonels' defense has been the anchor of the team. Murray and Sophomores Hayley Wright and Deja Tennon have played every single minute of the season on the back line.

Positioned at fifth seed in the tournament, the Colonels play Thursday afternoon. If the Colonels win, they would have to turn around and play the following day against the top seed Morehead State University.

"I honestly don't think that it is the worst thing in the world, I think rhythm and momentum is huge in our sport," Head Coach Lindsay Basaylga said. "Hopefully we will be coming off the game with a win, and we will have momentum going into Friday night's game."



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Freshman outside hitter Ashley Edmond goes up for a kill against two panther players.

Volleyball drops Panthers; shocked by SEMO

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After a thrilling come-from-behind win on Friday against Eastern Illinois University, the women's volleyball team couldn't keep the momentum going a day later, falling just short, in the fifth set, against Southeast Missouri State.

The win showed that the Colonels can fight their way out of a hole.

The team was down two sets to the Panthers, 26-28 and 20-25, when they turned it on, winning the next three to take the match, 25-23, 25-20 and 15-11.

Players said Coach Lori Duncan's message to the team was the same one she'd been hammering into their heads all year: the game isn't over until the end.

"She just reiterated to us points that she had made before about having that fighting spirit and finishing games," said Ashley Edmond, freshman outside hitter.

Duncan told the team that they weren't attacking the ball quickly enough. In addition, the team was letting deflected balls go out of bounds instead of keeping them in play, Duncan said, adding that that type of play is known as "getting toolled."

Freshman setter/outside hitter Robyn Hench led the scoring with 55 assists. Saturday's game with the SEMO, however, proved to be a roller-coaster ride for the Colonels. The team would lose a set, only to win the next one, repeating this process throughout the match.

Edmond said that the team "halved it" on Saturday.

"We played good enough to get ahead, but then we sort of relaxed or had a let down in intensity and didn't finish the game," Edmond said.

Duncan agreed. "I don't believe the team had the mental toughness to maintain the focus that it takes to win two games in a row," Duncan said.

In addition, she said the Colonels might have taken the opponent's 2-10 record for granted.

"A record doesn't reflect the heart of a team," Duncan said.

Although the team is going to rest some of the players who are a little banged up, the practices this week will be intense, Duncan said.

"You have to have mental toughness and discipline to go along with your 'A-game' at this point in the season," Duncan said.

The Colonels face Morehead State University Friday 7 p.m. at home.



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The Colonels dropped their first meeting against the Panthers 1-0 earlier this season.

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"This will be a very tough football game for us," Crowe said. "We're trying to maintain our focus. ECU is playing great on defense and has playmakers on offense. Pryor, I think, is the best offensive player in the league. As long as he has his hands on the ball you can get beat. This is Eastern Kentucky. I can't speak for every coach, but there is no

game bigger than Eastern Kentucky. We've had our highest of highs and lowest of lows against those guys."

The Colonels trail in the overall series against the Gamecocks, 4-3. In last year's meeting the Gamecocks won a close one 34-26.

The Gamecocks have several offensive playmakers and boast a balanced attack. Quarterback Marques Ivory averages 152 yards a game passing, but also can tuck the ball and run. The Gamecocks have a bevy of running backs, who all can take it the distance. Jamal Young, Calvin Mid-

leton, Coty Blanchard and Darius Barksdals all have more than 50 rushing attempts and more than 150 rushing yards on the season.

"Last week really showed the character of our football team," Hood said. "We're just talking about finishing strong. We didn't do that a year ago. We have a group of seniors who have worked hard and we want to try and do the best job we can to finish out the right way."

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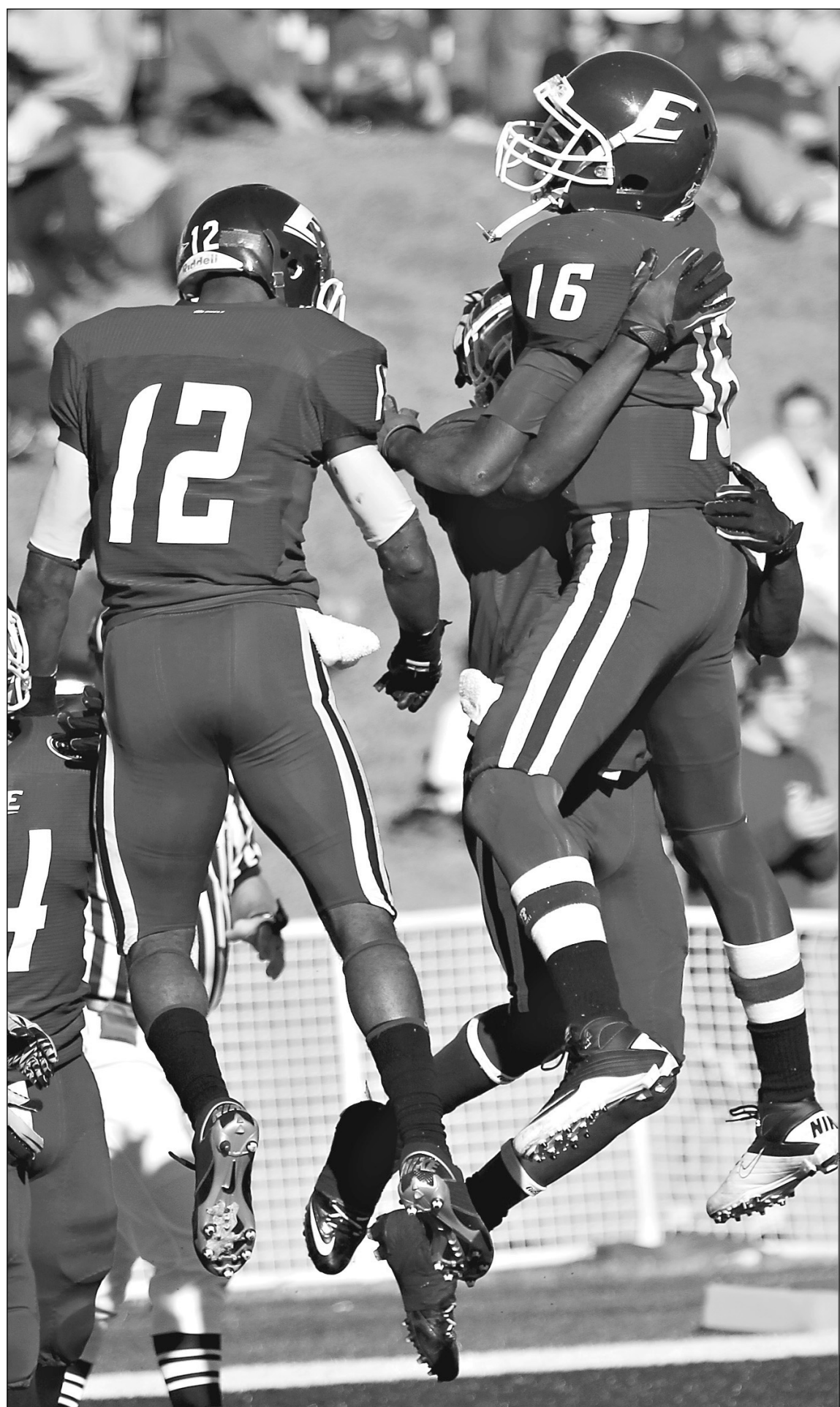
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Colonels proclaim 'we're still here'



Eastern shuts down Murray State's high powered offense on Homecoming with 28-21 win

By RYAN ALVES
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Just minutes after they secured their Homecoming victory against Murray State University, the Eastern football team broke into song inside the locker room. The entire team belted the verses to "Cabin on the Hill," participating in a team tradition decades of Colonel football players had done after every win before them.

As the song ended, Coach Dean Hood relayed this message:

"To everyone out there who thought we were done, WE'RE STILL HERE!"

With a 28-21 win over Murray State (3-5, 2-3 OVC) Saturday, the Colonels (3-5, 2-2 OVC) proved they weren't giving up.

"This is huge for our kids," Hood said. "It was a tough two weeks. That was two tough losses and two long trips. I think it spoke volumes about our kids' character that they didn't cash in it."

Quarterback T.J. Pryor rushed for two touchdowns and threw for another, as the Colonels snapped a two-game losing skid. The sophomore rushed for 79 yards and passed for 140 yards, completing 10-of-17 pass attempts.

"I knew I had to come out and play the game for my team," Pryor said. "It's been up and down for us all season. We knew we had to come here, especially on Homecoming, and get a win for our fans."

But give credit to the Eastern defense.

They limited the Racer offense below its season average for points (34.7).

"Our goal was to stop the running game and the screen game," Hood said. "We felt like if we could do that then we would have a chance to win the game."

The Racers rallied from a 21-10

halftime deficit to tie the game, but with five minutes left the Colonels forced the Racers to punt. Junior Jeremy Caldwell got loose on the return and moved the ball to the Murray State 38-yard line.

"I knew we had to get down the field," Caldwell said. "So I asked coach if I could take the return. I knew I could get some momentum going."

Four plays later, on fourth-and-one, the Colonels took the lead for good. Pryor took the snap, made a cut off the left tackle and found nothing but room as he raced for the 29-yard score.

"I knew it was a big run," Pryor said. "It was a designed quarterback run and I just wanted to get the first down. I didn't realize it was going to be that big of a play. I wanted to make sure we got the first down to keep the drive going. I saw an opening and I just took it."

Murray State got one last chance but the Colonel defense stepped up again.

"We held on with some great effort from our defensive guys," Hood said.

Looking ahead

The confidence-boosting win came just in time as Jacksonville State (8-0, 5-0 OVC), ranked second in the nation, travels to Richmond to put their undefeated streak on-the-line, Saturday.

"Murray was a really good game for us," Hood said. "We were very fortunate to come out with a win. I was really proud of our guys. Coming off a two game-losing streak really could have torn us apart. But our seniors and upper-classman locked arms."

The Jacksonville Gamecocks come into the game off a bye-week.

Head Coach Jack Crowe isn't underestimating the Colonels.

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Quick Hits

The men and women's cross country team claimed their fifth straight OVC Championship on Saturday at the Southern Hills Golf Course.

Eastern's Kat Pagano won the overall women's event. This was Pagano's first individual championship.

Soufiane Bouchikhi won the men's 8K race. The men's team jumped to seventh in the Southeast Region. The Colonel runners took all five top places in the conference championship.

The men's baseball team released their season schedule. The Colonels open the 2010-11 season in California against Pepperdine. They also play non-conference opponents Penn State, Western Carolina, UNC Asheville, as well as, Western Kentucky, Kentucky and West Virginia

The women's golf team finished 16th at the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate hosted by the College of Charleston. Kennesaw State won the overall event.

Libero Abby O'Connor was picked as the OVC Defensive Player of the Week in volleyball.

Quarterback T.J. Pryor was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week in football.

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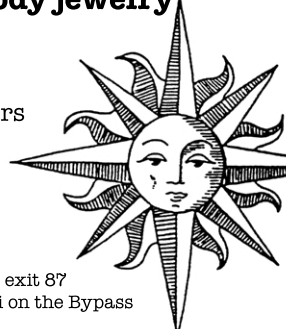
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MEN



Head Coach: Dave Loos
18 seasons
Last Season's Record:
16-13, 11-7 OVC
Predicted Finish: Fourth

Expectations: "We have seven newcomers and six returning players. It's going to be challenging for us to get those guys together and to form a unit. We've had some problems defensively and hopefully filled in the blanks there with a couple of junior-college guys and we have Anthony Campbell back, who I think is a legitimate player in this league, and John Fraley has looked good. I think we are on the right track."



Head Coach: Mike Miller
Six seasons
Last Season's Record:
19-11, 11-7 OVC
Predicted Finish: Third

Expectations: "I think last year was a great year for OVC basketball with the quality depth and balance of the team and I think this year will be even better. I think as you look at the teams you see Murray and Morehead are at the front but after that I think you could look around the room and put anyone else in there. I think it's going to be very exciting."-Mike Miller



Head Coach: Jeff Neubauer
Six seasons (87-70 record)
Last Season's record:
19-13, 11-7 OVC
Predicted Finish: Fifth

Expectations: "Well this time of year it's really hard to know how good we can be. We really like our five returning guys who have proven they can win at this level of basketball and now it's just about jelling together and getting nine of our new guys or at least a couple of those nine together with the rest of our team."-Jeff Neubauer



Head Coach: James Green
Three seasons
Last Season's Record:
11-19, 7-11 OVC
Predicted Finish: Eighth

Expectations: "We've been pretty much the same like every year. But the biggest difference is having five guys back who are used to how we are going to work and understanding the system we run. because for the first time we have all our scholarships and have at least 10 guys in practice every day. So that will be challenging."-James Green



Head Coach: Donnie Tyndall
Five seasons
Last Season's Record:
22-9, 15-3 OVC
Predicted Finish: Second

Expectations: "I think its very exciting from where we took this program over, when it was one of the five worst programs in college basketball. It's called March Madness for a reason, so one night in March you can give yourself a chance. But we have a long way to go to get to midseason form."- Donnie Tyndall



Head Coach: Bill Kennedy
Five seasons
Last Season's Record:
26-2, 17-1 OVC
Predicted Finish: First

Expectations: "With eight returning guys our expectations are to win a conference championship again. We will be greatly disappointed if we don't reach that goal."- Bill Kennedy



Head Coach: Dickey Nutt
Two seasons
Last Season's Record:
6-22, 3-15 OVC
Predicted Finish: Ninth

Expectations: "Naturally our expectations are going to be higher. I really felt like we got off to a good start on our foundation and putting some kids in place that we felt like would help us in the long run. But first we had to get some bigger guys to help on the front line. Adding a guy like Zach House will help us score inside."- Dickey Nutt



Head Coach: John Cooper
Two seasons
Last Season's Record:
8-22, 6-12 OVC
Predicted Finish: Seventh

Expectations: The Tennessee State University men's basketball team opened its 2010-11 schedule with an 84-77 exhibition win over Trevecca Nazarene Tuesday night. The Tigers will host their last exhibition game on the schedule when they play Carson Newman Monday, Nov. 8. The regular season will begin when they face Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. Nov. 12.



Head Coach: Mike Sutton
Eight seasons
Last Season's Record:
15-16, 8-10 OVC
Predicted Finish: Sixth

Expectations: "I am excited. I really like my kids. We had some good practices early and that was good because we had seven new players who are going to be playing for us. We've increased our size and our athleticism, which was key. I think that will help us. It's going to be a challenge, but I like where we are. Like everyone else, we have a lot of work to do."- Mike Sutton



Head Coach: Jason James
Two seasons
Last Season's Record:
4-25, 1-17 OVC
Predicted Finish: 10th

Expectations: "Our expectations right now are to play hard and get better. Last year we went through some tough times, a lot of ups and downs and we weren't very consistent. Our goals this year is to be consistent on a daily basis and improve our offense and defense. Our only focus is on that. We've got a lot of new guys buying in and believing what we're selling."- Jason James

WOMEN

Head Coach: Carrie Daniels
Last Season's Record:
13-17, 11-7 OVC
Predicted Finish: Third

Expectations: "We want to be in the thick of things in the conference race. After winning back-to-back championships we haven't been very consistent in the regular season. We know we haven't gotten it done in throughout the regular season and our goal is to buckle down and be more consistent with that." -Carrie Daniels

Head Coach: Brady Sallee
Seven Seasons
Last Season's Record:
21-9, 16-2 OVC
Predicted Finish: First

Expectations: "I think our expectations for the past few years has been to win championships. I feel like we are at the point where can expect that year in and year out. It is a little more daunting this year because we have eight new kids and no seniors. We do have the talent to get it done and it's going to be about these kids to grow up quicker than they probably will."- Brady Sallee

Head Coach: Chrissy Roberts
Three Seasons
Last Season's Record:
10-17, 8-10 OVC
Predicted Finish: Seventh

Expectations: "We want to be one of the top four teams in the league. A goal we set up, as a team is to win all of our home games. We have to take care of our house. It has to be important to us, the team has been working hard and taking pride in everything that they have been doing." -Chrissy Roberts

Head Coach: Annette Watts
First Season
Last Season's Record:
8-18, 6-12 OVC
Predicted Finish: Ninth

Expectations: "Our game is going to be a much faster game then we've seen here in the past. I feel like with our lack of depth we will have to rely on our other strengths, which are trapping, pressing, that type of defense. I am really happy with the things the team is doing right now."- Annette Watts

Head Coach: Tom Hodges
First Season
Last Season's Record:
22-9, 14-4 OVC
Predicted Finish: Second

Expectations: "Our expectations are high and to at least meet or exceed last seasons school record of 22 wins."- Tom Hodges

Head Coach: Rob Cross
Three Seasons
Last Season's Record:
12-16, 8-10 OVC
Predicted Finish: Sixth

Expectations: "We will be very exciting. We will be a very fast paced team. We have several guards who can push the ball. Everyone can get it and go and have the freedom to make plans in transition. Look for some high-flying stuff around the rim from some of our younger players."- Rob Cross

Head Coach: John Ishee
Four Seasons
Last Season's Record:
7-21, 4-14 OVC
Predicted Finish: 10th

Expectations: "My expectation for the year is to compete for a conference championship every year."- John Ishee

Head Coach: Tracee Wells
Six Seasons
Last Season's Record:
10-18, 7-11 OVC
Predicted Finish: Eighth

Expectations: The Lady Tiger's had their annual blue and white scrimmage Oct. 31. "We will tighten up our loose ends and hopefully look a lot sharper on the offensive end and pick up the pressure defensively. But for a young team overall, not bad for a first look with the lights great" said Tracee Wells in an interview with tsutigers.com.

Head Coach: Sytia Messer
Last Season's Record:
14-16, 8-10 OVC
Predicted Finish: Fourth

Expectations: "We're excited about having players with some more years of experience under their belt. Last year it was all freshman and sophomores now we have juniors. We're excited about the schedule that we have. We're going to Central Florida and Kentucky. Our kids are going to be challenged before we start OVC play"- Sytia Messer

Head Coach: Kevin McMillan
First Season
Last Season's Record:
11-19, 8-10 OVC
Predicted Finish: Fifth

Expectations: "Being picked fifth is a tribute to the way we ended up last year. We are the youngest team in the country and the inexperience will show at times and there is not a logical reason to pick a team with 13 newcomers as high as we were picked," said Kevin McMillan in a recent interview with utmsports.com.

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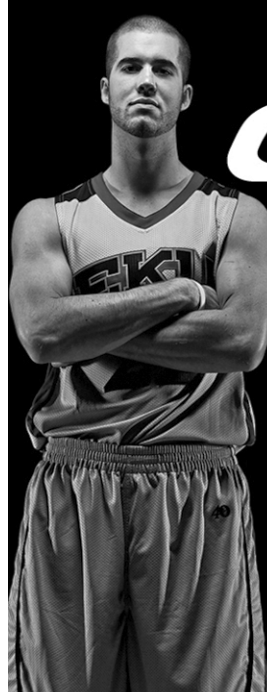


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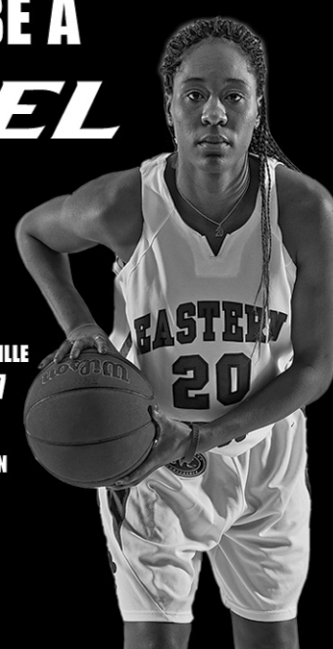
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Neubauer enjoys the great rewards of coaching

By **DARREN ZANCAN**
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Someone once asked Coach Jeff Neubauer how he felt about the decision to become a college basketball head coach.

"It's probably a different answer every day," he said. "Some days are better than others. It's a very exhilarating profession. The opportunity to be around young people and win are great, great opportunities, but they can also be coupled with the hard feelings of losing. That can be such a hard thing when you build your life around winning and losing. That's what coaching is."

Neubauer enters his sixth season as Eastern's head coach.

He's reached the 20-win mark twice as a Colonel, last year being the second.

In just his second year, he led Eastern to a NCAA Tournament berth after beating Austin Peay in the OVC title game.

Last year, with a 20-14 record, Neubauer's squad was invited to the 2010 College Basketball Invitational. The Colonel's went on to lose in the opening round.

But win or lose (even though he loves to win), coaching has always been a true love to him.

"In high school I started thinking about coaching and knew it would be something good for me," he said. "I think I knew since then what would be my first choice that would

make me, I shouldn't say what would make me happy, but instead, what would challenge me."

Basketball coaches face different challenges every season.

With a mix of new players, Neubauer has less than two weeks to put together a rotation that will give him the best chance of making another run this year.

No year is the same, and that is how Neubauer approaches coaching.

At the same time, he appreciates the task of being a division one head coach.

"There are really gratifying moments and that's the thing I say about this profession all the time," he said. "There are great rewards. You see young men becoming better players, and that is the greatest reward of all."

Jeff Neubauer's Career

- Head coaching record at Eastern: 87-70 (under Neubauer the Colonels have tallied at least 10 conference wins for six straight seasons and earned a spot in the 2007 NCAA Tournament.)

Coaching career:

- 1993-1996: The Citadel (asst.)
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Head Coach Jeff Neubauer's team played in the postseason last year for the second time in his five seasons at Eastern.



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Chrissy Roberts was a standout guard for the Colonels from 1996-98. She enters her third season as head coach.

Basketball is a nonstop rollercoaster ride for Roberts

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Basketball can be like a rollercoaster ride, just ask women's head coach Chrissy Roberts.

"It's a straight rollercoaster ride, every day," she said. "Every day coming to work, stepping on the floor, you don't know what you're going to get."

What she gets is a highly competitive basketball team with an All-OVC player in Alex Jones. Not too shabby.

In her third season, Roberts will look to improve on last season's win total.

The Colonels finished fifth in the OVC with an 8-10 record, but were 10-17 on the season.

This is what Roberts is all about: basketball and winning. Her first season as coach, the team practiced every day starting at 5:30 a.m.

Roberts said sometimes her job requires a 20-hour work day. Some of those long work days are spent recruiting; something Roberts has worked hard at.

She recruited Jones and also pulled in the nation's 40th best small forward coming out of high school.

"It's nonstop," she said. "My brain never stops. I could be at home watching TV, but you're always thinking of ways to do different drills, different ways to communicate with your kids. You always preach to your kids the sacrifice,

commitment and dedication, and how those will pay off."

Roberts knew she wanted to either play professional basketball or coach after her college days were over. She didn't have to look too far.

Roberts finished her college playing career as a Colonel, after transferring from the University of Kentucky. So the decision to coach wasn't a hard one.

"Playing professionally didn't work out," she said. "But I had the opportunity to go from an assistant head coach to a head coach, and that has always been a dream of mine. I'm living a dream right now."

"I would like to think the steps I took in my life to get this point, I did something right," she said.

Chrissy Roberts' Career

- Head coaching record at Eastern: 19-37
- Playing career at Eastern:
- 1998 OVC Player of the Year
- 1998 Kodak All-America Honorable Mention
- Holds school records for three-pointers (85 in 1996-97) and career three-point field goal percentage (47.6) in a season.
- Inducted into Eastern's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007



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Coaches from left to right: Assistant Austin Newton, Assistant Luke Strege, Assistant Ryan Wiersma, Head Coach Jeff Neubauer, Associate Head Coach Everick Sullivan and Graduate Assistant Keaton Belcher round out the coaching staff for the 2010-11 Colonels.

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their role," Perrin said. "There are a lot of young guys and I just want to be able to lead and help them out. I've been working a lot on my defense. Defense wins games. We're hungry right now."

Stommes, a 6-7 guard is quickly closing in on 1,000 career points, needing only 39 more to become the 30th Colonel to reach that milestone. Stommes, a preseason all-conference pick, was one of two OVC players to total at least 400 points and 100 assists in 2009-10.

"We have our expectations very high," Stommes said. "We had a good team last year but we have a good core back. Everyone is playing hard. I think my role will be a little more increased but I am just trying to carry over from last year."

Joshua Jones was also on the team last season. The 6-4 guard can fill a variety of roles on the perimeter for coach Neubauer. As a sophomore, Jones ranked fourth on the team in scoring with 8.9 PPG and second in assists with 2.5 apg.

Willie Cruz and Ruud de Jong are both sophomores. Cruz, a 6-4 guard, can rebound and is an excellent passer who posted a 3-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio in 33 games as a freshman. De Jong did not see any playing time last year, but standing at 6-8 will give the team another big body to play inside.

Coach Neubauer doesn't downplay the importance of getting his players on the right track before the season tips-off Nov. 12 against Loyola Chicago in the Nick Kladis Classic, but he is lowering his expectations for a later date.

"We have to have eight guys ready to

play by Nov. 12," Neubauer said. "But are we going to be as good or are we going to understand how to win by then? I don't know. So we've given our guys a date of March 5 when the OVC tournament starts. We may not be as good on Nov. 12 as we are on Dec. 12 or Jan. 12 but we're giving them a long-term perspective."

Early in December, Eastern has the opportunity to knock off the defending OVC champion in a home game against Murray State. The Racers beat Vanderbilt in the first round of the NCAA tournament and were one possession away from defeating Butler University.

The Colonels also travel to Minnesota and Georgia in December.

"I am definitely looking forward to Minnesota," Stommes said. "I'll get a chance to play at home and I think we'll have big things in store for the Gophers."

The 2010-11 OVC tournament will feature a new format as the top eight league teams all advance to Nashville with a chance to earn a berth in the NCAA. The one and two seeds will receive a double-bye, while the three and four seed will get a first round bye.

Coach Neubauer is excited about the change.

"The best thing going right now in the OVC is that we will have eight teams here in Nashville playing for the OVC championship," Neubauer said. "That's something that has been a long time coming and something that makes a lot of sense. It's a tournament atmosphere and its something we've been asking for, for a long time. We're thrilled to be able to have eight teams here in Nashville."

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BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Newcomers to fill important roles



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If you look up the word "jell" in the dictionary, you would get two choices in definition: to come to the consistency of jelly, or to take shape and achieve distinctness--to become cohesive.

Men's basketball coach, Jeff Neubauer is hoping for the latter.

Eastern has his hands full. The Colonels will have an entirely new look this year, as 10 of the 15 players on the roster are either new to the program or did not see any game action last season.

"It's been tough here in the first few weeks of practice but I feel like we are making strides," Neubauer said. "The challenge now is to get all of the players on the same page. This time of year it's really hard to know how good we can be. We really like our five returning guys, who have proven they can win at this level of basketball. Now it's just about jelling together and getting nine of our new guys, or at least a couple of those nine, together with the rest of our team."

The Colonels look to their seniors and a few familiar faces that return from the last season's squad that played in the College Basketball Invitational.

Willie Cruz, Justin Stommes, Spencer Perrin, Josh Daniel and Joshua Jones played a vital role for the Colonels last season, said Neubauer.

As always, under coach Neubauer, Eastern will center itself around unselfish play and the ability to shoot the basketball. The Colonels ranked second nationally in three-pointers made (9.9 per game) and 11th nationally in three-point shooting (39.7 percent) last season. But replacing the shooters from last year's team is proving to be quite the challenge.

"We lost some great shooters in Josh Taylor and Papa Oppong, so we have to find other guys to fill that role," Neubauer said. "We have been the best three-point shooting team in college basketball the last two years, so we've told our team that it is our expectation for this season as well. With that being said, we obviously have different players and replacing special shooters is not easy. We're working on that daily to make it happen."

Stommes, Jones and Daniel are all proven shooters who fit well into the intricate offense. Newcomers Jeff Allgood, Jeff Johnson and Ryan Parsons have the ability to get hot from long distance as well.

Another area of concern with the Colonels is post play. Perrin is the lone returning true forward on the roster. Johnson, Taylor Filipek and Deverin Muff are three

Eastern roster features nine new players, looks to make postseason run

new additions that will contribute down low.

Despite Johnson being a freshman, Neubauer said the 6-8 center had a recent break through in practice.

"Jeff Johnson is a skilled center that can pass and shoot," Neubauer said. "First of all, he made shots in the post and on the perimeter. But more importantly you could just see he was getting it. He was really starting to understand our system and what he is supposed to do."

His effort level and he sprinted the court was tremendous. He really went from a freshman to a guy who really understood what it takes to compete."

Newbauer is looking for leadership from the newcomers.

"As with any team, senior leadership is very important," Neubauer said. "But we've been talking to our guys as much as we can about not discriminating in leadership. We expect leadership to come from freshmen, sophomores, juniors and especially our seniors. It has something we have emphasized with our new faces. They don't have to wait to lead."

Allgood and Jaron Jones are new additions to the roster. Allgood, a 6-2 guard, is another long-range threat while Jones, a 6-6 guard, adds size and length.

The freshman class features five players who were all successful at the high school level. Filipek, a 6-6 guard/forward, averaged 20 points and nine rebounds-per-game as a senior at Willmar High in Minnesota.

Johnson was a part of the 2009 Illinois High School Association 3A state championship team at Centennial High.

Muff is a 6-8 forward who finished second on his team in both scoring and rebounding as a senior.

Jabs Newby and Parsons round out the class. The 6-2 Newby is a slashing point guard who can score. Parsons, standing at 6-3, can shoot the three.

Senior Devin McDonald, who transferred from the University of New Orleans, is 6-1 point guard and could be a pivotal cog in the Colonel machine.

"Devin is a guy who understands the speed of the college game," Neubauer said. "And now we just have to get him adjusted to our system and to value the ball like we do. Our offense can be hard for any new player."

"I think I can bring good defense to the team," McDonald said. "I can start the break and get us into transitions and hopefully make some open jump shots. I know how to handle adversity and handle the tempo. I've been working on my ball handling and getting stronger. I've gained like 9 pounds since I've been here."

The returning seniors Perrin and Daniel hope to lead the Colonels back to the postseason for the second straight year.

Daniel, a 6-5 guard, was a member of the last Eastern team to qualify for the NCAA tournament. A steady three-point shooter, Daniel's role continues to grow.

Perrin is the team's best defender and rebounder averaging a team-high 4.9 rebounds per game last year.

"We hope that everyone can execute well and play

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TREY BURKE/PROGRESS

Senior guard Josh Daniel takes a shot over junior guard Jeff Allgood during Eastern's Hoopfest.

Lady Colonels out to prove rankings wrong

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The Lady Colonels have a chip on their shoulder looking to prove that they are much better than the rankings in the preseason Ohio Valley Conference coach's poll. The OVC coaches predicted that the Colonels will finish in seventh place.

"I was very shocked, being picked seventh means that teams will doubt you," senior forward Cherie White said. "It gives you an opportunity to go in there and let them know you were supposed to win. As a team we have to prove it to them, who we really are and that allows us to work and fight harder."

This is the second straight year coaches have underestimated the Lady Colonels in the preseason poll. Last year the Lady Colonels were picked to finish in ninth place but finished tied for fourth with an 8-10 conference record, 12-17 overall.

The Lady Colonels are looking to build on last seasons and have raised their expectations accordingly.

"You always want to climb that ladder," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "We want to be one of the top four teams in the league. A goal we set up, as a team is to win all of our home games; we have to take care of our house. It has to be important to us, the team

has been working hard and taking pride in everything that they have been doing."

The players also have high hopes for the season. "I expect us to do big things this year," sophomore guard Brittany Coles said. "We have a lot of new players that are going to contribute to the program and we have been working hard in practice."

One player who should make an immediate impact is All-OVC pick Alex Jones. The sophomore forward has a full year under her belt, and the coaches took notice.

"It feels really good, it is a real big accomplishment es-

pecially coming in after playing only one year here," Jones said.

There are a couple of coaches around the league that would not be surprised if the Lady Colonels finished much higher.

"I think Eastern is a team that is ready to breakthrough, clearly they have the best post player in the league in Alex Jones," Eastern Illinois University Head Coach Brady Salle said. "You started seeing the signs of those kids buying into the way (Roberts) she wants them to play last year. It wouldn't surprise me one bit if by the end of February they are on top of this thing. I think they have that type of talent, that type of potential and coaching."

Coach Salle has tremendous respect for Coach Roberts after the two coached together at East Carolina University.

"I think Eastern is very good, I think Roberts has done a great job," Southeast Missouri State University Head Coach John Ishee said. "I really like the guard Shakeyia Colyer, I thought she was very good last year. They have a premiere post player in the conference in Jones. I think they will be good as anybody."

One attribute the team believes they have, at least more than last year, is an overall sense of team focus.

"This season we have more focus because we can go in and win," Coles said.

Eastern also hopes to run more on teams.

"I think the style of play is a lot different from last season," Jones said. "We are looking to get out and push the ball and run more."

Most importantly, Robert's squad believes in the leaders of the team.

"The leadership and intensity has increased this year," White said. "The upper-classman are being more vocal and saying what needs to be said and the young ones are buying into it."

According to Coach Roberts every single game is important to the Lady Colonels.

On Jan. 13 they travel to Charlestown, Ill., to face the defending OVC Champions, Eastern Illinois University. The Lady Colonels go on to face a battle tested Southeast Missouri team. SEMO will have already faced fierce competition from Northern Iowa, University of Louisville, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and University of Notre Dame. Then they will travel to Edwardsville, Illinois to face Southern Illinois Edwardsville. The Lady Colonels end the road trip on Jan. 22nd, when they face Morehead State University.

The Lady Colonels welcome two dynamic players, who were forced to sit out last season because they transferred. Resse Bass, a 5'6" senior guard, played two seasons at the University of Michigan before transferring to Eastern. Jasmine Stovall, a 5'9" junior guard, played two seasons at the University of Central Florida.

"Bass our point guard, she is a good scorer, she knows how to get her teammates open and is a good leader on the court," Coles said. "Stovall is really good at taking it to the basket."

With new additions to the team, and returning veterans, the Colonels hope to prove the OVC wrong, again.

"I expect us to do better than last year; to reach somewhere that this team has not been, which is Nashville," Senior Forward Cherie White said. "The whole purpose of being here is to leave here hanging a banner."

The Lady Colonels host Pikeville College in an exhibition game on Nov. 7th at 1:00 p.m.



Alex Jones

