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## First candidate looks for 'fit'

By DANIEL PREKOPA  
Sports editor

Within the next few weeks, five candidates will be interviewed in public forums for the open athletics director position. The first of these public interviews was conducted yesterday at 3 p.m. in the Kennamer Room of the Powell Building.

Tim Van Alstine, senior associate athletics director at Ohio University, was the first to be interviewed.

Before his forum on Tuesday, Van Alstine was given a tour of the University and its facilities by the committee. He said he was impressed with how the day went.

"The accommodations at the Bennett House were terrific," said Van Alstine. "(Eastern's) a beautiful campus. It's a lot like where I was at Ohio." Van Alstine feels like his experience in all levels of college sports makes him qualified to be the Eastern's athletics director.

"Nothing is going to surprise me," said Van Alstine. "I've come across just about everything at one time or another."

Van Alstine said he was impressed from what he saw of Eastern.

"Eastern Kentucky has very good facilities, and I just don't mean academic facilities," said Van Alstine. "What's always impressing is when you see buildings under construction."

Van Alstine said the changes he would make would depend upon an assessment and evaluation of the program. He did say that marketing was very important to any athletic program.

"You have to ride the fastest horse," said Van Alstine. "You have to try and copy and emulate things that are successful in corporate America."

Van Alstine said he is hopeful he will be given the job.

"This will be a good fit for me, I hope," Van Alstine said.

The four other candidates will be on campus for interviews within the next few weeks. One of these is Eastern's acting athletics director, Chip Smith.

Smith will be interviewed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Jagers Room of the Powell Building.

Smith was hired by former director



Jason Galyon/Progress

Tim Van Alstine was the first AD candidate to speak to campus yesterday.

Jeff Long and served as Long's assistant during his two-year tenure. Smith said in a previous interview that he was excited about the opportunity to interview for the job.

"I was hopeful it would happen," said Smith. "I'm very honored they made me one of the finalists."

Smith said he hopes to continue the programs that have been started by Eastern's athletics department.

Dean Lee, associate athletics director at Oklahoma State University, has already been given an interview date. Lee held positions at the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Tech University before joining Oklahoma State in 1997. He earned a doctorate degree in education at the University of Arkansas.

Lee will be on campus for an interview from 3 to 4:15 p.m. March 6.

Lee said many aspects of the job at Eastern made him interested in the position.

"(Eastern's) a great school in an outstanding conference," said Lee. "It's also in a beautiful location."

Lee said if chosen for the position, any changes he would make in the athletics program would be made based upon need.

"I would have to do an assessment

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## Almost goodbye



Photos by Jamie Gaddis/Progress

President Robert Kustra waves goodbye to students at the forum Thursday. Kustra will resign as president in June of 2002.

### Kustra says those who change things often have short tenures

By JENNIFER ROGERS  
News editor

Microphones were set up and the tables cleared in the Powell food court Thursday afternoon. Students had been invited to come to a 5 p.m. question-and-answer open forum with President Robert Kustra, whose resignation was announced the day before.

But when only around 10 students and officials showed up at the forum, Kustra wasn't disappointed. Instead, he said the lack of attendance was a good point.

Kustra attributed the sparse crowd to the weather, busy schedules and classes in session. But he said there was one other factor that could have swayed the university community not to come: "Finally, I would hope that it must mean we're doing a good job," Kustra said.

Instead of taking questions from the student body, Kustra used the forum to answer questions about his decision to resign, effective at the end of his term, June 30, 2002.

Kustra said that he had become accustomed to having close contact with certain Board of Regents members who publicly applauded the work the university was doing.

"I didn't get any pressure or feel any pressure," Kustra explained. He said that some of the newer Regents were not as inclined to praise the work they were doing, and that he had hoped the Board that hired him would remain intact throughout his career as president.

Kustra explained the decision to end his four-year term by saying that "change agents" in university settings often have shorter tenures.

"I'll never be accused of maintaining the status quo," Kustra said, adding that not only was Eastern changing, but also educational institutions, like the Council on Postsecondary Education, were undergoing "change of the highest order."

Kustra said that his job entailed "uncontrollable" situations he said were unpredictable and had personal effects, like the pedestrian accidents at the Lancaster Avenue Crosswalk and the announcement that the university bookstore's parent company, Wallace's, had filed for bankruptcy two weeks ago.

Kustra said that although his next career move had yet to be decided, he had several options, like pursuing a career in private industry or radio.

"I might look at another challenge in higher education," Kustra said. "I'll certainly return to the classroom at some time."

Kustra said that although he was confident that people thought he had done a

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### Regents react to president's resignation with mixed feelings

By JAMIE VINSON AND DENA TACKETT  
Editors

President Robert Kustra announced Feb. 14 that he would resign as Eastern's top official effective June 2002. The announcement, which shocked the university, has resulted in mixed feelings within Eastern's Board of Regents.

Kustra attributed his resignation to changes in the Board. In a Feb. 14 statement, Kustra said, "The decision seems appropriate to me in light of the significant number of new regents who have been appointed or elected since I was hired three years ago. I think this essentially new Board deserves the opportunity to hire a new president."

Regent Ernest House agrees that the Board has changed since Kustra was hired.

"With a change in dynamics and make-up also comes a change in vision and direction for the university," House said.

House said if there is a conflict at this point in time within the Board, it is a silent conflict.

"The situation that has developed is one where some of the 'new majority' do not totally buy into the 'Kustra Plan' that they have inherited from the Board that hired Dr. Kustra," said House. "There are certain members that have a very narrow, self-serving agenda that in most cases does not represent what is best for the university as a whole."

"At no point is a Board member, in regards to their vote or support, supposed to put their constituency, special interests or personal friendships before what is best for the university," said House. "Sadly to say, there is evidence that quite a bit of this has gone on."

House said he personally feels Kustra has done a magnificent job while at Eastern and has dramatically changed the face and perception of Eastern.

"One can easily say that he has 'put a little skip in our step' and once again this university is moving forward," said House. "I fully recognize that all the changes implemented in such a short amount of time offended some, but I also know that there are many that welcomed the changes that were long overdue."

House added Kustra's desire to make the university more consumer-friendly and stu-

**Board of Regents special meeting**  
When: 10 a.m. March 1  
Where: Kennamer Room of the Powell building

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## OxyContin abuse worries officials

By RONICA BRANDENBURG  
News writer

Heroin has met its match. Users are still injecting drugs intravenously, but the substance of interest is changing.

OxyContin was introduced to the medical world in 1996 as a drug to treat cancer patients and patients suffering with chronic pain. The drug is an opiate containing oxycodone, or synthetic morphine, which is the active ingredient. The tablet comes in the potency of 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg and is time-released.

Stan Peters\*, a 21 year-old senior, reflected on the delayed reaction he received from the drug.

"I snorted a 40 milligram tablet," Peters said. "It was a total state of relaxation. One minute I really couldn't feel it,

but the next minute, I was like, 'Whoa.'"

Over the past several months, OxyContin has become popular as a recreational drug.

Monica Greene\*, a 20 year-old sophomore, said that she finds OxyContin to be the opposite of speed.

"It makes me feel relaxed and laid-back," Greene said. "I mainline it. It's a completely different drug when you mainline it instead of snorting it."

According to an article in Sunday's Lexington Herald-Leader, the number of OxyContin prescriptions in Kentucky has nearly doubled since 1999. The article also stated that Kentucky is ranked 13th in the U.S. among the per-capita OxyContin consumption.

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■ Tomorrow is the last day for students admitted to Teacher Education to apply for student teaching for Fall 2001.

## University begins work on Lancaster Crosswalk

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Students should already be seeing changes to the Lancaster Avenue Crosswalk, according to Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Finance Doug Whitlock.

Whitlock said that although the rainy weather has slowed up construction work, some progress is still being made.

"They're in the process of setting the lights that will be 150 feet away on either side," Whitlock said.

Whitlock also said that the university is still waiting on the Department of Transportation's approval of lights that will be inset in the road along the crosswalk's edges. The lights will flash when a pedestrian is crossing the road, calling even more attention to the person, Whitlock said.

Whitlock said that a raised pedestrian island won't be installed until later in the spring when construction companies open again, but that plastic markers will partition the space until then.

"There will be a marked traffic island from the

beginning," Whitlock said.

The Lancaster Crosswalk has long been an important safety issue within the campus community. The problem was elevated last semester when four students were hit while crossing the street within a couple of months.

Lance Watt, a 23-year-old wildlife management major from Lexington, was hit in the crosswalk Nov. 2. Tricia Torline, 35, from Winchester, was hit Nov. 18. Jennifer Schagane, an 18-year-old journalism major from Lexington, and Michelle McGuire, 21, were hit Dec. 11.

University administrators met with state and local officials in January to discuss possible solutions for making the crosswalk safer for students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.

Eastern agreed with the State Department of Highways to move the crosswalk to the middle of the exit and entrance of the Lancaster Parking Lot and to create a pedestrian refuge by banning left-hand turns both into the Lancaster Parking Lot and University Drive.



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Painted lines mark what will be the new Lancaster Crosswalk. Work on the road will continue throughout the spring semester.



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### Getting closer

The Student Services Building should be completed in January of 2002. The building will house registration, financial aid, housing, counseling and other offices. It also will include an auditorium.

# Ask questions, socialize at fair

BY DAWN GRAS  
Staff writer

Spring is the time to start thinking about a summer job. Whether you're interested in spending the summer outdoors at a camp or adding to your resume from an office setting, Eastern's job fairs may hold the key to that dream job.

The Summer Camp Job Fair, previously known as Camp Placement Day, was held last Thursday in the Keen Johnson Building with over 40 camps represented. Sponsored by the department of leisure studies, this camp fair has been a welcome event at Eastern for the last 26 years.

Charlie Everett, professor of leisure studies, directed the fair for the second year. He feels the fair is a great opportunity, both for students and camp representatives.

"The camps enjoy coming to a fair that focuses on the camping industry," Everett said.

Bud Lewis of Omni Camp in Poland Springs, Maine likes that focus. He's been at other fairs with AT&T on one side of his booth and IBM on the other. While the camps may not offer as much money as the big corporations, Lewis feels the experience gained is well worth the difference.

"Recreation and education students need to get experience, and AT&T is not going to get them that experience," Lewis said.

The opportunities available at summer camps are not limited to those majoring in recreation. The most important requirements expressed by the camp recruiters are a love of the outdoors and a love of working with children and youth.

Soosie Schrader of Happy Hollow Camp in Nashville, Tenn. thinks working in camps helps develop people skills. Happy Hollow is a camp for children with special needs, such as children with diabetes and asthma.

"You don't have to be in the recreation field. We once had a physics major apply as a cook just to see if physics is what he wanted to do with the rest of his life," Schrader said.

Curtis Wright of Westerville, Ohio Department of Parks and Recreation agrees that the major doesn't matter. With over 3,000 programs per year, Wright is looking for quality people.

"I'm looking for mature, responsible, outgoing people. Most important, you must be safety minded and you've got to love children," Wright said.

Lewis of Omni Camp is looking for art students. "Recreation majors are great programmers and planners because that's their background. But when it comes to stained glass, I need art stu-

dents, plain and simple," Lewis said.

Survey data from last year's camp fair showed students with 47 different majors attended. The majors represented ranged from therapeutic recreation, elementary education and nursing to corrections and justice, manufacturing and aviation.

Everett was encouraged by this year's recruiter turnout, with 14 more camps than last year.

Everett offers these tips when attending a job fair: be prepared to present yourself in the best possible way, ask a lot of questions, visit as many booths as you can and come with an open mind.

Another opportunity to meet prospective employers is at the Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Art Harvey, director of Career Services, said they expect representatives from a variety of fields, including accounting, banking, law enforcement, armed forces, manufacturing, television and radio, agriculture and healthcare.

Currently over 80 companies have committed to attend and more are expected.

"Some are looking for summer employees, internships, volunteers and co-ops," said Harvey. "And they will look at any academic field."

The Spring Job Fair is sponsored by Career Services in partnership with Cooperative Education, Multi-cultural Student Services and the Service for Students with Disabilities. The fair is open to all students, first year through graduate school, and faculty are also encouraged to attend.

"It's not just for persons looking for a job, it's a chance to gather information on companies they're interested in," said Harvey. "It's a place to make contacts."

Harvey recommends students use Spring Break for following up on those contacts. He said employers are looking for people who are ready to learn, can problem solve, are computer literate and understand and appreciate diversity.

The Spring Job Fair is from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Keen Johnson.

For more information call Career Services at 622-1568 or visit their Web site online at <http://www.career.eku.edu>.

The Downtown Lexington Corporation will also host a "Downtown Works" job fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 2. The fair will be held at 140 East Main St. in the Central Library on the lower level.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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Art Harvey, director of Career Services

# SGA allocates funds to student groups

BY JENNIFER ROGERS  
News editor

Picture this: a university allows its student leaders to take applications from campus groups that need more money. The student leaders vote on those applications and have the final say in deciding which student groups receive funding.

Sound familiar? It should — Eastern's Student Government Association uses the procedure to allocate funding to student groups needing a little extra financial support. Over the course of the semester, the SGA has given out \$1,000 in support to campus groups who applied for the money, according to SGA President Ritchie Rednour.

But Eastern isn't alone in the way student groups are given money. Among other universities, the University of Wisconsin-Madison funds its student groups the same way.

The difference? The University of Wisconsin was taken to court, a case that ultimately wound up in front of the Supreme Court in November 1999.

During the 1995-96 school year, students at Wisconsin paid a \$165.75 student activity fee, bringing in \$974,200 to the university. But some students objected to their fees, which were mandatory, being used to fund 18 different campus groups whose views differed from their own.

Those groups included the Campus Women's Center, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus Center and the Wisconsin Public Interest Group.

The Supreme Court ruled the procedure constitutional, but sent part of the case back to district

court, where a federal judge ruled that the system should be changed within 60 days.

Rednour said that all state universities use mandatory fees to fund student organizations, but the SGA didn't know for sure if the money it gives out comes from mandatory fees.

Rednour said the funding comes from the university's budget in general.

"We didn't waste our time in figuring out where the money would come from," Rednour said.

Rednour said the SGA was in the process of asking the university for \$60,000 to give to student groups next year, on top of the money the university gives it for an operational budget.

Rednour said that the SGA is also revising the way it handles requests. Rednour said next semester's requests will turn in funding requests to the Senate, and those requests will be given to the Senate's finance committee.

A second part of the preliminary plans call for the finance committee to hear the request and submit a recommendation to the Senate, which will vote on whether to allocate, amend, or reject the funds, according to Rednour.

Rednour said the Senate will appropriate 85 percent of the money it receives to student organizations. The remaining 15 percent will be placed on a kind of reserve for unforeseen requests and spending.

Rednour said the Senate has had no complaints thus far about the way it distributes money.

"We've found that student organizations are grateful," Rednour said, because all student organizations have access to the money.

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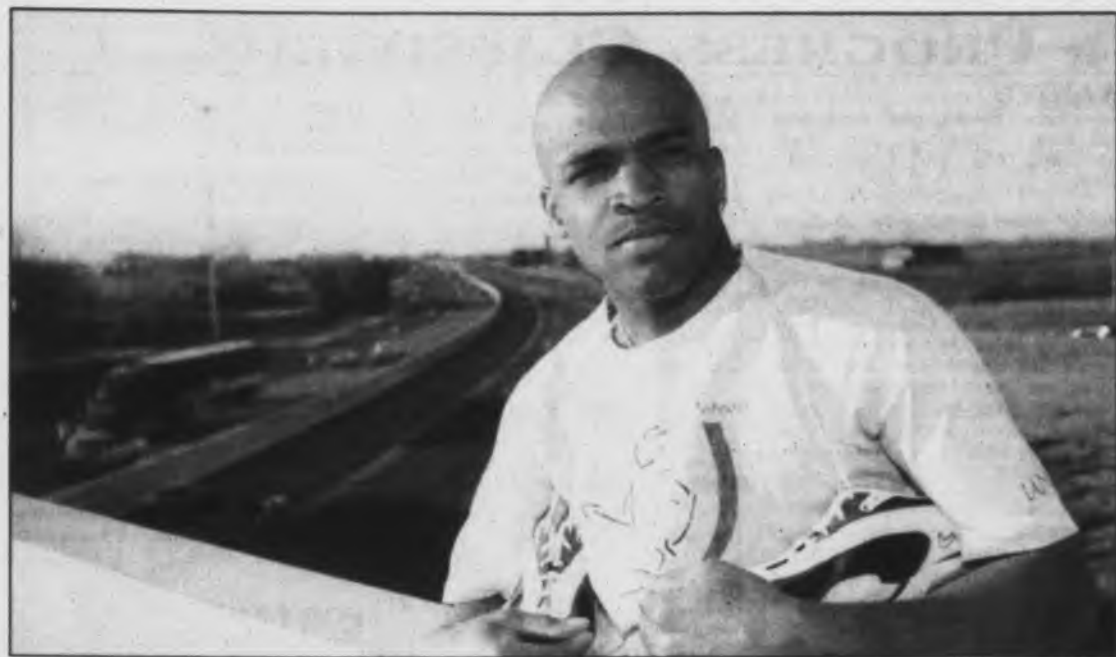
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- Never leave your drink unattended.
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- Always bring extra cash for an unexpected cab-ride home.
- If you choose to have sex, keep contraception handy.
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- Drink water to prevent dehydration — clubs often get very hot.
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- FYI: Your chances of being involved in a sexual assault increase dramatically if you or those around you are using drugs or alcohol.
- If you choose not to use alcohol or drugs, you will increase your chances of having a safe, fun Spring Break!



Progress file photo

Greg Robinson, a senior English major, was selected to be one of the four students to participate in Road Challenge, a university-sponsored trip over Spring Break. Robinson founded the annual "Run for Literacy."

## Robinson wants to 'rule' road on trip

BY BRETT GIBSON  
Staff writer

Gregory Robinson, a senior English major, has been chosen as one of the candidates to go on the Spring Break Road Trip this year.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dee Cockrille's office is sponsoring the trip, which is similar to MTV's "Road Rules."

"We will rule the roads," Robinson said. He said he has watched "Road Rules" in the past and thought it would be interesting to be on the road.

"I first saw the advertising around campus and the ad compared the trip to the 'Road Rules Challenge' on MTV and I thought it would be exciting," Robinson said.

"I am honored to be selected for the road trip and I think it will be a learning experience," said Robinson. "I can't wait to meet new people."

Robinson plans to graduate in May of this year, but doesn't real-



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ly know what kind of job he is looking for. He wants to go on to law school after completing his English studies here.

Robinson doesn't know exactly where he wants to settle down, but he said that he would go wherever his job takes him.

"I would like to get a job in New York, Washington, D.C. or in the Carolinas somewhere," said Robinson. "I am ready, willing and able."

Originally from Detroit, Robinson came to Eastern to complete his studies because his brother, Whitney Robinson, also

attended Eastern and played basketball here. Robinson also loved the campus scenery.

"I like it here pretty good," said Robinson. "The people are nice and I love the campus at Eastern."

Robinson said that he is proud to have made the decision to come back to school and finish his degree.

"I just love it here and I love to write," Robinson said. "There is nothing else like it."

Robinson works at the Student Development Center and plans to create a scholarship foundation in the future. In his spare time, Robinson likes to read. He is an avid runner and likes to play sports, especially basketball.

"I play basketball wherever and whenever I can," said Robinson. "I enjoy playing pick-up games and playing with my friends."

Robinson founded the annual "Run for Literacy" where he runs each summer between different major cities to raise money. "Run for Literacy" began in 1999.

## Rice makes way from bench to head of Board of Regents

BY DENA TACKETT  
Editor

Fred Rice started out his career at Eastern sitting on the bench for the basketball team, but now he sits at the head of the table of the university's decision-making body.

Rice was elected as chair of the Board of Regents in January. He has been a member of the Board since July 1, 1999.

Rice, who grew up in Tyner in Jackson County, came to Eastern in the mid-1950s on a scholarship to play for the men's basketball team.

"I practiced most of the time," laughed Rice. "I didn't play much."

Rice also taught and coached basketball for five years right out of college at Junction City and Henry County high schools.

Both Rice and his wife, Sue, graduated from Eastern in 1959 and got their master's degrees in 1961. Rice got his degree in education with an emphasis in business because Eastern didn't have the Master's of Business Administration program at the time.

The Rices have three children: Cindy got her law degree at the University of Louisville, Linda got

her undergraduate degree at Drake University and then went to get her master's degree at the University of Kentucky. Jerry received an undergraduate degree at Texas Christian College and a master's degree at the University of Denver.

Rice, 62, owned the Bank of Richmond in the late '60s and then worked in the insurance field until 1994.

Living in Florida the majority of the year, Rice works as an investment banker for Consolidation National Corporation.

Rice said it is his business experience, both in the financial and executive ends, which will be the most important aspect he brings to his position as chair.

Rice also served on Eastern's Foundation Board for nearly 12 years before deciding to apply for a vacant seat on the Board in 1999.

Deciding to run as chair also was a simple choice for Rice.

"Somebody had to," Rice said. Rice said he would like to work on a few areas within the university.

"Obviously, I would like to see enrollment pick back up. It's been down for quite a few years," Rice said.

Rice added that he also would



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Rice was elected as chair of the Board of Regents in January.

like to see the quality of education improved.

"We certainly want to be able to do the best job possible to benefit Eastern," said Rice. "We want to see it prosper and continue to do a great job. It's been doing a great job for years."

## OXYCONTIN: Drug makes its way to Eastern

From The Front

It has become a problem in Kentucky, a problem in Richmond, and now the deadly drug is making its way onto Eastern's campus.

"We have reason to believe that there are students at Eastern who are suffering from OxyContin abuse and/or addiction," said Sandra Medley, a psychologist at the Substance Abuse Center on campus. Medley believes that OxyContin is a small step down from heroin and has similar withdrawal reactions such as flu-like symptoms, fatigue and irritability.

Ed Tedder, a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor at the Comprehensive Care Center in Richmond, spoke of the increasing number of OxyContin related cases.

"In the last eight months I

have seen 20-25 patients," Tedder said. "Patients vary in age from 19 to 40 years old."

Tedder feels that the majority of the problem with OxyContin abuse lies within the hands of doctors.

"I think that we need to get physicians to be more careful," Tedder said.

Kentucky State Police Detective Stuart Adams spoke of the process that users go through to receive the drug.

"We've got people that 'doctor shop' in multiple counties to find one that will prescribe them the drug," Adams said.

Adams noticed the possible epidemic about a year ago when OxyContin related arrests became greater in number.

"I had warrants for 30 people in Estill County and 28 were for OC

dealers," Adams said.

Adams main concern was that the drug is so easily accessed.

"Right now, OCs are easier to get than cocaine and marijuana," Adams said.

Adams' position in the police department deals with the street level narcotics (people selling 10 to 20 OxyContin on the street), and he says that the street is where most problems are coming from.

"The main problem is the street level dealers," Adams said. "The visible people."

Gov. Paul Patton will host a press conference with Kentucky State Police Commissioner Ishmon Burks at 2 p.m. today in Room 110 of the Capitol to address the OxyContin problem.

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**Free health screenings available during event**

Employees and students at Eastern can get free health screenings from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday. The screenings are part of the Department of Health Promotion and Administration's Day of Health Assessments. The screenings will be held in room 122 of the Jones Building. From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the screenings will be in the Powell Building's second floor lobby.

Free screenings will include blood pressure, body fat, strength, endurance, and flexibility tests. For a fee, cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL, and glucose tests can be given.

**Relay for life scheduled for Monday at 6 p.m.**

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Community Appreciation Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the First Southern National Bank in Richmond. Team captains and others involved in the relay are invited to attend. For more information call Nola Newman at 986-8449.

**FAFSA financial aid forms available online**

Students looking for financial aid to help them with college or technical school during the 2001-2002 school year can file the FAFSA financial aid form. The form is available online by visiting the Web site [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or by asking a school guidance counselor for the form.

For more information about Kentucky's available financial aid programs and services that are available, contact the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority at 800-928-8926 or visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

**First adult softball league meeting March 1**

The Richmond Parks and Recreation Department will hold the 2001 Adult Softball League's first organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 1 in the basement of the Recreation Center at 321 N. Second St.

Team coaches or representatives should be present at this meeting to discuss league fees, formations, and other information.

**Event tonight helps incoming students**

Students from the northern Cincinnati area are invited to learn about educational opportunities at an informal reception tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center at Kings Island in Mason, Ohio.

Representatives from Eastern will be on site to provide information about academic programs, admissions processes and financial assistance.

► **Police Beat: Feb. 9 - Feb. 15**

The following reports have been filed with Eastern's Division of Public Safety.

**Feb. 15**  
Doug Hall reported a window being broken in Martin Hall.

**Feb. 13**  
Haley Riddle reported her backpack stolen from the Moberly Building.

**Janice Miller** reported a video camera being stolen from the Combs Building.

**Feb. 12**  
Raymond Gabbard reported having his golf bag and golf clubs stolen from Arlington.

An Eastern employee reported

**AD: Other four hopefuls visit soon**

From The Front

of the athletics program and see where the needs are," Lee said.

Associate Athletics Director at the University of Kentucky Kyle Moats also is one of the finalists for the position.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity," Moats said.

Moats will be interviewed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Monday in the Ferrell Room of the Combs Building.

Moats said his ideas for the program would be discussed when he has his interview with the committee.

"We'd have to talk about some of those things at that time," Moats said.

Kenneth Bothof, associate ath-



Libby Fraas, Progress adviser, accepted the Gold Crown Award Feb. 16 at the annual convention in New York. Fraas is pictured with Edward Sullivan, director of Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

**Progress wins Gold Crown award**

NEW YORK — The Eastern Progress received the top award for collegiate publications Feb. 15 in New York City at the College Media Convention sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and College Media Advisers.

The Progress was the only weekly paper to receive the Gold Crown among 295 entries.

Other Gold Crown winners were the College Heights Herald at Western Ky.; the Collegian at Kansas State; the Ball State Daily News, the Indiana Daily Student; the Oklahoma Daily; The Shorthorn at University of Texas at Arlington; and The State News at Michigan State University.

The Progress also won the Gold Crown in 1991 and 1996.

The award was based on issues from the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 staffs under the leadership of editors Don

Knight and Jacinta Feldman.

The CSPA also presented Gold Circle Awards for individual efforts in a variety of contest entries.

The Progress won second place for overall design in the broadsheet category.

Jeremy Stevenson won second place for sports column and third for first person experience. He and John Hays teamed up for a certificate of merit in single subject presentation.

Shane Walters won first place for opinion page design; Jaime Howard and Krystal Roark teamed up for second place in single subject presentation.

Jamie Vinson and Jessica Wells shared a certificate of merit for single subject presentation special section.

Jamie Gaddis and Nicole Venhoff won a certificate of merit for information graphics.

For more information call 1-877-358-7232.

**Black History Month activities continue**

As part of Black History Month activities, Eastern's Office of Multicultural Student Services is coordinating an African-American Achievement Banquet at 3 p.m. Sunday. The banquet will honor students, faculty and staff.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students and can be purchased in the Multicultural Student Services Office, Powell Room 18, or by calling 622-3205.

tion about academic programs, admissions processes and financial assistance.

For more information about programs, call the admissions office at 800-465-9191 or visit the Web site [www.eku.edu](http://www.eku.edu).

**Seminar features tips on planning for success**

Eastern's Small Business Development Center will host a "Planning for Success" seminar at 1:30 p.m. March 1 at Eastern's Tri-County Center on the East Cumberland Gap Parkway.

The fee for the workshop is \$15. Pre-registration is required.

a microphone stolen from the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

**An Eastern employee** reported the door closure devices being stolen from the doors of Clay Hall.

**Feb. 11**  
James Ivey, 19, Owensboro, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Robert Lenz**, 20, Dayton, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Feb. 10**  
Betty Wilson reported a water fountain spraying water on the ceiling in Palmer Hall.

letics director at Saint Louis University, is the final candidate for the job. He said there were two reasons why he became interested in the job.

"I know some people who work in the OVC," said Bothof. "Secondly, it's a league I think I can be successful in."

Bothof will be interviewed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Ferrell Room of the Combs Building.

"I think it's important to be responsible for an athletics department that is capable of success," Bothof said.

Bothof said he was also impressed by what he heard about the program here.

"I've heard a lot of positive things about the administration and the coaching staff," Bothof said.

Last December, Long announced his decision to leave Eastern to take a position as senior associate director of athletics at the University of Oklahoma.

Compiled by Ronica Brandenburg

**Ryan Harvey**, 20, Catlettsburg, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

**Joseph Sammons** reported a menacing event in Palmer Hall.

**Feb. 9**  
Dan Royalty, 20, Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

**Adam Rhoades** reported a CD player and speakers stolen from his car in the Keene Lot.

**Brian Huffman** reported his jacket stolen from the Foster Building.

A student at the Manchester Center reported receiving a harassing phone call.



**Kyle Moats** will be on campus Monday.



**Dean Lee** will be on campus March 6.



**Chip Smith** will be on campus Tuesday.



**Kenneth Bothof** will visit Wednesday.

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**Jim Gilbert**  
Appointed: June 30, 1988 to replace Craig Cox.  
Term expires: June 30, 2006



**Jane Boyer**  
Appointed: Under the reorganization of Boards July 1, 1992.  
Term expires: June 30, 2003.



**Ernest House**  
Appointed: In 1989 to replace Harold G. Campbell.  
Term expires: June 30, 2003.



**Cookie Henson**  
Appointed: January 2001 to replace Alice Rhodes.  
Term expires: June 30, 2004.



**Gary Abney**  
Appointed: Spring 1999 to replace Gilbert Miller.  
Term expires: June 30, 2001.



**Barbara Ricke**  
Appointed: March 31, 1991 to replace J. Cooper.  
Term expires: June 30, 2002.



**Daisy French**  
Appointed: July 1998.  
Term expires: June 30, 2004.



**Merita Thompson**  
Appointed: Elected by faculty in fall of 1998 for three-year term to replace Mary L. Fleming who resigned.  
Term expires: March 31, 2001.



**David Williams**  
Appointed: Elected by the staff in the spring of 2000 to replace Ronnie Mink.  
Term expires: Spring 2003.



**Ritchie Rednour**  
Appointed: Elected by students in April 2000 to replace Chris Pace.  
Term expires: June 30, 2001.

**Board timeline**

- Feb. 18, 1998: Board of Regents chooses Robert Kustra to be the ninth president.
- July 20, 1998: Regents pass new alcohol sanctions which include fines, etc., 24 hour open house passed with the exceptions of Keene and Clay Hall.
- Dec. 6 1998: Merita Thompson voted in as Faculty Regent.
- Jan. 1999: Board of Regents approve renovating Combs Hall, proposal for Greek Row, proposal for Wellness Center.
- Feb. 1999: Regents make Wellness Center top priority, ask state for money.
- April 1999: Reorganization dominates board meeting.
- Regents pass budget for 1999-2000.
- Oct. 1999: Regents pass tuition change, 7.5 percent increase, added sexual orientation to discrimination clause.
- Jan. 2000: Gary Abney joins board after Gilbert Miller resigns from his position.
- Feb. 2000: Regents approve change to housing policy to allow students with 60 credit hours to move off campus.
- Feb. 2000: Board approves freshmen on SGA.
- May 19, 2000: Regents approved a \$142 million budget for the 2000-2001 academic year and implemented a new admissions policy for Eastern's fall student body beginning Fall 2001. The board provided a \$900 across-the-board salary increase for university employees and a continuation of current levels for operating expenses and travel. James T. Gilbert was reappointed as chair, David Williams and Ritchie Rednour sworn in.
- Aug. 3, 2000: Board of Regents and Faculty Senate explore options to conduct a presidential evaluation. A presidential evaluation is required in President Robert Kustra's contract and the board bylaws.
- September 2000: Regents look at consultants to direct presidential evaluation. Kustra says timeline for evaluation is March 2001. Faculty Senate seeks faculty input on evaluation.
- Oct. 2000 (October 21 board meeting): Board of Regents vote unanimously in favor of implementing the planning process for a capital campaign.
- Oct. 2000 (October 21 board meeting):

Regents unanimously pass post-tenure review of faculty members. The proposal had been in the making since 1997.

- Oct. 2000 (October 21 board meeting): Buck Consultant's Oct. 6 report says it would take \$708,194 to bring Eastern's classified employees' salaries to a reasonable state. Kustra says the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Regents on how to integrate the Buck Study for the next fiscal year.
- Oct. 2000 (October 21 board meeting): The executive and academic affairs committee of the Board of Regents made the decision to hire consultant Ed Penson from Penson, Strawbridge and Associates out of Tallahassee, Fla. to conduct the presidential evaluation. Jim Gilbert estimated it would cost anywhere from \$12,000 to \$15,000 to conduct the evaluation.
- Jan. 2001: Jim Gilbert announces he will not return as the Board's chairman.
- Jan. 2001: Ed Penson, hired as the consultant to conduct the presidential evaluation makes headlines. Penson asked KSU's Board of Regents last spring to shield him from any lawsuit that may result from his evaluation of embattled KSU president George Reid. At the time, Penson did not allow Regents to keep copies of the evaluation unless he was released of any liability resulting from its revelations.
- Jan. 2001: Cookie Henson replaces Alice Rhodes who resigned from the Board of Regents in the fall of 2000 because she planned to move out of state.
- Jan. 2001 (Jan. 27 board meeting): Eastern's Board of Regents turned all parking appeals over to the Student Court. Eastern's Board of Regents elected Fred Rice to replace Jim Gilbert as chair. The board also approved shared faculty appointments which allow two faculty members to share one position, approved 26 changes in academic programs, the creation of credit hours to complete the Federal Bureau of Prisons Academy Training and approval of personnel actions and sabbatical leaves for faculty members.
- Feb. 2001: Faculty Senate takes nominations for this year's Faculty Regent Election.

**REGENTS: Search may begin soon**

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dent-oriented has been recognized and appreciated. House also said Kustra put recruitment and retention as a major focal point of his administration and for the first time in a long time it became important, not only to attend college, but to graduate as well.

"Bob Kustra has definitely put his mark on our university," said House. "As a Board it will be our challenge to move the university forward and to hire someone that will continue to look to the future with 'eyes wide open' with great vision, hope and optimism."

In a Feb. 16 article in the Richmond Register, Regent Barbara Ricke said the Board as a whole was pleased with Kustra, but Merita Thompson had caused problems on the Board.

"The guiding question for a regent considering any decision should be 'will this be in the best interest of the university — its mission, and its students, faculty and staff?'" said Thompson. "When the answer in my mind has been yes, I enthusiastically have supported new programs and directions. When the answer in my mind has been doubtful, I have raised question and concerns."

"I think this is my responsibility as a regent," said Thompson. "I also have supported a faculty/staff survey for the president, as is required for deans and vice-presidents. The Faculty Senate strongly supported that recommendation a few months ago. These Board discussions have been very cordial and typical of debate found in academe."

Thompson doesn't agree with her label as a troublemaker.

"As for being a troublemaker, I think that's the last label my colleagues who have known me for 29 years here and the majority of board members would apply," said Thompson. "In most cases, being a consensus-builder works best."

"In this time of change we need to remind ourselves that Eastern is a fine school, with a rich history and a strong reputation," said Thompson. "This is an important time to remain focused on what will make Eastern even better, to not disparage the past and to build on the best of what has gone before. I firmly believe that is what the majority of our board, faculty and staff are dedicated to doing."

Barbara Ricke was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Staff Regent David Williams said in an e-mail Tuesday he couldn't speak for the entire Board, but merely from his point of view as an elected member.

"I did not interpret Dr. Kustra's statement to mean that he has resigned because of new Board members," said Williams. "I am unaware of any true conflicts caused by Board members, new or old."

Williams said Kustra and his wife Kathy have presided over constructive changes.

"It is important that we now move forward to find a leader who can follow-through with valuable changes we have begun," Williams said.

**KUSTRA: President will leave in 2002**

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good job as president, he knew there were some that felt differently.

"I created a few people who took me off their Christmas card list, you could say," Kustra said.

Kustra said he decided to announce his resignation early because the university would have a longer time and more resources to search for a new president.

"If they want to spend a few thousand dollars on something, it can be on a search consultant for the new president," Kustra said, instead of using the money to conduct

Williams said The Executive and Academic Affairs Committee is responsible for conducting the presidential evaluation for the Board, but because he is not a member of that committee, he had no information to offer.

Thompson, however, said the leadership of the Board is sensitive to the importance of the process (presidential evaluation) and needs to proceed appropriately and in a timely manner.

Board Chairman Fred Rice said the Board hasn't officially acted on whether the evaluation should be cancelled, but said an evaluation would be a "moot process."

Faculty Senate president John Taylor said yesterday that although there will most likely not be a presidential evaluation, both he and Kustra agree evaluating administrators is important. Faculty Senate pushed for faculty input regarding the presidential evaluation.

Taylor said he has enjoyed a good communicating and working relationship with Kustra.

As for the claims of trouble on the Board, Rice said he wasn't aware of any problems, but that problems do arise when a group of people work together to accomplish something.

"Obviously, when you get 11 people together they are not always going to see eye-to-eye," Rice said.

Rice will lead the Board's efforts to find another president to replace Kustra. He said he wasn't sure when the search would start.

"I've never been involved in doing one, but I would assume the Board will want to go ahead and do the preliminary work," Rice said Tuesday from his home in Naples, Fla.

Rice, who was named chair of the Board in January, said he hopes to find a president who will continue in Eastern's "great times."

"We hope to find a leader that can do as good a job or better than anyone else ever has," Rice said.

Former Chair Jim Gilbert said Kustra will be hard to replace.

"I think so because he is very student oriented," said Gilbert. "Any president is hard to replace and he will be in particular because he had a lot of strengths."

Gilbert said finding the right person with the same commitment will be the Board's goal.

"There are a lot of people out there who can do it," Gilbert said. "We've got to find that person who can do it best."

Gilbert, who was chair of the Board for 12 years, said he isn't missing his former title.

"I'm glad I'm not going through this," Gilbert joked.

Student Regent Ritchie Rednour was reluctant to speak for the other Board members, but said Kustra's resignation came as a shock to everyone.

Rednour said Kustra's time here will be appreciated, but there are exciting times ahead.

Cookie Henson, who was appointed to the Board in January, said Tuesday because she was just recently elected she didn't have enough information to comment in regard to Kustra's resignation.

Regents Jane Boyer, Daisy French and Gary Abney could not be reached for comment.

**"I created a few people who took me off their Christmas card list, you could say."**

President Robert Kustra

a presidential evaluation, which he said he considered to be called off.

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The Eastern Progress

Dena Tackett, editor

## The Kustra Legacy



Nathan Bullock/Progress

President Robert Kustra, Eastern's ninth president, announced Feb. 14 that he will resign from his position effective June of 2002. Kustra, who has served as president since July 2, 1998, replaced Hanly Funderburk, who served as president for 13 years.

Kustra said in a press release from Eastern's Division of Public Relations and Marketing Feb. 14 "the decision seems appropriate to me in light of the significant number

of new Regents who have been appointed or elected since I was hired three years ago. I think this essentially new Board deserves the opportunity to hire a new president."

During Kustra's presidency he implemented First Weekends, which are designed to keep students here on the weekends, announced a plan to investigate Eastern's general education program and reorganized the university's colleges from nine to five.

	History	Thumbs up	Thumbs down
<b>Reorganization:</b>	April 1, 1999, Kustra announced his decision to reorganize the university's nine colleges to five. Seven people in administrative positions lost those posts.	The reorganization helped bring faculty from different disciplines together, which is something the Board of Regents was interested in doing when it hired Kustra in 1998. The reorganization was supposed to save an estimated \$500,000 per year, which was supposed to go to retention and the Teaching and Learning Center.	Many faculty members were upset because of the way the reorganization was handled. Also, the \$500,000 annual savings were yet to be seen as of April 1, 2000, one year after the decision. Another reason given was to reduce the number of administrative positions, which were originally 11. As of last year, there were nine.
<b>First Weekends:</b>	Kustra came up with First Weekends in the fall of 1999. His thought was that if he stuffed campus full with activities, students would stay on campus during that one weekend out of the month.	Kustra deserves kudos for attempting to keep students on campus during at least one weekend a month. By cramming the weekend full of activities, students have a reason to stay on campus.	The only question is whether students are actually staying on campus or if the students participating in the events are the students who stay on campus already?
<b>General ed:</b>	Kustra announced in December of 1998 his plan to investigate the university's general education program. A proposal has been created that would change the general education curriculum to 45 hours. There would be 30 hours in multiple sections and 15 hours in three specific areas.	Under the existing system, some majors require specific general education courses, which could hurt the student if he or she changed majors. Under the new system, everyone would have the same general education requirements, so that would not happen.	The proposed general education program is composed of three levels. If a sufficient number of classes were not offered in the level the student needed, it could cause the student to fall behind in his or her schedule. Another downside to Kustra's decision to change general education is that it has been a long, drawn-out process.
<b>University funding:</b>	Last year, the university experienced substantial decreases in important financial areas. The uncommitted fund balance averaged more than \$5 million from 1990 to 1999. Last year, the balance decreased to \$389,000. Another problem was that the university was spending more on athletics than it was taking in.	Two and a half million dollars went to improving facilities. Also, \$750,000 went to improving computer networks. Some money went to putting a traffic light at the crosswalk and other improvements. Kustra also said the athletics spending is justified because athletics has traditionally been underfunded and that if a school has a winning team it will attract more incoming students.	Although the university saw a lot of improvements, having such a low uncommitted fund balance leaves Eastern vulnerable in time of need. Also, if Eastern does not have money, it cannot compete for people to come to the university to teach, work and be educated. As for athletic spending, Eastern should not lose money on something like athletics when there are other resources lacking for every student.

### ► Campus Comments

President Robert Kustra announced his upcoming resignation last week. Reporter Dena Tackett asked students how they felt about Kustra's short tenure as president.



**PAUL HIERONYMUS**  
Hometown: McKee  
Major: English  
Year: Grad student

I think he had good ideas. I liked the addition of a new computer lab. It seemed to me like he tried to make Eastern more like the larger universities. He was a forward thinker.



**MELISSA JONES**  
Hometown: Louisville  
Major: Business administration  
Year: Sophomore

I guess he was a good president. He was a man who thought change was necessary, and he was a man who took a stand to make those changes happen.



**LUKE MCLONE**  
Hometown: Elizabethtown  
Major: Pre-law  
Year: Freshman

In my opinion he was a great president. I think it's bull shit he's leaving so soon. I think he has made a lot of changes. He's been really impressive.



**BRANDON SCCKER**  
Hometown: Fort Knox  
Major: History  
Year: Freshman

I think he was pressured to leave. I think he was going to change the university to make it a better university. He should stay.



**MATT SIMPSON**  
Hometown: Lexington  
Major: Police administration  
Year: Freshman

I think what he's done for the school has been great, but if he has better career opportunities he needs to go do it. I think we as a student body should support him.

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# Driver's death affects nation; power of media is revealed



**JAMIE GADDIS**  
*My Turn*  
Jamie Gaddis is a senior public relations major from Barbourville. She is also photo editor for The Progress.

Racing fans around the world were heartbroken around 8 p.m. Sunday night. The news headlined across the television screen that "The Intimidator" had died from multiple head injuries.

I am a huge racing fan and I cried my eyes out when I heard the news. Many of my friends called me when they heard of Dale Earnhardt's death because of all my stickers, the signature on my windshield and the number three on the front of my truck.

It hurt my heart even more to watch Dale junior running, not to victory lane, but toward his dad.

It was the last turn on the final lap that took the life of one of the greatest drivers known to the racing world. There was no in-between with Earnhardt; either fans loved him or they hated him.

It took him 20 races to finally win his first Daytona 500 in 1998. He was the career victories leader at Daytona. He made 676 starts in his Winston Cup career, which began in 1975. He was the 1975 Winston Cup Rookie of the Year and won his first championship the following season. Earnhardt is motorsports' leading all-time money winner with \$41,639,662 in his career.

Dale Earnhardt's death marked the 27th fatality in the history of the track at Daytona. He was racing for third place when the accident occurred.

Earnhardt won the hearts of fans in the way he raced. It was a 200-mile-per-hour life. "The Intimidator" just became the all-time Winston Cup Point Series champion, passing up Richard Petty.

Dale Earnhardt started a multi-million dollar marketing corporation, and, in my opinion, brought NASCAR racing up to speed in the eyes of racing fans everywhere.

The winner of the 2001 Daytona 500



Dale Earnhardt's race car number "3" appears on the front of Jamie Gaddis' vehicle.

was Michael Waltrip, whose car is owned by Earnhardt. Second place was awarded to Dale Earnhardt Jr. Third would have been, and should have been, Dale Earnhardt.

This was Waltrip's first Daytona 500 win, and he knew who he had to thank for it. I do feel badly for Waltrip, considering the excitement he felt ended when he found out his car-owner couldn't be with him in victory lane or be there at all to celebrate. Waltrip didn't hear the news until his interview.

It's funny how someone that we don't really know can leave this world and millions of people across the nation can be devastated. I guess that really shows the power of the media.

I'm sure that when people watched him wreck on the fourth turn they never thought that was it for "The Intimidator." The whole time he had full throttle with his son and friend in sight of winning the biggest race of the season.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Earnhardt family even though I don't know them. Congratulations to Waltrip.

And as far as Junior is concerned, be ready to watch him follow in his father's footsteps, every lap of the way.

# Prison industrial complex polluting country; be aware



**RAED BATTAH**  
*Politrix*  
Raed Battah is working on a master's of government. He is from Hopkinsville and has obtained a bachelor's of political science and broadcast communication.

It's 3 a.m. Liberal politics isn't very sexy, especially in Denny's over a Super Slam. To my left, Ms. Republican Party is about one snide Ralph Nader remark away from wearing my water.

"He could never win anyway," she said. Typical defeatist attitude.

And so I begin, "My dear, unfortunately all the good 'Declarations' have been made. There are no more kings for us to overthrow, no more Bastilles to storm. But the Green Party! America's last great revolution in self-respecting democracy. And don't you want to be a Revolutionary?"

"I'm Republican because they win," she says. "So ambitious", I thought. And she may win.

The current monopoly of power isn't quite what it was in the '90s, but the Republicans shouldn't fear any great political tide shift for a while.

And she was a freshman, which means they're learning young these days. But when did principle become so unattractive, so uncool, so unsexy? "I thought to be like sleeping with the devil" I thought to myself and went home.

### Prison Industrial Complex

It's a phenomenon that's polluting our country by exploiting the abundance of cheap prison labor and alienating the honest citizen worker.

In California alone, the California Department of Corrections (C.D.C.) with 29 major "campuses," is already more expensive than the University of California system and young black men in Los Angeles or Oakland are twice as likely to end up in a prison as in college.

One of the fastest growing sectors of the prison industrial complex is private corrections companies. Investment firm Smith Barney is a part-owner of a prison in Florida. American Express and General Electric have invested in private prison construction in Oklahoma and Tennessee. The Correctional Corporation Of America, one of the largest private prison owners, already operates internationally, with more than 48 facilities in 11 states, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Under contract by government to run jails and prisons, and paid a fixed sum per prisoner, the profit motive mandates that these firms operate as cheaply and efficiently as possible. This means lower wages for staff, no unions and fewer services for prisoners. Private contracts also mean less public scrutiny.

### Prison Labor

An American worker, who once upon a time made \$8 an hour, loses his job when the company relocates to Thailand where workers are paid only \$2 per day.

Unemployed and alienated from a society indifferent to his needs, he becomes involved in the drug economy or some other outlawed means of survival. He is arrested, put in prison, and put to work. His new salary: 22 cents an hour.

From worker, to unemployed, to criminal, to convict laborer, the cycle has come full circle. And the only victor is big business.

For private business, prison labor is like a pot of gold. No strikes. No union organizing. No unemployment insurance or workers' compensation to pay. No language problem, as in a foreign country.

New leviathan prisons are being built with thousands of eerie acres of factories inside the walls. Prisoners do data entry for Chevron, make telephone reservations for TWA, raise hogs, shovel manure, make circuit boards, limousines, waterbeds and lingerie for Victoria's Secret. All at a fraction of the cost of "free labor."

The majority of these prisoners are young black men, and an increasing number are women, 75 percent of whom are mothers.

I marched with over 2,000 people on April 16 in Washington, D.C. against this crime. Six hundred eighty-seven people (including yours truly) spent that night on prison buses with our hands cuffed, hungry and thirsty and very pissed.

What do we care about? What will we march for? Can we trade in our Tommies for homespun, or our swords for plowshares? Can we rest knowing that we may be forced to use our \$30,000 degrees to get paid \$1.50 a day by Chevron, all because you got busted with a bag of \$30 "buds" in your own home?

The laws are geared to target the poor and predominately folks of color, and the differential in sentencing for powder and crack cocaine is one glaring example of institutionalized racism. About 90 percent of crack arrests are of African-Americans, while 75 percent of powder cocaine arrests are of whites. Under federal law, it takes only five grams of crack cocaine to trigger a five-year mandatory minimum sentence, but it takes 500 grams of powder cocaine, 100 times as much, to trigger this same sentence. This flagrant injustice was highlighted by a 1996 nationwide federal prison rebellion when Congress refused to enact changes in sentencing laws that would equalize penalties.

Talk of the prison industrial complex doesn't seem to carry a serious sense of dilemma weight on Eastern's campus, but nobody should be ignorant of what fellow Americans are being subject to.

Portions of this column are attributed to Eve Goldberg (writer and filmmaker) and Linda Evans (political prisoner in FCI Dublin in California).

### Corrections

A story that ran on B3 in the Feb. 15 issue should have said "46 Bottles of Shampoo" will premiere 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

David Jenkins, whose name appeared in Police Beat in the Feb. 15 issue of the Progress, said he only reported threats, harassing communications.

The "Who's Got What" info. box which ran on the front page of the Progress Feb. 15 should have said the department of communication received \$5,288.

An item that appeared in What's on Tap in the Feb. 8 issue of The Progress should have said the Japan/American Association will host a festival.

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3. The line of beauty products she created for African-American people made her the first Black woman millionaire in the United States. Who was she? *Madam C.J. Walker (1867-1919)*
4. She took her job as "First Lady" seriously, traveling the country and the world to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities, and the poor. She wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts. Who was this active wife of a president? *Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)*
5. Who printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers' names? *Mary Katherine Goddard (1738-1868)*

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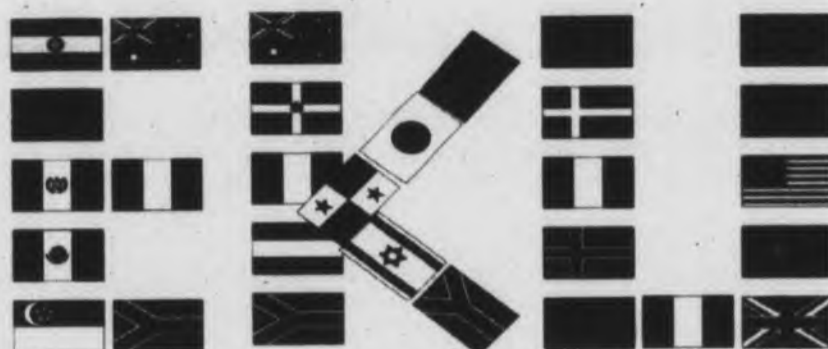


# Accent

Jessica Turner, editor

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## international



### ► Next Week

Read about Emma Case, the woman Case Hall was named after, in next week's Accent on women's achievements and history.

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Barbados	1
Botswana	1
Brazil	3
Cameron	2
Canada	5
China	30
Ecuador	1
England	2
Ethiopia	1
Germany	1
Ghana	1
Guinea	1
Hong Kong	3
India	9
Indonesia	4
Israel	1
Jamaica	1
Japan	18
Jordan	2
Kazakhstan	1
Kenya	15
Korea	5
Kuwait	5
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Mexico	2
Morocco	1
Myanmar	1
Nepal	4
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	2
Puerto Rico	1
Qatar	3
Russia	5
Saudi Arabia	7
Somalia	1
Spain	1
Taiwan	8
Thailand	5
Tobago	2
Trinidad	1
Turkey	1
Viet Nam	3
Yugoslavia	1
Zambia	3

# 168

Total international students at Eastern

### Foreign/ International clubs at Eastern

- **International Student Association.** This Association holds an international banquet each fall, where international culture and cuisine are combined.
- **Japan/America Association of E.K.U.**
- **Taiwanese Student Association**
- **Foreign Language Club.** This club organizes festivals recognizing all languages and cultures, including Spanish, German and French. The club's first meeting of the semester is Feb. 28, when the club will plan upcoming activities.



Melissa Zwakenberg/Progress

**Top:** Ritsuko Odagiri (left), vice president of JAA, helps Bella Chan put on a yukata at the Japanese festival Feb. 12. Attendees of the festival had the opportunity to try on traditional Japanese clothing. Unlike a regular kimono made of very heavy fabric, the yukata is a summer kimono made of much lighter fabric.

**Right:** Kaori Minobe, another vice president of JAA, demonstrates a traditional Japanese tea ceremony for viewers at the festival. As tea ceremonies have different messages, Minobe demonstrated a typical hospitality ceremony which is performed in front of house guests or any kind of company.



Melissa Zwakenberg/Progress

## Japan/America Association brings culture to campus

By JESSICA TURNER  
Accent editor

Eastern has 168 students enrolled this semester combined from 46 different countries. Eighteen of them are from Japan. Although most international students at Eastern are from China, the Japanese culture is the most pervasive on campus.

The Japan/America Association of E.K.U. was founded last semester to introduce Japanese culture to people outside the Japanese nationality. The Association has already coordinated many activities, resources and members.

Kevin Reinhardt, president of JAA, said that the JAA wants to develop resources on campus as well as throughout the Central Kentucky area to better educate others of the close bonds between America and Japan.

"Any historian will agree that America has extremely close working bonds with Japan," Reinhardt said. "Japan and America are so intertwined, and not a lot of Americans know that. The more we understand the Japanese culture, the better prepared we will be for the future."

Activities the JAA has planned include monthly speakers, such as Katsuhiko Shirao, principal of the Central Kentucky Japanese School who spoke on Jan. 17, and Nobuo Meguro, president of Kokoku Rubber Company, who will speak tonight.

The Association also puts on the famous Anime Nights— evenings filled with characters like Pikachu and Pokémon.

The biggest event the Association held was the Japanese culture festival on Jan. 12. Reinhardt said more than 350 students participated in various shifts at the event held at Alumni Coliseum.

At the festival there was a silent auction, where three traditional silks and a traditional doll were up for bid. The Association gave away 30 door prizes, and a chance for even other nationalities to become the Japanese Emperor or Empress for a moment in a photo.

Festival goers also had the chance to try on traditional Japanese clothes, attend a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, watch Taiko (a drum performance) and eat traditional Japanese cuisine. Traditional games were also available, for which contestants could win small prizes, such as rice paper bookmarks and handkerchiefs.

Daruma otoshi was the first game at the festival. According to Michiko Kwak, the JAA adviser, Daruma was the name of the revolutionary man who brought Buddhism over to Japan. Kwak said he is known for his patience and perseverance. In the game there is a stack of round blocks, and the top block was painted. The objective was to knock all the bottom blocks out from underneath Daruma.

Another traditional Japanese game played at the JAA festival is called Kendama, which involves a wooden ball on a string that is attached to a wooden cross-like base. The goal in this game is to flip the ball and string up so the ball lands in the base.

Upcoming events for the JAA include Nobuo Meguro tonight in the Crabbe Library, Room 108. Meguro's speech is titled "Current Problems and the Future Tasks of Japanese University Education as Seen from Japanese Industry."

Tomorrow night the mystery is out for the Anime Night, also in Crabbe Library, Room 108; the JAA will be showing "Fushigi Yuugi" at 6 p.m.

Next Thursday Tae Hwan Kwak, professor emeritus (Eastern) and former president of the Korea Institute for national Unification, will speak about "U.S./ Japan Relations and its Impact in Northeast Asia."

Reinhardt said another goal of the JAA is to try and get Madison County involved with its sister county in Japan. He said cities like Berea and Georgetown are very involved with their Japanese sister countries, and he would like to see this happen in Madison County.

Reinhardt said he encourages people from every nationality, students or not, to join the JAA. Visit them on the Web at [www.japanamerica.eku.edu](http://www.japanamerica.eku.edu).

### Upcoming JAA events

- **Tonight**  
Nobuo Meguro discusses "Current Problems and the Future Tasks of Japanese University Education as Seen from Japanese Industry."
- **Friday**  
Anime Night. "Fushigi Yuugi," 6 p.m., Crabbe Library, Room 106

## Aussie student teaches half a world away

By JESSICA TURNER  
Accent editor

Adorning the walls of Kathy Dodsworth's private dorm room are colorful banners of a boxing kangaroo, Australia's nationality and the five Olympic rings.

"That's my Olympic dreams flag," Dodsworth said, laughing.

Dodsworth, a junior physical education major from Sydney, Australia, came to Eastern in the spring of 1999 to further her specialty in track, discus. Her exceptional distances (now 176 feet) earned her an athletic scholarship, which in turn enabled her to pursue a higher education after a five-year educational hiatus. Only her education would be thousands of miles away.

Dodsworth, who lived her first 23 years 16 hours ahead of Kentuckians in Sydney, has juggled one responsibility and activity after another since she arrived in Richmond two years ago: she is a member of Eastern's women's track team, teaches swimming lessons part-time on campus through the summer and school year, tutors fellow athletes part-time on campus and maintains (what she said she thinks is now) a cumulative 3.67 G.P.A.

She has literally been taking advan-

tage of every physical, educational and cultural facet Eastern has to offer.

### The Sport

"I was trying really hard for my sport," she said about taking time away from school. "I really want to compete for Australia either in the Commonwealth Games or the Olympics."

While Dodsworth was out of school at home, she spent her days in the water, teaching swimming lessons.

"Teaching is what I do. It's what I love to do," Dodsworth said. She was also trying to improve her distances to get a scholarship to study in America, as living in another country was too expensive without financial help. She said when her distances did finally increase, it was a perfect opportunity to boost her education with teaching and work on her track skills.

### Coming to America

Dodsworth said she came to the States with a really open mind, so as not to raise her expectations or come with preconceived notions.

"I guess I anticipated being in a bigger community, like what we see on television—you know, L.A. and New

York. And to come here, like I didn't even know where Kentucky was," said Dodsworth. "So to come all the way from another country and just get off the plane was pretty overwhelming."

After the initial shock—of being half a world away from home and knowing no one—wore off and Dodsworth started getting accustomed to America, she began to enjoy the campus life.

She said she loves the international education program at Eastern because of supportive administrators like Beth Blanchard and Niel Wright. Dodsworth said she attends occasional get-togethers created by the international education department from time-to-time to catch up with other international students and make sure everyone is OK.

"I spend more time with my American friends, but I have some really good international friends as well," Dodsworth said when talking about her



Kathy Dodsworth, 25, of Sydney Australia, is the only student from Australia at Eastern.

leisure time activities.

### Free Time

And leisure time just may be the one item Dodsworth lacks, but it can't be brought up without mentioning traveling, Dodsworth's favorite pastime. With the track team she gets to travel the country a lot, but she still hasn't seen her goal: everything.

"I eventually want to go home and teach," she said. "But I also want to spend time in England and Europe and teach."

Before Dodsworth's arrival at Eastern, she had never been anywhere outside of Australia, thus her common thirst for travel.

And she realizes she has seen more than some ever will, and she is grateful.

"I'm lucky (to have this opportunity)," Dodsworth said. "I wouldn't give up this opportunity for anything. I had to give up a lot (friends, family) to get here, but it's paid me back 100 times over."

# What's ON TAP

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Have a campus event or activity? Contact Sha Phillips or Jessica Griffin at 622-1882 or by e-mail at <progress@acs.eku.edu>.

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## TODAY

**3:30 p.m.**  
A creative writing group will be headed by Harry Brown at Case Annex Room 471 every second and fourth Thursday every month.

**4 p.m.**  
"Current Problems and the Future Tasks of Japanese University Education" at Crabbe Library Room 128.

**7 p.m.**  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowling for Kids' Sake in Powell Bowling Lanes.

**6:30 p.m.**  
Women's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**8 p.m.**  
Eastern Dance Theatre Spring Concert continues at Weaver Dance Studio.

**8 p.m.**  
"South Pacific" continues nightly through Feb. 24 at Gifford Theatre.

**8:30 p.m.**  
Men's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## FRIDAY

**11 a.m.**  
Baseball vs. Indiana at Rock Hill, S.C.

**2 p.m.**  
Baseball vs. Wagner at Rock Hill, S.C.

**4 p.m.**  
EKU Softball Invitational vs. East Tennessee at Field No. 2.

**6 p.m.**  
EKU Softball Invitational vs. Belmont at Field No. 2.

**6 p.m.**  
Mystery Anime Night at Crabbe Library Room 108.

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Intramural informal badminton at Weaver Gym.

**7 p.m.**  
EKU Men's Tennis Invitational with Xavier, Austin Peay, Radford at Greg Adams Tennis Center.

**7:30 p.m.**

Eastern Symphonic Band Concert at Brock Auditorium.

**9 p.m.**  
Casino Night at Alumni Coliseum.

## SATURDAY

Spotlight Campus Preview Day

**1:30 p.m.**  
EKU Softball Invitational vs. Ohio at Gertrude Hood Field.

**3 p.m.**  
EKU Men's Tennis Invitational with Xavier, Austin Peay, Radford at Greg Adams Tennis Center.

**3:30 p.m.**  
EKU Softball Invitational vs. Youngstown State at Gertrude Hood Field.

**5 p.m.**  
Baseball vs. Winthrop at Rock Hill, S.C.

**6:15 p.m.**  
Women's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois at Charleston, Ill.

**7:30 - 11 p.m.**  
Contra dance lessons at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea.

**8:10 p.m.**  
Men's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois at Charleston, Ill.

## SUNDAY

**8 a.m.**  
EKU Men's Tennis Invitational with Xavier, Austin Peay, Radford at Greg Adams Tennis Center.

**11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
Baseball at Winthrop Invitational Consolation and Championship at Rock Hill, S.C.

**1 - 5 p.m.**  
Softball at EKU Invitational Consolation and Championship at Gertrude Hood Field.

**3 p.m.**  
Honors band concert at Brock Auditorium.

**3 p.m.**  
African-American Achievement Banquet at Keen Johnson Building.

**8 p.m.**  
"No Way Out" at Palmer Hall.



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Jason Taylor participated in Casino Night by trying his luck at the roulette wheel at a previous year. Various gambling games will be set up for tomorrow night's event.

## PROGRESS PICK

### Gambling the night away

Forget about traveling to Las Vegas for gambling fun and entertainment. Just travel to Alumni Coliseum Auxiliary Gym tomorrow to experience casino excitement during Casino Night.

#### Casino Night

When: 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

tomorrow

Where: Alumni Coliseum

Students can participate in the event by paying an admission price of \$3 where they in turn get \$5,000 of play money to use throughout the night or they can pay \$5 and get \$10,000 of play money.

Proceeds from Casino Night go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

In conjunction with Casino Night is Up 'till Dawn, where teams of six raise \$350 to take part in activities throughout the entire night to donate money to St. Jude's.

## MONDAY

**8 p.m.**  
Guest trombone quartet recital, The Poseidon Quartet, at Brock Auditorium.

**9 p.m.**  
Message in a bottle at Telford Lobby.

## TUESDAY

### Mardi Gras

Men's and women's basketball, Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

**7 p.m.**  
"Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky" by Gerald Smith at Powell Building, Kennamer Room.

**7 p.m.**  
Residence Hall Association Bridal Show at Gifford

Theatre.

**7 p.m.**  
Makeover Party at Burnam Hall Basement.

**8 p.m.**  
Matt Thompson Senior Saxophone Recital at Brock Auditorium.

## WEDNESDAY

Resident Assistant Application Day

**2 - 6 p.m.**  
Spring Job Fair at Keen Johnson Building.

**3 p.m.**  
Softball vs. University of Kentucky at Lexington.

**4 p.m.**  
Baseball vs. Belmont at Nashville, Tenn.

**8 p.m.**  
Denver Dill Trumpet Recital at Brock Auditorium.



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# 'South Pacific' shows promising actors



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Sasha Weddington, Liat in Eastern's production of "South Pacific," tries to romance Lt. Cable, played by Wes Nelson. Weddington gives a flawless performance.

By BOBBY PELPHREY  
Contributing writer

"South Pacific," which opened Feb. 21, has a lot to offer audiences, but will they stick around for two and half hours?

At the beginning of the musical the audience is treated to a wonderful duet between two children Ngana (Marci Smith) and Jerome (Aaron Flynn); this is just a sampling of the enchanting and mesmerizing music that is throughout the work.

The Eastern orchestra, under the direction of Mark Chambers, has a grasp on the feel and mood of 1950s music. Many of the songs are lighthearted and fun, while other songs in the play deal with love. The music alone is reason enough for anyone looking to duck out during intermission to stay.

If the music isn't a good enough reason to keep the audience in their seats, the tomfoolery of the cast might. "South Pacific" is loaded with shining stars, such as up-and-comers Nikki Carter and Sasha Weddington. Carter is uproarious as Bloody Mary and often steals the show.

Not only is Carter's comedic timing excellent, her singing of "Bali Ha'i" is equally as good as her acting. Carter's control of the character is astonishing.

Another standout performance came from young upstart Sasha Weddington, who plays Liat. The romance between Liat and Lt. Cable (played impressively by Wes Nelson) is very innocent and sweet. Wes Nelson has a very commanding but sweet

voice that hypnotizes Liat. Weddington's performance of Liat, however, is flawless.

Like many star-crossed lovers, the couple faces problems, such as Liat's ethnicity, which is something Cable has a problem looking past.



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Nikki Carter, as Bloody Mary, gives a knockout comedic performance in "South Pacific." Ryan Ray (right) as Ellis also shows promise.

### "South Pacific"

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22-24

Where: Gifford Theatre

Nellie Forbush (Emily Carroll) also has a problem dealing with

her love for Emile deBecque (Jonathan Adams).

Although the play boasts many standout performances, there are some problems with "South Pacific" that cannot be overlooked.

The romance between the two leads (Emily Carroll and Jonathan Adams) presents the first crux in the play. Unlike Lt. Cable and Liat, Carroll and Adams lack the chemistry to pull off the intricate roles.

Often, they appear to be related somehow other than that of lovers, more along the lines of brother and sister. This really puts a damper on any sexual tension the audience might feel toward these two

characters. The last problem with "South Pacific" is that, as Mark Twain says, "nothing happens slowly." Nothing really earth-shattering happens. This, of course, is not the fault of the talented cast, but the fault of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, who wrote the play. The slow pacing does get a little mundane, especially in the first half.

In the grand tradition of Eastern Theater, "South Pacific" does hold up as an entertaining show featuring good music, funny scenes and romantic chemistry with minimal problems.

# 'Hannibal' doesn't live up to 'Silence of the Lambs'



Jessica Griffin  
Media Buzz

For years there has been a myth about movies that a sequel is never as good as the original. Sure, there have been exceptions, like the "Star Wars Trilogy" or the "Godfather" movies. Unfortunately, "Hannibal," the highly anticipated sequel to the early '90s classic "The Silence of the Lambs" doesn't fall into this category.

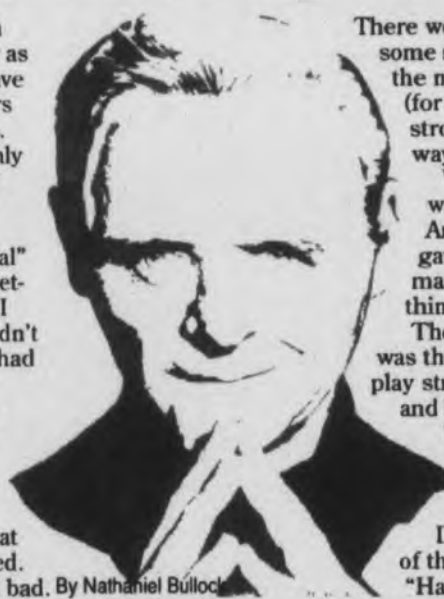
After reading the book, "Hannibal" over the summer, I found myself getting very excited about the movie. I guess I should have known it wouldn't

be as good as the original, but I liked the book, so I had high expectations for the movie version.

I nagged my boyfriend all week to take me to see "Hannibal" on the night it opened, and when I woke up Friday morning one of my first thoughts was "I get to see 'Hannibal' today."

When the lights finally went down in the packed theatre, I prepared myself for a spectacle equal to that of "Silence of the Lambs." And I waited... and waited.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying it was all bad. By Nathaniel Bullock



There were very scary, gruesome scenes, which made the movie worth watching (for those who have strong stomachs, anyway).

Visually, the movie was also well made and Anthony Hopkins also gave a dynamic performance. However, something was missing.

The missing ingredient was the fact that the screenplay strayed from the book, and lost the power that

Thomas Harris has so carefully crafted throughout his three books, "Red Dragon," "The Silence of the Lambs," and "Hannibal." The fact that

the screenplay of "Silence of the Lambs" followed the book so closely is what made it as good as it was.

If I wasn't under the bias of having read the book, I probably would have liked the movie better. However, I don't think I would have thought it as good or better than "Silence of the Lambs."

For one thing, Julianne Moore didn't play Clarice Starling as well as Jodie Foster, who won an Oscar for the performance. It was as if Moore was trying to play Jodie Foster instead of Clarice Starling.

Also, the new villain, Paul Krendler (played by Ray Liotta), Starling's new FBI nemesis, isn't quite up to par. He says mean things, but doesn't quite scare anyone, even Starling. However, I guess it is hard playing a bad guy alongside the master, Hannibal Lecter.

The movie version also leaves out several key characters, making the story more concise than the book.

Though I may have discouraged some from seeing this movie, I would like to urge you to see it in the theatre, instead of waiting until it is on video. The scares the movie has to offer may get lost on the small screen.

Also, as long as you haven't read the book, you may not even have any problems with it. Just keep in mind, the sequel is never as good as the original.

### Movie premiere Friday at UK

Last week the date for the premiere of "46 Bottles of Shampoo" was incorrect.

It will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

The movie, which is a Visionary Film Empty Pocket Production, was directed and produced by former Eastern student, Richard Carr. It will take place at the W.T. Young Library Theatre at the University of Kentucky.



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Visionary Films, "Ferry Man."

## "This I Promise You"

### 22nd Annual RHA Bridal Show



Tuesday, February 27  
7:00 PM  
Gifford Theatre

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# Freed teaches class abroad

**Richard Freed**



BY ANDREW KERSEY  
Staff writer

Step outside of yourself for a minute, and imagine leaving the familiar frontiers of America and traveling through Europe and the Middle East, teaching others about the power of literature.

Picture yourself exploring exotic landscapes and absorbing the cultures with the aspiration of sharing knowledge and gaining self-enlightenment at the same time.

Eastern English Professor Richard Freed has journeyed through places like England, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Ukraine and Turkey.

He has had the benefit of instructing abroad, and doing research within these countries.

Freed also taught at Odessa State in Odessa, Ukraine in the fall semester of 1998.

He lived in Ukraine four months and said the perplexity and his ignorance of the language made the experience zesty.

"The confusion was fun; not understanding things was exciting," said Freed. "It's amazing how quickly you learn to get by."

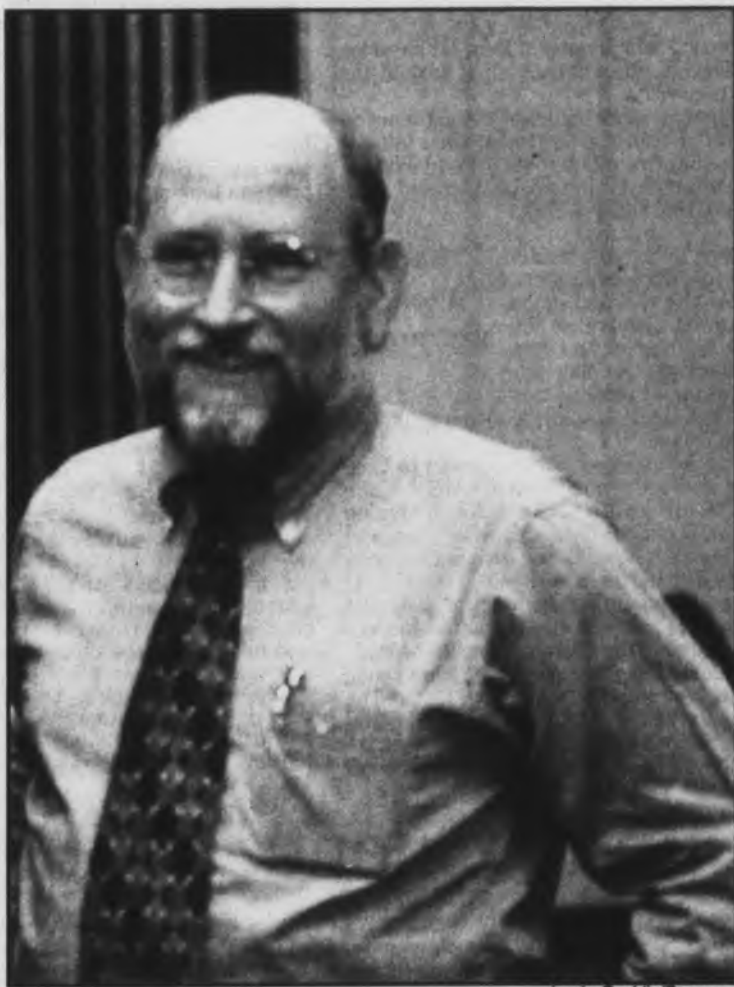
The next big expedition for Freed, who has taught English courses at Eastern for 22 years, is to take a group of students to London, England for the summer. Freed plans to teach about English Victorian writers Oscar Wilde and Charles Dickens.

The trip will involve tours around the city to Dicken's home and Stonehenge.

Wilde has been a great influence on Freed. Freed wrote his dissertation on Wilde while receiving his doctorate at the University of Texas.

"I want to rekindle my interests in Wilde. He is one of the funniest writers who is witty and also very satirical. He was a much deeper thinker than anyone used to think," Freed said.

Freed came to Eastern in 1979 from Southeastern Oklahoma State where he taught English courses. The professor has taught a myriad of English courses dur-



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Richard Freed, English professor, has been at Eastern for 22 years. Freed will lead a group of students to London, England this summer to teach a course on English Victorian writers Oscar Wilde and Charles Dickens.

ing his career at Eastern.

He teaches English honors courses, 19<sup>th</sup> century literature and non-English major classes like composition and survey of world literature.

Strangely, Freed almost chose another career path while at Texas. He attended two years of law school before realizing that he didn't want to be an attorney.

"I thought law was what I wanted to do, but then I got scared of the thought of being a lawyer. It wasn't what I wanted to do. My political orientation has always been progressive, and at the same time I was at law school

and there were few alternatives for public service. Most law school grads went to firms to make money, and that was never my goal," Freed said.

Heading into the future, Freed says he is content with teaching at Eastern.

The only thing that bothers Freed is the recent resignation of President Robert Kustra from the university.

"I'm deeply saddened by the resignation of President Kustra. Kustra made many important and positive changes on this campus during his tenure on this campus," Freed said.

“  
The confusion was fun; not understanding things was exciting. It's amazing how quickly you learn to get by.”

**Birthday:**  
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**Did you know?**  
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8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M., Jones Building, Room 122,  
12:40 P.M.-4:30 P.M., Powell Building, Jagers Rm.

• **REALITY CHECK TABLE TENTS:** Check out the facts about ECU alcohol use. Sponsored by the ECU Substance Abuse Committee  
Located in all University Fine Dining Establishments All Week

**Wednesday, 2/28: "LOVE YOUR BODY DAY"**

• Enjoy **FREE** massages, **FREE** nutritional consultation, **FREE** body image assessments, and **FREE** food from our guilt free eating table. Sponsored by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the ECU Counseling Center.

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., Herndon Lounge, Powell Bldg.

**Thursday, 3/1: "LET'S GET FIT!"**  
• **RACQUET BALL TOURNAMENT.**

Sponsored by the Office of Intramural Programs.

5:00 P.M., Football Stadium

**Monday, 3/5: "SWINGING"**

• **WHEN GETTING LUCKY ISN'T LUCKY:** Men, learn the facts about dating and sexual assault. Participate in this short screening and you may win a lot more than peace of mind. Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life in conjunction with the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center.

6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., Commonwealth

• **SWING DANCING:** Have fun and get fit when you participate in this FREE Swing Dance lesson. Sponsored by the ECU Dance Theatre.

8:45 P.M., Weaver Dance Studio

**Tuesday, 3/6: "EQU LOVE-IN"**

• **WHEN GETTING LUCKY ISN'T LUCKY**

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M., Powell Corner

• **10 STEPS TO DESTROY A RELATIONSHIP:** What kind of lover are you? Find out through this humorous and informative workshop facilitated by Dr. Connie Callahan.

8:15 P.M.-9:15 P.M., Herndon Lounge (Powell Bldg.):

• **EQU LOVELINE:** You may think you are on MTV when you participate in this interactive panel discussion on dating and intimacy. Come

for the discussion, the chocolate, or the FREE condoms.

9:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M., Herndon Lounge (Powell Bldg.):



**Wednesday, 3/7: "FACTS ON TAP"**

• **MEN IN BLACK:** The men in black are back. Test your knowledge about alcohol and drugs and win \$\$\$\$\$\$. Sponsored by the ECU Substance Abuse Committee.

11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M., Powell

• **HOOPS FOR HEART:** There is nothing better than 3-on-3 basketball to help raise money for the American Heart Association. Contact Dr. Colby Jubenville (622-1898) for more info. Sponsored by the HYPER Club.

3:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M., Weaver Gym

• **WHEN GETTING LUCKY ISN'T LUCKY**  
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., Martin Hall



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• **TRAINSPOTTING:** This critically acclaimed film, starring Ewan McGregor, takes you to the world of heroin addiction and withdrawal. After the film, stay for a facilitated discussion about the movie and the opium class of drugs including HEROIN and OXYCONTIN.

**TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR:**  
Wednesday, March 7, 8:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., Grise Auditorium, Combs Building

• **BIRTH CONTROL RALLY AND INFORMATIONAL:** Sponsored by the Women's Activist Group

• **SELF DEFENSE DEMONSTRATION**

## Bridal show celebrates 22nd anniversary

By JAM KIDWELL  
Staff writer

For the past 22 years, Eastern has held a bridal show sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. This show has featured everything from prom dresses to ring bearers to the mother of the bride.

"I don't know how it got started," said RHA president Stacia Chenoweth. "When I got here the show had been going on for 19 years, so it was just expected."

The proceeds from the show have always gone to one of two locations, the United Way or the RHA Scholarship fund.

Chenoweth, a senior from Glasgow, has watched and organized previous shows.

"This is the first year I get to model," Chenoweth said. "I'm very excited."

This year's show is being organized mainly by RHA Vice President Shalana Johnson, a junior from Radcliff. Johnson is combining the modeling with dance coordination.

The showcase will include 16 male and 16 female models in eight different scenes. Each scene will have its own decor requiring scene changes.

During an intermission, viewers will be able to visit the booths of decorators, caterers and businesses. This will give future brides a chance to speak with experts and perhaps gain some ideas of what they would like in

their wedding, no matter how far away it may be.

Throughout the show, door prizes will be given away in two categories: the bride-to-be and the general audience. Chenoweth said one of the best reasons to attend the show is all the free stuff. This year the free stuff will represent at least 14 different vendors.

The models are chosen from applications students picked up from the residence halls or the Powell Center. After they are turned in, the RHA staff has to sort through them and interview each person to see why they want to model in the show. All builds must be represented in order to make the show appeal to more viewers.

Each female will model at least two dresses and as many as four. The dresses could be prom dresses, formal or informal wedding gowns, or bride's maids' dresses.

"This is definitely the most diverse the show has been," said Johnson. "The participants come from commuters, nontraditional students, international students, as well as from the Greek community and other organizations."

Even though the show is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in Gifford Theater of the Campbell Building, preparation has been going on since October.

"It's a year round thing," said Chenoweth. "As soon as you get the thank yous done, it's time to start asking for help next year."



Progress file photo

Models in a previous RHA Bridal Show get into the spirit of the event. This year's event marks its 22nd anniversary on campus.

## Students stay 'Up 'till Dawn' to benefit St. Jude's

By SHA PHILLIPS  
Around&about editor

Staying up all night usually makes one feel bad the next day. But staying "Up 'till Dawn" tomorrow night is going to make many people feel great.

An event called Up 'till Dawn is planned for students to stay awake the entire night, while participating in activities, to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The night was planned in conjunction with Casino Night, which also donates its proceeds to St. Jude's.

Casino Night is planned for 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Up 'till Dawn will last from 9 p.m. to 5

a.m. in Alumni Coliseum Auxiliary Gym. Students wanting to attend Casino Night can pay \$3 to get in and receive \$5,000 of play money or \$5 to get in for \$10,000 of play money to use throughout the night. Groups of six that signed up for the Up 'till Dawn paid \$350 to be a part of the night.

Luke Anderson, a senior business management major from Sarasota, Fla. and director of public relations for EKV Students for St. Jude's, said approximately 25 groups had signed up on Tuesday. He said they will accept groups until the day of the event.

"We've had great support from Greeks, SGA and other organiza-

tions," Anderson said.

Anderson said they chose Casino Night as a way to get increased support for the first-year event.

"It's difficult to get great support for the first year and Casino Night should help with that," Anderson said.

Meg Quarles, acting director of student organizations, said the organizations that didn't sign up to participate donated money for the event.

She also said the night is not just for Greeks and encourages everyone to come out.

"It's going to be a great, new fun event," Quarles said.

The idea behind Up 'till Dawn was brought to Eastern's attention

after a St. Jude's representative came to campus in hopes of organizing the event, said Quarles. She said the representatives are trying to get many campuses to sponsor the event.

St. Jude's Hospital treats children regardless of their ability to pay. It was opened in 1962 as the first institution with purpose of conducting research of childhood diseases.

During the night Alumni Coliseum will be filled with movies, refreshments and activities spread throughout for the participants.

"Hopefully with this first year we will build a strong foundation for the future," Anderson said.

## Smith speaks on civil rights in Kentucky

By SHA PHILLIPS  
Around&about editor

Civil rights has touched every part of America, including Kentucky. Gerald Smith, a professor at the University of Kentucky, wants students to remember that the civil rights movement did not skip Kentucky.

"There were people committed to the cause," Smith said.

He will speak on the "Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky" at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Powell Building, Kennamer Room as a part of events planned for Black History Month.

Smith said he will spend much time discussing the desegregation of public accommodations, schools and housing.

"My lecture will basically be a survey of the movement in Kentucky, highlighting the role of the Congress of Racial

Equality and the NAACP," Smith said.

As compared to other states, Smith said Kentucky's tactics and strategies were similar, however, Kentucky protest typically included a handful of activists with the exception of those activities in Louisville.

"Clearly the commitment and sacrifices blacks and whites made to the cause was commendable," Smith said.

On the topic of civil rights action Smith voiced concerns with racial profiling and educational and employment opportunities for African Americans.

"Unfortunately, much of our society is convinced that civil rights is an issue that has had its day," Smith said.



Gerald Smith speaks Feb. 27.

### Historic events through African American history

**1852:** Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which focused attention on the cruelties of slavery, was published.

**1857:** The Supreme Court ruled in the Dred Scott case that American-born slaves had no rights under the Constitution.

**1863:** The Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the South.

**1866:** Congress approved the 14th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed due process and equal protection to all citizens.

**1875:** The Civil Rights Act of 1875 was approved by Congress. The legislation was later invalidated by the Supreme Court.

**1954:** The U.S. Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

**1955:** Rosa Parks didn't give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. and was arrested, causing a yearlong boycott.

**1957:** Nine black students begin attending an all-white school. Arkansas became known as the "Little Rock Nine."

**1963:** African Americans march on Washington. This is where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I have a dream" speech.

**1967:** James Way became Eastern Kentucky University's first black faculty member.

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## Fans need to fill up McBrayer Tuesday

Well, after months of waiting it's finally here. The basketball post-season is about to start. On Tuesday, the Lady Colonels will host a first-round game of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. The team is second in the conference and has wrapped up a 20-win season. They lead the nation in scoring average with over 88 points per game.

My question is why doesn't anyone in this university or town seem to care?

The estimated attendance for Senior Day in the Lady Colonels' 88-73 win over Murray State was 700. My guess was that about half of those people were there for the pre-game ceremony honoring seniors Larry Wall and Candice Finley. Either way, McBrayer wasn't anywhere close to being as packed as it should have been.

The attendance for the men's game was estimated at over 3,000 people.

There is no reason why people shouldn't come out to this playoff game. Sure, students and community members have shown up to root for the men's team, but the only problem is the men's team isn't playing in the conference tournament this year.

The Lady Colonels are a good team that plays hard, puts a lot of points and has more than a good shot at winning the conference tournament and going to the NCAA tournament this year.

I urge everyone who was at Saturday night's men's game to come out this Tuesday and cheer every bit as loudly for the Lady Colonels as they try to advance to the second round of the conference tournament.

Head Coach Larry Joe Inman has begged and pleaded for fan support during this stretch run. Now it is time for everyone to deliver.

Students, there is no reason for you not to show up to this game. Admission is free with your student ID. So instead of going downtown to party, come on out to root the Lady Colonels to victory and then you can go downtown and party until your heart's content.

If you feel too swamped with homework, take a two-hour break and have some fun at the game.

### Goodbye Earnhardt

I was shocked when I heard the news that Dale Earnhardt was dead following a final-lap crash at the Daytona 500 on Sunday. There has to be some kind of a mistake. I thought to myself, 'Not Dale Earnhardt, not at the Daytona 500.'

NASCAR has not only lost one of its most flamboyant and talented drivers ever, more importantly, it has lost a great human being, husband and father. This senseless tragedy is a reminder to us all about how precious life really is, and how quickly and easily that life can be squelched.

While Earnhardt died doing the one thing he loved most, auto racing, and died ensuring the win for friend Michael Waltrip and ensuring son Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s second place finish, the senselessness of this tragedy cannot be overlooked.

In my mind, no one should die for the sport they love. Whenever something like this happens, I see it only as a complete waste of human life. I felt the same sorrow and grief for the Earnhardt family on Sunday as I did for the families of the victims of the Oklahoma State University crash. There is absolutely no reason why these people should have lost their lives playing their sport.

Auto racing is one of the safest sports compared to the amount of risk involved. However, I feel like that risk is way too great. As new technology makes these race cars faster, the risk of serious injury or death increases. Earnhardt's death caps off what has been one of the bloodiest years in the history of NASCAR.

I hope people in charge of auto racing will now take a closer look at the dangers of the sport and try to modify the sport so this senseless loss of life can be avoided in the future.



DANIEL PREKOPA  
Rim Shot  
Sports editor

# Let the Madness Begin

## Lady Colonels secure home tourney game

BY DANIEL PREKOPA  
Sports editor

By winning their final two home games of the season against UT-Martin and Murray State, the Lady Colonels secured not only a 20-win season but also a first-round home game in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Unfortunately, with two games left in the season, Tennessee Tech is 14-0 in the conference and they have won the regular season title because they win a tiebreaker thanks to their two wins over Eastern this season.

With their win Saturday over Murray during Senior Day, the Lady Colonels (20-5, 12-2) secured their fourth 20-win season under Head Coach Larry Joe Inman. Inman said the feat couldn't have happened to a better team.

"It's a tremendous credit to a great basketball team," Inman said.

Before the Murray game, seniors Candice Finley and Larry Wall were honored for their years of service with the team. They responded by leading Eastern to a win over Murray 88-73. Finley led Eastern with 20 points on 7 of 11 shooting. She also had a double-double as she led all players with 14 rebounds in the game. Wall also contributed 14 points on 4 of

### Eastern vs. No. 7 Seed (TBA)

When: 7 p.m., Tuesday  
Where: McBrayer Arena

7 shooting. She also had two rebounds and four steals in the game.

Inman was impressed by the two seniors' final performance at home.

"(Finley) was awesome," said Inman. "What a great way for her to finish her last game at home."

"Both of them exemplify everything every coach in America wants to coach," Inman said.

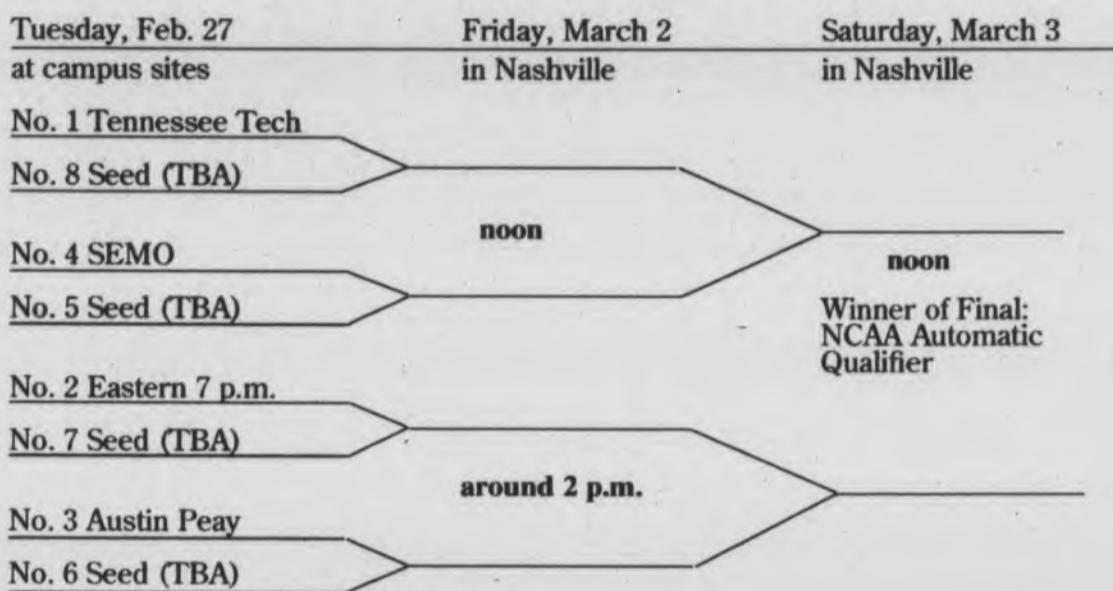
Both Finley and Wall said they accomplished everything they wanted on Senior Day.

"I was proud of the whole team," Finley said. "We played really good tonight."

"I was satisfied with my game," Wall said. "I pushed hard like I do every game."

Overall, five Lady Colonels scored in double figures. Teresa McNair and Katie Kelly had 14 points each (Kelly was 2 of 3 from three point range and a perfect 6 of 6 from the charity stripe) and Zoey Artist contributed 10 points. McNair also contributed 13 rebounds for her own double-

## Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tournament Bracket



Daniel Prekopa/Progress

double.

Leading all scorers in the game for the Lady Racers (7-19, 5-10) was Stacy Holmes, who scored 27 points on nine of 12 shooting, including three of four from three-point range. Unfortunately for Murray, she was the only player to score in double-figures, which hurt at the end in the overall box score.

The teams matched each other with 23 turnovers and were similar in shooting percentage, but Inman thought the big difference in the game was Eastern out-rebounded Murray 51-32.

"I was surprised because (Murray's) one of the better rebounders in the conference,"

said Inman. "It was a tremendous job for our team."

On Thursday, the Lady Colonels survived a late run by UT-Martin to win 81-73.

The Skyhawks (11-14, 5-9) overcame a 22-point second half deficit of 57-35 and pulled to as close as four points, 75-71 with a minute and a half left before Finley, Mikki Bond and Kelly shot a perfect six for six from the free-throw line to seal the victory.

Artist led all scorers with 17 points on six of 10 shooting. Also scoring in double figures were Charlotte Sizemore with 13 and Kelly with 12 points. Eastern shot 50 percent (27 of 54) for the game.

Scoring in double-figures for UT-Martin were Kelly Pendleton with 16, Christi Binkley and Tiffany Brundige with 11 points apiece and LaShonta Morrow contributed 10 points in the contest.

The Lady Colonels finish up the regular season on the road tonight against SEMO and Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

They will then return home on Tuesday where they will host their opponent in the first round of the OVC tournament at 7 p.m. in McBrayer Arena. It is unknown who the Lady Colonels will play.

Five teams, UT-Martin, Murray, Morehead, Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois are fighting for the last four tournament seeds.

## Colonels finish on high note

BY ROBB JORDAN  
Assistant sports editor

In the Bible, we learn of the story of Job. Job was a man who had everything and lost it. Along the way, he endured plenty of pain and suffering. But Job had a promise to be rewarded tenfold for his trials.

The Colonels could identify with Job. The Colonels came into Thursday night's game versus Tennessee-Martin reeling from a 12 game losing streak.

Eastern was still searching for their first win of 2001 and their first win in Ohio Valley Conference play under Head Coach Travis Ford. Twenty-eight games had elapsed since the Colonels last defeated a conference foe.

But Thursday was a night of firsts for the Colonels. Eastern's 75-62 victory over the Skyhawks put an end to both losing streaks and gave Colonels fans a glimpse of what hopefully will be their tenfold reward.

The game started slowly enough, as neither team scored until the 17:31 mark, when a technical foul was called on Martin forward Brian Foster. Senior point guard John White drained both free throws to break the ice. The Colonels stretched their lead to 5-0 on a three-pointer by junior Spanky Parks. But the next nine minutes belonged to Martin. The Skyhawks went on a 18-3 run, led by forward Hayden Prescott's nine points, and led 18-8 at the eight minute mark.

But the Colonels regained the momentum. White scored five points and center Tim Volpenhein scored four as Eastern pulled within one, 20-19 with 4:02 left. But the Skyhawks closed strong with an 11-5 run to enter the locker rooms up 31-24. White led Eastern with nine points and Volpenhein chipped in with seven. Prescott led all scorers with 10.

The teams continued their battle in the second half. Martin held onto the lead throughout, but the Colonels kept within striking range. But unlike most of this sea-



Spanky Parks shoots a crucial jump shot during the Colonel's win over UT-Martin on Thursday, Feb. 15. The win was the team's first in OVC play.



Lavoris Jerry (Left) and John White (Right) receive plaques from Head Coach Travis Ford during senior day honoring their achievements.

## Saying goodbye to seniors

### Women

**#33 Candice Finley**  
6-foot-1-inch senior center  
Detroit, Mich.

"I learned a lot about being disciplined, to show leadership, and how to control my emotions."

Finley enters her final stretch as a Lady Colonel with 978 points, 22 short of 1,000. She started for three years and had over 450 rebounds here as a Lady Colonel.

Finley was a vital cog in the Lady Colonels drive to the top of the Ohio Valley Conference.

**#31 Larrya Wall**  
5-foot-11-inch senior forward  
Cecilia

"Coming back this year, I worked hard to get back. I didn't want to let myself down."

Wall battled back from injuries to be one of the leaders on the Lady Colonel team. Her defensive prowess and all-out effort inspired the team to play "Larrya Wall Ball."

Wall notched almost 400 points and pulled down over 150 rebounds in her four years at Eastern.

Wall helped the Lady Colonels regain their spot among the OVC elite.

### Men

**#30 John White**  
6-foot-2-inch senior guard  
Detroit, Mich.

"John White comes to play every day." - Head Coach Travis Ford

White entered his senior season with great expectations. His leadership as point guard and his hustling style set an example for future Colonel floor leaders.

"J-Dub" averaged 12.9 points and 4.1 assists per game while leading the Colonels in minutes played. He totaled over 400 points and 120 assists in his two years at Eastern.

**#24 Lavoris Jerry**  
6-foot-3-inch senior guard  
Ocala, Fla.

"It's all about basketball, baby!"

Jerry went from a contributor in the Colonel offense to its primary weapon. His electrifying dunks, especially one over routed Kentucky forward Tayshaun Prince, and his clutch shooting aided the Colonels frequently.

"V" led the team in scoring at 16.7 points a game. He scored over 550 career points during his two years here and threw down almost 40 dunks.

Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Jenifer Fee/Progress

# An Artist at work

BY MELISSA RHODUS  
Sports writer

If you have ever seen Zoey of the Lady Colonels play basketball, you think you are seeing an artist at work.

Zoey Artist, the 5-foot-11-inch junior guard from Anita, Iowa, averages 10.1 points for the Lady Colonels.

"I got recruited by Eastern to play basketball, so I visited the campus and liked the business program and the campus," said Artist. "I just wanted to play basketball."

Last season, she played in all 28 games and started eight of those, while receiving the Extra Effort and Academic Award on the team.

At CAM High School in Iowa, Artist averaged 25 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists as a senior. She was named first-team All-State and also received All-American honorable mention for her efforts.

During her junior year, Artist averaged 23 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists en route to first-team All-State honors and named Southwest Player of the year in Iowa for basketball and volleyball.

She finished her basketball career at CAM scoring 1,845 points. Artist graduated with a perfect 4.0 and was named to Iowa's All-State Band.

Zoey is really proud of the Lady Colonels (20-5, 12-2) success.



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Zoey Artist's license plate is the first letter of her last name, and the number on her jersey. She has led the Colonels in scoring the past week.

"We are doing really well," said Artist. "We all play well together, have fun, hang out and even if we were losing we would be getting along."

Artist said her trust in God helps her through the day.

"I just put my faith in Him," Artist said.

As an only child growing up in Iowa, Zoey's parents always supported her in anything she did.

"We are really close," said Artist. "I think they miss me more than I miss them, but we e-mail each other everyday." Artist said her parents can't always see her play like they did in high school.

Her parents were big in encouraging her to play sports, but she decided to play on her own.

"I just enjoyed playing," said Artist. "I played almost every sport from volleyball, softball and track."

# Pep band ignites players

BY DANIEL PREKOPA  
Sports editor

"Floor tastes good! Floor tastes good!"

This chant has been heard repeatedly during the basketball games at McBrayer Arena this year. However, most of the time this chant is not coming from the fans. Instead, it's coming from the three rows of maniacs known as the pep band, who occupy the floor during games.

During home games, the band can constantly be seen chanting something at an opposing player or creating signs designed to put down the opposing team and ignite the crowd.

On several occasions this year, the combined efforts by the band and the cheerleading squad have ignited the crowd at McBrayer into chants of their own.

Tim Lang is the conductor of the pep band. He said the tradition of the band playing at the games has been here longer than he's been conducting. There was even a volleyball pep band for years until it was disbanded.

So who comes up with the crazy things the band does during the games? Band member Stacia Chenoweth said that all depends on the opposing players.

"The first stupid thing (opposing players) do, we make it stick with them the whole game," Chenoweth said.

Whenever a player falls to the floor, that player has to hear chants of "floor tastes good" the next few times they touch the ball.

In the Lady Colonel's game against Morehead State on Feb. 5, Amy Spear of the Lady Eagles probably had the most "floor tastes good" chant, of any player on any team this year. Spear hit the deck five times in the game, and each time the band's chant was louder. Spear eventually got so frustrated, she kicked Eastern's Charlotte Sizemore during a scuffle for the ball, prompting a technical call and her being benched for most of the game after.

If a player shoots an air ball,



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

The Pep Band's crazy antics have made McBrayer a tough place to play for opposing teams this year. They will be at Tuesday's playoff game.

**"The first stupid thing (opposing players do), we make it stick with them the whole game"**

Stacia Chenoweth, band member.

they are marked for the rest of the game. Whenever that player touches the ball, the band will chant "air ball, air ball" until they give up the ball.

Sometimes, players will respond to the band's chants, which the band admits makes them want to heckle that player more.

"It's just like putting gasoline on a fire," band member Andy Johnstone said.

Johnstone said the best reaction they ever got from a player was during the Saturday, Feb. 17 Lady Colonel game against Murray State when No. 52, Denise McDonald of Murray, gave the band the one-finger salute. The band responded by calling her "middle finger" the rest of the game.

Other players who respond to the band's heckling have been called "ball hog" during the rest

of the game.

For the men's game against Murray, Johnstone brought 10 blank signs to use during the game. He is the one who came up with the signs the band uses during the game, such as "air ball," "brick," and when there is a questionable call they hold up one sign that says "what" and another sign with a question mark.

Among some of the classic signs Johnstone created during the Murray game were signs that said "say no to crack" and four signs were put together that said "fun" "da" "men" "tals."

Lang said that while the band has never received a technical foul during a game for some of their antics, it's always a concern.

"I really do worry about that sometimes," said Lang. "It's my job to keep them from doing something like that."

"We do it anyway," Johnstone responded.

Members of the band said the lack of crowd response during the games has made it difficult for them to do their job.

"It's really hard for us to remain peppy when fans don't get into the games," said band member Chris Wootton.

"There is definitely a lack of support (from the fans)," Chenoweth said.

Lang said many of the players and coaches from the opposing teams come up to them after the games and tell them what a wonderful job they do.

The band will be up to their usual tricks during the Lady Colonel's tournament game Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## ► Sports Briefs

### Baseball team sweeps Samford

Eastern's baseball team got off to a fast start on the 2001 season as they swept the Samford Bulldogs in a three-game weekend series. Eastern (3-0) made the twin-killing on Saturday, winning 9-3 and 4-3, and they competed the sweep on Sunday by winning 6-5.

Mike Schneider and Gave Thomas scored two runs each in the first game to lead the Colonels to victory.

Chris Albright (1-0) received the win for the Colonels on Sunday.

### Golf team finishes 15 of 17

The men's golf team began their spring season in Florida last weekend in the Emerald Coast Collegiate Tournament hosted by the University of West Florida.

Eastern finished 15 out of 17 teams in the tournament with a final overall score of 983.

Junior Brad Morris led Eastern and finished in the top 20 in the field after the first round with a score of 74, which was two over par. He finished out the weekend by posting a 78 on Saturday and a 90 on Sunday.

### Women's tennis wins two of three

Eastern's women's tennis team hosted three teams over the weekend and won two out of the three matches. They defeated Western Kentucky 5-2 on Friday and Morehead on Sunday by the score of 4-3. They dropped a 5-2 decision to Xavier on Saturday.

Susan Feguson, April Dixon, Kelli Williams and Andie Hill all won their singles matches against Western on Friday. On Sunday, Dixon, Williams, and Rachel Long helped lead Eastern to victory.

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# Progress wins Gold Crown

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The Progress was the only weekly paper to receive the Gold Crown among 295 entries.

Other Gold Crown winners were the College Heights Herald at Western Ky.; the Collegian at Kansas State; the Ball State Daily News, the Indiana Daily Student; the Oklahoma Daily; The Shorthorn at University of Texas at Arlington; and The State News at Michigan State University.

The Progress also won the Gold Crown in 1991 and 1996.

The award was based on issues from the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 staffs under the

leadership of editors Don Knight and Jacinta Feldman.

The CSPA also presented Gold Circle Awards for individual efforts in a variety of contest entries.

The Progress won second place for overall design in the broadsheet category.

Jeremy Stevenson won second place for sports column and third for first person experience. He and John Hays teamed up for a certificate of merit in single subject presentation.

Shane Walters won first place for opinion page design; Jaime Howard and Krystal Roark teamed up for second place in single subject presentation.

Jamie Vinson and Jessica Wells shared a certificate of merit for single subject presentation special section.

Jamie Gaddis and Nicole Venhoff won a certificate of merit for information graphics.



Edmund J. Sullivan, director of CSPA, presented the Gold Crown Award plaque for The Eastern Progress to Faculty Adviser Libby Fraas.

## Gold Circle Winners



# SOFTBALL 2001

## Sliding to the TOP

### Colonels hoping to finish strong

By COREY HALL & DANIEL PREKOPIA  
Sports writers

Eastern's softball team heads into its eighth year of play looking to improve on their No. 4 ranking in the conference this year. They will try to do so with the amount of experienced players they have returning.

This year's squad will return 11 players from last season's 26-34 team that finished fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference with a mark of 14-10. Those players include the entire pitching staff of senior Kristina Mahon, sophomore Jonelle Csora, and sophomore Jessica Soto.

"Our freshman pitchers were very young and inexperienced last year, we expect a little more from them this season," Head Coach Jane Worthington said.

Others returning from last year's team include outfielders Rene Leblanc, Elise Burch, and Amy Wells. Returning infielders include senior third baseman Michelle Williams; sisters, shortstop Amy Herrington and second baseman Bethany Herrington; sophomore second baseman and shortstop Lisa Edwards, who is returning from injury and junior catcher Laura Pullin, who will try and fill in for graduated OVC 2000 Player of the Year, Kim Sarrazin.

New on this year's team is shortstop Diana Barreras, outfielders Kelli Bromley and Jennifer Christiansen, first baseman Kim Kelly and utility infielder Ashley Totten, along with junior college transfer Megan Mills.

"With the returning players we have coming back along with our newcomers we should

contend for the conference title," Worthington said.

"With this year's team we will have more depth and speed which is something we have been missing in the past. We used to be a station to station club, I believe we can really put some pressure on people with our speed this season," Worthington said.

Mahon said she expects the blend of returning players and newcomers to make this one of the best teams Eastern has had for softball.

"I'm real excited," said Mahon. "This is the most team unity I've seen."

"Experience always helps," said Mahon. "An the new players make people push to work even harder."

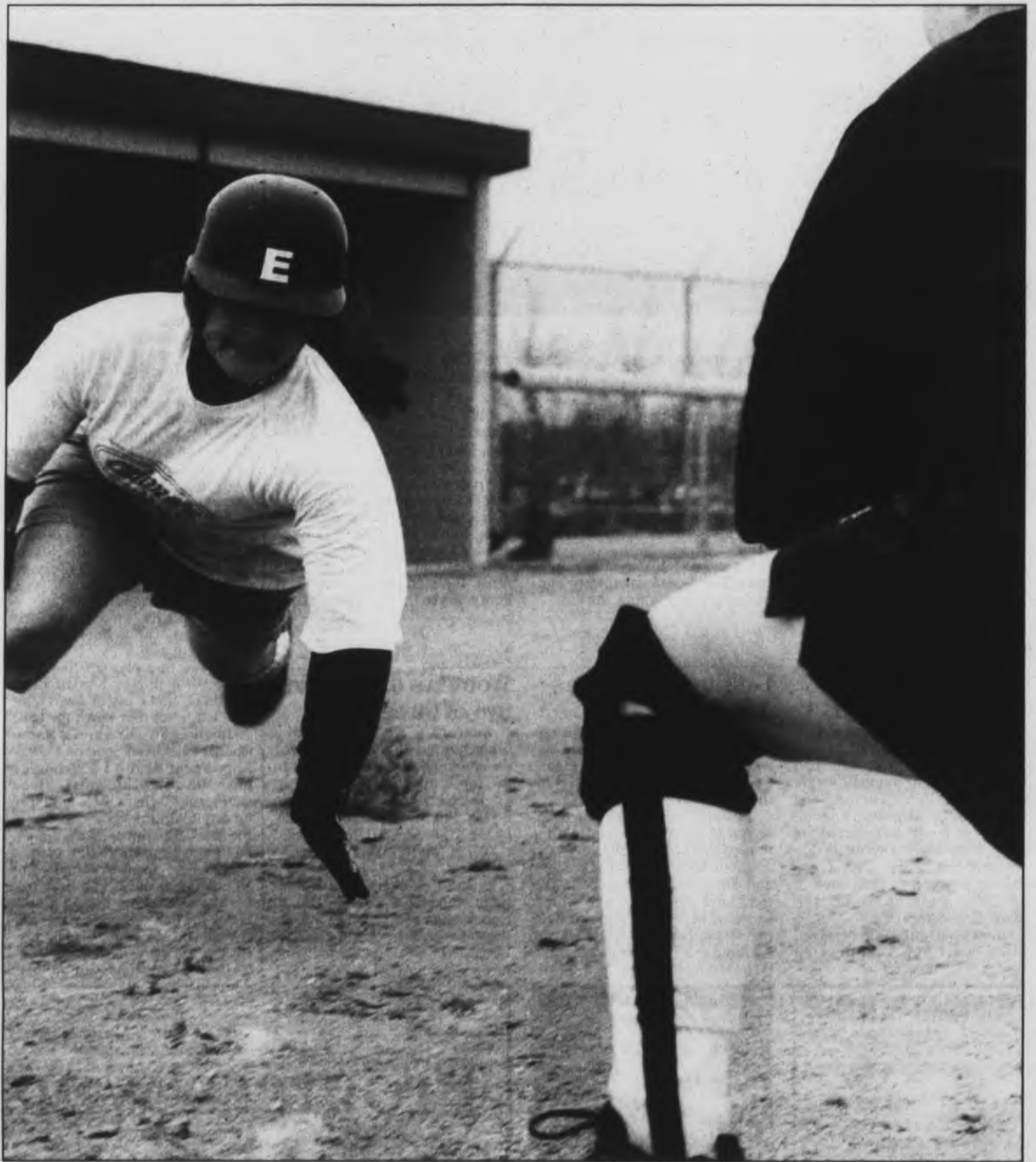
Coach Worthington has yet to name a starting lineup for the upcoming season.

"I really couldn't say at this point everyone is very even and will contribute. We should be much more balanced up and down the lineup than we have been in the past. Every player is capable of making All-Conference," Worthington said.

Worthington said the team feels they may be underrated being picked to finish fourth in the conference, but she said it doesn't really matter.

"We know we'll be at the top of the pack," Worthington said.

The team played six games this fall in fall ball season and compiled a 4-2 record. These games don't count on the regular season record and are used mainly as a scrimmage to gain younger players some experience and to give the coaching staff a good idea of where the team stands.



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Diana Barreras, a freshman from Garden Grove, Calif., is the starting shortstop this year for the Colonels. She started in all three matches last weekend.

### Lady Colonels 2001 Roster

1-Michelle Williams	3B	Senior
2-Kelli Bromley	OF	Freshman
3-Diana Barreras	SS	Freshman
5-Amy Wells	OF	Junior
6-Sun Roesslein	OF/1B	Senior
7-Megan Mills	C	Junior
8-Kristina Mahon	P	Senior
10-Renee LeBlanc	OF	Senior
11-Jonelle Csora	P	Sophomore
15-Elise Bunch	OF	Sophomore
16-Jennifer Christiansen	OF	Freshman
18-Ashley Totten	INF	Freshman
19-Amy Herrington	SS	Sophomore
21-Bethany Herrington	2B	Sophomore
23-Laura Pullin	C	Junior
24-Lisa Edwards	INF	Sophomore
25-Kim Kelly	1B	Freshman
32-Jessica Soto	P	Sophomore

### Team record at 4-2 after N.C. tourney

By MELISSA RHODUS  
Sports writer

Eastern's softball team went 4-2 in their opening weekend, finishing second in the silver bracket of the University of North Carolina Triangle Classic.

The team opened play on Friday with victories against St. Johns and George Mason University.

The Colonels opened against St. Johns. Lisa Edwards, who went two-for-three and was named to the all-tournament team, doubled in the sixth inning before scoring on Diana Barreras' RBI single to put Eastern ahead.

Edwards' triple in the fourth inning

started the Eastern attack against George Mason. Barreras came through in the clutch again, scoring Edwards on a fielder's choice. Jessica Soto and Kristina Mahon combined to throw a no-hitter for the Colonels.

The Colonels went 1-1 on Saturday, dropping a 4-1 loss to East Carolina before beating Temple 3-0.

Sunday saw the Colonels advance to the silver bracket finals with a 1-0 win over St. Johns. Eastern went on to lose to Long Island, 4-1, to finish second in the bracket.

The Lady Colonels host the ECU Invitational this weekend at Hood Field. Their first game is tomorrow at 2 p.m. against East Tennessee.

### Where the women play...



Tim Roberts/Progress

### Coach Jane Worthington



■ Eighth season as head softball coach. She is the only coach in the team's history.

■ Was given the Citizen for Sports Equity Outstanding College Coach award in 1996.

Photos by Jamie Gaddis

### COLONELS TO WATCH



**Megan Mills**

■ Junior from San Jose, Calif.

■ Starting catcher for the Colonels.



**Renee LeBlanc**

■ Senior from Beaumont, Ala.

■ Starting right-fielder for the Colonels.



**Michelle Williams**

■ Senior from Louisville.

■ Starting third baseman for the Colonels



**Kristina Mahon**

■ Senior pitcher from Orangevale, Calif.

■ Pitched a three-hit shutout vs. Temple



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## PERSONALITY PROFILE

# Paul Oakenfold

British DJ/producer storms the States

By Douglas Desmond

Anyone who's into dance music has heard of Paul Oakenfold. One of the most successful DJs alive, he's spun his melodic progressive trance all over the planet. Although he's been popular in Europe and Asia for years—he opened some European dates of U2's ZooTV tour and plays for thousands of fans every weekend—it wasn't until the 1998 release of *Trancesport* (Kinetic Records) that he became known in the States. Now he's mixed a new double-CD specifically for the American market, *Perfecto Presents Another World* (London/Sire), to showcase more diverse material. It moves smoothly from underground trance hits to a brilliant remix of Led Zeppelin's "Babe I'm Gonna Leave You" to music from *Bladerunner* over the course of two superbly programmed sets.

Born in London, Oakenfold first gained exposure to DJ culture in New York, where he danced at trendsetting early '80s nightclubs like Studio 54 and the Paradise Garage. He then returned to England—where he popularized acid house and early techno after hearing it on a holiday trip to Ibiza—before embracing trance in the mid-'90s. He has enjoyed a second career as a producer, working with or remixing acts as diverse as U2, Snoop Dogg and the Rolling Stones.

## Meet Paul Oakenfold

**STS:** You said several years ago that America lags behind Europe in the appreciation of dance music. Has America caught up?

**PO:** Absolutely. It was behind in the sense that dance music actually came from America, America started it—the English just took it and gave it a twist. Then dance culture became youth culture in England, whereas in America it was obviously more driven by rock and R&B and hip-hop. Now I actually think it's better here. It's fresh, it's exciting, it's fun—that's why I got into this business. In England it's very political, because it's a billion-dollar business. Here it's really young and exciting. In England they want to be a DJ because of the money. Here you're all into it for the love of the music.

**STS:** Do you have any advice for someone interested in getting into the industry either as a DJ or in promotions?

**PO:** Just focus on what you're doing, and try to be as original as possible. From a DJing point of view, get demos out. If you want to get into the record business, write loads of letters and follow them up. Be as professional as possible. And for producers, these days it's much easier because you can just burn a CD-R. So make it, and then burn it onto CD, and then give it to the DJs you want to hear it.

**STS:** What are you working on at the moment?

**PO:** I'm working on the score for a summer blockbuster called *Swordfish*, a \$90 million John Travolta film. And I've just done the remix for a Darren Aronofsky movie called *Requiem for a Dream*. I'm layering dance beats and various different things. At the moment we're using Pro-Tools [a computer-based studio]. I like to get in as many live musicians as possible, record what they're doing, then put it in Pro-Tools and start editing it. I also have a show that will be on university radio. It's going to be a mix show, not just underground dance stuff, but bands that I've worked with. I've just finished the dance mix of the new U2 record.

**STS:** How do you think that the Internet will affect the development of dance music?

**PO:** It's a very good medium for dance, and it becomes like an underground network. Brazil's a perfect example. I was actually in Brazil a month-and-a-half ago. I doubt if there is a single club that will be playing, say, speed garage, in Brazil. People in Brazil would never be able to listen to speed garage unless it was through the Internet. So that's why it's important. •

### Want More?

Search keyword: Oakenfold  
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Marc Ban Lengen

**On success as a DJ: "Be as original as possible. Get demos out. Write loads of letters and follow them up. Be as professional as possible."**

## STATS

**DOB:** Aug. 30, 1965

**Born and raised:** London

**College:** Westminster Tech

**Major:** "I'm a fully qualified chef."

**Favorite food:** "Anything from a cafeteria to a plush restaurant. From Cuban food to Japanese. I like all kinds."

**Favorite web sites:** NASA ([nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov)), the Four Seasons ([fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com)), the Chelsea football club ([chelseafc.co.uk](http://chelseafc.co.uk)).

**To students:** "Thanks for the support. Universities and colleges have always been an important part of what I do. One day I would like to do a tour of universities in America."

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**Hometown:** Huntington, N.Y.

**School:** Graduated from Binghamton U. (2000), majored in Creative Writing and Literature. Currently a grad student at Emerson College as a Writing, Literature and Publishing major.

**Secret ambition:** "I want to be a rock star. No, just kidding. All right, I'm lying, I do."

**Best job:** Snowboard instructor

**Worst job:** Cigar girl at club

**Favorite web sites:** amihot.com, boyakasha.co.uk, burton.com, astralwerks.com

**Fave quote:** Blake: "The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom."

### Keith Powers Managing Editor

Managing Editor Keith Powers has held the same title at several magazines: the *Improper Bostonian*, *Fast Company*, *Musician*, *Cook's Illustrated*, *Handcraft Illustrated* and *Natural Health*. Powers has written extensively about the music business, currently covers classical music for the *Boston Herald*, and has contributed to many other newspapers and magazines. At Steamtunnels he manages the editorial department and writes about everything from Buyer's Guides to eBooks.



**Education:** Université de Caen, Littérature et Linguistique, 1976; Indiana University, Comparative Literature, 1980

**Family:** Daughter Emily, a freshman at Savannah College of Art and Design

**Favorite web sites:** artsjournal.com, poynter.org, cnn.com, bostonherald.com

**Favorite interviews:** Van Cliburn: "The Elvis of classical music"; Alfred Brendel: "Pianist, poet, scholar; amazing man"; Seiji Ozawa: "Pure musician, with the greatest memory of anyone alive."

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# Forget Daytona

Excellent spring break alternatives

By Laura Jungman

Does the idea of spending your spring break drinking beer with thousands of mostly naked people on the beaches of Daytona sound unappealing to you? Don't sweat it, there are plenty of other things you can do, like cruising America's back roads or counting sea turtle eggs in Brazil. The first place to look for ideas is your own school's web site. Many universities now have alternative spring break web pages with loads of programs available for you to make the most of your time and possibly give something back to the community.

## Volunteer Vacations

One of the most popular spring break causes is Habitat for Humanity ([habitat.org](http://habitat.org)). Founded in 1976 with a mission to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness from the world, they have built over 100,000 homes and provided low-income families with interest-free mortgages on their new houses. You can take part in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge and learn construction skills while helping to build a new home for a needy family. There are many warm locations available, including Florida!

For those of you with a few extra bucks, you can spend your week in an exotic location while donating your time. Global Volunteers ([globalvolunteers.org](http://globalvolunteers.org)) offers short term "volunteer vacations" like teaching English in Greece or planting trees in Costa Rica. EcoVolunteer ([www.ecovolunteer.org](http://www.ecovolunteer.org)) specializes in matching volunteers to international wildlife conservation projects such as wildlife rescue in Thailand or collecting and hatching sea turtle eggs in Brazil. Program fees range from \$600 to \$2,000 per week, plus the cost

of the plane ticket. If you'd prefer to volunteer your time locally, VolunteerSolutions ([volunteersolutions.org](http://volunteersolutions.org)) has a huge searchable database of ongoing volunteer opportunities in select cities.

## Political and Spiritual Retreats

For all you campus activists, check out the Ruckus Society ([ruckus.org/spring-break.html](http://ruckus.org/spring-break.html)), which offers an Alternative Spring Break Action Camp for Student Activists. You can sign up for a week of workshops designed to perfect your rallying and consciousness-raising skills. If you are more spiritually inclined, there is the Mepkin Abbey Retreat ([selfknowledge.org/events/springbreak.htm](http://selfknowledge.org/events/springbreak.htm)). Spend your spring break at this monastery in South Carolina, working hard, meditating and experiencing life as a monk.

## Hit the Road

If you prefer to set out on your own path, there are several web sites to feed your wanderlust. Alternative Routes ([alternativeroutes.com](http://alternativeroutes.com)) is dedicated to insider travel information, a place where people can share their travel knowledge. Also, GoNOMAD.com ([gonomad.com](http://gonomad.com)) offers resources and information for adventurous travelers. If you want the security of a guided tour, but with an unusual twist, consider Green Tortoise ([greentortoise.com](http://greentortoise.com)), a bunk-bedded bus that offers structured tours of America, complete with gourmet vegetarian food.

Spring break is a wonderful opportunity to forget the stress of the semester, meet interesting people and get a taste of something new. •

## Want More?

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There are plenty of other things you can do over spring break, like cruising America's back roads or counting sea turtle eggs in Brazil.



From top: Global Volunteers in Arcola, Miss.; a Ruckus participant during a climbing exercise; the Ruckus Democracy Action Camp in the Santa Monica Mountains, July 2000.



Photos courtesy Global Volunteers and Ruckus

# Baby You Can Drive My Car

It's hard—but not impossible—for college students to rent

By Douglas Desmond

If you've ever tried to rent a car and been turned down, you're not alone. Most rental companies will reject anyone under 25 years old for insurance reasons. The incidence of accident or theft is far higher for our age group, and most companies are simply not willing to shoulder the risk.

But you don't have to hitchhike; there are firms out there that will rent to students for a higher price. You'll pay an additional \$5 to \$30 per day—or more—in some states. Also, watch out for insurance coverage that you might be

pressured to buy. Damage to rental cars is already covered by certain homeowner or automobile insurance policies. MSNBC ([msnbc.com/news/305444.asp?cp1=1](http://msnbc.com/news/305444.asp?cp1=1)) has information about avoiding hidden fees or overpaying for your car.

The best place to find rental cars online is [bnm.com/uage.htm](http://bnm.com/uage.htm), which lists student-friendly companies in 36 major cities. If your location isn't included in their list, try Alamo ([alamo.com](http://alamo.com)) or Dollar ([dollar.com](http://dollar.com)), although both have a minimum age of 21 at most branches. Two

other sites

worth checking out are *Smarter Living's Rental Guide* ([smarterliving.com/travel\\_guides/cars\\_overview.html](http://smarterliving.com/travel_guides/cars_overview.html)) and [cars-rentals-discounts.com](http://cars-rentals-discounts.com). Another thing to keep in mind is that the state of New York passed a law to allow anyone over 18 to rent there, although companies are free to charge as high a premium as they wish. Budget, for example, will add an additional \$65 per day. •

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# SCAMS

How to avoid turning your break into a bomb

By Erin Dionne

Every year thousands of students head for sandy shores and warmer climates for spring break. And every year, some get scammed. Companies appear on campus as early as October touting deals to places like Mexico, the Bahamas or Florida. They offer low rates on brightly colored flyers claiming that \$399 will get you to places like Jamaica with airfare, hotel and some meals included, for a five-night stay.

## Sounds too good to be true? It probably is.

We've all heard horror stories from students who were stuck in airports for days, or whose hotel room "water view" was really an algae-filled swimming pool. A couple of people I know had their rooms robbed, and their cash and cameras stolen, on spring break in Jamaica.

But how to know what deals are real and which ones are going to turn your dream vacation into a nightmare?

The Federal Trade Commission ([ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov)), a governmental organization dedicated to helping consumers avoid being victims of fraud or deception, has created a plan called "Operation Trip Trap" specifically geared toward travel-related fraud. It's a combined effort between law enforcement and consumer education groups targeting companies that misrepresent vacation packages. You can go to [ftc.gov/os/1999/9908/statecases.htm](http://ftc.gov/os/1999/9908/statecases.htm) for a list of travel companies that the FTC has filed action against. Be sure to check out any company that you're working with before you hand over your cash.

If you do get scammed, or want to find out more ways to protect yourself, visit the American Association of Travel Agents web page ([astanet.com](http://astanet.com)) and check out the "traveler's rights" and "alerts for consumers" sections. •

## Keep these tips in mind when planning your trip:

- **Be wary of charter flights.** They can change their departure times and don't have to provide an alternate means of transportation to your destination. When paying them, your check should be made out to an escrow account (required by federal law). Contact the Dept. of Transportation ([dot.gov](http://dot.gov)) to check if the charter company is legit.
- **Pay by credit card.** You have more consumer protection if things go wrong when you use plastic over cash or checks. A no-brainer: stay away from companies that say they'll send a courier over to pick up your cash or check.
- **Avoid making a quick decision.** Some companies try to pressure you into signing on right away—"good deals go quickly," etc. Don't fall prey to it. Check out the names of satisfied customers first. If the company can't provide you with any, don't get on board.

## Have a Healthy Spring Break

- In Mexico and Central America, never drink the tap water. That means no ice in drinks, keeping your mouth closed in the shower, and brushing teeth



with purified water. In the same countries also avoid raw foods, salads and milk products

- In Mexico and Central America, pickpocketing is rampant. Men: Put wallets in your front pocket, or wear a money belt. Women: Wear purses with the strap running across your chest.
- Cancun has tight hotel security. If a hotel requires a waterproof wristband, wear it. If you have a guest in your room, let the hotel know—you could be kicked out otherwise.
- Use the hotel safe deposit box for valuables. And carry a photocopy of your passport somewhere in your bags.
- To get the best price while bargaining, walk away when the vendor quotes a price. Keep doing this until you get the price you want.
- Nobody (except tourists) wears shorts in Mexico City.
- Bring your own toilet paper—a couple rolls will get you through a week. It's worth it. —Gina Fraone

## NEAT NET TRICKS

Advice for savvy computer users By Jack Teems

Never miss a class—or a party—with your own computer clock at [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com). Choose up to 16 time locations, customize a calendar and use the meeting planner to stay organized.

- Enter the digits found beneath the barcode of audio books, computers, DVDs, music, software, videos, paperbacks and so on at BarPoint ([barpoint.com](http://barpoint.com)) and you'll get specs, places where you can buy the products and price comparisons.
- A free service at [pcpitstop.com](http://pcpitstop.com) examines your computer's configuration, performs benchmark tests, and offers tips on solving problems and improving performance. You'll get data on the system, memory, disk, video, Internet, Windows, security and other useful stuff. Needs Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher to work.

- Until your PC has a better way of handling images, WinGrab will help fill the gap. It's a free utility for Win 95/98/NT/2000 (<http://w1.2518.telia.com/~u251800188/wg/>). It captures a full screen or active window with the touch of a hotkey, and saves the image in .jpg, .png, .tif or .bmp format. It also creates index pages with thumbnail images, prints a series of images or multiple photos on one sheet, serves as an image viewer, and more.

### Munge Those Spammers

It's interesting that some dictionaries have not yet picked up the word "munge." One source says it was in use in Scotland in the 1940s and in Yorkshire in the 1950s to denote munching something up in a masticated mass. These days the word has evolved

into altering one's email address as a defense against spam. Give it a try, particularly if you post a lot on newsgroups (Usenet) where your email address can be easily harvested. Simply change the last part of your address so that it becomes worthless to the spam harvesters. For example, if you are [JoeJones@mindspring.com](mailto:JoeJones@mindspring.com), post your messages as [JoeJones@\\_NO\\_SPAM\\_mindspring.com](mailto:JoeJones@_NO_SPAM_mindspring.com). A bonafide correspondent will note the need to remove [\\_NO\\_SPAM\\_](mailto:_NO_SPAM_mindspring.com) from the address; a bot will not. You should take care to munge the portion of the address after the @; otherwise, your service provider will still get the spam. •

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# Majorly Techno The tools—or toys—you need for school

By Shani Fisher

Keeping on top of emerging technology is a lot more fun than keeping up-to-date with your World Civ professor's demanding reading assignments. From Psychology to English, from Marketing to Architecture, no matter what your major, you'll want the best tech tools available. Below, *Steamtunnels* rounds up the gadgets that will help you get ahead.

## High-tech pen scanners for overbooked English majors. Multi-language dictionaries for language majors. Voice recorders for budding journalists.

### In Sync

Personal information management (PIM) is the key to success in the fast-paced business world. Stay on top of appointments and keep your contacts handy with the Royal Vista, a complete personal digital assistant (PDA) that will fit in your business-card holder. Vista's features include an address book, calculator, schedule function, metric and currency conversions, and an expense manager. Breakthrough pricing is just right at \$60 ([royal.com](http://royal.com)).

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### Say What?

Used by journalists, doctors and medical transcriptionists, voice recorders make dictating and transcribing a snap. The Olympus DS-150 Digital Recorder is the perfect tool.

With 8MB of built-in memory, the DS-150 offers 160 minutes of recording time, with impressive Variable Control Voice Actuator (VCVA) technology that optimizes built-in memory by ceasing record functions when the microphone senses silence. The DS-150 also comes with automatic speech-to-text document creation—including IBM ViaVoice speech-to-text software and a headset that lets you dictate into your PC (\$230; [olympusamerica.com](http://olympusamerica.com)).

### Speak Easy

A must-have for Spanish or Latin American studies majors—the electronic Franklin Spanish-English Dictionary DBE-1440. Complete with 2 million Spanish-English translations with advanced verb conjugations, 2,000 travelers' phrases and learning exercises, the easy-to-read five-line display has a grammar guide, spell correction and seven games. When you're unsure of the spelling of a word, spell it like it sounds and the corrected word will appear with instant access to definitions (\$59.95; [franklin.com](http://franklin.com)).

### High-Tech Highlighting

Political Science and English majors will love Wizcom's QuickLink Pen to scan and excerpt information from textbooks, legal documents or other print media. This portable optical scanner has an electronic eye at the tip of the pen that lets you scan printed text and then easily download to a PC into a desktop application; or scan in a business card and upload directly into MS Outlook, and beam it to your PDA. Or capture, store and edit URLs and then transfer them directly to your favorite browser's bookmarks (\$179; [wizcomtech.com](http://wizcomtech.com)).



### Savvy Camera

Presenting your work in an electronic portfolio is the perfect way to get an edge on other candidates in any job search. The Philips' Vesta Pro Scan camera can capture high-quality video at up to 30 frames per second at a maximum resolution of 640x480. Using PageCam software developed by Xerox, the Pro Scan makes scanning pictures and text very easy—a great alternative to conventional flatbed scanners. Scan in your photos, documents, published works and even record a personal message to send along with your resume using the built-in USB microphone. Can you believe these features are all available in one device? (\$129; [philipsusa.com](http://philipsusa.com)).



Photos courtesy Texas Instruments, Olympus, Franklin

## 10 Worst Colleges for Laptop Theft

Over 319,000 laptops were stolen in 1999

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. Stanford
3. Georgetown
4. Purdue
5. Southern Illinois—Carbondale
6. South Florida
7. Georgia
8. Illinois—Urbana
9. North Carolina—Charlotte
10. Duke

Source: Kryptonite Corp. ([kryptonitelock.com](http://kryptonitelock.com))

# Going WiFi

Building your own wireless network

By Alice Hill

My favorite early home-networking product was "LAN in a Can," which gave home users a basic peer-to-peer network nearly a decade before Napster made the term "peer-to-peer" cool. But there was no market for it, and it bombed. Today, the wired home is more likely to contain one if not two PCs, a printer and possibly a laptop borrowed from the office—yet few people know how relatively painless it is now to set up a wireless network. If you want to make a little extra cash this summer, or upgrade your dial-up digs at home, read on.

The next trend in home networking is the wireless LAN—or "WiFi." No one wants to run cable between rooms and add new wall jacks to share a few files, so wireless is the smarter alternative. To succeed where previous products failed, the WiFi home network not only enables multiple PCs to share files and printers, it also supports multiple and simultaneous Internet connections, including broadband cable or DSL. That means Dad can be checking his online portfolio on his laptop while you and a friend play a little multiplayer Quake III. Try that with LAN in a Can!

## What's in a Standard?

Get the propeller hat on for this next part. The official WiFi standard is called 802.11b—small wonder someone came up with snappier-sounding WiFi instead. Apple pioneered 802.11b, then it was adopted by Toshiba and Compaq. It's likely to be widely used in businesses.

To get that power into the home, Lucent technologies recently unveiled an 802.11b line of products called the Orinoco Residential Gateway ([wavelan.com/products/product\\_detail.html?id=29](http://wavelan.com/products/product_detail.html?id=29)) specifically for broadband connections. An Orinoco setup will run you about \$400 for a desktop and laptop kit, and you can buy components at [www2.warehouse.com/kiosk/Lucent/default.asp?source=xLucent](http://www2.warehouse.com/kiosk/Lucent/default.asp?source=xLucent).

Linksys, known for great inexpensive home routers (wires required) has a new wireless network for broadband connections that also adds a firewall for security. You can pick up a Linksys solution for under \$500 at [provantage.com/scripts/go.dll](http://provantage.com/scripts/go.dll). For Mac users, Apple has the Airport, a futuristic-looking wireless transceiver that delivers 11Mbps of networking power up to 150 feet away. Developed in conjunction with Lucent, an Airport hook-up runs about \$299 (\$99 for the laptop card version).

## Plug and Go

Setting up a WiFi LAN is fairly simple. You connect your cable modem or DSL line to the transceiver, plug the transceiver into your PC's USB port, and then add a transceiver to every PC in the home. Laptops use a PC Card version and can roam freely throughout the house and even into the yard. Connections are always on and always high speed, no matter what PC you're using or where.

If your budget is tight, or you have a dial-up connection, a wireless RF (radio frequency) network may be the ticket. Intel's AnyPoint Wireless network will work with dial-up connects or high-speed DSL or cable modem. A transceiver costs about \$100 ([intel.com](http://intel.com)). Throughput is slower (1.5Mbps as compared to WiFi's 11Mbps), but it's still fast enough to play multiplayer games and access MP3s all over the house. •



Linksys wireless network

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Linksys laptop card

# Coldplay

*Parachutes*

(Nettwerk America)

With *Parachutes*, their first album, arriving somewhat belatedly on these shores (it was released in their native England last July, where it debuted at No. 1), Coldplay now has to face an American audience. Two principal Yank objections to the London-based quartet are likely: 1) They're merely the latest band to be megahyped by the notoriously overenthusiastic U.K. music press, and 2) their sound is slavishly imitative of two Brit influences du jour, Jeff Buckley and Radiohead.

Re: objection number one, well, sometimes those crazy English adjective-mongers can be right, and this time they are—Coldplay is very good indeed. As for objection number two, yes, the spacey guitar tones of Chris Martin and Jonny Buckland do recall Radiohead's *The Bends* and *OK Computer*, and there's more than a hint of Buckley in Martin's tremulous vocals on tracks like "Shiver" and "High Speed." But let's be fair: His nasal timbre is just as capable of evoking Dave Matthews ("Yellow"), Beck ("Don't Panic"), and even, on quieter moments like "Spies" and "Everything's Not Lost," the spirit of the late Nick Drake. In truth, Coldplay is their own band. Predominantly acoustic but not afraid to rock, partial to melancholy drift but buoyed by graceful melodies, their sound may not be unique, but once you've heard it, chances are you'll want to hear it again and again. —Mac Randall



Photos courtesy Linksys



## Stereo Systems Isn't it time you had some new gear? By Genevieve Robertson

All the buzz about the latest developments in handheld devices, laptops and digital imaging has overshadowed tremendous advances in an old-school consumer product: stereo systems. Stereos are becoming works of art that add class to a room as well as great sound. New features that let you play digital files as well as CDs, cassettes and even LPs will quickly turn you into an audiophile.

The first thing to decide is what features are most important to you. Do you need a cassette deck? Will a single CD player be enough? Is radio reception an issue? Do you really need surround sound? Also consider the space you have. Then pick a price range and stick to it.

Most people can find something for between \$200 and \$600. Keep in mind that you do get what you pay for; if sound quality and power are your biggest issues, you may need to lean toward higher-end systems.

### Space Savers

The JVC MX-J500 (\$280; [jvc.com](http://jvc.com)) is a great mini system with all the basics and enough power to drown out any roommate. It features a dual cassette deck, three-CD changer and 120-watt three-way speakers. And with a programmable timer and an optical digital output that allows you to dub to an external minidisc or CD burner, you really can't go wrong.

If you have less-than-adequate space for a bookshelf system, Nakamichi has a solution. The SoundSpace 5 (\$800; <http://nakamichi.com/soundspace>) is a three-part system that mounts on the wall



and resembles framed pictures. It definitely grabs your attention, with its sleek silver exterior and blue or orange LCD that allows you to see the CDs inside. The sound is just as impressive, and at just three inches thick, clears your space for better things.

### Burner Included

Now that most of us have been weaned off of cassettes and are able to create our own CD compilations on the computer, Philips has brought mix-making back to your home stereo. Philips FWR8 (\$599; [philips.com](http://philips.com)) is a compact system with a CD burner. As a stereo it holds its own with a three-CD changer, 200 watts of power, surround sound and three-way speakers, not to mention great radio reception. Plus it has the added bonus of a quality double-speed burner with text editing. It's also CD-R (write-once CDs) and CD-RW (rewriteable) compatible so you can listen to all those CDs burned on the computer. And did we mention the karaoke mike input, so you can sing along?

### MP3-Friendly

Electronic music files are here to stay, and consumer electronics manufacturers are creating add-on devices to play MP3 files on your home stereo without having to boot up. DigMedia has made a combination CD/MP3 (\$499.95;

[mp3shopping.com](http://mp3shopping.com)) player that will connect to any home stereo for listening without a computer. Digisette's Duo-Aria (\$199; [digisette.com](http://digisette.com)) is a new portable MP3 player that plugs into any cassette drive.

The MusicStore has a 5GB hard drive capable of storing 84 hours of music ripped at 128Kbps. It can be connected to

your computer to download already stored files or you can transfer to and from with a portable player that has a non-expandable 48Mb memory. Samsung makes a similar product, the Wingo (\$399; [samsung.com](http://samsung.com)), with a bit less memory.



### Hard Core

The next step in home audio is the digital audio server (DAS). AudioRequest (\$799; [request.com](http://request.com)) by Request Multimedia seems to be the best of this emerging category. DAS is a CD player, MP3 Player and cassette player all in one. It's designed to play back and organize digital music files through your home audio system. AudioRequest has a 17.3Gb hard drive, single-disc CD player and a Celeron

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processor along with software to convert CDs into MP3s.

It can also connect the Internet through your home computer, allowing you access to online music files. However, since these are digital files they aren't the same quality as the original CDs, but you do have the option to rip at 320Kbps, which is almost CD quality (you just can't store as many hours). The best thing about it is the ease with which you can sort through all your digital music files. The player reads artists, song titles and album titles to help you create and store your own playlists. •

### Want More?

Search keywords: Stereo Systems  
at [www.steamtunnels.net](http://www.steamtunnels.net)



## Special Feature: Get out of Dodge

Online travel for college students

As college students, you've got a step up on every other would-be traveler out there—airlines and travel agencies are falling all over themselves to offer you special deals. The travel industry realizes that between spring break and semesters abroad, college students comprise a major sector of their business, and they want to entice you with discounts and packages.

Spring break is an industry in itself. There are tons of companies that specialize in getting you and your buddies to the heart of the week-long ritual of drinking, tanning and clubbing. But beware: If you haven't booked your trip for this year already, you're too late. You'd be better off checking out sites like [springbreaktravel.com](http://springbreaktravel.com) for planning Spring Break 2002. This site specializes in the top four destinations for students: Jamaica, Cancun, Florida and the Bahamas. Their package trips include just about everything you'll need, including, in some cases, wrist bands for easy access to popular clubs.

The best part of the site is "Spring Break Exposed," a section with reviews and tips from students who have actually taken their trips. They'll tell you things like how much spending money you'll need, and that you're better off leaving your shoes behind for the midnight Foam Party in Cancun.

Students heading for Europe or any of the other continents for study or travel should investigate mainstays like [counciltravel.com](http://counciltravel.com), [studentuniverse.com](http://studentuniverse.com) and [studenttravelnet.com](http://studenttravelnet.com). [Counciltravel.com](http://Counciltravel.com) is one of the biggest and oldest out there: this is your source for quick searches on airfares, buying ID cards (which you should have, especially

if you're going to Europe), rail passes, info about hotels and hostels, student travel insurance, gear, and tips for living and working abroad.

[Studenttravelnet.com](http://Studenttravelnet.com) is one-stop shopping for travelers, especially those bound for Europe. The site offers a voucher system for travel that allows you to choose a level of comfort ranging from basic to top price, and they'll give you vouchers that you can use at Ibis hotels, which are sprinkled throughout Europe.

The site also has informative message boards where you can ask experienced travelers about the best play to stay in

Prague or where the hottest nightspot is in Madrid.

The best thing about traveling as a student is the discounted rates. Many airlines offer incredible discounts for students up to their 26th birthday, provided they have a valid ID.

As for places to stay, the best option for students is often hostels: They're cheap, clean and a great place to meet people. Go to [hiayh.org](http://hiayh.org) for lists of hostels around the world and specific information on each location.

Another site to check out before you buy tickets is [Isecard.com/studentflights](http://Isecard.com/studentflights), the headquarters of the International Student Card.

They offer travel rebates for people who purchase the card, which costs less than \$30. The ISE card is not just for identification; it also gets you discounts at hotels, museums, rail systems and more. The ISE site also has special airfare deals and student flights.

Remember to always check your ticket price in several places to make sure you're getting the best deal. Once you find a package, try out regular travel sites like [travelocity.com](http://travelocity.com) and [lowestfare.com](http://lowestfare.com) to see what kind of a student discount you're really getting. •



## ACADEMIC

### Literary History Online

[literaryhistory.com](http://literaryhistory.com)

English majors wanting to do research on the web will love this directory of online literary articles, journals and resources. The focus is mainly 19th century British lit., but there are several other areas, like Postmodernism, that are also covered, and there are links to other literary research sites.

Content: A- Usability: A

### Travlang's Translating Dictionaries

[dictionaries.travlang.com](http://dictionaries.travlang.com)

If you've come across a strange word in your modern languages course, try this vast dictionary site that can translate between English and all major and minor European languages, including Latin. It also works between other languages, so if you're dying to convert some Portuguese into Dutch, today's your lucky day.

Content: A Usability: B+

### The Yahoo Directory of Engineering

[dir.yahoo.com/Science/Engineering](http://dir.yahoo.com/Science/Engineering)

This comprehensive list of engineering and engineering-related sites and links offers an excellent resource for all your engineering needs. From aerospace and geography to a Usenet listing of science message boards, even a non-techie could find something of interest.

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## COMMUNITY

### Tabletalk

[Tabletalk.salon.com](http://Tabletalk.salon.com)

For intelligent discussion and useful advice, try *Salon* magazine's discussion rooms at [tabletalk.salon.com](http://tabletalk.salon.com). There are a large variety of categories, including sports, health, education, house & garden, movies, music and technology, with multiple discussion threads in each. There's everything from freelance writing and spiritual health to role playing. You can view the discussions as a guest, but to participate you need to register, which is simple and will also provide you with a record of what you've read.

Content: A- Usability: B+

### Geocities

[geocities.com](http://geocities.com)

So you want to build a web site, but HTML gives you a headache? No problem—Yahoo's Web Page Builder will walk you through the whole process (works best with Windows). The templates are kind of dull, but you can have a web site up and running in 10 minutes. Thumbs up on the help section; you can add on more as you learn. If you're a beginner, this is the place to start.

Content: B+ Usability: A-

## Epinions

epinions.com

On this site you'll find reviews on everything from colleges to movies to pet carriers. Some sections have more opinions than others, but you can choose between professional reviews and those of your fellow web surfers. Register for free and you can pen your own opinions, earning cash for the number of readers who trust your advice. Keep an eye on this site—it's got a lot of potential.

Content: B Usability: A

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### The New York Times

nytimes.com

Get the Gray Lady without the cumbersome page turning, ink and Macy's sales you have no use for; the *New York Times*' full daily edition is free online. An optional free email service will put the top stories in your box each morning. Searching the *Times*' archives is free, although you'll need a credit card to buy more than the summary paragraphs at a couple of bucks a pop. Or just look them up online then find the microfilm copies at the library and put that money to good use, like for munchies or beer.

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### News Synthesis

newssynthesis.com

When your mom makes her weekly call boasting half-memories of last night's newscast: "The anchorman said you can go to jail for stealing music with that Napper thing..." get onto newssynthesis.com and set her straight in record time. There's a lot of searchable news databases these days on the web, but this also has links to things like nationally syndicated columns and think-tank web sites. Make your professors think you're super smart.

Content: A- Usability: A-

### The Global Town Hall

globaltownhall.com

You've got an opinion, dammit. About politics, the environment, or simply how annoying your friends are for not having any opinions. Word to the wise: Said friends are getting sick of hearing about their pathetic lack of interest. Save your friendships and expand your audience exponentially at Globaltownhall.com, where anyone can

## Editor's pick

### The Scout Report for Science and Engineering

scout.cs.wisc.edu/report/sci-eng

This site hosts the biweekly Scout Report for Science and Engineering. Its list of Internet resources is meticulously compiled by discipline-specific librarians and content specialists. Wondering about atmospheric disturbance climatology? Look no further. The chosen content meets very specific criteria to weed out any unnecessary or useless links, and the site is kept clean and up-to-date. Topics appeal to students, professors and researchers alike.

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write an opinion piece on their pet topic. Educate yourself with various articles culled from major news outlets. Then jump to a forum to blow off some steam on the matter. And before you know it, your op-ed piece might just end up on the front page.

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## DIVERSITY

### Netnoir

netnoir.com

Looking for updates on your favorite black stars? Or news on African-American issues? Netnoir.com has it all and then some. This black-oriented web site offers news, shopping, email and advice on a range of issues. Check out their section for women and read up on money matters or women's history, or click on their Gospel Chapel and read about the Pastor of the Week and reviews of the latest spiritual music, books and web sites.

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### DVstreet

dvstreet.com

Point your web browser to Dvstreet.com, a multi-cultural web portal that allows users to personalize their own start page with channels, chat rooms, job information and more. Dvstreet's Career Center lists job postings and resume and interview tips. Their Marketplace includes over 300 online stores offering products from ethnic foods to airline tickets.

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## VOLUNTEERING

### The Virtual Volunteering Service

serviceleader.org

It's a new world of philanthropy! Virtual or online volunteering enables generous, busy individuals to perform volunteer tasks, in whole or in part, via the Internet at their home or work computers. VVS provides cyberservice, online mentoring, teletutoring, research work and various other jobs. It also allows agencies—such as the American Lung Association and Starbright World—to expand their volunteer programs and networks by allowing more participants, and using volunteers in new areas.

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### Volunteer America

volunteeramerica.net

If you have some spare time, and want to do something you'll feel good about, find a volunteer opportunity or vacation through volunteeramerica.net. This site, organized by state, connects individuals, families and groups with volunteer opportunities across the U.S. Many of the vacations/opportunities are sponsored by the Sierra Club and are a bit out of the ordinary, such as removing old ranching fence lines in Texas so that wildlife can migrate freely. Opportunities are listed up through October of next year, so you still have plenty of time to make plans.

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