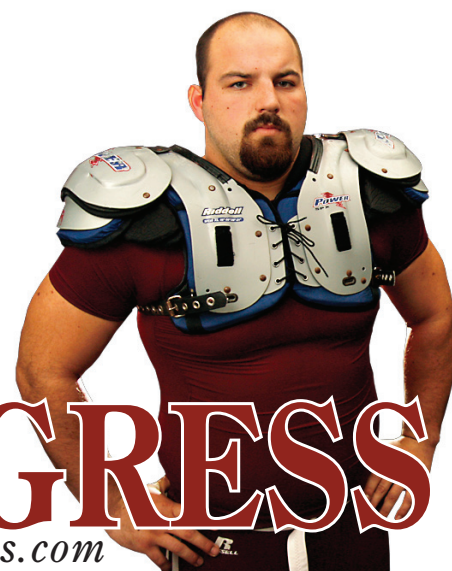




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Opportunistic thief preys on vehicles around campus

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The EKU Police Department received eight reports of theft from vehicles in the Lancaster and Keene Hall parking lots.

Campus police are still investigating the thefts, which happened between Nov. 28 and Dec. 1, but said they think the recent break-ins were planned by one party, and were not just a string of coincidental events.

"With this most recent grouping of vehicle break-ins, it would appear likely that the vehicles were targeted by the same individual(s)," said Lt. Brandon Collins of the EKU Police Department. "We can infer that because of the time frame and locations of the theft, along with the specific method of entry into the vehicle."

Major Bob Mott of the Richmond Police Department agreed.

"It's consistent with what we see in terms of it being one person," he said. "It's probably the same person or a group of people doing it all."

Mott said the reports on campus are handled by campus police, but Richmond police have been in contact to help with the issue.

The break-ins appear to coincide with a high amount of personal property theft in the Richmond area, he added.

In November, 14 thefts from vehicles were reported to the Richmond police.

"In some instances vehicle owners leave their vehicle doors unsecured and with valuable property in plain sight," Collins said. "An opportunistic thief will take advantage of this. Forced entry into vehicles happens considerably less often as opposed to thefts from vehicles in which the owner left the doors unlocked."

Mott said personal property theft is common, especially this time of year, but now it's hitting the school.

"It's a constant around here, and now at Eastern, students are targeted," Mott said.

Campus officials are encouraging



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Authorities received eight reports of stolen property from vehicles in Lancaster and Keene Hall parking lots between Nov. 28 and Dec. 1. Police believe the break ins were organized.

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RSOs help students cope with finals

RLC AND SAC OFFER
STRESS RELIEVING PROGRAMS
DURING DEAD WEEK

By **DANA COLE**
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Blustery wind, sparkling Christmas lights, snow covered trees and a distinctive hustle and bustle about town can only mean one thing: the holidays are just around the corner!

But for Eastern Students, these merry happenings signify a forlorn biannual occurrence known as finals week.

Horror stories of oversleeping for that all-important history final spread rampantly among students. Treacherous tales of all night study sessions that yield failing results can be heard across campus. Many students find the week before finals, known as dead week, to be just as stressful.

The kind and caring folks at Eastern recognize the quandary dead week and finals week present for students, and offer an array of stress relieving activities across campus.

One of the stress relieving tactics employed is the extension of library hours to accommodate students' incessant studying during finals week and dead week.

Rob Sica, a research and instruction librarian, says he typically sees an influx of students during dead week and finals week.

"We see more students during finals, especially in the evening," Sica said. "And you can tell that they seem more anxious."

Sica said that the library tries to accommodate students as best they can during these weeks. This year the library is offering "cookies, cocoa and chair massages" to ease the stress of these five harrowing days. The library has four all night study sessions

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Students give back locally and abroad during holidays

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
ASSISTS RICHMOND
AND NEW ORLEANS

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The Office of Student Life is warming up for the season with the EKU Holiday Giving Program, while also expanding their Alternative Break Program.

The Holiday Giving Program began after Thanksgiving break, and according to Assistant Director of Student Life Brian Perry, it's a great opportunity for students to give back and wrap up their semester.

As part of the program, the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree

was set up in Powell Lobby after the break with about 100 Angels available to the community to adopt.

Each angel represents an underprivileged child from around the area with a list of their holiday wishes on the back for participants to purchase for them. The Salvation Army will deliver the gifts after they are returned this Friday.

From Dec. 1 to 3, volunteers participated as Red Kettle Bell ringers outside of JCPenney. Proceeds from this event help the Salvation Army provide Christmas dinners, clothing and toys for families in need along with providing individuals and families with basic necessities, said Perry.

Still to come is what Perry be-

lieves is the most powerful event of all: Hope in a Bag.

"Those of us that haven't been hit as hard by the recession can remember to help those who have," Perry said.

The purpose of this project is to provide those in need with a bag full of travel size personal items such as shampoo and conditioner or winter wear items such as gloves and scarves. Each bag is labeled as male or female and should include a note with words of encouragement. Participants can drop off their bags to Student Life, which is in charge of getting them to the Hope Center, by Dec. 15.

From there, Student Life will be

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Brian Perry, assistant director of the Office of Student Life, helps organize alternative breaks each semester.

Closet provides professional attire for job seekers

By **STEPHANIE SMITH**
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The average college student's search for jobs can be quite intimidating, and while things like interview skills and resumes are left entirely to the student, many find they are judged on factors they sometimes cannot help—including proper attire. But Eastern's Career Services is looking to change all of that by offering its "Dress for Success closet" to all students fighting the good fight in the job market.

Mary Raider, the assistant director of Career Services, said the idea for the closet sparked in 2005. She noticed that many students lost out on potential jobs and internships simply because they could not afford



STEPHANIE SMITH/PROGRESS

Careers Services offers business apparel to students preparing for the real world.

the proper attire necessary for interviews.

"These students may be the best candi-

date for [the job they're applying for], but they wouldn't look prepared," Raider said. "I felt that was kind of unfortunate."

And so, Raider began sending out e-mails and asking around for donations to the closet, which is located in SSB 426. Raider said the response was overwhelming and the closet received many donations, particularly from faculty and staff.

The closet has been a resource used by a large number of students ever since, Raider said.

"All students are eligible; it's not a need-based program," she said, adding that the program is also completely confidential.

In order to get into the closet, students must be either participating in a job fair or going for an interview for either a part-time

or full-time job. The program does not, however, offer the option to borrow the clothing for class presentations.

"We have a pretty large selection," Raider said. "Students can come in and try on clothing until they find something that suits them."

Once students find something, it's theirs to keep.

"We want students to be successful," Raider said.

Those who wish to donate to the closet should contact Raider at mary.raider@eku.edu or 622-1568. All clothes should be dry-cleaned prior to donation, Raider said, as the program runs entirely on donations and receives no funding from the university.

Students seek to 'write' wrongs of the world



TREY BURKE/PROGRESS

In honor of Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, people on campus gathered in the Stratton Building to write letters at the "Write for Rights" event. Participants wrote letters on behalf of those in the world whose human rights have been violated.

News Briefs

Eastern's holiday giving programs

There will be various holiday giving programs and volunteer opportunities offered by Student Life throughout the remainder of this semester. For more information about how to get involved, contact Brian Perry at brian.perry@eku.edu.

Midnight breakfast

The Student Activities Council will sponsor its "midnight" breakfast in the Fresh Food Company from 10:30 p.m. to midnight Dec. 9. Come for free breakfast food and T-shirts. For more information, contact Nicholas Brock at nicholas_brock8@eku.edu.

40th annual Madrigal Dinner

The Department of Music will host its 40th annual "Madrigal Feast" on 7 p.m. Dec. 10th and 11th in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. The dinner, which will come complete with English fare, jesters, dancing and food, costs \$26 and tickets can be purchased in the Colonel One office. For more information, contact Sue Ellen Ballard at sueellen.ballard@eku.edu.

Madison Towers "gift tree"

A holiday "gift tree" in Cammack Lobby has the wishes of residents of Madison Towers on its limbs. Madison Towers houses elderly, handicapped and disabled individuals. If you would like to participate, go to the Cammack lobby and see the "Ways to Show You Care" sheet next to the tree. The gifts will be delivered Dec. 13. For more information, contact Kelly Osaldiston at 221-6160.

Happenings

THURSDAY

7 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Kentucky Christian at home

9 p.m. - midnight
Bingo in Keen Johnson ballroom

10:30 p.m. - midnight
Midnight Breakfast in the Fresh Food Company (Upper Powell)

FRIDAY

Last day of classes

SATURDAY

12 - 7 p.m.
Climbing Competition at the Fitness & Wellness Center

1 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Minnesota at Minneapolis

3 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Central Arkansas at Conway

SUNDAY

3 p.m.
EKU Guitar Studio Recital in Gifford

5 p.m.
Special Restorative Yoga Class at the Fitness & Wellness Center

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Finals week

Weather

THURSDAY

Mostly Sunny
High: 36 Low: 27
Precip: 10%



FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 30
Precip: 20%



SATURDAY

Few Showers
High: 45 Low: 34
Precip: 20%



SUNDAY

Snow Showers/Wind
High: 36 Low: 10
Precip: 50%



MONDAY

Few Snow Showers/Wind
High: 15 Low: 4
Precip: 30%



TUESDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 23 Low: 10
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WEDNESDAY

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Student's ideology affects her holiday



Jenny Johnson

With the winter season coming up, many people are singing Christmas carols, decorating the tree and putting up stockings and nativity scenes in front yards. In Kentucky, it may seem like everyone is participating in such holiday festivities—but there's at least one Eastern student who doesn't subscribe to the Christian holiday.

Farah Ardeshir is a senior political science major and women and gender studies minor from Lexington. She started following atheist ideology at the beginning of 2010.

She said she has always been skeptical about God's existence and in college met friends who

share similar thoughts.

"I am pretty sure there is no God — that is my belief," Ardeshir said. "But I don't claim to prove the non-existence of God. The capacity of a human is never going to be able to know that."

She said she wasn't raised to practice any certain religion. If anything, she said, she was raised agnostic.

"I can remember talking about 'creepy' events that happened and talking about how it was just a coincidence," Ardeshir said.

It was normal for Ardeshir's family to have conversations about why they don't agree with religion and would question the existence of God, she said. The only constant religious influence in her life is her grandmother, who is a Christian.

Ardeshir said when her grandmother says she will pray for her, Ardeshir responds that

she can send out "positive vibrations to the universe," as she doesn't believe in prayer. But she said she still respects her grandmother for caring for her.

Even though Ardeshir said she has had good conversations with certain religious people, for the most part, she believes "religion appears to be un-touchable."

She added that people do not like their religion to be challenged, and in her experience, religion has been used to justify certain hate crimes. She said these are all reasons why she has chosen to believe in the non-existence of God and why she doesn't endorse any religion.

Ardeshir said in college, religion is a "hot" topic in her community of friends and acquaintances.

"I feel like it comes up every day, at least once a day," she said.

Ardeshir said religion in-

fluences what you talk about, which influences the friends you keep. She said she has a few Christian friends, but cannot spend great lengths of time with those friends because of religion.

She said she wished no religions existed anymore. However, she understands that religions will never completely disappear.

Knowing this, Ardeshir said she hopes people could spend time having compassion and working together toward things such as nonviolence and ending poverty.

She personally chooses to be a moral person while holding to atheist ideology, she said.

And Ardeshir practices what she preaches. She is affiliated with ECU Pride Alliance, ECU Democrats, Feminists for Change, the social group LG-BTQ and is the co-president for The Alphabet Center. She said being an atheist is a driv-

ing force, among other things, for being involved.

This Christmas season she will be celebrating the holiday with her family, but not for religious reasons. Ardeshir said when she begins a family of her own, the tradition will not be continued.



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Farah Ardeshir has played a significant role in many organizations on campus.

* Third installment of senior Jenny Johnson's article series profiling students of different religions and ideologies

Bishop sheds light on human dignity

RELIGIOUS LEADER AND LECTURER RONALD GAINER SPOKE ON 'THE PERSON AND SOCIETY'

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Bishop Ronald Gainer gave a fictitious example of a 20-year-old year adult coming home from a night of drunken driving and how it affects human dignity during his lecture on "The Person and Society" on Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Crabbe Library.

"You lost your dignity," Gainer said, talking about the situation. "It's understanding what human dignity is by making the correct choices—that which is good, truth and beauty. Those are the things we should be seeking."

In 1973 Gainer was ordained as a priest, and in 2002 became the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington.

But now he takes the time to educate people on "what God sees when he looks at the human person," as well as human relationships.

"People have relationship needs," he said. "It's a fraternity

that we seek. It's the obligation to love our neighbor, since we have received unconditional love from God. So we show love to others."

Gainer explained the "Threefold Dignity of the Human Person" under the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first was that God made humans in his image and bestowed upon humans the natural gift of dignity. Then he explained the second form of dignity, which states humans are intelligent and free beings capable of determining our own lives by our own free choices. Lastly, he talked about the dignity of living in a complete union with God.

Before he was finished, Gainer talked about the concept of the human person and how it relates people in society.


"There's no technical term for the human person," he said. "When you take a concept, such as a person, it comes out of Christianity. It's where we developed the concept of a person."

Kevin Parks, a junior criminal science major, attended the event because it was a part of a class project, but left with knowledge he never thought he would ever learn.

"It was really informational," Parks said. "Never really thought about where a person comes from until now."

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Lindsay Huffman, editor

Christmas is a time for cheer and crime

As the holiday season sets in (clearly it kicks off with the start of ABC Family's 25 Days of Christmas), the hustle and bustle of Christmas seems to bring out the best in people . . . mostly. It's a time for giving and caring.

But police departments around the nation would argue against that, considering it's also the time of year that crime witnesses a spike in larceny-theft.

It would appear that some people have termed the holiday season as "the time of the year for taking unlawfully, and keeping."

Thefts and break-ins increase during the holiday season, which local evidence easily supports.

According to campus police, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, there have been eight reported incidents of larceny-theft from vehicles on Eastern's campus. In the month of November, 14 thefts were reported to Richmond police.

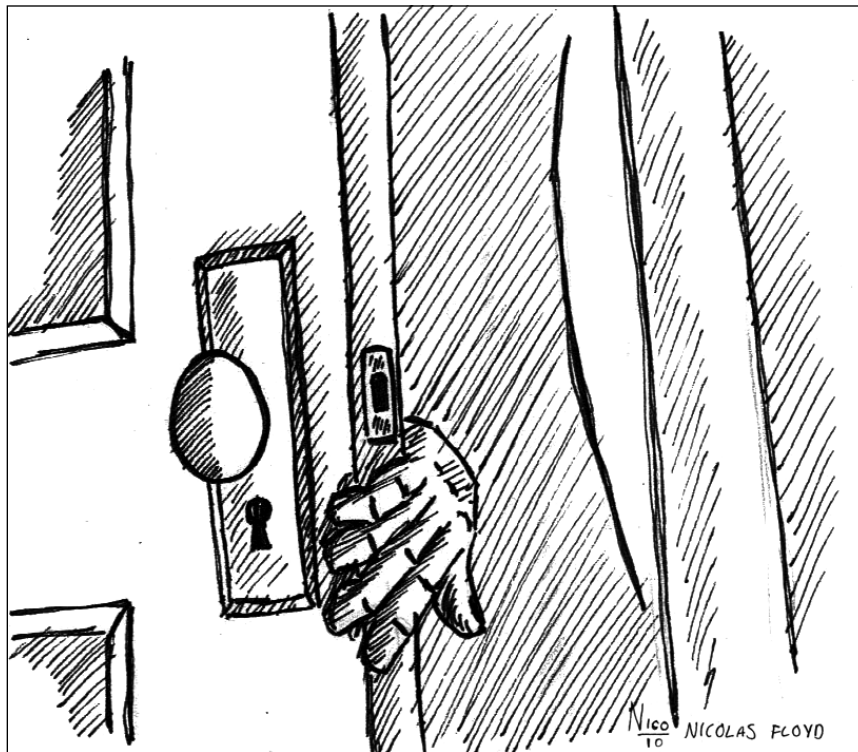
That adds up to roughly 20 reported cases of theft within the last month or so, which also amounts to personal belongings being stolen each night for roughly three fourths of the month.

That's not mentioning items that have not been reported.

University Spokesperson Marc Whitt said that theft happens around this time of year, every year.

So why do people steal at Christmas?

Usually, motives for stealing stem from the desire of getting something for nothing, a bit of greed mixed in with an innate human's nature to want. And that manipulates people to take things without a second thought.



Finder's keepers, right?

Sometimes stealing emerges from quiet acts of desperation, which also delves into the realm of human nature. Robin Hood was a good guy, stealing from the rich to feed the poor.

But what's wrong here?

Whatever the case, the one motive for stealing is economic, that is unless you only steal for the pure obsessive thrill.

If so, then you are the exception to this theory, and it's you that gives "desperation stealers" a bad name.

Now, to provide a sense of clarity within the above

statement, stealing of any kind is not condoned and IS wrong, what is simply being pointed out is that there are more reasonable reasons for stealing than others, if one could fathom such a thing.

In most cases, people steal because they don't have the money.

And at Christmas, money for a lot of people is hard to come by and manage, especially at a time when our country is at its worst economic depression.

So here, "depression" and "desperation" visually and audibly sound much the same and therefore fit hand-in-hand.

Agreed?

If money doesn't buy happiness, not having any sure doesn't make things any easier, especially when people have to buy additional items to please the people in our lives at Christmas, on top of the regular necessities, like paying bills and purchasing bread, lunch meat and toilet paper.

And forbid that tower of Christmas presents be a bit shorter than last year's, as society has deemed it against the norm to not

purchase a plethora of Christmas gifts, and therein, if you don't then you've clearly fallen on "hard times" in the money society.

Today, money is the hidden facilitator behind whether children and families have a merry Christmas.

What happened to realizing what Christmas is really about and enjoying the company of the people that you love most?

Look at what money has done. Has it ruined Christmas?

You be the judge.

>Letters to the editor

Economic factors should be considered in smoking debate

The mention of taxes often makes most of us protest and shout out questions, but sometimes taxes are implemented for more than just simply increasing revenue. There are a few economic reasons for prescribing a rise in the excise tax on tobacco products that do not have revenue at their core.

Tobacco is a huge crop in Kentucky. For many years Kentuckians have enjoyed low prices on tobacco-related products, but within the past few years the price of cigarettes has begun to rise, and this increase is not exclusive to Kentucky. In August 2010 the average tax rate nationwide was \$1.45 per pack, with the highest combined state and local tax rate being \$5.85 in New York City and the lowest being \$0.17 in Missouri.

Kentucky, as well as North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee, are considered tobacco states. Their average tax rate is \$0.49, which comes in at less than half of the nationwide average. Specifically, Kentucky has a \$.60 tax on cigarettes.

When most argue against the use of tobacco products and favor a tax increase, they cite only health-related reasons to fortify their argument, which is effective, but there is an economic angle that also supports this argument.

Economists want to measure the

full cost of a product to collect the most accurate data about economic markets. In this case, an economist would be interested in finding out the true cost of a pack of cigarettes to help evaluate its presence in the marketplace. This process sounds easy; a pack of cigarettes only costs \$4. But this is not the case. Sometimes products produce externalities. Externalities are byproducts created by the creation or consumption of a certain product. Cigarettes' primary externality is secondhand smoke.

From an economist's perspective, cigarettes create a cost that is not factored into the current transaction. The current transaction does not convert the harm of secondhand smoke into dollars and it does not apply it to the total cost of the cigarette, which creates a deadweight loss. A deadweight loss basically measures the inefficiency caused by a market distortion.

In this case, the smokers are much better off than their non-smoking counterparts because they receive all the positive benefits from their product and willingly accept the consequences of its consumption. Meanwhile, non-smokers receive no benefit and are often unwilling to accept the consequences, usually health-related, of its consumption. For this reason, economists favor increased excise taxes

on tobacco products.

There is a direct relation in increased excise taxes and decreased tobacco consumption. There is less demand for a product whose price has recently increased, despite its addictive qualities. Several studies link these two factors and verify the validity of using excise taxes as a method to curb smoking.

Economists favor an increased excise tax because it allows the product to accurately reflect its true cost. An increased excise tax would take into account the cost made by the smoker, predominantly financial, and the non-smoker, predominantly health-related. In this way the price of the cigarettes would no longer be creating any deadweight and would become more efficient, and efficiency is the main pursuit of the economy.

The use of tobacco is still an issue that is debated today. Most seem to want smoking pushed further and further away so as to remove the possibility of secondhand smoke exposure to those who have not willingly paid for it. And those who feel that smoking should be forced away and often use health as the foundation for their argument can now use another angle to support their same viewpoint in a different manner.

Laura Becerra
Student

Ban would be good for campus

As a student of ECU, I believe the steps we are taking in order to make the campus smoke-free are a step in the right direction. This is an important matter, not only for our students, but for the health of our planet and fellow Kentuckians.

Yes, it is a person's right to choose to smoke or not. However, isn't it my right to walk freely through the town I live in and the campus I attend school on without having to think about where it is safe for me to walk? I am probably not the only person that attends ECU and suffers from a smoke allergy, as well as severe asthma.

The abundance of smoke near the doors of buildings and throughout campus in general pose a threat to my physical well-being. Not only do I suffer from shortness of breath when I am introduced to smoke, but I could potentially have an asthma attack if confronted with enough of it. This leaves me wandering through campus avoiding clouds of smoke by weaving in and out of crowds and going through back entrances.

I am not implying that

smoking should be banned altogether in the United States (although I think it should be looked into).

However, I do feel that as an institution, which must look after the well-being of its students, this ban should come with no strife. This ban would not only protect the health of our students, but set higher standards for other campuses around Kentucky and our nation.

I believe the steps the students behind this are taking our community in the right direction, and I would like to personally thank them for listening to the output of the students that this nasty habit affects. I choose not to smoke for my health, and I hope that others will choose that as well.

Hannah Halcomb
Student

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When the ambulance arrives, though, you are suddenly faced with a dilemma.

Should you go to the Pattie A. Clay Hospital that you have heard so many bad stories about, but is right down the street? Or should you stick it out and ride the extra minutes to a hospital in Lexington where you know they have a good name?

I don't want to generalize, but personally, everyone I have ever talked to in Richmond says that if they were in an accident, they would rather be driven the extra minutes to Lexington than be taken to the hospital here.

This is a serious issue. This is your life and you want the best care possible. Is it worth the extra drive?

Everyone I have talked to seems to think so.

I was put into this situation recently, and I decid-

ed to go to Pattie A. Clay. While I am very appreciative for them helping me when I went to the emergency room with a dislocated shoulder, I can think of way more reasons for complaint than appreciation.

I do appreciate how close the hospital is to the school, and all of the people I have met who work there have been nice, but what procedures are they following?

The paramedics didn't seem like they knew how to work a stretcher. They ran me into a doorframe and a pole and they almost dropped me going in and coming out of the ambulance.

After they took X-rays of my shoulder, which was clearly dislocated, I told them how it happened. But they went to the waiting room and told my family and friends that my shoulder was broken, when in fact, it was not (and I knew that without them even doing the X-rays). They discovered later that, like I thought, it wasn't broken.

Then they released me immediately after I woke up from a strong dose of morphine, when they probably should have waited a little longer.

When I went to the emergency room with what I thought was a broken an-

kle, they sent me home without any way to walk, no wheelchair and no crutches. My friend carried me on her back out of the hospital.

I've heard stories about people who go to Pattie A. Clay with gas problems and are told they are pregnant. My roommate, who has asthma, went to the hospital because her tonsils had swollen up and were touching. They left her by herself in a room for three hours.

All I'm saying is that they are developing a bad reputation, and fast.

It's a scary situation: you don't know if it will be better for your life to go to Pattie A. Clay, or risk your time and drive the extra miles to Lexington to a hospital that has a respected name.

I know that doctors have to go to school for a very long time and have to pass specific tests in order to be a doctor, so I don't doubt their intelligence.

But maybe the doctors at Pattie A. Clay follow a bad list of procedures, hired a less than qualified group of people or maybe they just have a lot of people in training.

All I know is that if my life is going to be in the hands of someone else, I want to make sure that the hands I choose can do an adequate job of protecting my health.

My last turn with My Turns and preparing for the future



This is the last My Turn I will ever write for The Eastern Progress. For the time being, at least.

It's a strange feeling to know that this article is the last, because it signifies the end of an era and I know it will be impossible for me to incorporate a full two years' worth of lessons into only 500 words.

So looking at the past isn't an option for me. Instead, like the older Lewis in "Meet the Robinsons" (which, by the way, is one of the greatest underrated Disney movies ever created), I have to keep moving forward.

The question is, where do I go from here?

And I'm not just talking about the year I have left until graduation. Yes, exactly one year from now, I will be thinking of diplomas, caps and finishing my senior thesis. And while all of the details that clutter the joy of graduating from college are certainly to be feared, what comes after is even scarier.

It's the unknown. The uncharted territory, at least for me.

It's the real world. Am I ready for this?

My initially-panicked self says heck no, I am not ready to face the music or whatever other cliché you can think of. I tend to view the future as an abyss: I'm on the precipice, teetering

over into the dark, hoping that when I jump into what I want to do, I won't fall on my butt and regret my choice for the rest of my life.

Let's just say, I'm more of a "the-cup-is-half-empty" type of person.

But I'd also like to think I'm a realist. And realistically, Eastern has been honing me for the real world since I came here in the fall of 2008.

The Progress, of course, has been one of the best preparations for me as a journalism major. It's crazy, hectic, fun, frustrating, stressful, memorable. We worked ridiculously long hours for ridiculously low wages.

But in the end, it was my name on that story, or that page, or whatever small contribution I made to the newspaper that week. Not only did that provide me with great work experience, but it also gave me a sense of incredible satisfaction. I made it through a week of hardworking hell, but I also helped to create something.

And despite what most people think about the media, writing is always incredibly personal. Journalists strive to be objective in their news writing, but it is still difficult to write an article that you worked on, that you did the legwork for and put it out there for mass consumption.

I'll be the first to admit that I always felt a small thrill of terror every week the newspaper came out because I knew that my work was going to be

scrutinized by someone, somewhere.

But even if most people didn't like what I wrote—or worse, didn't even read what I had to say—working at the newspaper gave me a sense of accomplishment that few other jobs could. And for that, I am extremely grateful.

So as I look forward to the future and think about my options—if you've ever read "Just Listen" by Sarah Dessen, then you know it's always good to know your options—I do acknowledge that the job market is pretty much terrible. I understand that if I choose to work as a print journalist, then I will probably never reach millionaire status (hell, I would be lucky to achieve a \$100,000 status).

And I know that while I'm presupposed to be pessimistic for the rest of my life, there's nothing wrong with having a little faith in myself and my choices.

So while I'm a bit nervous about not knowing how the next two semesters are going to go and even more anxious about what will come after, I know I just have to keep my head up high, stiffen up my upper lip, and again, insert any cliché you may wish in this context.

Because while the future is scary, being too scared to follow through with my hopes would be much, much worse.

So on that final note, I'd like to say thank you and farewell, Progress audiences, and happy reading.

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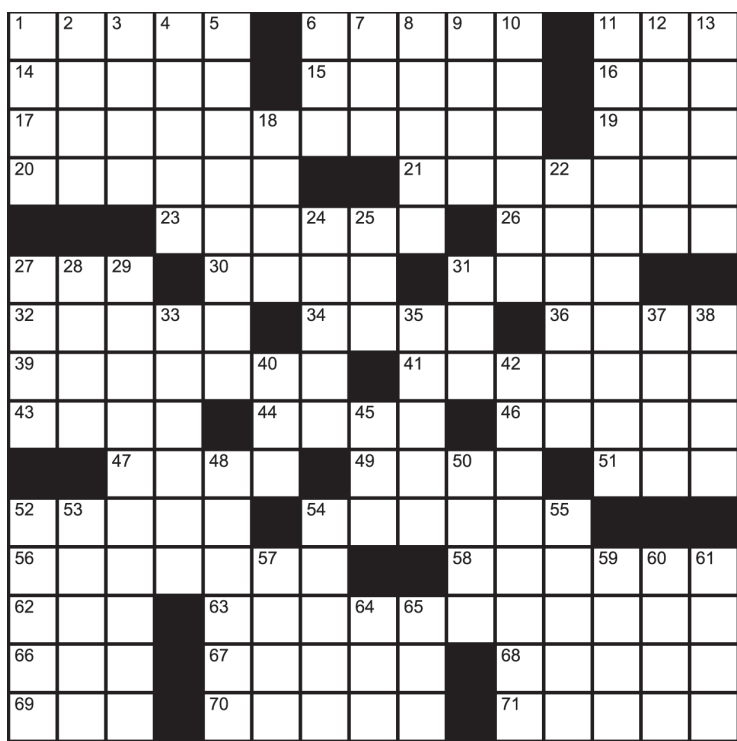
In last week's edition of The Eastern Progress, the "Student e-mails" article was incorrectly placed. The actual story can be found online at www.easternprogress.com.

The Progress regrets the error.

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- Across
- Technical name for the back (pl.)
 - A secret scheme or plot
 - Adage
 - Roswell crash victim, supposedly
 - Invitation heading
 - Amateur video subject, maybe
 - Impulse to steal
 - Bathtub liquid?
 - Put (away)
 - Designate
 - Slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal (pl.)
 - Holes in the head
 - Affairs
 - Sundae topper, perhaps
 - Any thing
 - Open, as a bottle
 - Cut, maybe
 - Alliance acronym
 - Overindulgence in food
 - Taking the form of a chevron
 - Boris Godunov, for one
 - "Beat it!"
 - Hung around
 - "Yes, ___"
 - Bluenose
 - Dash lengths
 - Circuit

- Hitchcock classic
 - Country whose capital is Kishinev
 - Overseas
 - Hawaiian dish
 - Seedless citrus fruit with depression at apex
 - Ashes holder
 - Mournful poem
 - In base 8
 - Chair part
 - Conductor Koussevitzky
 - A form that coils or spirals
- Down
- Trousers
 - ___ podrida
 - Cambodian currency
 - School month (abbrev., pl.)
 - Pronghorn
 - Cirque
 - "Bingo!"
 - Elaine ___ ("Seinfeld" role)
 - "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 - Absorbed, in a way
 - Tree whose sap is made into syrup
 - All excited
 - Student who studies

- obsessively (pl.)
- Aroma
- Frenzied woman
- Choppers, so to speak
- Coal carrier
- A cloud of fine, dry particles
- ___ probandi
- Climbing hurriedly
- "___ alive!"
- Yellow
- Key material
- Abound
- "What are the ___?"
- An end to sex?
- Highly cultured or intellectual
- Harvest goddess
- Is repentant
- A U. N. agency concerned with flight (acronym)
- Small, sealed glass vial
- Bond player
- Machine used to cover a road with asphalt
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students to lock valuable items in their trunks or carry items with them. If a student becomes a victim of a crime, police are reminding staff and students to not try and detain the criminal.

"Students shouldn't keep items that can be seen in their cars," Eastern spokesman Marc Whitt said. "People leave their GPS units and cell phones out in the open. Textbooks are left overnight on the back seat for people to see. If you leave any personal items out, you run the risk of being a victim."

Eastern police have taken extra steps to deter any theft on campus, Collins said. Public safety bulletins are sent out to inform faculty and students to be on the lookout and have increased walking perimeter patrols.

Not all students seem to be worried about the string of break-ins.

"Robbery is a common crime," sophomore Jessica Buschkoetter said. "It hasn't affected me so far, and I can't live my life in fear. And I really don't take extra measures related to my car. I just do my normal routine."

If an incident occurs, contact the Eastern Police Department by dialing 911 or 622-1111.

FINALS

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scheduled in addition to the extended hours.

Resident Life Council (RLC) plays a major role in easing stress from finals. RLC specifically targets students living on campus. One of the biggest things RLC does is sell and distribute care packages for students. RLC sends information to parents about purchasing care packages for students and once the packages arrive, they distribute them.

Care packages consist of an exam survival kit, a fruit basket, a cup of inspiration (instant coffee) or a combination of the items.

Alex Florence, a 19-year-old student from Lexington, received one of the care packages and said he has used several of the items already.

Student Activities Council (SAC) also arranges several activities for students during finals week and dead week. SAC members can be seen around campus passing out free coffee and hot chocolate and small party favors such as stress balls.

This is Florence's very first finals week and he admits

it is a little different than high school, but is looking forward to attending some the events Eastern has planned.

"A lot of the events that I was required to attend as a freshman, I really ended up enjoying them," Florence said. "So I think they will be fun!"

SAC traditionally holds a midnight breakfast each year during dead week. It is breakfast at midnight and it's free!

SAC has also arranged for a comedian to perform this year during dead week. A little laughter can help one to relax for a minute before hitting the books again.

The dorms have designated quiet hours during dead week and finals week to foster a conducive study environment for students.

Seasoned students have devised their own ways to cope with finals. Shelly Winstead, a 20-year-old student from Bardstown, said she just studies constantly.

"I just live off of Redbull and 5 Hour Energy and study old tests," Winstead said.

If the studying becomes too much and students feel they need break, downstairs Powell is the place to go. There is always something going there and there and one is sure to find a posting of a stress relieving they may want to attend.

WINTER BREAK

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ready for their Winter Alternative Break trips. This is the first year for Eastern's Alternative Break Program to include winter break, making them one step closer to having year-round breaks.

For those who are unfamiliar with the program, its purpose is to provide students the opportunity to travel to different locations both domestic and international. While there, the students participate in addressing a need in the community, while also learning about the local culture.

Over the winter break, students of Eastern's Nova program will drive down to New Orleans and lodge at City of Hope located in the St. Bernard Parish. As volunteers for the St. Bernard Project's Rebuilding Program, the students will assist in the rebuilding of homes for various clients, including families and senior citizens.

zens.

According to Perry, some of this rebuilding includes homes that were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"This just goes to show how long it takes for the damage of a disaster such as Katrina to dwindle," he said.

The group is being accompanied by the director of Multicultural Student Affairs George Gallien, who is a native of New Orleans. During the group's free time, Gallien will take the group on a personalized tour through the city's cultural areas.

"Some of our best trips have been led by natives of the area being served," Perry said. "They offer the insights to the areas that you just can't get from a guide book!"

In addition to the New Orleans trip, 21 honors students are preparing for a trip to New York City where they will be staying near Times Square.

Honors Program Director Linda Frost, said the group has been reading literature about "changing" NY to prepare for the service they will take part in with Gay Men's Health Crisis and God's Love, We

Deliver.

"They make and carry food to home-bound AIDS and HIV patients, among other folks," Frost said.

To gain a cultural experience, the group has plans to tour the city and to see a Broadway performance.

"The idea is to explore NYC," Frost said. "To engage with its people through our community service and explorations, and come away with a better understanding of the city and its history."

While the Winter Alternative Break trips are closed to these specific groups, most of the program's trips are open to all who desire to make a difference in and explore other communities, Perry said.

"We are extremely interested in hearing from other organizations on campus that wish to get involved in a service or trip," he said.

For more information on upcoming events and Alternative Break Trips, students can visit the Office of Student Life located in Powell or contact Brian Perry at brian.perry@eku.edu.

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PRIDE WITH NO PREJUDICE

EASTERN'S PRIDE ALLIANCE
SPONSORS AN EVENING OF
MUSIC AND DRAG

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On Dec. 3rd, a chilly and snowy Friday night, one could find all the warmth a person could want at the EKU Pride Alliance event.

Entitled "One Night of Music, Drag, Free Food, Prizes and Friends," students from all over Richmond and beyond met in the Gifford Theatre on Eastern's campus to enjoy an evening of socializing, live bands, and of course, a drag show.

The bands included Lexington-based Spooky Q's and Fair Heron, both of whom drew encouraging responses from the crowd. The drag show was put on by The Imperial Court of Kentucky.

"The Imperial Court came to our 'Out and Proud' event a while back, so it's awesome that they're on Eastern's campus again," said senior Farah Ardeshir, who was on the planning committee for the event.

"They're so tall, and beautiful, of course." President Adrienne Harper also said the organization thought it would be good to host the event for other LGBTQ students on campus.

"Unfortunately, all around the country and the world, there isn't tolerance for LGBTQ, and because of that, members of our community face discrimination and hate," she said. "When we have an event like the drag show or any other event that we have held, it shows that we are just like everyone else: We have a diverse background with varying interests, we like to have fun, we have friends and family that we love and we want to be accepted."

The event was beneficial to other organizations as well. The money made at the event was used as a fundraiser for the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center.

"BRCC provides outstand-

ing support, advocacy and resources for many individuals in Kentucky who have experienced violence or sexual assault, and we hope that we can continue to do other fundraisers for them in the future," Harper said.

Though the event certainly had a deeper purpose and meaning, to many it was also a night to relax and, more importantly, have fun.

Junior Alicia Bingham said she certainly shared this sentiment.

"It helps gets the Pride name out there, and gives students a chance to just have some fun," Bingham said. "You know, everybody's stressed, everybody's getting ready for finals, so it is nice to just step back and have a good time."

Junior Miles Owen said he came primarily for the social aspect.

"I just come to hang with friends," he said. "This is my first drag show I've been to, but I've always been comfortable around people who are comfortable around themselves, you know? Good people are good people, it doesn't matter what they wear or what they do. They're still people."

Many, like Owen, were attending their first drag show that night.

"I really like supporting these LGBTQ events," Ashley Banks said. "Though this is also my first time seeing a drag show, I did look up the bands playing tonight online through some of their links."

Others were involved with orchestrating the entire evening. Sophomore and Pride Alliance officer Jaden Kilmon

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"For once it's not people concentrating on what makes us different from one another, but rather what brings us together."

- Jaden Kilmon
Pride Alliance officer



Graduating art students showcase talent at year-end exhibition

THE BFA ART EXHIBIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE GILES ART GALLERY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

By KRISTIE HAMON
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As the end of the semester nears, it's once again time for the graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts students to display all of their hard work.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit kicked off the opening of the exhibit in the Giles Art Gallery with a reception that lasted from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Both students and art critics flowed into the gallery.

Esther Randall, the gallery director and a Professor of Art at Eastern, said the BFA show displays various media, including graphic design, photography, paint, sculpture, ceramics and print making.

She also said many of the works are available for purchase and explained that the student artists have written statements that are displayed next to their art about the different things that they are trying to achieve.

The seniors' art will be displayed in the Giles Gallery for two weeks and anyone can visit during the various gallery hours.

Randall said the gallery is always changing, stating that it hosts four shows in the fall and five shows in the spring.

Dustin Stevenson, a senior BFA major with a focus in photo art from Irvine, had several photos displayed of children and babies.

"I like to stay away from the norm," he said.

Stevenson said he enjoys using children as his photography subject because of their different emotions. He pointed to one of his pictures that showed a baby. He said it took him a while to get that picture because the baby had been crying the whole time. He finally rolled over and Stevenson was able to shoot the picture just in time.

"When I photograph children, the subjects are either wholly uncooperative, or completely unaware of my mission," he

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said. "If I am patient, my subjects reveal their personalities to me."

Senior Austin Deal, who's pursuing a BFA degree with a focus in sculpture and ceramics, decided to make his art interactive.

Deal had three shelves with different shaped cups that he had created. Above the shelves was a sign that read, "1. Pick a cup 2. Think about why you choose the cup

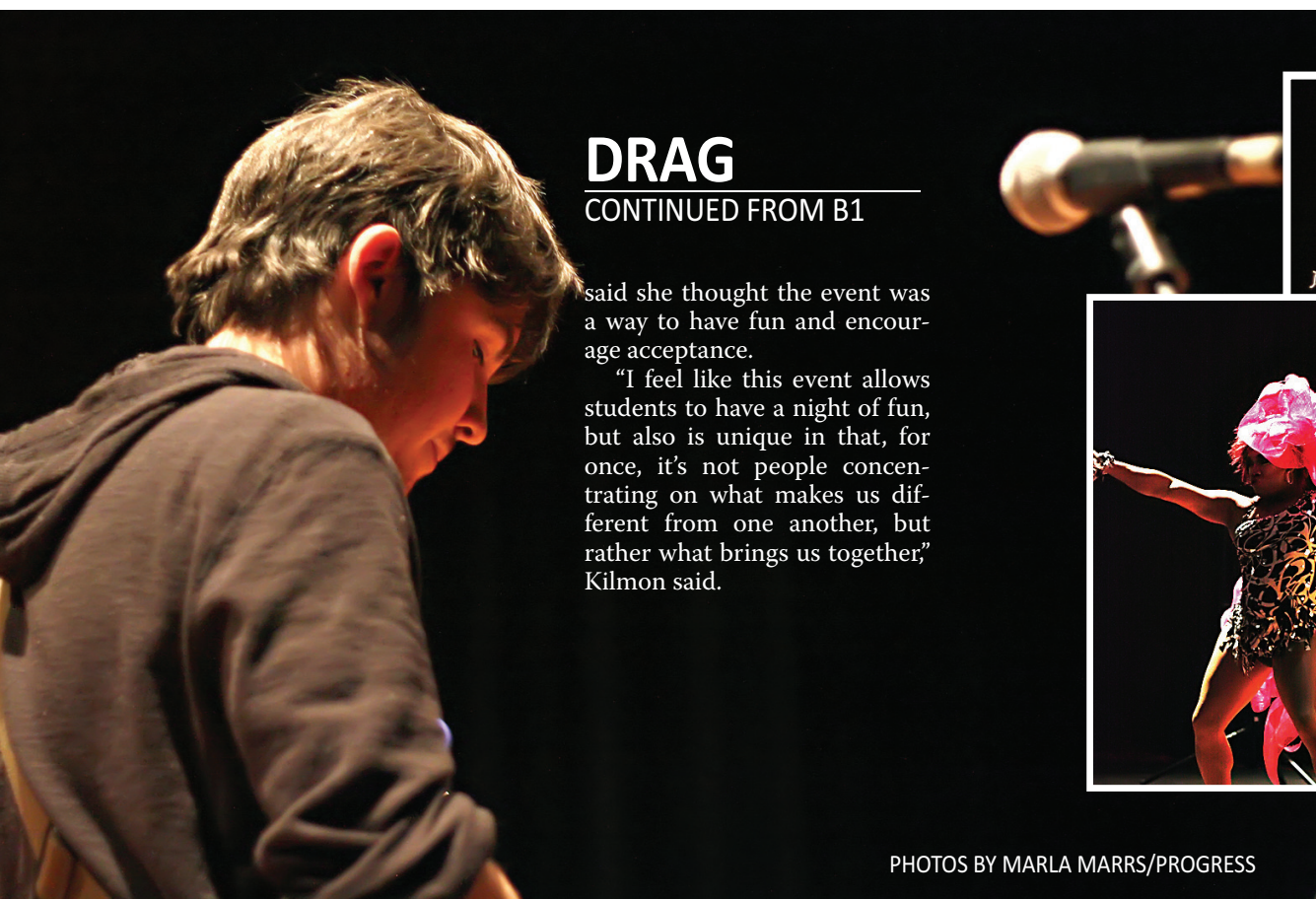
you chose. 3. Take cup home."

Deal explained that he believes that humanity is organic and did the cups to demonstrate the process of thought influenced by the process of elimination. He said this is a mechanical process, therefore demonstrating a relationship between the organic and mechanic as everyone picked a cup that suited them.

Deal also said he wants people to enjoy his art and have something to keep to remember him by.

"My artwork expresses these interesting situations of the symbiotic relationship between man and nature," he said. "The smallest elements of an object make the biggest differences in this world."

For more information, call the gallery at 622-8135 or visit the gallery's website link at www.art.eku.edu.



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said she thought the event was a way to have fun and encourage acceptance.

"I feel like this event allows students to have a night of fun, but also is unique in that, for once, it's not people concentrating on what makes us different from one another, but rather what brings us together," Kilmon said.



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Final exams are much favored to final projects



Tristan Meiman

Let me be the one to say that out of all the dead weeks that I have experienced, this one seems like a never-ending hell. Whoever came up with the idea that students like us actually needed to attend class or do any class work on dead week instead of studying deserves to be publicly beaten. I've been a good boy all semester; I at least deserve a week to recharge what little energy I have left.

But finals week is near.

The semester begins to draw to a close and with that students, as well as myself, begin to work on last-minute assignments or begin studying for final exams. As for myself I only have three final exams.

To you that may not sound bad at all, which in all honesty is not. The finals are easy and shouldn't be too much of a problem.

But there is a downside to this.

While dead week is a time when most students work hard and study for their tests, I'll instead be working all week on a final project, which in my case IS my final for a class that shall not be mentioned. In all reality I would rather take a final exam than I would a final project.

With a final exam I only have to worry about one person, mainly me. Most finals are usually comprehensive. So if I did well throughout the semester, then the final is no prob-

lem. Even if it's non-comprehensive, still no problem. Just study the hell out of the new one and bam, I'm set.

Another reason is that unlike a final project, you can actually cram for a test.

With enough caffeine in my system to the point where I can stop time, all nighters are a synch.

Even just quick reviews over the material proves easy, and while professors claim that you shouldn't have to memorize the material, it never hurts to try.

Now to balance things out, let's look at why final projects are a gift from the darkest pits of hell.

Let's place you in a scenario.

The final project assigned to you is a group project. This already is a good thing seeing as though the work can be evenly distributed. You meet up with your group once or twice a week bringing what you've done to the table.

But there's always that one person in the group who slacks off and expects the group to do the rest.

OK, so yeah, in the end they get a failing grade. But here you are stuck working on something that could have already been done, and you could be either stressing over another final or be already packing for the trip back home. This is just one of the annoyances that come with final projects.

What if you don't have a group and it's just you? Well, already this sucks, so that's problem number one. Problem number two is the amount that is given.

You may have a ten page double-spaced paper to type up about a topic that not even your professor cares about.

So with all the workload on you, and a ridiculous amount of pages and resources to be expected, things have already taken a turn for the worse.

So with final exams you already know the material and if not, an all-nighter never hurt anyone...well, as far as I know. So my final message to you all is good luck on your finals, and if you like me have been stuck with a final project, I wish you courage.

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The Final Countdown:

Student approaches to ace finals

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Finals start bright and early Monday morning, so for most students, the stress is on. How are students managing to keep their cool and prepare for their tests at the same time?

"To me it's just part of another week," said Sam Johnson, a broadcast electronics major from Waynesburg.

Stephanie Bell, an elementary education major from Louisville, said she

and her friends have a game night the weekend before finals.

In order to ensure good luck on the finals, Bell brings a good luck charm with her.

"I always wear my favorite necklace that me and my two best friends got," Bell said.

Courtney Maynard, a psychology major from Inez, also has a superstition she sticks with during finals week.

"I keep the same pencil all year that I've tested with [during finals]," Maynard said.

A political science major from Greenup, Derrick Virgin said to blow off some steam during finals week, he enjoys playing his Xbox 360. He added that he has a specific way of studying before a final, too.

"I always study right before I go to bed," he said.

So make sure to get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and bring plenty of sharp pencils to your finals to ensure a less stressful testing experience. It would also be a wise decision to

leave cell phones at home in order to avoid any test day confusion. However you prepare for finals, keep in mind that winter break will only be a few tests away.

The men of Kappa Sigma are 'wanted'

KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY BECAME AN OFFICIAL CHAPTER AT EASTERN DEC. 4

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With plans to make real strides beginning in January, soon Eastern will learn all about why "A Kappa Sigma is the most wanted man in the country."

Officially signed into a fraternity on Eastern's campus this past weekend, Dec. 4 to be more specific, Kappa Sigma President Matt White admitted it took a while to get to this point, but the journey was well worth it.

"It's humbling and exciting to see it all come together," White said. "It's scary too, but we're learning day by day."

The idea of starting Kappa Sigma at Eastern began in the spring of 2009, when six guys met up in Room 1122 of Keene Hall.

In that moment, Eastern's Kappa Sigma truly began. And since then, despite its rough patches, it has emerged as a respectable fraternity boasting nearly 50 members.

"We build ourselves on four main points: fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service," White said. "One thing we don't want to be known as is a drinking club. We want to be known as a group of gentlemen seeking the betterment of the people around us and the betterment of our own selves."

Kappa Sigma's national philanthropy is the Military Heroes campaign, which White said consisted of helping to fund a rehabilitation center, commonly known as the Fisher House, for wounded veterans and their families to come and stay. The primary location of Kappa Sigma's Fisher House is in Washington, D.C.

White's journey with the fraternity has also been an interesting one, admitting that when he first came to Eastern he never thought he would join a fraternity, simply because of all the stereotypes that go along with it.

But now he's grateful for all the opportunities that Kappa Sigma has granted him, but most importantly he is glad to be helping pave the way for future members.

White echoed what he also stated in his address to Kappa Sigma members this past weekend.

"The opportunity we have in front of us is something incredibly amazing, beyond what Kappa Sigma represents itself," White said. "We have the chance to make a difference (and) change the face of what the Greek community is here at Eastern."

For more information on Kappa Sigma, or to get involved with Eastern's chapter, contact Matt White at 502-693-4547, or visit the national website at www.kappasigma.org.

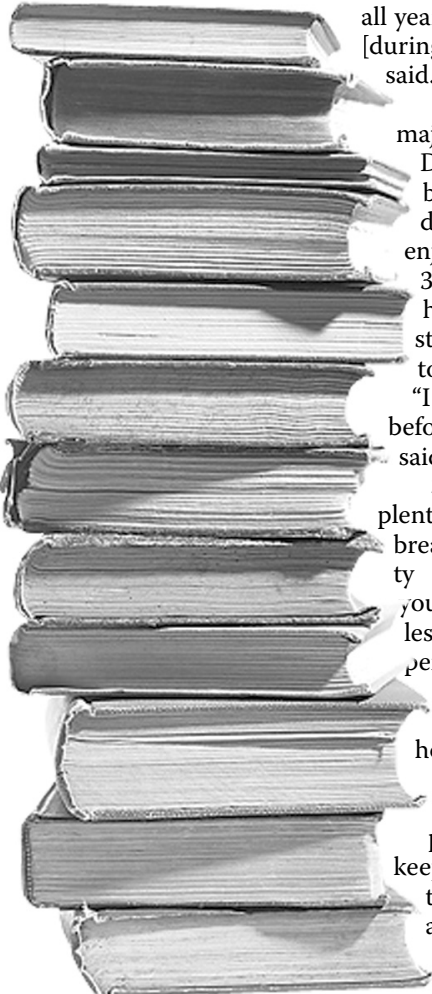


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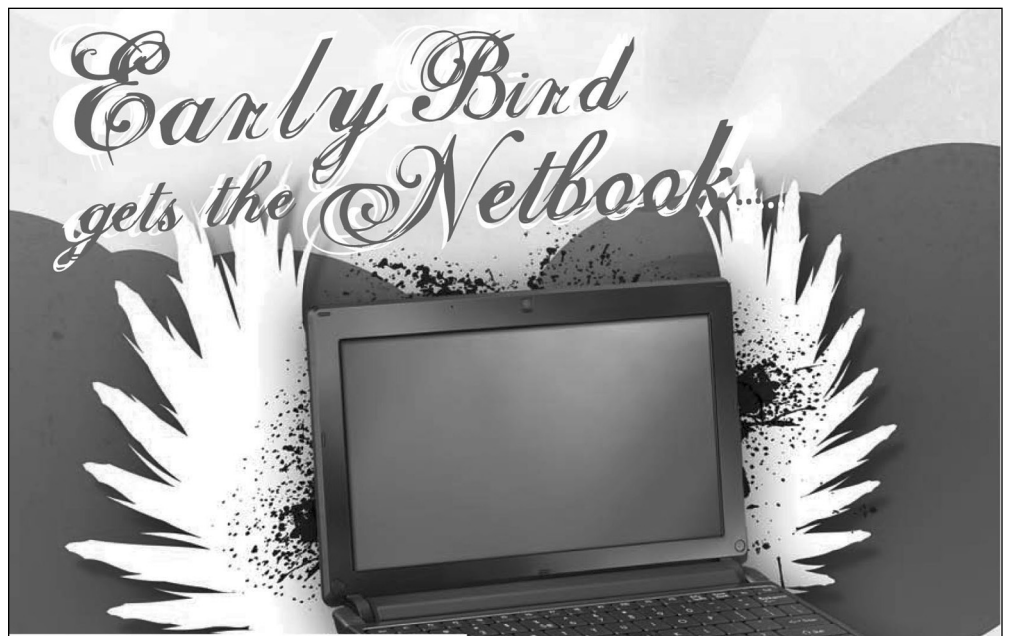
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Andrew Soucy, right, breaks through the line in this year's game against Austin Peay. Soucy celebrated his Senior Day with a 17-3 win over the Governors.

SOUCY

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always been my dream," he said. "I may not ever get this chance again. I don't want to waste it. It's going to be hard work, but I'm up for it."

Soucy said he needs to work on his speed and pass rushing ability. But Dalrymple said he will be close by to offer his assistance.

"I told him to go ahead and build me a little barn out back," Dalrymple said. "I'll do anything I can to help him achieve that."

If his dream of playing in the NFL doesn't come true, Soucy said he'll be OK. After all, he will graduate in May 2011 with a bachelor's degree in fire and safety science.

"I never really wanted to be a firefighter when I was a kid," Soucy said. "That started when I came to ECU. I realized I needed to have a backup plan and start looking for a career in case this didn't work out."

Why a firefighter, you ask? Simple.

"A firehouse is a lot like a football team," he said. "There are guys you depend on for your life, and you're counting on them to do what they're supposed to do. Or else it's going to be bad for the whole team. It just kept me going with this team aspect that I've grown to love so much."

That's where life comes full circle for Andrew Soucy.

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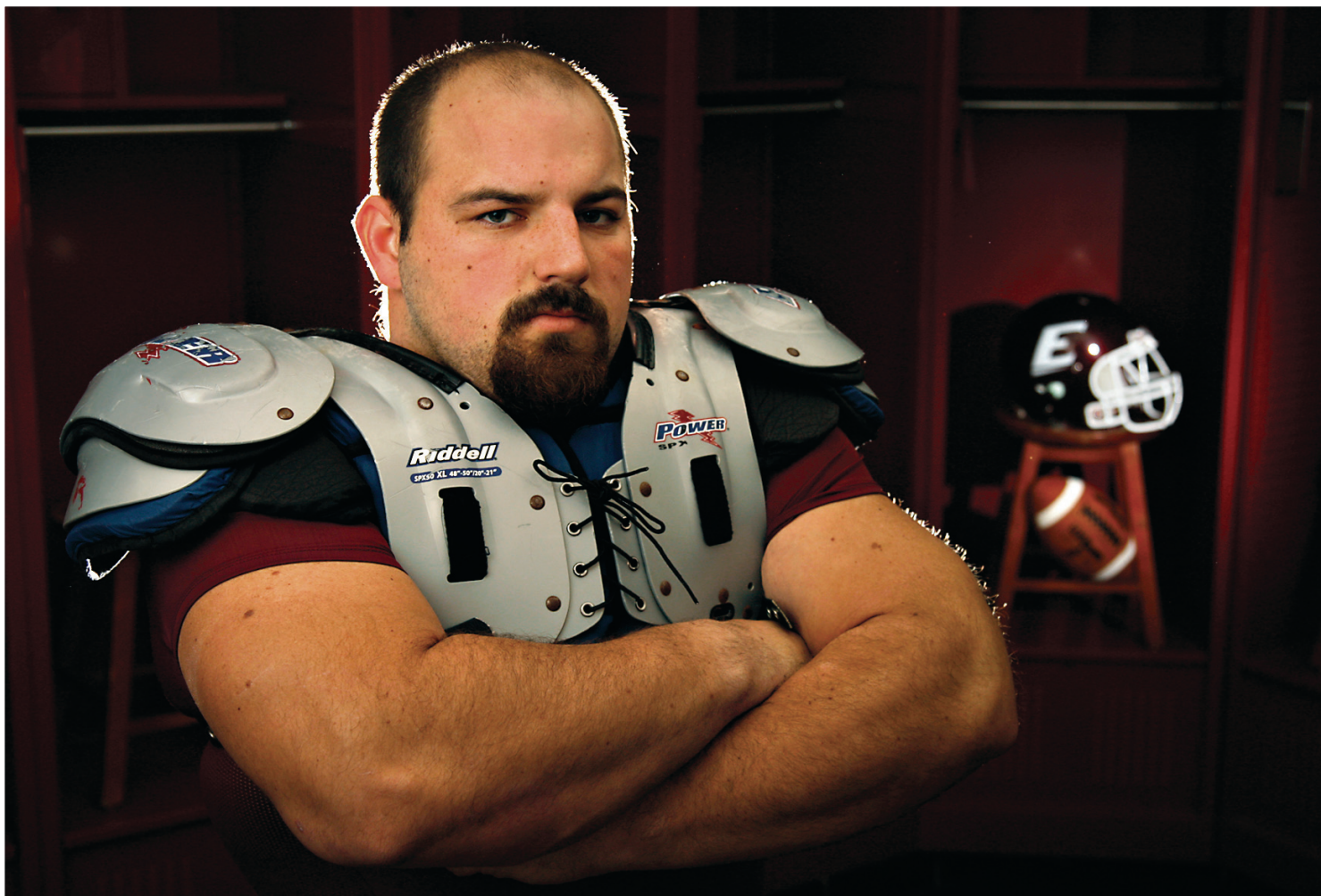
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Soucy graduates in May with a fire and safety science degree. If an NFL career doesn't pan out, he wants to become a firefighter.

Soucy's Summer dream

THE SENIOR OVC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR HAS PLANS TO ENTER THE NFL DRAFT THIS APRIL

By RYAN ALVES
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As a kid playing backyard football, Andrew Soucy pretended he was Joe Montana or John Elway.

The native of Canton, Ga. dreamed of throwing the game-winning touchdown in the Super Bowl.

But rest assured, if this 6-foot-298-pounder makes it to the National Football



FILE PHOTO/PROGRESS

Andrew Soucy celebrates a defensive stop against Eastern Illinois earlier this season.

League, he will be chasing a quarterback instead of being one.

Being selected in the NFL's summer draft may seem like a long shot coming out of the FCS subdivision, but Soucy, this year's Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the year, is determined to make his dream come true.

"It's always something you dream about as a kid," he said. "I was always taught good things come to those who work hard. I'm working really hard to take that next step in my career."

Soucy's senior season at Eastern wasn't his best statistically speaking, finishing the year with only 28 tackles, but that doesn't mean he wasn't a pivotal cog in the Colonels' defense.

"Without him in the middle we wouldn't have been anything," said Jordan Dalrymple, Eastern's middle linebacker. "Every play, he had two guys on him. And he opened up a lot of room for other guys to make plays. The nose guard has to plug up the middle; it's attrition down there and he was tremendous at it."

Soucy was a mainstay on the Colonels' defensive line that led OVC in sacks per game and finished 29th nationally in rush defense, allowing only 125.5 yards per game.

Despite being the focus of every team's blocking schemes, individually Soucy ranked fifth in the OVC in sacks and 10th in tackles-for-loss. He finished the 2010 season with 28 tackles, 10.0 tackles-for-loss and four-and-a-half sacks.

Soucy, a four-year starter after being redshirted in 2006, finished with 121 career tackles and nine-and-a-half sacks.

But this season, he relied on his leadership ability instead of his swim move. After the Colonels fell to 2-5 and the hopes of a winning season looked grim, Soucy took a stand.

"Back in my redshirt season they were 2-5 at one point and then brought it back to a winning season," Soucy said. "I just tried to look back and see how those guys inspired me to lead in a situation like that."

"A firehouse is a lot like a football team, there are guys you depend on for your life, and you're counting on them to do what they're supposed to do."

Andrew Soucy
Senior Defensive Tackle

The leadership role was familiar territory, so it was a natural step for the him.

"I've always seen myself as a natural leader," Soucy said. "But when that happened I was just kind of shoved into that vocal role. Kudos to the guys for rallying around me."

On and off the field, Dalrymple has come to expect nothing less than the best from one of his closest friends.

He works harder than anyone," Dalrymple said. "Off the field he is a guy you can trust to do anything for you. On the field he's a warrior; he's one of the best at that position. I'd want him on any of my teams."

After the conclusion of the season, Soucy said he thought hard about his future. It didn't take long to make the decision to continue his football career.

"Like I said, playing professionally has
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Corporate cash takes away from the games I love



When I emceed the Association of Volleyball Professionals Tour, or AVP, in Chicago in 2007, I noticed players with tattoo-like stickers on different parts of their bodies.

Those stickers were sponsorships. Some athletes had Gatorade logos placed on their foreheads, while others had them on their shoulders, thighs and backs.

Since pro beach volleyball players are limited in playing attire, the only option was to have sponsorships on different parts of their bodies.

I've thought a lot about that lately—not Gatorade stickers on a girl's shoulder—but how corporate sponsors, athletic sponsorships and the business as a whole have grown.

Sadly, teams and stadiums need the money. If sponsors are going to dish out the money, obviously most teams are going to take it.

There are 32 NFL teams. Of those 32 teams, 18 stadiums are named after a bank, financial institution or college.

In last week's column I talked about college football bowl games and how they have been renamed after a sponsor.

I know sponsorship is a major money-maker, but for the fan in me, it makes me sad.

Underneath it all the game is still played the same, with two teams gutting it out to see who the best is in all of the land, but corporations are taking something away from the game.

Imagine heading to next season's football home opener for the Colonels and seeing a Honda logo on their jerseys, or a Hastings logo on their helmets.

Or the volleyball team trots out in uniforms sporting Casa Fiesta and Culver's on their spandex.

It could happen in the next five years. A corporation calls, offering \$100,000 to tack that logo on your butt, and that money will help pay for X, Y and Z. Most teams would take it.

Now, I am not saying that will happen in college sports because of rules and such, but it could.

I never thought "The Dome" in Indianapolis would ever change, but now it's Lucas Oil Stadium.

Sports Illustrated picked up on this a week or so ago. At a recent college basketball tournament, the floor was littered with corporate logos. In fact there were six to eight logos spread across the floor. So they illustrated what a basketball court would look like if the entire floor were covered in logos.

The Garden, home to the Boston Celtics, is now the TD Garden.

Times are changing. It's hard to accept.

Maybe it's just me, but I want to go back to the times when no corporation paid top dollar to slap its name on a stadium or a jersey.

But corporations want their name everywhere and anywhere. They want people to take notice, then pick up the phone and apply to the University of Phoenix.

They want you to open a bank account with them, or head to the Chick-fil-A Bowl, watch the game, then eat a chicken sandwich from their restaurant.

Maybe if I close my eyes it will all go away.

Or maybe I shouldn't, because if I do, I'll wake up branded, covered in sponsorships.

Minnesota natives head home to face nationally ranked Golden Gophers

By RYAN ALVES
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When Eastern played its first game against the University of Minnesota on Nov. 28, 1977, Justin Stommes, a native of Cold Spring, Minn., wasn't even born yet.

That 61-59 loss for the Colonels came long before Stommes was thinking of Richmond.

But on Saturday, the senior will have a chance to return to the Great North he is familiar with. Stommes graduated from Rocori High School, 80 miles west of Minnesota's campus.

"It'll be great going home back home," he said at Halloween Hoopfest earlier this season. "I think we'll have big things in store for the Gophers."

True freshman Taylor Filipek will also be returning to his home state. Filipek is from the Willmar, Minn. area.

"Playing Minnesota will be a great opportunity for us to take some kids home," Neubauer said. "Justin Stom-

mes and Taylor Filipek will both have great crowds there. We try and do that for our guys every year."

As of press time on Wednesday, Eastern (4-4, 1-1 OVC) was coming off a victory over OVC foe UT-Martin, 77-69.

Early in the second half, Stommes scored his 1,000th point as a Colonel. Josh Daniel led the Colonels with 17 points and tallied three assists. Perin chipped in with 15 points and Willie Cruz grabbed a team-high six rebounds off the bench.

Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said he wasn't very happy with his team's focus after blowing a 21-point lead to the Skyhawks, though.

"I think the number one thing that happened in the second half was our focus was very poor," Neubauer said after Saturday's game. "We approached it like we had a 20-point lead and not as if the game was 0-0."

As of press time Wednesday, Minnesota (7-1) won 71-66 over Cornell University. Blake Hofferbar scored 13 and Trevor Mbakwe grabbed a career

high 16 rebounds. Ralph Sampson III also chipped in with 13 points.

"They certainly have a tremendous shooter in Hofferbar," Neubauer said. "They do have some big bodies inside. They are such a huge team and long and athletic. That is what makes them so tough."

Minnesota suffered their first defeat of the year to Virginia, the first non-conference loss since Head Coach Tubby Smith's arrival in 2007.

Smith, the former University of Kentucky coach, has his squad ranked No. 20 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll that came out Monday. Earlier in the year Minnesota won the Puerto Rico Tip-Off Championship, beating Western Kentucky, North Carolina and West Virginia in the finals.

Making the trek north will serve as a learning experience for the Colonels.

"Anytime you take on good basketball teams, hopefully it's a learning experience," Neubauer said. "Especially when your team can gain confidence from a game like this. It really helps."



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Junior guard Jaron Jones goes up for a layup against two UT Martin defenders. Eastern won the game 77-69.