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# EKUupdate

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## Kentucky Riverkeeper Launch May 6 at Fort Boonesborough

Think of it as a floating neighborhood watch.

And, in this case, the “neighborhood” is the Kentucky River.

At 10 a.m. Monday, May 6, noted environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Backstreet Boy and Kentucky native Kevin Richardson, EKU officials and other dignitaries will gather at Fort Boonesborough State Park for the launch of the Kentucky Riverkeeper, a first of its kind for the Commonwealth. The ceremonies will include a christening of a Riverkeeper boat donated by the Brunswick Corporation Boat Group, whose president is Dustan McCoy, a 1972 EKU graduate and Grayson native. The public is welcome.



Kennedy



Richardson

The Kentucky Riverkeeper, established by

the Center for Appalachian Studies at EKU, is part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a growing grass-roots environmental movement nationwide, a citizens’ patrol to protect communities and the waters on which they depend. More than 80 waterkeeper programs have been established in North and Central America.

“Watershed awareness is the number one issue,” said Dr. Alan Banks, director of the Center. “Robert Kennedy and others have put a lot of effort into building this movement, and they’ve struck a responsive chord. Our partnership with the Alliance puts us in touch with the necessary resources, experience and know-how to protect the Kentucky River, which is one of the most special waterways in the world and a beautiful natural resource.”

The Center’s involvement will allow the Riverkeeper to “harness the skills, talents and resources of faculty and students from many academic disciplines and focus them on community concerns,” Banks said. “The Riverkeeper will offer wonderful hands-on learning opportunities for our



**DOING HIS PART** – Dr. Matthew Winslow, an assistant professor of psychology, picks up trash along the Lake Reba shoreline. The EKU Greens sponsored a Saturday clean-up as part of the University’s month-long Earth Days in the Cumberlands celebration.

undergraduate and graduate students.”

Banks said the Riverkeeper will:

- engage the public in river awareness, protection and maintenance activities.

- respond to citizen complaints.

- identify and draw attention to pollution problems along the river.

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## EKU to Honor Outstanding Alumnus, Others April 27

John Hanlon, a 1964 graduate who was paralyzed in Vietnam combat and went on to serve his fellow veterans during a distinguished 21-year career with the Veterans Administration, is EKU’s Outstanding Alumnus for 2002.

Hanlon, of Memphis, Tenn., and five inductees into the University’s Hall of Distinguished Alumni will be honored at the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 27. The banquet, at 7 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, is the concluding event of EKU’s Alumni Weekend April 26-27. Tickets for the banquet are \$20 each and may be reserved by calling the University’s alumni relations office, 622-1260.

The Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductees are: Eric Abercrombie, ’70, Cincinnati, Ohio, director, Office of Ethnic Programs and Services, and director, African American Culture and Research Center, University of Cincinnati; Judge James E. Keller, 2000, Lexington, justice, Supreme Court of Kentucky; Janie Abbott Miller, ’77, Shelbyville, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Insurance; Elizabeth Snoddy Monarch, ’80, Paris, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital; and Judge Danny C. Reeves, ’78, Lexington, Federal District judge, Eastern District of Kentucky.

(Keller attended Eastern from 1960 to 1963, then was admitted to the University of Kentucky Law School. He was awarded a baccalaureate degree in 2000 under a University policy that allows for the transfer back of



Abercrombie



Hanlon



Keller



Miller



Monarch



Reeves

appropriate credits.)

Hanlon began his military service after earning a bachelor’s degree in geography and geology and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army through Eastern’s ROTC program. While serving in Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, he was severely wounded during the Battle of Ia Drang Valley in November 1965 made famous by Hal Moore’s book “We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young.” The fighting, some of the fiercest in the entire war, marked the beginning of the massive ground war in Vietnam.

For his heroics, Hanlon received a Silver Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations, but, after 32 operations to heal his wounds, he was left permanently paralyzed from the waist down. Later, his valor was recognized at EKU when a campus street, John Hanlon Drive, was named in his honor.

He joined the VA Medical Center in Memphis in 1978 and held a series of progressively responsible positions, until retiring in 1998 as chief of the Management Advisory Section, Resources Management Service.

Throughout his career, Hanlon worked diligently to foster awareness and sensitivity to

issues and barriers faced by disabled employees. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Mid-South Chapter, of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, co-chairman of a fundraiser for spinal cord research. For his efforts, he has earned numerous awards from the Veterans Administration.

After arriving on the Eastern campus from Carroll County in 1959, Hanlon recalled that his “world immediately grew a lot larger. Until graduation, my ol’ knowledge knapsack was filled with provisions and some tools for gathering more that have sustained me this far along the journey, and I know will keep me as far as I have to go. It seemed we got to stand on the shoulders of some wonderful professors and look a ways farther down the way we were choosing than we might ever have seen without them.

“I don’t consider myself a distinguished alum but, rather, a richly blessed and proud alum of a distinguished University.”

Candidates for the awards are selected each year on the basis of professional and personal achievement from among nominations received from EKU graduates by the Executive Committee

of the EKU National Alumni Association.

Alumni Weekend this year features special reunions for the graduation classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977. Invitations also have been sent to alumni who graduated one year before or after the special reunion classes.

The April 26 schedule at the Arlington House includes a 6 p.m. faculty/alumni reception, alumni dinner at 7 and a “Casino Night” from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$20 a person, and advance reservations are recommended. Admission to Casino Night is \$10 a person.

The fun continues Saturday, April 27 at the Keen Johnson Building, where registration and a “Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast” begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes a 11:30 a.m. class buffet luncheon (cost \$11), class meetings and photographs, and recognition of EKU Pioneers, those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago.

For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations for any of the events, call 622-1260 or e-mail [alumni.event@eku.edu](mailto:alumni.event@eku.edu).



Events

Monday, April 22

Human Rights Symposium

“Islam, Democracy and Human Rights in Africa,” symposium, 4-6 p.m., Crabbe Library 118, speakers include Dr. Bankole Thompson, EKU; Sakah Mahmud, Transylvania University; Jonathan Reynolds, Northern Kentucky University; and Lori Hartmann-Mahmud, Centre College.

Tuesday, April 23

Colonels Back Home

EKU vs. Samford, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Clarinet Choir Recital

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Professional Seminar/Fashion Show

6-8 p.m., Herndon Lounge, Powell Building, sponsored by Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Wednesday, April 24

Baseball Homestand Continues

EKU vs. Samford, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Lecture Topic: Cora Wilson Stewart

“Cora Wilson Stewart and the Struggle for Adult Literacy in Kentucky,” Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, chair, Department of Geography, Government and History, Morehead State University, 7:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building, part of year-long lecture series sponsored by EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

Trombone Ensemble Recital

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 24

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Poetry reading, noon-1:30 p.m., Fountain Food Court (outside, if weather permits), all readers welcome, sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta.

Thursday, April 25

Campus-Wide Memorial Service

4 p.m., Chapel of Meditation, in remembrance of students, faculty and staff who died during the past year. Service will include special music, prayers, meditation and remarks from President Glasser and other University officials. To be honored: Lance Barnett, Mark Hamblin, Rebecca Hull, Carl King, Sara McGill, Dr. Terry Lee Adams, Dr. Wayne Swezig, Dr. Tom Myers, Dr. David Ng, Dr. Herman Bush, Willie Caudill, Harold Lamb, Rex Murphy, James Renfro, Virgil Clay Richardson, Dawn C. Lainhart, Velma Lee Roper Lawson, Charles Meece, David Rowe, J. Allen Singleton, James D. Witt and Wanda Wooton. Families, friends and University community invited. Anyone unable to attend may request a videotape from EKU TV Production

Services, 622-1681. For more information, call Dr. Patrick Nnoromele, 622-1723, or SGA President Nick Bertram, 622-1724.

Chautauqua Lecture

“The Changing Relationship between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge,” Wes Jackson, executive director, The Land Institute, Salina, Kan., 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua lecture series on human rights.

String Ensemble Performs

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Saturday, April 27

Softball Twinbill

EKU vs. Tennessee State, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

Sunday, April 28

Horn Studio Performs

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Softball Homestand Continues

EKU vs. Tennessee State, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

Baseball Action

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Sigma Tau Delta Chili Supper

6 p.m., members of the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, and guests are invited to a free chili supper at the home of Drs. Dorothy and William Sutton. RSVP by 3 p.m. Friday, April 26 by calling 623-6071 or e-mailing dorothy.sutton@eku.edu

Sunday, April 28-Saturday, May 11

BFA Art Exhibit

Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduates Art Exhibit, featuring work of Burt Bucher, David Jenkins and Keri Grout, opening reception, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, for regular hours, call 622-8135.

Earth Days Schedule

Monday, April 22

■ Earth Day Environmental Fair, music, booths, open mike and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., outside Powell Building.

■ Free concert, 7:30 p.m., Ravine.

Wednesday, April 24

■ “The Changing Relationship between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge,” Wes Jackson, 7:30 p.m., Room 116, Moore Building.

Friday, April 26

■ “American Ginseng: A Novel Alternative in Cancer Treatment?” Linda Murphy, chemist, Southern Illinois University, and Al Fritsch, Appalachia: Science in the Public Interest, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Room 103, Moore Building.

Saturday, April 27

■ 5K Race for the Planet, 10 a.m., begin at Stratton Building. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, cost is \$6 without t-shirt. Pre-register by April 19 in Begley Room 202 for \$2 discount. For more information, call 622-1244.

Wednesday, May 1

■ “Safe Disposal of Chemical Weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot,” panel discussion including invited representatives from the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Chemical Weapons Working Group and the Army, 7 p.m., Perkins Building.

Monday, April 29

Baseball Doubleheader

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Wednesday, May 1

Colonels Host Cardinals

EKU vs. University of Louisville, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Thursday, May 2

Saxophone Ensemble

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Friday, May 3

Concerto Concert

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

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Announcements

Elias Wins Teaching Award

Dr. David Elias, associate professor of English at EKU, has received an Outstanding Teacher Award for 2002 from the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English.

Elias will be honored at a November conference in Baltimore, where he also has been



Elias

asked to speak on “My View of Teaching.”

Elias joined the EKU faculty in 1989 and has taught the basic writing and reading sequence, freshman English sequence, Advanced Composition, Science Fiction, Literature of Paranoia and Conspiracy, Theories of Composition, Modern Rhetoric, Introduction to Composition Studies and Literature Survey.

From 1992 to 2001, he served as coordinator of developmental composition. For the past year, he has served as graduate assistant mentor.

Elias earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley; a master’s degree in English from Rutgers and a doctorate in education from Stanford.



DIVERSITY/ADA AWARENESS DAY – SST Communications, a Chicago-based theatrical group, presented two performances related to diversity and disabilities awareness during the University’s Diversity/ADA Awareness Day April 10.



# Retiree Banquet Honors 60

Sixty EKU employees with a combined 1,416 years of service will be honored Monday, April 29 at the University's annual retirement dinner.

After a 6:30 p.m. reception, the dinner will be held at 7 in the Stratton Building Cafeteria. Tickets are \$17 and are available at the Coates Administration Building cashier's window. They also may be purchased at the door the night of the dinner, but advance purchase is encouraged.

The retirees and most current position are as follows:

Danny C. Abner, master maintenance mechanic, Facilities Services; Benjamin Bayer, director, Billings and Collections; Connie L. Beazley, administrative assistant, Business & Technology; Mary Bosley, office machine operator, Information Technology & Delivery Services; Betty Brock, food service worker, Food Services; Doug Burnham, professor, Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work; Janet Collins, director/professor, College of Health Sciences Continuing Education; Nancy Daniel, assistant professor, Model Lab; Mary Dickerson Davis, administrative assistant, Financial Affairs; John Denton, professor, Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work; Barbara J. Doan, library technician, Library Services; Jack Dyer, professor, Accounting, Finance & Information Systems; Nancy J. Enzie, administrative assistant, Library Services/Human Resources; Bonnie Farley-Ingram, senior secretary, University Bookstore; Lizzie Farthing, custodian, Facilities Services; Phillip Farthing, locksmith, Facilities Services;

Charles Forrester, associate professor, Criminal Justice & Police Studies; Andrew Gill, laboratory manager, Chemistry; Barbara Goe, food service worker, Food Services; David Greenlee, professor, Music; Evelyn Hall, food service worker, Food Services; Roberta Hendricks, professor, Curriculum and Instruction; Kenneth Henson, professor/dean, Education; Joretta Hill, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Ordelle Hill, professor,

English; Jamesetta Honaker, administrative assistant, Arlington; Cheryl Howard, payroll manager, Payroll Services; Zelma Isaacs, head custodian, Facilities Services; Lally Jennings, associate director, Alumni Relations; Nancy Kenner, administrative assistant, Health Sciences; Glen Kleine, professor, Communications; Sue Lainhart, administrative assistant, Registrar;

Priscilla Lane, assistant professor, Model Lab; Linda Laswell, secretary, Intercollegiate Athletics; Marijo Levan, professor, Mathematics & Statistics; Norman Martin, manager, Information Technology & Delivery Services; Gladys Masagatani, professor, Occupational Therapy; Joseph McCowan, custodian, Facilities Services; Calvin Mitchell, custodial foreman, Facilities Services; Kenneth Nelson, dean, Continuing Education & Outreach; Lucie Nelson, director, Community & Workforce Education; Devonna (Terri) Perkins, departmental secretary, Psychology; Margaret Pitcher, library assistant, Library Services; Judith Purvis, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Imogene Ramsey, chair/professor, Curriculum and Instruction; Glen Renner, custodian, Facilities Services;

Nancy Revel, food service worker, Food Services; Allan Richardson, maintenance mechanic, Student Development; Norman Riggs, coordinator, Training Resource Center; Beverly Smith, training specialist, Training Resource Center; Charlene Townsend, head custodian, Facilities Services; James Ward, coach/assistant professor, Intercollegiate Athletics; Uranus Warford, custodial foreman, Facilities Services; Odis Webb Jr., head custodian, Facilities Services; Carol Williams, associate professor, Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing; Lorena Willis, custodian, Facilities Services; Carolyn Wilson, secretary, Professional Lab Experiences; Vance Wisenbaker, dean/professor/consultant, Information Technology & Delivery Services; Otha Wolfenbarger, master plumber, Facilities Services; and Mary York, food service worker, Food Services.



**RETIRED V.P. ROWLETT HONORED** – Dr. John Rowlett, retired vice president for academic affairs and research, was honored at a recent ceremony that included the unveiling of a portrait that will hang in the lobby of the Rowlett Building. Greeting Dr. Rowlett at the reception is fellow retiree Patrick Ridgley. At right is Dr. Rowlett's grandson, Chase Fairchild.

## Publications & Presentations

**Clark, Kerri.** "Good Internet Music Resources?: Music Resources for Elementary, Middle, High School & College," *Bluegrass Music News*, Vol. 53, No. 3 (March 2002), pgs. 31-33, 51.

**Dean, Margaret, and Kopacz, Paula.** "Every time you see UNCLE TOM'S CABIN: Memorial to Martyrdom and Domesticity," *Kentucky Philological Review*. Vol. 16 (2002), pgs. 13-19.

**Engle, Allen D.; Spain, Judith Winters, and Thompson, J.C.** "Actors-In-Time: A Proposed Real Time, Decisional Model For Evaluating the Ethical Content of Decisions in the Financial Services Industry," *Teaching Business Ethics*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (February 2002), pgs. 137-150.

**Horn, Tammy.** "Re-dressing the Past: Dresses as Domestic Texts in Katherine Anne

Porter's 'Old Mortality,'" *Kentucky Philological Review*, Vol. 16 (2002), pgs. 27-31.

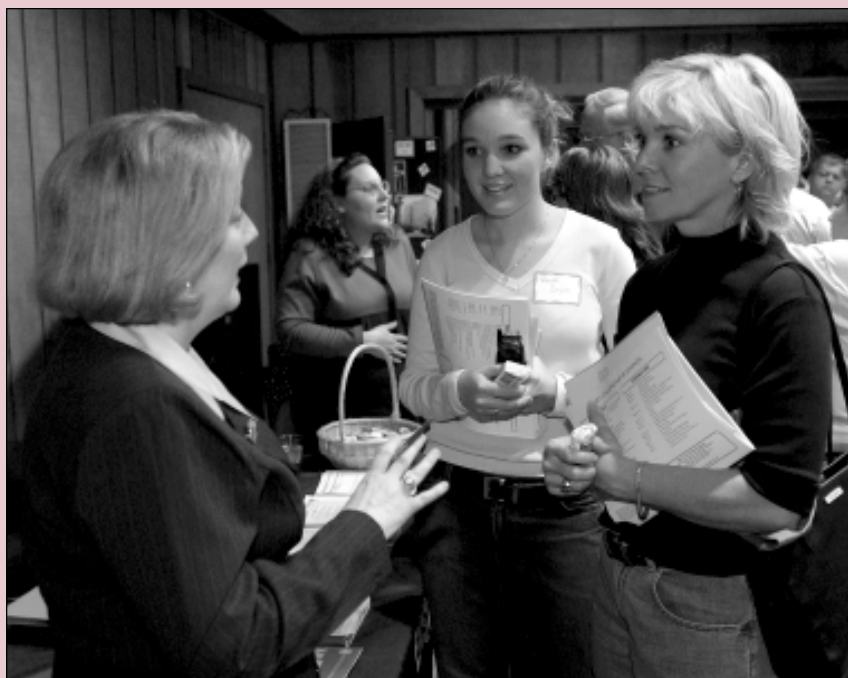
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**Renfro, Joy, and Callahan, Connie.** "Violence Prevention in Rural Schools: Challenges and Opportunities," *Kentucky Mental Health Counseling Association Meeting*, March 2, 2002.

**Rhoades, Connie.** "Dancing Solo for Clarinet" by Libby Larsen. Performed at the Michigan State University Contemporary Clarinet Symposium, April 5, 2002.

**Robinson, Sherry.** "Nothing But a Hound Dog: The Pursuit of Manhood in Harriette Arnow's *Hunter's Horn*," *Kentucky Philological Review*, Vol. 16 (2002), pgs. 61-66.

## SPREADING THE WORD



Hannah Bryson, center, and her mother, Susie Bryson, from Cave City, talk with Shelley Park, acting director for the Division of Student Financial Assistance, at a recent regional reception for prospective students at Elizabethtown. The event was the third of four regional receptions this semester, along with two Spotlight Day events.

# Jazz Festival to Feature Grammy Nominee Schneider

Grammy-nominated jazz composer/conductor Maria Schneider will lead the EKU Jazz Ensemble in a performance of her music at the annual EKU Jazz Festival Saturday, April 27.

The event, which also will feature saxophonist Ron Jones of Louisville, begins at 8 p.m. in Gifford Theatre in the Campbell Building. Admission is free for EKU students, faculty and staff with valid ID, and \$10 for the general public.

Schneider's debut recording, "Evanescence," was nominated for two Grammy Awards in 1995: Best Jazz Ensemble Performance and, for its title piece, Best Instrumental Composition. Her second recording, "Coming About" in 1996, also earned a Grammy nomination, and she received the Critic's Choice Best Composer Award at the 1998 New York Jazz Awards.

One of her newest recordings, "Allegresse," was listed by Time magazine as one of the top 10

music releases of the year for 2000 and also received a Grammy nomination.

She has worked with the Gil Evans Orchestra, Toots Thielemans, the Stockholm Jazz Orchestra, the Brussels Jazz Orchestra and on Sting's 1987 European tour, and conducted the Spoleto Music Festival, and "Porgy and Bess" and "Sketches of Spain" at Carnegie Hall.

Schneider will conduct a "master class" at 3:30 p.m.

Jones has played with Lionel Hampton, Wynton Marsalis, Branford Marsalis, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Bobby Shew, and the Louisville Orchestra, among many others. In a review of his first CD, "A Vision of Beauty," *Cadence* magazine termed Jones "a lyrical player who has a smooth tone that flies high whether he is playing a fast-paced tune or a ballad."

He works as a private saxophone instructor in Louisville, conducts numerous clinics and workshops with school systems, colleges and universities, and is a frequent guest soloist with college groups.



Schneider



Jones



## Eastern Family Portrait

### Name: Leslie Long

**Current Position at EKU:**  
Supervisor of mail services.

**How long have you been in this position?**  
Five years.

**If you weren't doing this job, what would you like to be doing?**  
Something that uses more creativity. My degree was in interior design so I'd like to do something in that field.

**Tell me about your family.**

My family includes my dad Bill, my mom Nancy and my fiancée Donnie. Donnie has three great kids: Jacob, 13; Clinton, 12, and Kristyn, 6.

**What are your interests and hobbies?**

I enjoy scrapbooking, stamping, crafts, genealogy and collecting things.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Disney World! Mainly because it's a magical place and I'm completely relaxed when I'm there.

**What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?**

At the moment, a variety of wedding songs since I'm getting married in June.



EKU PHOTO BY CHRIS RADCLIFFE

**What is your favorite food?**

All kinds of Mexican food!

**What book would you recommend to others?**

Actually, reading a book is not something I enjoy. I'd rather read articles in magazines.

**Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?**

When I worked out at the gym I fell down on the treadmill. It was still speeding away, so to keep from being thrown off I had to crawl.

**Can you recall the proudest moment of your life?**

Graduating from EKU, after five long years.

**What person do you admire most?**

I'm fortunate enough to have two people I admire. They are my parents, because they instilled good morals and values in me.

**What's the best advice you've ever received?**

To live life to its fullest every day!

**What makes you happy?**

Being with family and friends.

**One thing nobody ever knew about you until now is.**

I have a collection of over 500 dolls. I started collecting 12 years ago and haven't been able to stop.

**Who or what has influenced you the most?**

Everyday experiences! I believe that the positive experiences, as well as the mistakes I've made, have helped shape me into the person I am today.

**If your secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would it be?**

I'd be an animator for Walt Disney Studios.

**Your favorite childhood memory is?**

Spending time with my cousins. Because I was an only child, they were more like my sister and brother than my cousins.

**If you could time travel to any time/place of your choosing it would be?**

Probably to Egypt! I've always been fascinated with Egyptian history.

## 13 Get Millennium Scholarships for International Study

Thirteen EKU students will enjoy the educational experience of a lifetime this summer as recipients of the University's Millennium Fellow Scholarship.

Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship to apply toward his or her studies abroad this summer. Forty-nine Eastern students applied for the scholarship, which is awarded based on academic promise and need. All the recipients have GPAs of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The scholarship recipients are: Daniele DiGiancomo, Leigh Land, Gregory Myers, Richmond; Audrey Combs, Katisha Kabalen, Lexington; Leah Bayens, Bradfordsville; Sarah Bryant, Danville; James Bullock, Mt. Vernon; Robert Daniel, Corbin; Jessica Edwards, Cumberland; Sarah Hiner, Winchester; Kelly Human, Mariba; and Steven Wilson, Fort Thomas.

Their studies will span about six weeks and several countries, including Ireland, France, Italy, Great Britain, Spain, Greece, Austria and Ecuador.

Dr. Dan Robinette, chair of the University's Millennium Committee, said he has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students after they returned from studying abroad.

"Travel abroad, even for a short period of time, has changed lives completely," Robinette said. "It puts students into a culture where often they are a minority and forces them to re-examine their own ideals, beliefs and values."

The four-member, interdisciplinary Millennium Committee was established at EKU in 2000 to plan events that heighten global awareness and emphasize the University's commitment to international education and the internationalization of the University's curriculum.



### EKU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY HONORS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI –

Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business & Technology recently honored Distinguished Alumni from each of its six academic departments. The recipients were: seated, from left, Rodger "Kentucky Joe" Bingham, Crittenden; Sammy Montgomery, Louisville; Col. (Ret.) James Montgomery, Knoxville; Rodney Ratliff, Frankfort; back from left, Ron Noel, Union; College Dean Dr. Robert Rogow; EKU President Joanne Glasser and Scott Northcutt, Lewisville, Texas.

## Kentucky Riverkeeper Launch

- help landowners, interested citizens and public officials devise appropriate remedies to problems, building community leadership capacity and citizen advocacy.
- coordinate educational and service-learning opportunities.
- coordinate water-related research opportunities and environmental monitoring within the Kentucky River Watershed.
- sponsor educational outreach programs – from kindergarten through post-secondary.

Heather Richardson Crawley is the Kentucky Riverkeeper's executive director and David Shearer is the "official riverkeeper." Active for many years in the Boonesboro Boat Club, both are deeply concerned about the future of the River.

"An 86-mile stretch of the river is contaminated to the point where no body contact is allowed," Crawley noted. "That's a big issue. Even though we'll be based in the Boonesboro Pool, we're concerned about the whole river."

Shearer is the last of three generations of

Shearers to work on the Kentucky River and also has piloted tugs along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He believes the Riverkeeper is the best hope for preserving the river.

"Clean drinking water is the biggest concern," he said. "A lot of people take water for granted."

The support of the Boonesboro Boat Club has been instrumental, according to Banks. "We all have one thing in common – a passion for the river."

The same could be said for Kennedy and Richardson.

Kennedy, a leading environmental lawyer, serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, is founder and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law. Co-author of "The Riverkeepers" with Hudson Riverkeeper John Cronin, he is credited with leading the fight to

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protect New York City's water supply.

Richardson developed an interest in the outdoors and the environment growing up in the mountains of the Daniel Boone National Forest near Irvine, where his father, Jerald, managed a camp, The Cathedral Domain. The 1989 Estill County High School graduate and his wife, Kristin, have focused their efforts on improving the environment through their Just Within Reach Foundation, which provides environmental education and promotes personal responsibility.

A grant from the Steele-Reese Foundation helped the Center establish the Riverkeeper, which is now a separate, privately-funded non-profit organization.

Prior to the launch, a benefit dinner featuring remarks from Kennedy, Richardson, former Gov. Edward T. Breathitt and others will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the Perkins Building. For ticket information about the dinner or for more information about the Riverkeeper, call 622-3065 or 622-1622.