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Not enough campus childcare facilities have students stressing. Find out what happened to the planned center and what Eastern does offer./B1



Dena Tackett/Progress

Ken Johnston, vice president of finance, discussed the working 2001-2002 budget.

Equality concerns focus of forum

BY DENA TACKETT
Editor

Faculty and staff expressed concerns about salary inequities and the ways the university is going about remedying the problem at the first of two budget forums Tuesday.

About 20 people attended the forum and most wanted the answer to one question: Where is the Buck Study and when will the campus community get to see it?

Jim Fisher, external affairs coordinator for the College of Business and Technology, asked if the public would ever get to see the Buck Study, which has been used to base salary budget decisions for the last two years.

Eastern hired Buck Consultants in 1998 to study the university's classification and compensation system. The study was to determine what positions within the university were below relevant market rates.

Last April, officials used portions of the study to issue a \$900 across-the-board salary increase. The report has yet to be made available to the public.

President Robert Kustra and Vice President of Finance Ken Johnston said the university would get to see the study as soon as it is finished, but that it had been prolonged by errors.

Johnston said the university simply has data from Buck and individual recommendations, but that the study in its entirety isn't complete.

"Our experience with the data so far is not really positive," Johnston said. "I really don't want to distribute that and make broad-reaching decisions on that until the errors have been corrected."

Johnston said when reviewing some of the data, he found an error rate of approximately four out of every 15 salaries listed being incorrect.

The university has been working since last year to correct many of the mistakes made by Buck. Kustra said those setbacks have slowed the entire process.

"It's only the cleaning up that is slowing us up, and picking the good recommendations from those that are just based on faulty information about our employee base," Kustra said.

Kustra said Buck has been paid once for the initial work on the study, but has-

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Hitting the road...



Clues lead challengers to alligators, Disney

By SARAH HEANEY
News writer

No, they didn't have to kill a wild pig. Or jump out of an airplane, go rock climbing or white-water rafting.

But they did have to learn how to run from an alligator.

The participants in Eastern's first Road Challenge waited four months in suspense, not knowing where they were going for Spring Break.

Last week Tamika Anderson-Lee, Jerry Cook, Justin Patton and Greg Robinson were not disappointed with any of their three stops in the Southeastern United States. And they were extremely pleased with their final destination in Florida.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Eastern's Road Challenge was modeled after MTV's popular series "Road Rules."

On the television show, a group of strangers are taken on a road trip and given clues to their destination. At each stop they had to perform a challenging task in order to receive the clue for the next travel destination.

The four students were chosen by an application and interview during homecoming week last semester. Lee, Cook, Patton and Robinson were told they would be visiting three colleges in the Southeastern U.S. during Spring Break and would be rewarded by a vacation at the final destination.

Along with the four students, three staff members and one videographer went on the Road Challenge. The three staff members were Meg Quarles, director of student affairs; Jay Marks, coordinator for student activities and Brandy Petrey, director of residential education.

Chet Surgener of media resources was the videographer. The footage from the trip will air soon on Eastern's cable channel. The air times have not been set.



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The cast and crew of Road Challenge signed a wall at the University of Florida. They are from left, Brandy Petrey, Tamika Anderson-Lee, Justin Patton, Jerry Cook, Meg Quarles and Greg Robinson.

The four participants and the staff members attended a kick-off dinner at the Outback restaurant on March 11. Petrey said the restaurant was chosen for its Survivor-related Australian theme.

See ROAD, A5

Smith takes top athletic position

By DANIEL PREKOPE
Sports editor

After a search lasting more than a month, President Robert Kustra decided to look no further than Eastern itself for the new athletics director. On March 7, Acting Athletics Director Chip Smith was named the new athletics director.

Kustra's announcement brings closure to a search which began in December after former Athletics Director Jeff Long announced he was leaving to take an athletics job at the University of Oklahoma.

Smith was the first to show interest in the position in January, and in the process of becoming athletics director, he beat out more than 30 applicants.

Those finalists were Tim Van Alstine from Ohio University, Kyle Moats from the University of Kentucky

(who eventually dropped his name from consideration), Dean Lee from Oklahoma State University and Ken Bothof from Saint Louis University.

Smith said a rush of feelings hit him when he heard the news.

"It was a combination of being excited, feeling honored and feeling a little nervous and happy," Smith said.

Smith said Kustra called him March 6 and asked if he was still interested in the job, and Smith said that he was. The official announcement was made the next day.

"Of all the candidates, Chip Smith had the best overall background in collegiate sports," Kustra said.

The search committee met March 7 to give its recommendations to Kustra. Kustra said Smith was one of two names the committee gave him to choose from.

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Ronica Brandenburg/Progress

President Robert Kustra, right, signs the shared program agreement with Hazard Community College's president Monday.

Eastern, HCC share program

By RONICA BRANDENBURG
Assistant news editor

Eastern President Robert Kustra signed an agreement with Hazard Community College Monday that will allow HCC students to have access to a baccalaureate Social Work Program.

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Monday in the Keen Johnson Ballroom to sign the agreement. Upon the items discussed, the agreement with HCC was the topic with the most value to students.

The program at HCC will be designed to be identical to the BSW program on the campus at Eastern. All class content and syllabi will be the same.

This agreement came about from the 2020 Vision Plan for the Council on Postsecondary Education. The 2020 Vision Plan hopes to increase the rate of citizens with postsecondary education in Kentucky by the year 2020.

Kustra provided a copy of the agreement via fax that

included all of the plans and actions that are to be made for the joining.

The standards of the BSW program here at Eastern and the program eventually to be established at HCC are to be set by the Council of Social Work Education and is then approved by the Commission on Accreditation on that particular program.

The degree that will be available at HCC will be an associate of applied sciences degree in human services. The same degree will be a bachelor's of social work at Eastern.

Eastern will hire two full-time faculty with travel expenses paid that will travel between the two institutions to instruct.

The two institutions will also start a collaborative advisory committee. This committee will consist of the coordinator and an advisor of the Social Work Program at Eastern and the coordinator and an advisor of the Human

See HAZARD, A8

Two from Health Sciences vie for Faculty Regent post

By JENNIFER ROGERS
News editor

The Faculty Senate kicked off elections for the next faculty regent with a sparsely attended, short-lived open forum Tuesday that featured only one of the two candidates.

Current Faculty Regent and candidate Merita Thompson was unable to attend the 30-minute forum because she was ill. That left the other candidate, Robert Barton, alone to answer questions and explain why he decided to run.

Barton, who has been at Eastern for 25 years, told the group of less than 10 faculty members he wanted to be a regent because he had always enjoyed working on boards and committees.

"I've always been a board member of some kind," Barton said. "You better enjoy it, because the rewards are internal rather than external or monetary."

Barton said his other motivation in running was to prevent the possibility of a one-candidate election.

"One-person elections seldom serve an organization

well," Barton said. He said that when either problematic or good situations arise, the person elected would receive a disproportionate amount of credit or blame.

"I think it sends a bad message to only have one faculty member wanting to run," Barton said.

But Barton said that his candidacy shouldn't be interpreted as an attack on the work that Thompson has done.

"I have no qualms about running against a very good friend," Barton said, "and I consider Dr. Thompson a very

good friend."

Barton said he had no complaints or concerns about how Eastern was being governed now, but there were some things he would like to know.

"I am a little curious as to which stories are actually true," Barton said. "I don't know whether we have a budget problem or not."

Barton said he favored "continual evaluation" of administration at every level of a university.

Barton said his main focus during his career at Eastern

And the candidates are...



Thompson is the sitting faculty regent.



Barton is the athletic trainer and teacher.

Ballots will go out tomorrow and must be returned April 6.

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WEATHER

TODAY:
Hi: 59
Low: 37
Conditions: Partly Cloudy

FRID: Mostly Cloudy
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SUN: Partly Cloudy

REMINDERS

The first-ever Women's Expo will be held Wednesday to celebrate Women's History Month.

Bookstore's future unsure

By JAME VINSON
Managing editor

Eastern could be giving Wallace's the boot sometime in the near future.

Doug Whitlock, vice president for administrative affairs, said Tuesday the university is actively pursuing termination of the contractual agreement with Wallace's.

"Our RFP/Contract provided for bankruptcy as a grounds for termination, but the nature of bankruptcy proceedings does not make this as simple a process as one might like," Whitlock said.

According to Whitlock, RFP (request for proposal) is not unlike an invitation to bid, but rather considers things other than dollars alone, such as quality of service.

"Those making proposals respond to the RFP," Whitlock said. "The provisions of the RFP are then incorporated into the contract by reference."

Whitlock said the university has two options.

Whitlock said. "Matters of inventory, facilities improvements and staffing will have to be addressed."

Eastern accepted bids in May of 2000 from Barnes and Noble, Follett and Nebraska Books (UBS)/University Leasing. The Board of Regents made the decision to privatize Eastern's bookstore to Wallace's at its meeting in May of 2000.

The campus bookstore was turned over to Wallace's last July. The five-year contract, which ends June 30, 2005, can be terminated within 30 days with cause and in 120 days without cause.

Whitlock said the university is weighing all options.

"We are taking this situation very seriously, as we do anything which affects students and faculty," Whitlock said. "What we want is the best possible service."

Eastern's bookstore has been the center of attention this semester because of shortages and delays in texts.

The delays were a result of Wallace's taking on a number of other bookstore operations, thus the company experienced a short-term cash flow. Out of 2,700 text-

book titles ordered, 3 percent did not come in.

The Office of Student Affairs announced Feb. 13 it would act as a broker for students and faculty to help obtain books. The office placed 15 book orders, 14 of which were for a department chair.

Student Government Association also conducted 175 random phone surveys Feb. 9, in which students said they were still having problems obtaining texts for this semester.

Former Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson was asked by nine creditors to file Chapter 7 bankruptcy Feb. 5. The case was converted to Chapter 11 Feb. 8.

Wallace's Bookstore, Inc. (Eastern's bookstore provider) and the Wallace's Book Co. followed Wilkinson into bankruptcy Feb. 28. Both companies filed Chapter 11 petitions in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del. However, both companies agreed March 2 that their cases should be moved to U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Lexington.

The Wilkinson companies obtained financing from IBJ Whitehall Business Credit Corp. in Boston, which will allow the book-

stores to operate through the Chapter 11 period. Chief Judge William S. Howard approved emergency financing March 6 to keep both companies open for six weeks.

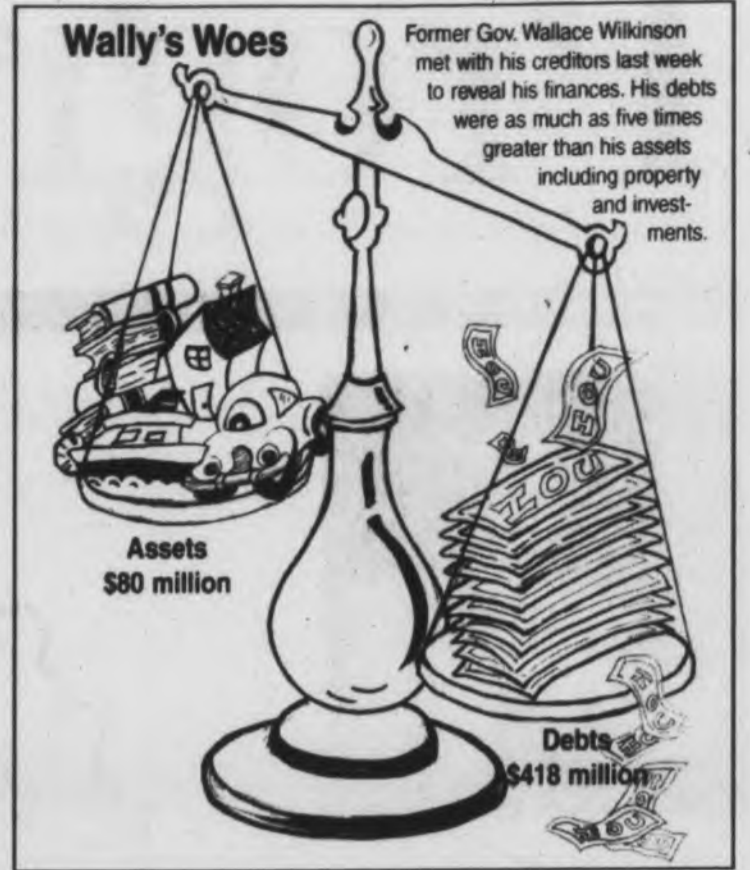
Wilkinson was required to have a full list of assets and debts March 14. He made his first appearance in court March 16 to answer creditors questions.

Wilkinson told creditors he could account for the money and that his Lexington-based companies had suffered due to the bankruptcy.

Wilkinson owes more than \$400 million and his assets are worth \$80 million. The assets figure depends on how Wilkinson's real estate and businesses are valued, according to a Lexington Herald-Leader report March 15.

The report also said in the filing, Wilkinson reported assets valued at \$79.8 million. These assets include things such as three Mercedes automobiles, boats, stocks, a Kentucky Derby box, etc.

A Lexington Herald-Leader report March 17 said Wallace's Bookstore, Inc. and the Wallace's Book Co. must file lists of debts and assets April 4. Their executives will be questioned by creditors April 6. However, these dates are tentative.



Eun-Young You/Progress



Progress file photo

Aaron Thompson initially accepted a job at the University of Georgia.

Thompson will not leave position for another school

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Despite initially accepting a job at another university, Eastern's Student Success Center Director Aaron Thompson will still be here next year.

Thompson said he was nominated for the position of associate provost for institutional diversity at the University of Georgia. He was offered the position and accepted, but changed his mind after making a visit to the campus.

"I wanted to go down and get a good sense of what the campus was like," Thompson said.

Thompson said that some

faculty members had voiced concerns and preferred the other candidates for the job.

"The job was going to be a tough job," Thompson said. "I didn't need any distractions."

But he said other factors influenced his decision to stay at Eastern, including his daughter's last year of high school and concerns for his 80-year-old mother.

"There were more positives to consider here," Thompson said. "It was a fantastic position doing things I'm strong in."

Thompson said he saw no downsides to continuing his career at Eastern.

Financial aid question not affecting ECU

By SARAH HEANEY
News writer

A simple yes-or-no question on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid can make it impossible for some students to attend Eastern next fall.

For a third time, Eastern students applying for federal financial aid will be asked if they have ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs.

A drug conviction can make a student ineligible to receive a Pell Grant, Stafford Loan, federal work-study and other types of aid.

Last year the U.S. Department of Education processed over 9 million Free Applications for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Ninety-one percent of these applications were approved, but 8,162 applicants were denied aid based on their answer to their drug record.

John Fish, the director of financial aid, said that the Drug-Student Aid Provision of the 1998 Higher Education Act has not had much of an impact on Eastern students.

"I can say with relative certainty that it has had no effect on Eastern's population," Fish said. "At most it would affect only three or four students."

Section 483 of the 1998 Higher Education Act says a student who has been convicted under State or Federal Law for possession or sale

of a controlled substance is not eligible to receive any grant, loan or work assistance for a certain period of time.

The ineligibility period can last for one year for the first possession conviction and up to an indefinite period for the third offense.

If convicted of trafficking, a student is ineligible for two years, and if convicted a second time could face an indefinite ineligibility period.

The Eastern Division of Financial Aid does not track how many students have lost financial aid because of drug convictions. Fish said this is completely between the U.S. Department of Education and the student.

"We play no role in determining eligibility or re-establishing eligibility over drug convictions," Fish said.

A student can re-establish eligibility by satisfactorily completing a drug rehabilitation program.

Several Eastern students have had to answer to drug charges in the past three years. Eastern's Annual Safety report for 1997-1999 had 54 drug law violations on campus. Since Aug. 20, 2000, 39 cases of drug violations were reported on Eastern's Public Safety online crime log.

The 1998 Higher Education Act drug policy does not apply to

Financial aid information

■ The priority date for applying for financial aid is April 1. Students applying for SEOG, work-study and Perkins Loans need to apply by April 1 since there is a limited amount of funds for these types of aid.

■ If a graduating student has received financial aid, exit counseling is available online at the financial aid Web page: www.finaid.eku.edu. This is important for students who have or have had student loans through the university.

must be answered before aid is rewarded. The online FAFSA form will not let the applicant continue until the question is answered.

In USA Today, Representative Mark Souder, R-Ind., said the provision is a way to deter students from using or selling drugs, encourages abusers to get treatment and holds students accountable for taxpayer money.

The Drug-Free Student Aid Provision has recently received criticism at universities and colleges across the nation.

At a Washington, D.C. press conference on Feb. 28, members of Congress, national student organizations and financial aid administrators introduced legislation to repeal the provision. Several national organizations like the National Organization for Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy have also protested the drug provision.

Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, or SSDP, have over 70 college chapters nationwide. They argue that access, rather than obstacles, to education is a better solution to drug abuse problems. Other detractors are not like provisions for other crimes, such as murder, rape and armed robbery.

state or campus-based aid. Fish said institutional work-study and scholarships are not affected by prior drug convictions. He also added the main reason students lose financial aid at Eastern is because they default on loan payments.

Last year over 810,000 students found a loophole to the drug history question on the FAFSA. They simply didn't answer it.

This year, if the question is left blank, a follow-up question

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► SGA update

Year later, Pace says he paid back scholarship

BY JAMIE VINSON
Managing editor

March marked a year after former Student Government Association President Chris Pace was ordered to pay back his \$1,800 scholarship.

The decision was made in the spring of 2000 after Pace did not meet the requirements to be considered a full-time student during the 1999 fall semester. Pace did not have 12 hours, which is considered full-time status.

Pace, a political science major, disagreed with the decision saying that the Colonel Connection had made an error in his schedule. Pace had taken classes for which he had already received academic credit.

The Student Court revoked Pace's scholarship early after he took his presidency in the fall of 1999 because he violated election rules. The scholarship was returned in the middle of the semester.

Pace said Monday when he got his scholarship money back, he only received half of it, but did pay the half he received back.

"The scholarship was never really given to me," Pace said.

According to Pace, he is still taking "very limited" classes at Eastern and will graduate in May.

"I'm just sitting back and relaxing, trying to graduate," Pace said.

Pace said he took the LSAT and is preparing to go to law school. Pace said he would like to stay in the local area but isn't sure where he will go to school.

"UK will probably give me a full scholarship," Pace said.

Pace is also staying active in Eastern activities. He went with SGA the week before Spring Break to build a house for a family in need in Hazard. Pace said he was interested because the idea was discussed last year, but SGA never got to do it, and he has relatives in the Hazard area.

Attending classes isn't the only thing occupying Pace's time. Pace, originally from Winchester,

also works at Kentucky Bank, averaging about 25 hours a week.

Pace was elected as SGA president in the spring of 1999. He served as SGA president from the fall of 1999 to the spring of 2000.

During his presidency, Pace was a major factor in SGA's decision to vote out long-time adviser Tom Myers. Later in his presidency, Pace announced allegations that the SGA office was under investigation for a violation of office hours, which later proved to be false.

According to Pace, he feels the turmoil during his presidency was positive for SGA.

"It allowed SGA to have a bigger voice," Pace said.

Ritchie Rednour, SGA president, replaced Pace in the spring of 2000. Rednour said he disagrees with Pace.

"I definitely feel like it made people more aware of the Student Government Association," Rednour said Tuesday. "However, I am unsure of what kind of light it put us in."

Nick Bertram, vice president of SGA, said Pace did make SGA known.

"Chris's experiences certainly brought Student Government into the spotlight of the community, but I'd like to think of its influence and strong voice being the result of an exceptionally gifted Student Senate," Bertram said. "Our senators have worked very hard to create quality proposals, and Ritchie and I have worked very hard to see those proposals implemented."

Aaron Thompson, who served as interim adviser during Pace's presidency after SGA made the decision to vote out Myers, said he feels very good about his involvement with SGA since



Pace was an SGA president.

Pace's term and now. Thompson is co-adviser of SGA.

Thompson said SGA has done many positive things and made many significant improvements for students. He added he has a better understanding of SGA's progress.

Rednour said he feels SGA has accomplished a great deal since Pace's term.

"As I have said time and time again, I feel this administration has made some outstanding improvements to the university community and there are still more to come," Rednour said.

Pace agrees with Rednour. "They've (SGA) done a wonderful job," Pace said. Pace added SGA is having major bills passed and has major influence on Eastern's campus.

Bertram also feels SGA has made positive changes.

"Tremendous improvements have been made to this university since I came in 1998, several of which are the direct result of the Student Government Association," Bertram said. "With the right election results next month, I believe that more positive changes will occur."

Pace also addressed President Robert Kustra's decision to resign.

"I think it's a good thing," Pace said.

Pace said it shows in the attitude of the new Board that the Board is not happy with things, especially from a financial standpoint. Pace said it's important to mention, however, that many of the Board members are looking out for the best interests of the university.

However, Pace feels Kustra has done many positive things, especially in conjunction with SGA.

"A lot of people didn't like the changes he's made," Pace said. Pace added it's hard to stay in a position when you can't adequately provide faculty and staff raises.

"Hopefully Eastern will bring in someone more financially conservative," Pace said.

Banner software program slated to be complete in fall

BY RONICA BRANDENBURG
Assistant news editor

The new Banner software program at Eastern will be finished and ready for use by the end of the fall term.

Banner is a software program that will replace the previous ISIS student information system. This program will handle all registration, notify students of all closed course sections and allow students to check their grades and view their transcripts.

The Banner software cost \$2 million and will be implemented by the end of the fall semester.

In an e-mail to The Progress, government professor Sara Zeigler explained the benefits of the new Banner program.

Zeigler is a member of the focus group for academic advisers that is helping Vance Wisenbaker, Banner director, decide on what needs the system should meet.

According to Zeigler, students

will be able to register using Banner by April 1. Registration for Fall 2001 will also be done by way of the Banner system, however, registration for Summer and Intercession 2001 will be done using the previous ISIS.

"Once we all get used to this, it should be a better system than the one we have now," Zeigler said.

Wisenbaker said the Office of Advising is conducting workshops for advisers that will teach them the new Banner program. These workshops have been in progress since March 1 and will last until March 29.

Wisenbaker said via e-mail that there will be no other workshops for faculty on how to use the Banner program.

He also stated that students will use the program entitled "Web for Students" and the faculty will use "Web for Faculty," which Wisenbaker says is simple and will not require any extra training.

Wisenbaker said that Banner will be the primary student information system by the fall semester of 2001.

The Banner software program is responsible for the abolishment of Flip Fridays. The problem was that Banner was set up to comply with a regular consecutive schedule. Trying to get the system to comply with the Flip Fridays would be a costly process, therefore, the popular schedule was abolished.

Eastern has lost what made it known by many. Eastern along with only a few other universities in America were the only ones with the Flip Friday schedule.

This new change was undoubtedly a disappointment; however, according to Zeigler, Eastern is on its way to becoming more technologically independent and making it easier on faculty and students to conduct operations concerning admissions and registrations.

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► News Briefs

Reception for minorities to be held March 20

Eastern will hold a reception for minority students and their families that live in the Southern Indiana area.

Middle school majors should attend meeting

Middle school majors are encouraged to attend the Eastern Middle School Association meeting.

Blood drive to be held at Mayfield Elementary

The Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Richmond Family Resource Center will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Music Department hosts concert Saturday

The Department of Music at Eastern will be present its 15th annual Pops Spectacular Saturday.

Campus Preview Day to be held March 16

Eastern will host another Campus Preview Day (formerly called Spotlight).

William J. Marshall speaks April 4

Author William J. Marshall will speak at 7:30 p.m. on April 4 in the Perkins Building.

► Police Beat: March 2 - March 17

The following reports have been filed with Eastern's Division of Public Safety.
March 17 Andrew Justice, 32, Winchester, was arrested and charged with running a red light, operating under a suspended license.
March 12 Kiley Vaughn, 21, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.
March 11 Liang Zhou reported a compact disc player and a cellular phone stolen from his unlocked car in the lot of Brockton Apartments.
Mark Rose reported items stolen from his locked vehicle while parked in the lot in front of Brockton Apartments.
Cassandra Godbey reported a car broken into in the lot in front of Brockton Apartments.
March 9 Jamie Woody reported a car broken into while parked on the west side of Madison Drive.
Amber Snyder reported her car being scratched while left on the Lancaster side of Model Service Drive.
Norman Dick, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.
March 8 Allison Parks reported two cellu-

Political center hosts conference

The Center for Kentucky History and Politics will host a conference concerning Kentucky-Japanese trade relations.

The conference will be held from 1-5 p.m. on April 25 in the Perkins Building.

Zawacki will discuss what Japan businesses expect from Central and Eastern Kentucky business.

The event is free to the public. Anyone interested in attending can call Center Director Paul Blanchard at 622-4380.

Marshall's speech will be titled "Kentucky's Happy Chandler and Baseball's Pivotal Era."

Easter Bunny to visit homes April 14

The Richmond Parks and Recreation Department and the Richmond City Police Department will be hosting a "Bunny Express," which will give your child or loved one an opportunity to receive a stuffed bunny from the Easter bunny himself.

Award established to honor entrepreneurs

The College of Business and Technology has established an award that will honor Eastern alumni entrepreneurs.

Compiled by Ronica Brandenburg

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Jennifer Rogers/Progress

East meets West

Lazzat Zhazylybek, left, and Shnar Iskakova, both educators from Kazakhstan, talked to students at Eastern and Model Monday.

ROAD: Four who made trip will always have 'memories'

From The Front

Vice President of Student Affairs Dee Cockrille gave a bon voyage speech and some words of wisdom to the Road Challenge participants.

Afterwards the students were given a map of the Southeastern United States and a list of 10 colleges in that area. Then they were given clues about their first destination.

The clues mentioned the home of the Tar Heels, the Appalachian Mountains and a link to Eastern's good luck statue.

The Road Challengers quickly determined they were headed to Appalachian State University in Boone, N. C.

The van left at 4 a.m. the Monday of Spring Break and traveled on windy, curvy mountain roads through Tennessee and North Carolina. Snow was on the ground in some places.

"Those little curvy roads were something first thing in the morning," Cook said.

They arrived at Appalachian State around noon. The first challenge was a mental and emotional activity that dealt with groups. After a group exercise, the challengers discussed ways college students form groups and cliques at Eastern.

"This challenge got the students' perceptions about groups out in the open," Petrey said. "It opened a lot of doors to communication."

The group didn't have any time to sit back and relax in North Carolina. They received their next destination clue immediately after finishing the challenge.

The clue said the next school had the same name as a famous university in England and was located in a town with the same name as a town in Kentucky. Cook said he looked at the list and saw Oxford College. He knew they were headed to Covington, Ga.

Oxford was the smallest college the Eastern group visited. The total enrollment there is 610 freshmen and sophomores. Upper classmen go on to study at Emory University.

The group met with some disappointment when they arrived at Oxford College. The original challenge was canceled due to rainy weather. Georgia's unique red clay soil was seeping up and making the ground very muddy.

"The weather really didn't cooperate," Cook said.

The replacement challenge was for the students to take a tour around the historic campus. Then they had to re-create from memory one of the buildings on the tour. They were given 10 minutes and some jars of Play Doh.

Robinson won the contest and received the next destination clue. It was bottles of Gatorade and packets of sunflower seeds. They quickly deduced from their list of possible schools that the next destination was the University of Florida.

After a night in a hotel in Georgia, the van arrived in Kissimmee, Fla at noon. They were immediately given their next challenge.

Cook, Patton and Robinson agreed the Florida challenge was the hardest one.

The four students broke up in pairs and went on a scavenger hunt with a camera and a list of locations and items found on the University of Florida campus. The teams received points for each item they pictured.

Although they had a map to help navigate, the University of Florida covers about 2,000 acres. With 45,000 enrolled students, UF is the sixth largest university in the U.S.

But before they could start on the scavenger hunt they all had to learn a new skill — how to run from an alligator.

"I was thinking, oh my," Patton said. "They told us to run left to right, not in a straight line."

Most of the group saw alligators from a safe distance in campus ponds, but weren't lucky enough to see Bob, a three-legged alligator who lives on university grounds.

The groups walked around and asked Florida students for help in finding the locations and items on their lists.

Patton said he liked the Florida challenge a lot because it was timed and competitive.

Robinson and Patton won the scavenger contest and received the clue to their final destination. They went to the campus library and got three books that were on reserve for the Eastern students.

All three books were visitor's guides to Walt Disney World.

"They all started screaming," Petrey said. "Tamika grabbed her cell phone and immediately called her mom."

"I always thought the final destination was going to be Florida," Patton said. "I could go to the beach anywhere, but not Walt Disney World."

The students stayed in two condos outside of Orlando and visited Walt Disney World on

Wednesday and Thursday. "It felt good to be done with the challenges and to really start the vacation," Cook said.

The exhausted group made their return home early Friday afternoon.

Cook was glad they didn't have to do any swimming. The information he initially received about the trip said the participants needed to know how to swim. Luckily for Cook the canoeing challenge that Petrey had planned didn't work out.

"Not only was I the youngest, I couldn't swim either," Cook said.

Patton said even though at first he thought a leader was going to emerge in the group, it didn't happen.

"We all took each other's ideas and it worked out," the 21-year-old junior said.

Robinson agreed. "All our individual personalities asserted themselves at different times," Robinson said.

Robinson went on to sum up the roles each of the four students took during their unique Spring Break trip.

"Justin kept us laughing. Tamika was the mother figure and Jerry was the wandering spirit," Robinson said. He also said he had a competitive nature, especially when it came to the challenges. He won two out of the three tasks.

Patton pointed out that in the job world you often have to do projects and other types of group work with people you know absolutely nothing about. He added that he did make three new friends by the end of the week.

"The four of us will always have these memories, and we'll always be able to talk when we run into each other on campus."

Anderson-Lee could not be reached for comment.

Vice president may step down to teach

BY DENA TACKETT
Editor

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Doug Whitlock may be stepping down next semester.

Whitlock, who has been at Eastern for more than three decades, said Tuesday he was giving "pretty serious thought" about starting to teach at the end of the academic year. Whitlock said the decision was a "personal matter" for him, but declined to give a definite answer as to whether he would step down as vice president.

President Robert Kustra said Tuesday that he and Whitlock had talked about Whitlock stepping down since January when Whitlock returned to work after having triple bypass surgery.

"He wanted a way to get out of the pressure tank, so to speak," Kustra said.

Kustra said Whitlock would probably go to the computer science department or the department of communication.

Whitlock received both his

baccalaureate and master's degrees from Eastern.

Whitlock became part of Eastern's staff in 1968. Since then, he has served as director of publications, director of public information, acting director of Affirmative Action and was the executive assistant to former Presidents J.C. Powell and Hanly Funderburk.

Whitlock was promoted to vice president of administrative affairs by Kustra in August of 1998. His title was then upped to vice president of administration and finance in 1999.

When Ken Johnston came on board as vice president of finance last semester, Whitlock's title was shortened back to vice president of administrative affairs.

Throughout his career at Eastern, Whitlock has also taught courses in programming.



Whitlock may return to teach.

FACULTY: Deadline for applications extended one week

From The Front

has been keeping his position as a teacher instead of moving to a full-time athletic trainer load.

"I have fought for 25 years to stay in teaching," Barton said. "There has actually been more pressure on me to give up teaching."

Barton applied for the position on the modified deadline of

March 9, according to Marianne McAdam, chair of the Senate's election committee. She said Thompson had four completed applications turned in before the original deadline of March 5.

The Eastern Progress reported March 8 that the deadline was extended because only one candidate had applied for the position.

In an interview Tuesday, Thompson said that she wanted

to run again because she had learned a lot during her experience as a regent.

"I think it takes two years at least to learn and build a relationship," Thompson said.

Thompson said that she liked the opportunity the Board presented to see the university as a whole and be a part of the team that "safeguards" the institution and the people it involves.

"A primary thing a board has

to keep in mind is to keep student learning at the center," Thompson said.

Thompson said that she wanted to run despite the fact that not everyone agreed with her decisions as a regent.

"I've had enough affirmation to feel that I should run," Thompson said.

Thompson said she considered Barton a "worthy" candidate and longtime colleague and friend.



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Perspective

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Dena Tackett, editor

► Campus Comments

Adequate childcare has been a concern for Eastern's student parents for several months. Reporter Sam Gish asked students how they feel about day care.



CHRIS DEAN
Hometown: Oneida
Major: Math education
Year: Senior

I think it's pretty poor because I know there are a lot of students who have kids that don't have the opportunity to come to school, because there is no one to watch their kids. So they don't have a chance to achieve the education they are entitled to.



TONYA CHISM
Hometown: Lexington
Major: Juvenile services and corrections
Year: Senior

As far as students are concerned, I feel it's important for the university to support students' needs, and childcare would be one of them.



ERIC SOUTHERLAND
Hometown: Stanford
Major: Art
Year: Sophomore

I think it's a terrible inconvenience for those student parents who have responsibilities other than school. Either day care should be replaced, or some other aid should be provided to those people.



KAORI MINOBE
Hometown: Japan
Major: Geography
Year: Junior

The big difference here and in Japan is that in Japan, people don't go back for more education after finishing school. Here is a good opportunity to improve yourself. So I feel it is very important that we have such a needed and useful tool.



AMY PHELPS
Hometown: Lexington
Major: Elementary education
Year: Senior

I feel that the university made a mistake when they shut down the day care. The smart thing would have been to hire qualified personnel to run the day care and not shut it down.

Here a forum, there a forum

So many choices, so little time. If you like to stay informed as to what is going on in the university, this was probably a tough week for you.

Tuesday, there was a budget forum to talk about the university's plans for the money it has for the next year. This forum began at 4 p.m.

The only problem was a faculty regent election forum was held at the same time. It began at 3:30 p.m. and was scheduled to last until 5 p.m.

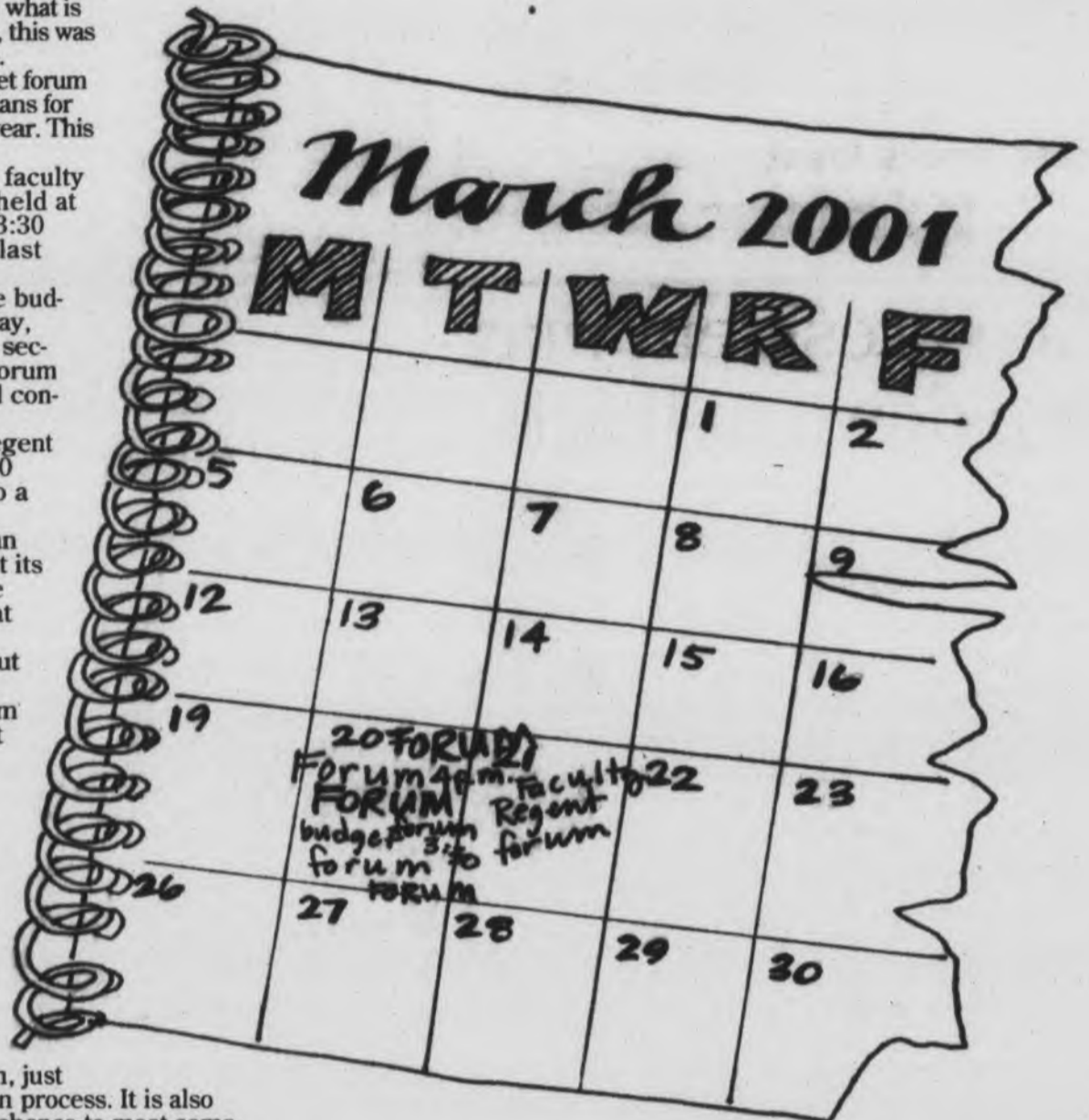
If you decided to go to the budget information forum Tuesday, thinking you could catch the second and final faculty regent forum on Wednesday, you were still confronted with a decision.

On that day, the faculty regent candidate forum began at 3:30 p.m. again, but there was also a faculty forum hosted by the search committee for the dean of graduate studies to present its pick for the position, Bankole Thompson. This also began at 3:30 p.m.

The only positive thing about the scheduling mess was that there was another budget forum held this morning at 8 a.m. But again, there's a problem. The budget forums were not announced in enough time to get the information out to the public through avenues such as The Progress.

It's good the university is trying to be open with the campus community by allowing the public to attend such meetings. The budget process is extremely important for the faculty, staff and students to be involved in, just like the faculty regent election process. It is also nice for the faculty to have a chance to meet someone who will be contributing to the university, such as the new dean.

The university needs to work harder, though, to ensure that all faculty, staff and students will have the chance to take advantage of these opportunities. Next time, administrators need to check around and make sure they are not creating such scheduling conflicts.



Jessica Turner/Progress

First Women's History Month positive; good incentive for future Eastern students

Women are outnumbering men on college campuses.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported March 12 that women have outnumbered men on college campuses since 1978. Women currently take up 55 percent of college enrollment with 6.8 million in college, compared with 5.5 million men, according to the report.

According to the Council on Postsecondary Education, Eastern's women's enrollment for the Fall 2000 semester was 7,580, and men's enrollment was 5,329.

Eastern took a step in early March to honor women who have contributed to the university. "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision," Eastern's first-ever Women's History Month, consists of events throughout March, such as hosting guest speakers; displaying books on

women's history in the Crabbe Library; "Take Back the Night," a walk for domestic violence, etc.

According to Women's History Guide at About.com, Women's History Day was first celebrated in Europe on March 8, 1911.

Dee Cockrille, vice president of student affairs, said Women's History Month was designed to celebrate the "unique style of women in leadership, relationships and education and bring a level of awareness for the fact that that's an important part of all our lives."

Eastern has a long list of influential women. For instance, Mary C. Roark acted as Eastern president and dean of women when her husband died in 1909. Maude Gibson, who the Gibson Building is named after, was

a beloved art professor from 1910 to 1954. Emma Case was the dean of women at Eastern from 1932 to 1968. Case Hall was named after her in 1961 by the Board of Regents. And these are just a few.

Eastern should be commended for its efforts to recognize women who have made important contributions to Eastern. Events such as Women's History Month serve as a positive influence for females possibly considering attending Eastern or those already attending this university.

Women struggled for decades to obtain equal opportunities and equal rights. Now with the help of events such as Women's History Month, women will gain some of the recognition they deserve.

Eastern should continue to sponsor events to give women an incentive to pursue a degree in college. Then, women's enrollment at institutes of higher education will continue to increase.

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Class discussion leads to questioning mindset of society



ROBERT KEETON
My turn
Robert Keeton is a senior police administration major from Richmond.

It was a class discussion regarding Buddhism that caused me to question the mindset of our society. The discussion (in a world literature class no less) spoke of the devotion the Buddhists have toward their beliefs, and that one would gladly sacrifice anything, including his life, for the benefit of another and in defense of their philosophy.

The mere mention of such intense loyalty resulted in many classmates questioning the sanity of one so dedicated to a cause. I, being the mom and apple pie kind of thinker, was promptly reminded that many in this nation's history have sacrificed their lives defending the Constitution and the principles of liberty that we all enjoy.

That immediately resulted in snickers and comments such as, "Not me," "I don't care" and "To hell with that!" I was immediately floored that so many people could be so ungrateful for the sacrifices of those who have died defending the very freedoms that we enjoy.

Many who died for our country were no older than we are. They all gathered under the banner of liberty, willing to shed their own blood in defense of the Constitution and provide us with a good education and the ability, unpalatable as it may be, to make such contemptuous statements and defile the memory of those who laid rotting on a battlefield, bleeding to death in the streets, crying for their mothers or lynched from the nearest tree. These were all anonymous martyrs in the fight for what our Founding Fathers, imperfect as they may have been, envisioned for this nation.

I then recalled a discussion where the overwhelming majority contentedly agreed that it makes them feel better about themselves when they see others whose lives are more terrible than their own. I then wondered where such a selfish and immoral philosophy came from.

Has our greed-driven society come to a point where we will spit on the weak, rape the innocent and laugh at those who cry out for spiritual or emotional healing? Do we now stand idly by as the moral thread of our society comes unraveled because we don't want to inconvenience ourselves or, God forbid, miss the next episode of Jerry Springer?

Perhaps the stories of people being stabbed to death in the streets as others look on, not willing to get involved, are no longer instances of isolated insanity. Perhaps we have come to a point where the only reply to cries for help will be the sound of a video camera and footsteps as people rush to be the first to sell the footage to the highest bidder. I cringe at the prospect and wonder, what has happened to the Golden Rule?

Our nation's problems lie not in the many targets of criticism and legislation that we

blame our misery on. The injustices of slavery, sexism, racism and other forms of discrimination are merely symptoms of a cancer, that of self-loathing that so many suffer from. Guns, drugs and alcohol are only inanimate objects, their primary harm is a result of evil hearts and diseased minds. Pornography, abortion and a popular media that preaches hate, violence and self-destructive behavior are symbols of a society engulfed in selfishness, ignorance and the lack of moral guidance.

Our difficulties lie in the reality that many have allowed the injustices of the past to silence the masses and paralyze the populous, rather than spur them to action, that which our civic duty requires. Our problems lie in the reality that personal responsibility, charity and unity are nostalgic memories lost in our daily competition for the trophies of greed, and that the chase of the frustratingly elusive Jones'

Families are based on convenience and not love, and marriages are as disposable as dirty Pampers. The television is the baby-sitter, the teacher and the nurturer. How is it that children are coming home only to the uncaring touch of the remote control? Our schools no longer teach our history for fear of offending a close-minded student or instill any moral code in our youth. With no guidance, discipline or

accountability, we are becoming a nation of uneducated and bitter individuals searching for a truth that may never be found.

My challenge is for all persons, regardless of gender, religion, race and ethnicity (author included). We are the future and we have the responsibility to provide a world where we can all celebrate the history, freedoms and opportunities that make us a great nation.

We must preserve these gifts so they can be shared by our descendants. We must all make informed decisions on election day and vote for the better candidate, even if that means supporting other political parties. We must all take part in this democracy and leave a legacy proclaiming that though we use our past as a crutch or a barrier to our progress, we must learn to all be Americans and not divide ourselves because of cultural and religious differences. We can celebrate our diversity, the diversity that makes us the America of today.

The elder George Bush described America as "... a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky." Are we to let these stars fade away, extinguished by our collective apathy and individual neglect? So many have died in the struggle for equality and freedom, by ignoring their sacrifice, we risk becoming slaves to the oppression that they fought against.

Perhaps I should close on the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "If a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

We are the future and we have the responsibility to provide a world where we can all celebrate the history, freedoms and opportunities that make us a great nation.

SGA's goal is to improve voter turnout



CHRIS WHITWORTH
My turn
Chris Whitworth is a senior political science major from Ironton, Ohio. He is also elections chairman for SGA.

The time for Student Government Association spring elections is rapidly approaching. As elections chair, it is my responsibility to oversee the entire elections process and encourage all potential senatorial and executive slate candidates. The elections will take place on April 10 and 11. Last spring, the student turnout was more than double from the previous year. Our goal for this year is to increase the student turnout even more.

The Student Government Association is an organization that represents the entire student body. Any student, whether he/she is full time, part time or a graduate student, is eligible to run for Student Senate. The role of a student senator is to represent their constituents—the students of Eastern. It is a great opportunity to get involved on campus and to let your

voice be heard. Over the past several years, the campus community has witnessed numerous changes that were initiated by the SGA. These issues range from parking and emergency phones to the addition of an ethnic studies minor. We have evolved over the past several years into a very proactive Student Senate, and it will take strong leaders to seize the opportunity and continue to maintain the level that we've come to.

The Student Government Association is made up of three executive positions, seven committee chairs and approximately 30 senators. In next month's election we will have about 30 senate positions to fill. This includes two senators for each college and about 20 at-large senate positions. The final four senate spots will be filled in the fall when elections are held to choose the freshmen senators. The senators of each college will be

expected to represent all students from every major within that college. The senator-at-large position is equally important, as they make up the largest portion of the Senate. Each senator-at-large represents 700 students.

Applications were available in the SGA office beginning March 7. I encourage everyone to get involved with Student Government and to take advantage of the opportunity to become a leader and make positive changes on campus.

Each student has different ideas and a different perspective on what can be done to improve Eastern. I look forward to an exciting election and hope that many of you will take the initiative and run for a position on SGA. If there are any questions concerning elections, please contact the SGA office at 622-1724 or visit our Web page at www.sga.eku.edu.

Corrections

A name that appeared in Sports in the March 1 issue of The Progress on B7 should have been spelled Steve Crigler. The article also should have said the cheerleading team placed sixth and seventh.

A My Turn that appeared in the March 8 issue of The Progress was intended as a letter to SGA candidates. The My Turn which appears in this issue is intended for the entire student body.

The Faculty Senate article which appeared on A2 in the March 8 issue of the Progress should have said the proposal calls for additional funding of \$30,000 to "be added to the pool by requesting the money from

the action agenda, which is subject to approval from the CPE) or limiting the 3 percent raises of all Eastern personnel holding tenure/faculty rank to no more than \$2,100."

The Eastern Progress will publish clarifications and corrections as needed on the Perspective pages.

If you have a correction, please send it to the editor by noon Monday before publication on Thursday. You can mail corrections to 117 Donovan Annex, Richmond, KY 40475, or email them to progress@acs.eku.edu.

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BUDGET: Buck Study not finished

From The Front

n't been paid for the completed study because of all the errors.

"Given the quality of their work they would never come back to work for us again," Kustra said. "First of all, I wouldn't invite them to back to work for us again. Secondly, they have had to clean up so much of their data, they are not going to bill us."

Concerns about the Buck Study stem from what it reveals. Using the information provided by Buck, the university has decided to designate \$150,000 in the 2001-2002 budget to address staff salary inequities.

Another \$50,000 will be used to compensate for inequalities in faculty salaries.

The goal of using the equity pool money is to increase the starting ranges for all classified employees as the money allows, Johnston said. Johnston said unless those salaries increase, the university would continue to fall behind because more employees are added each year.

To begin addressing the inequities, Johnston budgeted a \$450 pay increase to be allocated to every position that did not receive the \$900 across-the-board increase last year. Those who were hired after the February 2000 deadline did not get the increase.

The rest of the \$150,000 will be spread out to lower paid employees in each of 19 classification categories for staff members.

To do this, Johnston took the market value of each position as recommended by Buck and added \$5,000 to that number. Then, he compared that total to someone's actual salary being paid at Eastern in that classification.

Next, Johnston took that difference and multiplied it by 9 percent. That percent was determined by the number that would use up the entire equity pool.

This results in a \$400 to \$500 pay increase at every starting level position. It also means that the higher the market level, the less pay increase an employee will receive. If above the market level, the employee will not receive an



President Robert Kustra fielded questions from forum attendants.

increase

"I think the utilization of this \$150,000 will at least cut the blood loss, if you will, so we can start to address any other problems we may have," Johnston said.

Staff Regent David Williams said although he would like to see more done to bring his colleagues up to the salary levels they deserve, the \$150,000 is a positive attempt.

"I appreciate Ken Johnston's hard work," Williams said. "It's far from a simple process. I think it's a great start, but it's just a start."

Athletics spending

Kustra also addressed what he felt were concerns by faculty and staff that too much money was being given to athletics. Kustra prepared a comparison of the amount of the total budget spent on athletics from 1985 to 2000 to hand out at the meeting.

According to the list, in 1985 the athletics budget was 2.7 percent of the total budget. In 2000, it was 2.55 percent of that total.

"As a percentage, I don't really think we have any serious problem here in diverting resources from one area to the other," Kustra said. "I think it is indicative of the fact that we attempted here at Eastern to treat athletics as fairly as we know how to treat athletics without of course doing any serious harm to any other corner of the campus."

But from 1998 to 2000, the amount spent on athletics raised

from \$3,596,194 to \$4,546,923. This is a 27 percent increase over those two years. These numbers were not shown on the list.

"I came to this university strongly committed to an athletic program as an integral part of a comprehensive university," Kustra said. "As a matter of fact, I think what is special about athletics at a comprehensive university is that it is exactly in the right position versus the rest of the university."

Kustra said he felt it was in the right position because many other larger universities spend more than Eastern does just on a coach's salary.

"Our athletic budget is less than what Denny Crum got to leave Louisville and a little more than Hal Mumme got to blow up a football program at the University of Kentucky," Kustra said.

Just a suggestion

One forum attendant offered her suggestion as to how the university could save money.

Beth Sullivan, director of the educational talent search program, asked how much it cost for Kustra to send Christmas cards to everyone at the university. Sullivan referred to it as a "frill-type" expense that wasn't really needed.

Sullivan suggested the money could be spent on employee salaries.

"I guess it just depends on how you define morale," Kustra said, pointing out how before he came to Eastern in 1998 no one besides faculty was invited to the convocation at the beginning of the academic year.

Kustra said he has tried to open up the university without drawing any lines of classification.

"I guess no good deed goes unpunished," Kustra said. "The Christmas card was no more than an attempt on the part of my wife and I to open things up to everybody and make sure that if we send a card out to a handful of people we send them to everybody. But you won't have to worry about our role in that too much longer, so whatever they want to do next is their business."

Kustra said he didn't know how much the Christmas cards cost.

"But like I said, I'll leave a note on the desk for the next president to hold on cards," Kustra said.

Another forum was held at 8 a.m. this morning.

AD: New AD will have different duties

From The Front

"It was clear that Chip was a very strong favorite of (the committee's)," Kustra said.

Smith said he is happy about the decision because he and his family want to stay where they are. Smith and wife, Gale, have a daughter, Chesley, 14, and a son, Cort, 10.

"I really like working at Eastern and my family really likes living in Richmond," Smith said.

The transition process has begun for Smith, who is in the process of moving offices. Smith said there will be few administrative changes, although he will have to begin the process of finding someone to replace him as associate athletics director.

Smith said that he would have some different responsibilities than Long had. While Long spent much of his time in the office working to build Eastern's sports to the level it is now, Smith said he will take a more active role in the community.

Among Smith's new responsibilities, he will work directly with some sports, which have yet to be determined. He also wants to be visible in the community specifically focusing on fundraising and increasing interest in the Colonel Club. He said he also wants to reconnect with alumni and try to get them involved with the program again.

"I'm probably going to be out of the office more than Jeff Long was," Smith said.

Both Smith and Kustra said that having Smith as athletics director will make things easier on the coaching staff, since they don't have to get used to someone new.

"They don't need to figure out the new guy because the new guy has already been here," Smith said. "I think I have a good working relationship with the coaches."

Kustra also said he weighed the comments of the coaching staff very highly in his decision.



New Athletics Director Chip Smith and wife, Gale, help children Chesley, 14, and Cort, 10, with their homework at their home.

Smith came to Eastern as a part of Long's staff in July 1999. At Eastern, Smith has been responsible for 12 sports including football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball, the sports information and athletic business offices and athletic facilities and game operations.

Smith coordinated the development and implementation of ekusports.com and supervised the completion of the athletics area at the new Harry Moberly Building, the development of the Bratzke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center and the renovation of the Alumni Coliseum basketball courts and other facilities improvements. He also supervised the development and implementation of the department operating budget and began the reorganization of the budget procedures.

Smith has more than 17 years of experience in collegiate athletics.

Smith came to Eastern from the Virginia Military Institute, where he was assistant director of intercollegiate athletics from 1991 to 1994 and associate director from 1994 to 1999.

From 1984 to 1991, Smith served as athletic business and ticket manager and then assistant athletic director for development at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in education and his master's degree in athletic administration, both from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received a Distinguished Alumnus in Sports Administration Award from UNC.

Smith is also the past president of The Children's Network Inc., a community-owned and operated after-school center for at-risk children in Lexington, Va.

HAZARD: Two professors will be hired

From The Front

Service program at HCC. The coordinator of social work at Eastern will be responsible for coordinating the advising committee meetings.

HCC already offers an associ-

ate's degree in the area of social work and now with the new agreement, Eastern will offer a baccalaureate degree on HCC's campus. The University of Kentucky will be offering the master's degree for the social work program.

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CHILD CARE at EKU

falling through the cracks

No day care adds to students' stress

BY SAM GISH
Contributing writer

Since last spring some students, faculty and staff have had to go without. If you don't have a child you may not understand how.

"Without day care my life has been turned upside down," said Amanda New, 22, former student from Richmond, who is working in Eastern's history department as a secretary.

New, along with other Eastern students, faculty and staff, has had to make do without day care on campus since it was canceled last year.

The Faculty Senate decided not to renew the contract for the childcare giver after the provider, Sherry Piersol, ran into legal difficulties.

Earlier last year The Cabinet of Health Services testified in court that the Lexington branch of The Kids Company Early Learning Center did not meet the standards for day care centers. This caused the quality of care provided to the children by EKU Kids Company in the Brockton Apartments to come into question.

The decision was eventually made to close the EKU Kids Company Early Learning Center that had been opened only three years before.

The Senate chose not to fill the vacancy with a new childcare

provider and instead decided to follow-up on submitted proposals written by Jaesook Gilbert, a professor in the department of family and consumer sciences, to create an accredited childcare program for Eastern students.

Finding day care has caused some problems for Eastern students.

"My parents watch (my child, 6-month-old Dama) right now because I can't afford day care," said Julie Ann Rice, 20, an art and English major from Manchester.

Others had an easier transition, thanks to family members.

"I got lucky with childcare," said Heather Hibbitts, 25, an English major from London. "I have an aunt who is state certified."

Hibbitts' aunt, Nancy Reams, runs a day care, Little Shepherds

Day Care, out of Calvary Baptist Church in London. Her son, Kaleb, 2, is enrolled there.

The lack of day care on campus has even cost some students their education.

"I would still be a student if not for the matter of day care," New said.

"Now I have to wait until (my child, Krysslyn, 3 months-old) is in school until I can finish my education."

New's problems, as others, haven't stopped just with finding a day care.

"It has really messed up things at home because my husband has to stay at home with our kid, which makes it hard for him to find a job. So I have to support the three of us," New said.

The lack of day care is even beginning to cause problems for Rice's

education.

"It's affecting my sleep schedule and my grades," Rice said.

Rice is also missing out on a big part of her son's childhood. Between driving and going to

classes she rarely gets to spend quality time with her son relaxing and playing.

"I don't get to spend a lot of time with my son because I spend so much time driving back and forth from school to my parents' house."

"If there was a day care I could get more sleep and spend more time with my son," Rice said.

Last semester Rice even moved back to campus because of promises that haven't been kept by the Senate. In an interview done in the Aug. 31 issue of The Eastern Progress, Gilbert said she hoped the new program would be in place by November of last year.

"The reason I moved back to campus is because they said the day care would be up and running at the beginning of the semester, but they haven't," Rice said.

David Gale, dean of health sciences, said he and the Senate believed the process was going to move faster, which is why the issue of a temporary caregiver never even came up.

All Gale could offer was an apology for the state of day care.

When Rice was told what Gale said, she had only one response.

"I think they should do something. They should do what they promised or not bother in the first place," Rice said.



Jamie Gaddis/Progress

Heather Hibbitts, 25, said she got lucky with day care. She leaves her son, Kaleb, 2, at her aunt's day care in London while she is in classes.

"It has really messed up things at home because my husband has to stay home with our kid, which makes it hard for him to find a job."

Amanda New, former student

Good intentions for campus facility not yet followed through, in progress

BY JESSICA TURNER
Accent editor

Once upon a time, childcare wasn't that hard to find. Mothers stayed at home with their children while fathers went to work. This is not the case today, especially at Eastern.

After the EKU Kids Company in Brockton closed last May, the university was working on getting a new childcare center on campus, according to a Progress story on Aug. 31. The story said the center was supposed to be running in January 2001. Two months later than that expected date, Eastern is still waiting for that extra facility.

David Gale, dean of health sciences, was part of the committee that recommended the facility's termination to President Robert Kustra. The committee made the recommendation at a Faculty Senate meeting after thoroughly inspecting the center.

Still waiting

So why is there still not a new childcare center? Gale said it's because of all of the state requirements that go along with childcare facilities, such as the center would have to be on a first floor, meet fire-safety requirements and have a playground, among other stipulations.

"It's a matter of finding time, space and money," Gale said. He said the Burrier Child Development Center asked the Faculty Senate to explore buildings and grounds on campus for possible childcare sites, but it had not found a place that met all of the state requirements.

Gale said the Senate considered the basement of Clay Hall for the new childcare center site, but it could only accommodate around 50 or 60 children—only about half the number that Jaesook Gilbert, assistant professor in the department of family and consumer sciences, who was overseeing the initial planning, came up with.

The projected cost of the new facility was \$600,000, Gale said. He also said anything that costs more than \$400,000 has to get state legislation approval, and there is no way the facility could be renovated for less than that figure.

There's one more goal the Senate demands on achieving.

"We insist that the program be

accredited," Gale said. He said parents want to and should make sure their children are receiving proper care, and accreditation is the only way to reassure them.

He said the Senate is now examining off-campus alternatives, possibly a site on Duncan Lane. Gale said if this alternative is possible, they will try to make some kind of arrangement with Kentucky Riverfoothills for transportation to and from campus.

"My expectation is that the university will work with the city and county to develop a model for quality childcare," Gale said.

"The reason we need this facility is not only because of the need for quality childcare, but because we need it as a teaching facility for students like psychology, OT and nursing majors as well."

Gale said the Senate is moving as quickly as it can and that it is really disappointed about not yet having the new childcare center. He also said it is no fault of the university's that campus does not yet have the new center.

What is available

Students, faculty, staff and the community do, however, have two childcare options on campus right now.

The Burrier Child Development Center offers two half-day programs for three-year-olds, and the Model Nursery School program in the Donovan Building serves four-year-olds as part of Eastern's teacher education program.

The Burrier Child Development Center was launched in 1975 and has been running as an accredited program since 1987. Marsha Maupin, assistant professor in the department of child and family studies and chair of the center, said the program is accredited by the national academy of the National Association for the Education of the Young Child and gets re-accredited every three years. It is the only accredited day care center in Richmond.

Maupin said she thinks the program was established as a complimentary program to the Model Nursery School Program. She said the childcare is mandated first to students, then to faculty, staff and the community.

Right now there are 29 children enrolled in the program, the majority of which are from families in the community, Maupin said. She said right now there are five children in the center altogether whose parents are Eastern students.

Students majoring in childcare and child and family studies work at the Burrier Child Development Center for one semester, which counts as a 300-level practicum course. The center is led by two paid staff members—Deb Jones, the head teacher, who has a master's degree in child development from Iowa State, and Kathy Johnson, the teaching assistant, who has a bachelor's degree in child and family studies from Eastern.

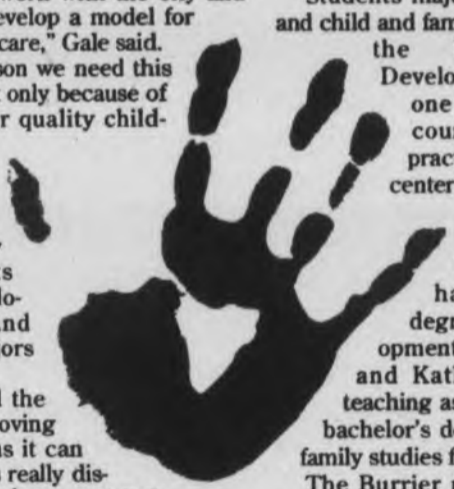
The Burrier morning program runs from Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and costs \$1,190 per year. The afternoon sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. and cost \$595 per year. Maupin said the fees can be paid however the families wish, but half of the fees must be paid by mid-semester.

Maupin said the Burrier Center is closely knit with its children's families and uses a lot of sensory, concrete experiments. The teachers work from an emergent curriculum plan, which is different from teachers selecting themes and focuses more on the child's interests and questions he asks.

"We're not a worksheet, pencil, paper place," Maupin said.

Maupin also added that the practicum students are prepared to address the whole child and not just to play and take physical care.

"Our students know how to provide positive nurturing for children, appropriate materials and family involvement, which is a big component of our program," Maupin said.



Jacob Frazier, top, works at the woodworking station at the Burrier Child Development Center during the indoor independent choice activity. Mike Rahimzadeh, left, develops his communication skills during this activity working on the computer. During the independent choice time-block, children have the opportunity to choose between activities of their own interests.

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2 - 4 p.m.
Giles Gallery Annual Student Exhibition Reception.

3 p.m.
Delta Omicron Musicales at Brock Auditorium.

8 p.m.
Rachel Barton and Jamie Hamblin music at Gifford Theatre.

MONDAY

4 - 6 p.m.
Library/computer workshop held by NUTS.

6 p.m.
Scavenger hunt in the Ravine.

TUESDAY

Giles Gallery Annual Student Exhibition, call 622-8135 for exact hours.

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
"Let's Talk About the F-Word: What Does Feminism Mean?" at Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building.

3 p.m.
Eastern baseball vs. Louisville at Louisville.

6 p.m.
Eastern softball vs. Eastern Illinois at Charleston, Ill.

7 p.m.
"Defining Ourselves Through Reality," by Sister Soujja at Herndon Lounge, Powell Building.

7:30 p.m.
"Simon Kenton: Kentucky Frontiersman," portrayal by Mel Hankla at Richmond Area Arts Center.

7:30 p.m.
"Should Individuals be Able to Sue the States Under ADA," a debate will be held in Adams Room, Wallace Building.

8 p.m.
Self-defense 101 at Todd Recreation Room.

WEDNESDAY

Giles Gallery Annual Student Exhibition, call 622-8135 for exact hours.

Mary Roark Women's Expo
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Handmade quilts by Cumberland County Quilters Guild display, Powell Building Lobby.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Free haircuts and manicures outside the food court. Free massages in Herndon Lounge.

Morning Breakout Sessions, Kennamer Room:

10 a.m.
"Assertiveness for Women"

11 a.m.
"Superwoman Syndrome"

Noon
"Women of Vision and Courage" mentoring luncheon with Pam Remer on "Different Perspectives on Mentoring," Regents Dining Room, Powell Building.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions, Kennamer Room:

1:15 p.m.
"Women in History-Dramatic Vignette: Harriet Tubman and Sally Hemings."

2 p.m.
Women's workshop "How to Clinic."

3 p.m.
Eastern baseball vs. Cincinnati at Turkey Hughes Field.

3 - 7 p.m.
Kentucky Teacher Job Fair at Keen Johnson Building.

4 p.m.
Eastern softball vs. Eastern Illinois at Charleston, Ill.

6 p.m.
Family Night Supper, free meal, at First Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.
Westminster Fellowship, Wallace Building, Room 326.

8 p.m.
Eastern Faculty Brass Recital in Brock Auditorium.

TODAY

9 - 11 a.m.
Library forum, "Delivering Full-Text Journals to your Desktop," at University Building, Computer Lab.

11 a.m. - noon
Not the Usual Traditional Students will host an advising session for nontraditional students, NUTS Lounge, Case Hall. Call 622-6655 for more information.

Noon
Lenten Lunch at the first Presbyterian Church every Thursday until Easter.

2 p.m.
"The Leonard Peltier Case: Prison and the Native American," by Harvery Arden in the Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building.

6 p.m.
Intramural bowling captains' meeting.

7 p.m.
"Wisdomkeeping Traditions in Native American Culture," by Harvery Arden in the Ferrell Room, Combs Building.

7 p.m.
Women's Leadership Banquet at Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building.

7:30 p.m.
"The Deep Sacredness of Nature," by Ursula Goodenough at Moore Building, Room 116.

8 p.m.
Chris Combest Senior Tuba Recital at Gifford Theatre.

9 - 11:30 p.m.

"EKU Student Fun Night" at the Christian Life Center in First Presbyterian Church.

FRIDAY

Men's golf hosts EKU Spring Intercollegiate at Arlington Golf Course.

4 p.m.
Eastern softball vs. Belmont at Bowling Green.

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

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Informal badminton at Weaver Gym.

8 p.m.
Eastern softball vs. Western

Kentucky at Bowling Green.

SATURDAY

Men's golf hosts EKU Spring Intercollegiate at Arlington Golf Course.

Spotlight Campus Preview Day

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Foreign Language Festival at Wallace Building.

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On March 27, Sister Souljah will speak on "Defining Ourselves through Reality," at 7 p.m. in the Herndon Lounge in the Powell Building.

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(Kennamer Room)

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11:00-11:50 "Superwoman Syndrome." How to be a "super" woman without consequences to your mental and physical health from school, work and relationships and family

12:00-1:00 Women of Vision and Courage Mentoring Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Pam Remer Topic: "Different Perspectives on Mentoring"
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-Dr. Hook

JESSICA GRIFFIN
Media Buzz

I want to be on the cover of Rolling Stone.

However, I don't want to be a rock star, an actress or a one-hit wonder teeny-bopper sensation. Hell, I don't even want my picture on the cover. All I've ever wanted out of life is to write one story for Rolling Stone and make the front cover story.

Hopefully, one day I will get to go one-on-one with music legends like Eric Clapton, Paul McCartney or Robert Plant and ask them what inspires them and makes them tick. As for now, though, I am satisfying my artistic urges as the arts editor at The Progress and having fun with it to boot.

However, having such high expectations has its downside. I often find myself wondering what I am going to do right after graduation. Few are lucky enough to get right into the scene right after college (or even before college, like 15-year old William Miller in the movie "Almost Famous").

A few weeks ago, at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association Convention that was held in the Powell Building, I found my calling. I realized that there is hope for me finding a job right here in Kentucky, and you can too, if you have a love for music, movies and anything pop culture.

One of the many sessions held at KIPA was the pop culture session. I thought to myself, "This should be the perfect thing for me." And it was. The session was hosted by Heather Svokos, pop



Jessica Griffin/Progress

Heather Svokos, pop culture writer for the Lexington Herald-Leader and Rob Bricken of Ace Weekly spoke at Eastern for the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association Convention.

culture writer for the Lexington Herald-Leader and Rob Bricken, lists editor at Ace Weekly. At the end of the session I found myself insanely jealous of them. I want one of their jobs... now.

At the session, I, along with numerous other college newspaper writers with a lust for all things pop, was encouraged to ask Svokos and Bricken questions about their jobs and writing. We learned the definition of pop culture, which can be anything from Barbie dolls to music to hula-hoops. We also learned why Rob Bricken hates "Gladiator" ("If the world was really beige it would have been OK").

I also learned that pop culture writing also has its bad spots. For example, sometimes newswriters look down on feature writers.

Svokos said a once newswriter chided her by saying "There aren't many late-breaking pop-culture stories, are there?"

Rob Bricken came to my aid when I told him about my most recent catastrophe. Someone disagreed with something I wrote, and it made me feel like the worst writer ever.

"Revel in your hate mail! I hang mine up on the wall," Bricken said. "When someone doesn't like your story, just think to yourself, 'at least they read it.'"

I immediately felt better. I do write about music, and everyone

has their own opinions about that subject. I just have to get used to people disagreeing with me once in a while (or all the time for that matter).

After meeting Bricken and Svokos, I began to feel encouraged about my chosen career, that I had once believed to be too competitive. Since the first time I read "No One Here Gets Out Alive," by Danny Sugarman (a four-star Jim Morrison biography) I have wanted to write about music, but after I took my first journalism class I got very discouraged.

I was under the impression that only people who lived in Los Angeles and New York got to write about music. Two things changed my thinking. One was a feature writing class I took here at Eastern, in which I learned that journalism is somewhat competitive now, but not as bad as it used to be. I also learned that feature writing was how I want to spend the rest of my life.

Svokos and Bricken also changed my outlook on the field for the better. Meeting them gave me hope that I will find a job and a cool one at that.

Now, the next person I want to meet is Rolling Stone's best writer ever, Hunter S. Thompson. And once I make the cover, my life will be fulfilled.

Pops music bounces into Brock

By JESSICA GRIFFIN
Arts&stuff editor

Once a year the music department sponsors a benefit that is so spectacular every musical organization on campus gets involved. This year the event, the 15th Annual Pops Spectacular, will be held at 8 p.m. March 24.

Nearly 200 musicians and faculty members will be performing at the event. All campus music groups will be performing as well.

Included in the lineup for the evening is the Symphonic Band, the African Drum and Dance Ensemble, the Steel Drum Band, the Jazz Ensemble and the Faculty Brass Quintet.

A wide array of music will be performed at the event. The groups will be performing popular songs that the whole audience will want to sing along to. Patriotic songs such as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "America the Beautiful" are among the classics that will be played during the concert.

Selections from the musical "South Pacific" will be performed by the Eastern Symphony Orchestra. Another musical, "Oklahoma" will also be represented in the event when certain songs are sung by the University Singers and Concert Choir.

"The Pops Spectacular is a very high energy show," said Rob James, music department chairman.

The Spectacular costs \$10 per person and \$5 for students. The money raised goes towards the music scholarship fund that benefits incoming and current students in the music department. The event raised \$2,700 last year, so expectations are high for this year's event.

"This gives the public and parents of our students a great opportunity to see all our groups at one event and see what our music program has to offer and enables us to attract the brightest, most talented musicians to our program," James said.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door, but to ensure you get a seat, call 622-3266 for reservations.



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The 15th Annual Pops Spectacular will take place this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. Above, a 1999 wind ensemble prepares for the Pops Spectacular that raises scholarship money for music students.

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Student's pride overcomes prejudice

Beth Schmidt



By SARAH LYNCH
Staff writer

You couldn't tell by her hearty laughter that Beth Schmidt was living in a world full of discrimination, prejudice and narrow-minded opinions. Nor could you tell by the way she walks with her cane that she has been through times when there has been no one to turn to, when she was alone with her struggles that just kept coming.

That's because these days the 23-year-old has conquered feelings of shame and confusion that society would associate with the lifestyle choices she has made. Schmidt has discovered a love within herself that she can now share with others who know too well the bleak and futile future she once faced.

Growing up, Schmidt was faced with a degenerative bone disease that requires her to walk with a cane. Dyslexia, a learning disorder, has prevented her in feeling secure with her abilities in school.

But instead of feeling pity and remorse for what others may see as hardship or misfortune, Schmidt considers these things to be just a part of who she is.

"I would never call these things challenges, I'd call them attributes. Without them, I wouldn't be who I am. The things I face in my life are just different from what others face in theirs. It makes it easier to look at them that way," Schmidt said.

Emotional and mental challenges awaited Schmidt in her teen years. She attended three high schools before dropping out because of a harassing teacher and fellow students who did not support her coming out.

"I had a friend who was just so excited and proud of my sexual identity that he went around school telling everyone," Schmidt said. Other students were not so excited and proud, Schmidt explained.

"You can handle harassment from your peers easier than you can from someone who's supposed to be teaching you. If it's



Beth Schmidt, 23, speaks to Eastern President Robert Kustra during last month's town meeting. Schmidt is the public relations officer of Eastern's chapter of Pride Alliance, and she is active in the Student Senate.

your peers, you can ignore it. But if it's the person standing up in front of the classroom, everybody else picks up on it and you don't have any place to turn," Schmidt said.

Schmidt, who was 18 years old at the time, quit her high school career and began a job at a gas station on the outer edges of Cincinnati.

"It was a get-your-butt-in-gear job," Schmidt said. After witnessing a drive-by and being held up

twice, she knew it was time to go back to school.

During the process of getting her GED, Schmidt received help from a teacher at her second high school that would inspire her to major in special education when she came to Eastern.

"I liked special ed., but I didn't like the politics involved in education. I didn't want to be the gay teacher. So I changed my major to political science," Schmidt said smiling. "My mother still laughs

about that one."

At Eastern, Schmidt is majoring in political science, as well as public relations. Her minors are women's studies and economics.

While beginning her life here in Richmond four years ago with her girlfriend Denise Roberts, 22, Schmidt began to once again experience serious harassment problems.

"Our neighbors would scream slander at us whenever we walked outside, our dog was shot with a pellet gun, our window was broken and every time we called the cops they'd say, 'we can't do anything for you,'" Schmidt said.

Though the experience with her harassing neighbors was near torturous, Schmidt still believes everyone has a right to their own opinion.

"I can't stand up and say, 'you have to like me for who I am.' But I can say, 'you have to allow me to be who I am,'" Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the fear of living in Richmond any longer forced her and her girlfriend to move back Cincinnati with Schmidt's parents. Soon after, the women moved to Lexington and began to rebuild their future.

Despite the physical and mental challenges Schmidt faced throughout her life, and regardless of the discrimination against her for her sexual preferences, Schmidt hasn't given up yet. She has returned to Eastern and is fully involved in campus activities, like Student Senate and Pride Alliance.

"I sit on the student rights and the substance abuse committee. I'm also technically on the Americans With Disabilities Act committee, but we have another senator on that one who is very good and doesn't need me to go to all the meetings," Schmidt said.

Pride Alliance is Eastern's organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students that works to educate people within the community about gay and lesbian rights and to provide a comfortable environment here on campus for its members.

As the public relations officer for Pride, Schmidt's job, according to Pride's Web site, is to get

information out to the public, hang fliers about meetings and information about the group and to work as a go-between with other groups, schools, organizations and faculty.

"We are a support and education group," Schmidt said. "We educate people within the GLBT community to tell them that they are not the evil people the world says they are. That they can still lead happy and successful lives. Our first priority is to provide support."

Before becoming the PR officer for Pride, Schmidt tried her hand at having presidential status. After a year's term, she was able to step back and concentrate on her grades. Schmidt sees graduate school in her future.

"I need to go to graduate school because continuing my education is scary for me. School's never been easy and not knowing that I will succeed is frightening. But because it is, it's something that I have to do. If I don't do something because I'm afraid, then that's wrong," Schmidt said.

Helping gay and lesbian teens is what Schmidt is aspiring to do. She has learned through her own experience that teens who come out need someone to turn to.

"I want to provide a safe place for teens who come out where they can learn about themselves and know that they are not wicked individuals and that they are loved," Schmidt said.

Though it may seem Schmidt is paving the way for those who are walking down the long road she has come from, Schmidt insists she cannot take full credit for being a leader.

"All I'm doing through my life is reenacting other people's influences: my parents, family, friends and all my attributes. I do what needs to be done. Hopefully it helps someone," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the time has not yet arrived for gay and lesbian youth to feel completely comfortable with their sexual identity.

"I'd like to say, 'stand up, speak out, be who you want to be,'" said Schmidt. "But I cannot in full faith give that advice, which is sad because the only way you can accept who you are is by feeling free to say, 'this is who I am and I love myself no matter what.'"

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Gloria Steinem

"If the shoe doesn't fit, must we change the foot?"

Steinem's lifelong career as a writer and journalist began after graduation from Smith College in 1956. She became a major feminist leader in the late 1960's. In 1971 she was a co-convenor of the National Women's Political Caucus and in 1972 helped found the MS Foundation for Women, which raises funds to assist underprivileged girls and women. She is also a founding member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women. Steinem's activism and best-selling books have inspired women of all ages to fight for their rights, to take risks and to defend the rights of others.

Dedicated as an activist, she believes the world must change to fit the needs of its people.



Melissa Zwakenberg/Progress

Burning love

Emily Barton, right, an Eastern student, participates in Take Back the Night March 20. Barton and Jen Walker, left, director of Eastern's Counseling Center, light a candle to commemorate those victimized by violence against women. Take Back the Night was kicked off with speakers in Brock Auditorium, then the group walked to the Ravine, where they lit candles and held a vigil for women affected by violence. The group was also asked to share experiences on stage; counselors were on hand for them.

Speaker questions science, religion's theories of life

BY ANDREW KERSEY
Staff writer

Eastern is continuing the year-long Chautauqua Series of lectures on evolution tonight with featured speaker Ursula Goodenough.

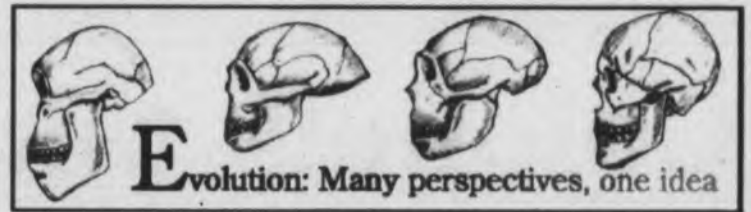
Goodenough, a professor in biology at Washington University in St. Louis, will talk about the relationship between science and religion and how they are involved in the evolution of nature 7:30 tonight at Moore, Room 116.

Most of Goodenough's lecture, titled "The Deep Sacredness of Nature," comes from her book "The Sacred Depths of Nature."

Goodenough was chosen by Bruce MacLaren, coordinator of the lecture series, because her book intrigued him.

"She (Goodenough) was the first person I contacted, because I was very excited about what she was writing," MacLaren said. "She describes the universe as we know it - as a mystery."

MacLaren, a professor in the earth and sciences department, said Goodenough's book was successful in describing the nature of



reality through each chapter in her book.



Ursula Goodenough

"It's a popular book because it talks about the phenomenon in nature while taking time to reflect on how the things we know should affect us," MacLaren said. "She also has spiritual reflections at the end of each chapter that give the religious approach to the scientific material."

While Goodenough teaches courses and writes literature about science and religion, she doesn't develop theories, but instead poses questions about evolution.

She compared her approach to the book to going to the movies and having reactions and queries to it, but not developing your own

theories about the film.

"I'm interested in the fact that we have scientific understanding of nature, but I question if these scientific theories have religious aspects," Goodenough said.

MacLaren said that most of the past speakers have been less willing to consider the relationship between science and religion, but Goodenough will look at both of these.

"Most of our speakers have chosen to speak as scientists rather than get into religion," MacLaren said.

Goodenough pointed out the fact that there is a lot of religious potential in defining the story of life.

"All religions that have happened have a narrated account. They use these stories to build faith. We must look to see if there is religion under the scientific theories of evolution," Goodenough said.

Eastern celebrates women's accomplishments tonight

BY BETH HOWARD
Copy editor

Eastern's female student leaders are preparing to stand up and take a bow at the first leadership dinner, "A Look at Women's Accomplishments." The banquet will feature speaker Barbara Griec, president and CEO of the Richmond Community Trust Bank.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dee Cockrille said Griec was chosen to speak because she is a local woman who has risen to the top of her career ladder. Griec was the president of the Chamber of Commerce last year, and she has been the president of a local bank for the past seven years. She

is a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Association and was the Woman of Achievement in Richmond for last year. In 1995 she was listed on the Lane Report as one of the top women in business in Kentucky.

Cockrille said should was chosen to speak because of her accomplishments.

"We felt who best else could epitomize women's accomplishments? She is very dynamic," Cockrille said.

Griec plans to speak about climbing the mountain of success. Griec said many people climb at different speeds, and some climb better than others,

but we should all help each other reach the top.

"I think anytime women are able to come together and empower other women it is good," Griec said.

"We all need to help each other, men and women, and help each other not make the same mistakes that many of us might have made twenty years ago in a

"It's the first time we have taken a look at women's leadership style and discussed it or celebrated it."

Dee Cockrille, vice president of student affairs

The banquet and awards ceremony will begin tonight at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Office of Student Affairs is sponsoring the event as a part of Women's History Month.

Cockrille said invitations were sent to student leaders and students who expressed an interest in the banquet or in student leadership.

Cockrille said that women student leaders were targeted, but they also want to invite those who are interested in campus leadership so that they may be inspired.

Nomination forms have been sent out to faculty and staff and women student leaders will be selected from those nominations.

The nominations consist of basic facts about the woman and a paragraph explaining how this young woman has shown exemplary behavior while at Eastern, including offices held in student organizations and any other activities and honors.

Faculty and staff can also be nominated for contributing to empowerment strategies for stu-

dents. Cockrille said students will be primarily recognized, but other women at Eastern may be awarded also.

"It's the first time we have taken a look at women's leadership style and discussed it or celebrated it," Cockrille said.

"The first thing we want to do is recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of our students and the second thing is for them to get connected to people on campus who want to validate their leadership experience or their experience at Eastern," Cockrille said.

If you are interested in attending the banquet you can contact the Office of Student Development at 622-2642.

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Daniel Prekopa, editor

Colonels take first conference match

By ROBB JORDAN
Assistant sports editor

Most students look to Spring Break as a chance for rest and relaxation. But for the Eastern Colonels baseball team, there was work to be done.

The Colonels played nine games over the break, matching up with some out-of-state rivals. Eastern concluded the break with the opening of Ohio Valley Conference play.

Saturday will see the Colonels continue their path to the OVC title with a visit to Eastern Illinois for a three-game series with the Panthers.

Eastern returns to the Bluegrass State Tuesday to challenge the Cardinals of Louisville in a rescheduled matchup from March 6th. After that, Coach Jim Ward and his troops are homebound as they gear up for a battle with another foe from Conference USA, the Cincinnati Bearcats, at Turkey Hughes Field on Wednesday.

Eastern entered the break on the heels of a 12-1 loss to the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

The Wildcats jumped all over Chip Albright for eight runs in the first five innings. Vince Harrison and Caleb Brock homered in the first and second inning respectively, and Eastern was never able to catch up. Bryan Felkel picked up the win for the 'Cats.

Licking their wounds, the Colonels returned home to host the Comfort Suites Invitational. Eastern opened play on Friday against Kent State.

The Colonels' woes continued, as the Golden Flashes scored five runs in the first inning and one in the second to chase Colonels starter Nic Lively. John VanBenschote hit his first of two homers on the day, and Dan Gutschmidt followed him with a one-run blast of his own. But the Colonels managed to plate two runs an inning for the next four innings to take a 8-6 lead.

Gabe Thomas accounted for both runs in the fourth with a two-run homer, foreshadowing his upcoming heroics in the ninth inning. Aaron Williams hit a two-run homer in the fifth. Kent rallied for four runs in the eighth, on VanBenschote's second homer of the day, this one a grand slam.

But Thomas was not about to let Kent have the day. With one out in the ninth, Kiley Vaughn doubled down the left field line, scoring Chris Grynayvski.

Following an intentional walk to Mike Schneider, Thomas hit a single to right-center, scoring Vaughn and John Myles to win the game. Nick Adams got the



Melissa Zwakenberg/Progress

Aaron Williams (No. 15) is congratulated after hitting a home run against Kent State during Eastern's 11-10 victory at home March 9.

win in relief while Ben Galbreath took the loss.

The Colonels continued the next day with a game against Wright State. The teams were knotted at two until the bottom of the sixth, when Eastern scored four runs on two hits and one error.

The Colonels showed aggression on the basepaths in the eighth, stealing four out of their seven bases on the day and scoring three more runs to end the game with a 9-2 win. Keith Murnane won his third game of the year, while Aaron Braden picked up the loss.

The next day saw a rematch with Kent State. The teams held each other scoreless for the first three innings, but Kent scored five times in the top of the fourth, and Eastern followed with one in the fourth and three in the fifth.

The Golden Flashes scored once in the top of the sixth, but Eastern scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to lead 8-6. Kent closed within one during the seventh and added four more in the eighth to take a 11-8 lead.

The Colonels attempted to rally in the bottom of the inning, but managed only one run as Kent held on for a 11-9 win. Gus



Melissa Zwakenberg/Progress

Kiley Vaughn picks up a bat after scoring a run against Kent State at Turkey Hughes Field on March 9.

Hlebovy got the win, and Josh Thomas took the loss for Eastern.

The Colonels then hit the road for a visit to the Volunteer State for games against the University

of Tennessee and East Tennessee State. The first game saw Eastern challenge Tennessee, where the Volunteers were less than gracious hosts. Tennessee ignited for 10 runs in the seventh inning,

turning Knoxville into 'Hard-Knox'ville for the Colonels. Eastern was held to one run for the second time against an Southeastern Conference team as Tennessee won 18-1.

Ice Colonels rest, prepare for 2001

By ROBB JORDAN
Assistant sports editor

Spring is in the air, and the weather is slowly beginning to warm up.

For some winter athletes, spring brings a time for contemplation and planning out next year.

But for members of the Eastern hockey team, spring marks just another part of an endeavor that lasts all 12 months of the year. A time for re-evaluation and planning for the future.

"I don't think we did as well as we thought we were going to," right wing Dave Jolley said. "We set our goals really high. We didn't play up to what we expected, but we played really well."

The Ice Colonels completed their sixth season of intercollegiate play with a record of 7-10.

The team posted wins over Kenyon College, Wittenberg University, the University of Tennessee, Washington University and the University of Louisville. Off the ice, the team was able to secure some sponsors to help fund the program. The team also gained greater exposure on campus.

"People are starting to recognize us as an actual school organization now, as a school sport," defenseman Mike Lee said.

The team's big goal is to join an official league or organization. This would bring in a higher level of competition and allow the team to develop more as a program.

"People are starting to recognize us as an actual student organization now, as a school sport"

Mike Lee,
defenseman

Being a league member would help guarantee games and ice time for the team.

"That'll step our competition up to even a higher level than we were at this year," Jolley said.

While the team had previously expressed interest in scheduling a game against the University of Kentucky, the idea was no longer high on the team's list of priorities.

The team had previously noted UK's resistance to the idea, but now, it is ready to move on.

"We're not really interested in it anymore," Jolley said. "We've got bigger and better things to do."

The players expressed some disappointment in not being able to notch a .500 record, but maintained that they were setting high



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Michael Vyrzel was a key member of Eastern's hockey team this year.

standards for themselves. One reason cited was playing a tougher schedule.

Jolley noted that there was a rise in quality in the level of opposition.

"We played Butler, who was a pretty impressive team," Jolley said. "Southwest Illinois played like they had played together

since they were five or six." Eastern may not be known as a hockey school, but the Colonels are quickly gaining respect from their opponents which bodes well for the future of the team.

With continued exposure and more support from the school and student body, things are looking bright for Eastern hockey in 2001 and beyond.

Contract extension awarded to Ford

By DANIEL PREKOPA
Sports editor

Eastern men's basketball Head Coach Travis Ford has received a four-year contract extension which will run through the 2004-05 season.

Ford's extension is the first major administrative move made by new Athletics Director Chip Smith, but Smith said this was something long in the process.

"This was a carry-through of something that was in the planning a few weeks ago," Smith said. "It's something we felt needed to be done."

Talk had spread on campus recently that if Ford's former Head Coach Rick Pitino took the head coaching job at Louisville, Ford would leave Eastern to become one of Pitino's assistants.

ESPN.com reported yesterday that Pitino is going to accept the job at Louisville. However, Smith said the signing had nothing to do with Pitino's interest in Louisville or the rumors circulating around campus.

"We wanted to show that we were committed to Coach Ford, and Coach Ford wanted to show his commitment in staying here," Smith said.

Smith said Ford is still making the same amount of money under



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his first contract. Ford makes \$80,000. However, Smith said if a pay raise is given to Ford, it will have to be approved by the Board of Regents and President Robert Kustra before Ford's extension begins on July 1, 2001.

Assistant Coach John Brannen said what while he couldn't say if Ford was expecting the contract, it was something that needed to be done.

"I think that it's definitely well deserved," Brannen said.

Brannen said that while Ford may not be looking to coach for Pitino now, he has expressed interest in coaching against Pitino sometime in the next few years.

"(Ford and I) certainly have talked about (playing Louisville) and it's something we're certainly considering doing," Brannen said.

Ford, who was unavailable for comment, was named Eastern's coach on April 4, 2000. Average home attendance this past season increased by 91 percent as the Colonels topped last year's record by one game.

Eastern vs. Cincinnati

When: 3 p.m., March 28

Where: Turkey Hughes Field

Johnson City was the next on the map for Eastern. The Buccaneers flexed their muscles while Colonels pitching gave up more than ten runs for the fourth time in five games. ETSU copped the game 16-7, on the strength of a four-run third and six-run sixth. Homers by Thomas and Adam Crowder were the highlights for Eastern.

The second game in the battle of the Easterns saw the Buccaneers top the Colonels again, 6-1. Brian Engle was rattled for six runs in three innings while Chris Grynayvski's homer was all the offense the Colonels could muster.

Following a less-than-successful trip over Jellico Mountain, the Colonels continued their streak against teams from the Volunteer State at home, as the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech came to town.

The Eagles continued the trend of their fellow state schools in the opening game, winning a close 4-3 contest. Tech broke a 3-3 tie in the top of the seventh, but Eastern saw their first two batters reach base. But Tech held tight to pick up the win.

Four straight losses to Tennessee teams can be quite upsetting, so the Colonels had all the ammunition they needed for the next game of the doubleheader.

Mike Schneider notched three RBIs and Scott Santa scattered four runs and eight hits over seven innings to break the losing streak and win 6-4. John Myles added two hits and scored two to aid the Colonels attack.

The closing game of the series gave the Colonels a chance to show off their offensive firepower. Eastern scored three runs in the second and seven runs in the third, for a 10-3 lead. Tech scored four more times, but was unable to come closer as Eastern won its' second straight game.

Five Colonels notched two hits and Aaron Williams had four RBIs to lead Eastern. Josh Thomas broke a personal two-game losing streak for his first win of the year.

► Softball

Eastern goes 6-4 in Florida matches

BY DANIEL PREKOPA
Sports editor

ORLANDO — After going 6-4 over Spring Break, the Colonels softball team had a little extra time to relax this week as its double-header against Western Kentucky was rained out on Tuesday.

The Colonels will get their shot against Western this weekend at the Hilltopper Classic. There, the Colonels will face Belmont, Detroit and Western.

"We really wanted to play Western (Tuesday) too," said Head Coach Jane Worthington.

Over Spring Break, the Colonels traveled to Orlando, Fla., to play in the Rebel Games. All the games were held at the Osceola Softball Complex.

The Colonels opened the week by taking two games on opening day, defeating Fairfield 2-1 and Rhode Island 1-0.

On March 13, the Colonels were defeated by Dayton 2-0 and Wagner 4-2.

On March 14, the Colonels defeated Maine 3-2 in an 11-inning thriller and topped that off by shutting out Lehigh 5-0.

The next day, the Colonels topped Iona 5-4 and then dropped a 7-1 decision to Wisconsin-Green Bay.

On the final day of action, the Colonels defeated Army 7-6 and fell to Toledo 2-0.

The team's effort over the break lifts its overall record to 15-9 heading into this weekend's action.

Worthington said she was neither pleased nor disappointed with her team's play.

"We played some good games, and we played some not so great games," Worthington said.

Worthington said one of the most exciting wins over the week was the 11-inning affair against Maine.



Renee LeBlanc snags a fly ball during Eastern's 7-6 victory over Army last Saturday in Orlando.



Sun Roesslein catches a throw at first base to beat a runner for an out.

For seven innings, Eastern's Kristina Mahon and Maine's Carrie Green were battling in a pitcher's duel. Both teams were held scoreless through regulation. Both pitchers threw all 11 innings. Mahon eventually received the hard-fought win as she gave up four hits, no earned runs, one walk and six strikeouts.

Lisa Edwards broke up the scoreless deadlock in the eighth inning when she scored on an error by Maine's third baseman. Edwards was pinch running for Megan Mills who received a walk to start the inning.

In the bottom of the eighth,

Lauren Dulkis drove in Karen Sherwood with a single to right field to tie the game at one run each.

The teams stayed scoreless until the top of the 10th inning, when Sun Roesslein drove in Bethany Herrington with a double. However, Maine tied the score again in the bottom half of the inning when Ashley Yuhas singled through the right side to drive in Katie Churchill.

Finally, in the 11th, Diana Barreras scored the winning run on a passed ball. Mahon shut Maine down in the bottom half of the inning to secure the victory.

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"We just had one inning where the pitcher walked a few, or they got a couple of hits."

Head Coach Jane Worthington

Barreras made team history in the game as she hit three doubles, tying the team record.

"That was a fun game to play," Worthington said of the victory over Maine.

Worthington said the loss to Wagner was a tough one to take.

"We felt like we were a better team hands-down," Worthington said.

Worthington said the team was never blown out in the losses, just a few mistakes killed the Colonels.

"We just had one inning where the pitcher walked a few, or they got a couple of hits," Worthington said.

The Colonels open up play at 3 p.m. in Bowling Green on March 23 against Belmont.



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March Madness upsets give hope

With this being one of the wackiest March Madnnesses ever, I can't help but think of the possibilities once Eastern's basketball team is good enough to go to the tournament. I almost wish I wasn't a senior so I could be here when Coach Ford leads the men's team to the NCAA Tournament. You can bet though that I will be watching and rooting for the Colonels.

With the kind of upsets we've had in the NCAA, who knows what will happen when Eastern does make it back. With the kind of team Ford is assembling and the style of play he runs, the Colonels might have a chance to pull a Gonzaga.

Who would have thought two years ago that Gonzaga, a small school in Washington State, would make it all the way to the Elite Eight round. Last year, they made it to the Sweet 16 and guess where they are this year? That's right, back in the Sweet 16. Not even Kentucky has made it to the Sweet 16 for those three years.

It seems like the gap between the larger schools and the smaller schools is shrinking, as the smaller ones are upsetting more and more large schools.

Being from the Akron, Ohio area, I never thought I would see an Akron school win in the first round of the tournament. But that's exactly what happened this year when the Kent State Golden Flashes defeated the Indiana Hoosiers in the first round of the tournament. Kent went on to be pounded into submission by Cincinnati in the second round of the tournament, but what an accomplishment for a school that

is really no larger than Eastern in terms of student size.

Schools like Gonzaga, Kent State, Hampton, Utah State, Indiana State and Charlotte should be an inspiration to programs like Eastern. These schools are showing that it is now possible to play with the big boys.

Of course, when it's all said and done, the powerhouses will reign supreme in the Final Four again this year. Gonzaga most likely will not beat Michigan State this weekend, although they have pulled off upsets just as large in the past. Michigan State will probably pound whoever wins the battle of the bubble teams between Penn State and Temple in the Elite Eight round. Kentucky should not have a problem beating Southern California, although they probably will not survive their next game against the winner of the Duke vs. UCLA game.

Maybe five or six years down the road, a smaller school might be able to go all the way and win. It happened before with Indiana State when they had some guy named Larry Bird on their team. Could Eastern be the team to do this? The way college basketball is shaping up, I wouldn't doubt it.

Triple Threat

I'll give you three reasons why Eastern's softball team is going to

make waves in the Ohio Valley Conference this year. Their names are Kristina Mahon, Jonelle Coora and Jessica Soto. These three players make up the starting pitching staff for the Colonels, and these hurlers have been giving offenses fits so far this year.

In their first home weekend of the season, Coora threw a no-hitter against Youngstown State, and last week in Orlando, she came a one hit by Lehigh away from a perfect game. She has the best record of the three pitchers with seven wins against only two losses.

Mahon is the senior on the team and is the senior leader on the staff. In a game against Maine last week, Mahon shut Maine down for seven innings and then stayed through the rest of the game, all 11 innings of it, as the Colonels defeated Maine 3-2. Mahon has a 4-3 record with two saves to her credit.

Hard-throwing Jessica Soto has not only been a threat on the mound, but also at the plate this season as she has been coming up with key runs batted in during several games this season.

Throw out all misconceptions you may have about softball. These girls can pitch better than most of us probably can. I know I wouldn't stand a chance at the plate against either of them.

These pitchers are fun to watch and they should make this an interesting year for the Colonels. I recommend fans should come out to at least one of the games at Hood Field this year and watch these three hurlers in action.



RIM SHOT
Daniel Prekopa

► Tennis

Tennis teams split outdoors

By ROBB JORDAN
Assistant sports editor

The Eastern tennis teams were in action over Spring Break, with a series of three matches in Georgia.

But Mother Nature intervened, forcing the cancellation of Eastern's match with Valdosta State March 12.

The teams will see action March 30 against Austin Peay in Clarksville.

March 10 saw the teams lock up with the Bears of Mercer. The women were forced to play without the services of Susan Ferguson, who was attending to

family matters.

Ferguson's teammates put up a good fight, but ended up being swept 7-0. April Dixon and Kelli Williams had solid singles matches, and Dixon teamed with Lyndsey Warbington for a good showing at third doubles.

The men's team met with a similar fate. Alvin Cheng won his singles match and teamed with Lee Lester to win in doubles, but the Bears overpowered the Colonels the rest of the way, taking the match 6-1.

Fort Valley State was in the wrong place at the wrong time as both Colonel squads feed off. Tara Williams, Dixon and

Williams were all successful in their singles matches, and all women's doubles teams won handily.

The men were also fired up and it showed. Luke Recker and Lester blanked their opponents in singles play, and Eastern lost only three sets combined in all three doubles matches.

The women scored a 7-0 sweep, and the men also posted a resounding 7-1 victory.

The tennis teams play their next home match April 14 against Tennessee Tech to open up their outdoor Ohio Valley Conference play.

► Sports Briefs

Charity golf outing being held April 7

The Dr. James McChesney Memorial Golf Classic will be held April 7 at Arlington Country Club. The tournament, a four-person team best ball scramble, is being sponsored by the department of leisure studies. The proceeds will be given to the Dr. James McChesney Scholarship Fund.

The Dr. James McChesney Scholarship is given to an upper division or graduate student

majoring in recreation and park administration.

The deadline for registration is April 2. Fees are as follows: \$250 for a four-person team, \$125 for a two-man team and \$65 for individuals.

For more information, contact Jon McChesney at 622-1835, or by e-mail at jon.mcchesney@eku.edu.

Potential additions to OVC in works

Samford University, located in Birmingham, Ala. and Jacksonville

State University, located in Jacksonville, Ala., have been mentioned as possible additions to the conference according to Ohio Valley Conference headquarters.

Samford and Jacksonville State both currently play in the Trans America Conference.

Samford's basketball team went to the NCAA tournament following both the 1999 and 2000 season.

The Bulldogs lost to Georgia State in the TAC title game this year. The football team lost to Eastern 17-16 in 1999.

► Golf

Colleen Yeager finishes first in Spring Break tournament

By BRETT GIBSON
Staff writer

A member of Eastern's women's golf team took first place honors last week while both the men and women's team competed in tournaments during Spring Break in Florida.

Colleen Yeager, senior from Naperville, Ill., finished first place individually in the Butler University North and South Collegiate Tournament in Jacksonville on March 13 and 14 by posting a two-day total of 149.

The Lady Colonels finished second as a team in the tournament while shooting a total score of 633, which was only 11 strokes behind Tennessee Tech who occupied first place with a score of 622 overall.

Another high scorer for the

women's team was Jackie Biro, who finished tied for 17 with a score of 161, Kelli Wilson and Krissie Kirby both fired a 162 while Jennifer Sullivan pulled in a total of 168 and Tamara Thompson finished with a 176.

The women's team also traveled to Tampa, Fla., to take part in the Northern Illinois Snowbird Tournament at Pebble Creek. Eastern finished 10th out of 17 teams while posting a score of 651. Arkansas State won the tournament with a two-day total of 623.

Individual scoring for the Lady Colonels were Kirby and Sullivan posting the low scores for the team with a 163 two-day total, Yeager and Biro finished close behind with two scores of 164 while Wilson carded a 176 followed by Britney Rodgers totaled a 177 and Thompson fired a 187

for the tournament.

Next up for the women's team will be April 2-3 when they will travel to Buies Creek, N.C. to compete in the Campbell University's Fighting Camel Classic.

The men's team meets up with the University of Kentucky at the PGA Golf Village in Port St. Lucie Fla., in an 18-hole dual match.

Eastern finished 14th out of 24 teams in the contest. Individual scores for the men's team were Drew Alexander pulling in the low score for Eastern with a 148, Josh Crutcher shooting a 149, Brad Morris and Sam Covitz both carded a 153 for the two-day event and finishing up was Robbie Baldwin firing a 155.

Next up for the men's golf team will be the Spring Intercollegiate Golf Tournament held at Arlington Golf Course tomorrow through Saturday.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

Meet Jeff Taylor Monster.com's CEO, DJ and Water-skier

By January Gill

Does anything faze Jeff Taylor? The hyperkinetic chief executive of web career behemoth Monster.com faces a slowdown in the economy as other dot-bombs fall by the wayside. How does the CEO of this "knowledge-based" company have time to run a job search empire and still have time to be a disc jockey?

If he's exhausted, Taylor doesn't let on. Spirits and good nature intact, he is driving as hard as ever to make Monster.com one of the world's great service companies. And he isn't letting all the hand-wringing about Monster's future get him down. With a marketing budget of roughly \$200 million for 2001, Monster has done what few dot-coms have been able to do: show a profit. "We're doing extremely well," says Taylor, "especially in different sectors with the lowest unemployment in history. We've been virtually unaffected. We're a profitable Internet company."

So how did Taylor do it? He started his career at UMass-Amherst. You name a job that a typical college student works—from flipping pizzas to disc jockey—and he's done it. "I wish I had gone to class. I pretty much did everything but go to class." Taylor ran *The Collegian*, the campus newspaper. He was also a tour guide for the university and was vice president and president of a fraternity. Truth be told, Taylor was on the six-year plan at UMass and did not graduate. But he went back to school a few years later and received an executive MBA from Harvard Business School. Currently Taylor is finishing up what he started at UMass-Amherst, and will graduate with a business degree in May 2001.

"I started five businesses at UMass. But at the same time I have done a lot more hands-on learning through the years. Going to Harvard Business School, I did an executive MBA program. Well, my own business actually changed a lot during the time I was going to school. I went back to school to prove that I could learn in a traditional environment—I'd obviously done reasonably well

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in a business or entrepreneurial environment. What I've discovered is, there's a real opportunity to take some of what I learned in the cases at Harvard and apply them directly to this business."

The idea for Monster.com came to him in a dream in December 1993. "The shortest distance between two points is a



Last March Jeff Taylor broke the 1.5-mile blimp waterskiing record set by Virgin CEO Richard Branson, skiing for more than three miles behind the Monster.com blimp.

good idea," says Taylor. Started in 1994 as a job bulletin board, the job-search company today posts nearly 400,000 job listings with 14 million unique visitors per month. To this day he uses dry-erase markers in the shower to capture those early morning ideas still fresh from dreams.

Monster.com's "Power Pack," according to Taylor, offers a very easy-to-use job search engine with a heavy rotation of jobs. If a resume is posted online, 100,000 employers and 275,000 recruiters will see it. "The beauty of the Job Search Agent is that a college student can post his/her resume, and get a response instantly from an employer ready to hire. I've seen it happen!"

So what's a multi-millionaire visionary who can't sit still to do? Taylor, once a disc jockey in local Boston area dance clubs, still DJs Monster.com's quarterly recruiting parties. This past March in Florida, he broke the 1.5-mile blimp waterskiing record set by Virgin CEO Richard Branson, skiing for more than three miles behind the Monster.com blimp. •

Job-Hunting Tips from Jeff Taylor

If you're about to step into the real world, here are some career strategies to help you in your search:

- **Schedule informational interviews**
The best way to learn about a position or a company from the inside out
- **Internships**
Try to have 1 or 2 internships or volunteer stints under your belt before you leave college
- **Make smart choices**
If you're flipping pizza now, how will that help you down the road as you look for an office gig?
- **Take a risk**
In this economy, people who show motivation and Internet prowess will do well in their career

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First job: Operations Analyst with Hitachi Data Systems in San Jose, California.

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Favorite web sites:

Surflin.com – Gotta check the surf report before hitting the waves in Santa Cruz.

Grooveradio.com – They bring in some wicked DJs for some phatty live sets.

Jesse Walton

Campus Rep

Jesse is a second-year student majoring in Computer Information Systems at Northwestern Louisiana State. He keeps the Northwestern State Steamtunnels site stocked with great photos of students and campus events.



Age: 20

Hometown: Shreveport, LA, but he currently lives in a cabin in Shongaloo, LA

How he describes himself: "Your local good ol' boy"

Favorite web sites: eBay.com—especially the old Cadillacs in the automobile section

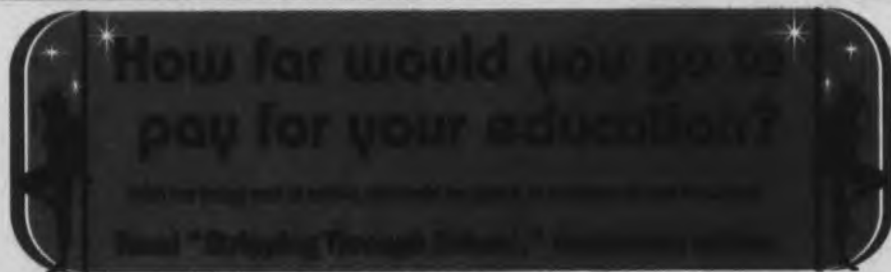
Future plans: Making lots of money

What he does in his spare time: Jesse is an RA and he owns a landscaping business.

What students do for fun in northern Louisiana: Fishing, hanging out and "muddin" in the backcountry with their four-wheel drive vehicles

Music: Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, George Strait

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| 3. ALEC BALDWIN | c. Vacuum cleaner salesperson |
| 4. GARTH BROOKS | d. Ballerina, model |
| 5. NEVE CAMPBELL | e. Beer Company spokesmodel |
| 6. KATHIE LEE GIFFORD | f. Drummer |
| 7. EMMEN DeGENERES | g. Painting signs, moving refrigerators, taking ID photos at New York's YMCA, clerking in a video store |
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Getting in the door takes a little creativity

By Yasmin Tabi

You have no idea what you want to do when you're done with school. You'd love to sing for a band, pitch great advertising ideas, write for a surfing magazine in Cali, or just be a ski bum for a year. Remember: You don't have to know what you want to do for the rest of your life. Forget the uber-efforts of family to push you in the "right" direction. You have to pick your own direction, and it's easier than you think.

Work It

Life is a lot easier for college grads when they can network with people. Networking basically means contacting any connections you have in the industry you're interested in, and having them help you land your dream job. Make some contacts; ask for an informational interview or to intern at the company. Most people are eager to teach others what they do every day, and are tickled when someone else finds their job interesting. Plus, it helps you find out about the "hidden job market." About three-quarters of available jobs aren't advertised. Big-time magazines, for example, never advertise through an "Editor Wanted" ad in the paper. Sometimes they just release this info into their social and work circles and wait for someone to get back to them. Get involved and you'll find an "in" for a job.

The Alumni Connection

Alumni in different industries keep in touch with their alma mater and let the career services center know when entry-level positions are available in their field. They're making a conscious effort to reach out to current students, so take advantage of it. Compile a list of the positions you're looking for, and talk to an adviser at your school.

If you don't know anybody, and have no clear idea of what you want to do, build a list of prospective positions that you're interested in and start getting in touch with people. Want to work at a record label? Contact the internship coordinator there. If there isn't one, contact the person who has the closest job title to your interest. Give your friends some credit, too. Sure, they may be bar aficionados just like you, but try to see if they know anybody who can be your guide. Then network. •

Grad School

To go or not to go? By Enca Feick

There are a lot of ins and outs regarding graduate school for me to try to cover in one article, so I'll try to stick to the basics. For you wanna-be doctors and lawyers, grad school is a given—I, personally, like my doctors to have that big med school degree hanging on their wall. If the job you want hinges on having that Ph.D., M.D., etc., sharpen your pencils, it's going to be a long ride.

For the rest of us, grad school is still an option...isn't it? Seems these days more degrees = bigger salaries. Bachelors' degrees aren't cutting it anymore. So, are the extra years and loans worth it? In a dot-com world, where anyone with savvy computer abilities can be picked up off the campus before the ink dries on the diploma, is grad school still that important? And how in the world do you make that decision? Before you make that leap into grad-student status, consider some of the following:

Grad school or real world?

If you're using grad school to avoid getting a job, all you're going to do is spend a lot of money for nothing. Get out there and figure out what it is you want to do first, without incurring more debts. Grad school isn't going anywhere; in fact, many schools prefer that you get a couple years of work experience in the field first. (See gradschool.about.com/education/gradschool.)

Some big businesses will pay for your tuition after you've worked for them for X amount of years. Remember: Free school is good school. However, if you know what you want to do and know you need that degree to get anywhere in the field, then grad school is probably a good choice.

College times two

If you think that grad school is just like college, think again. Take your course load now and multiply it by two; that's what a light week will be in grad school. No taking off for the weekend; the library will probably become your second home. Most grad schools require that you maintain a 3.0 GPA (or higher) to stay in the program—drop below that, and you could find yourself out on the street. You've already survived 16 years of school—are you prepared for another three or four years of intensive work? If you're not mentally prepared for grad school, take a couple of years off. Studies show that a majority of grad students these days have done exactly that, and find themselves better prepared for what grad school can offer.

Show me the money

All right, we all can appreciate what a big fat salary can do for the checkbook and the ego. But it all depends on the job market. Degree or no, your big fat salary may largely depend on what the economy is like at the time.

Examine your motives, and remember that grad school is a big commitment of time and money. Your best bet is to talk to other grad students in your field and at the schools you're considering. Find out what the school can do for you, intellectually and financially. Check out www.career.vt.edu/GRADSCH/should.htm and www.petersons.com/graduate for more help. •



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How Well Do You Think College Prepared You for the Work World?

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E-RESUMES

Is your resume ready for the real world?
How about the World Wide Web?

By January Gill

The Internet is a job seeker's dream. The web has provided a quick and easy way for students to display their talents and experiences. Aspiring candidates and potential employers can now communicate via email for job openings available all over the world. No mailing or faxing necessary.

An electronic resume, or e-resume, is your resume in a style that can be sent over email or the Internet with no loss of formatting. The benefit to having an e-resume is twofold—an electronic resume gives you the opportunity to showcase your communication and organizational skills, and it illustrates computer proficiency.

"When jobless, posting a resume or a profile—in any format, no matter your age—is always more beneficial than not," according to Greg Terk, director of corporate communications for **Guru.com**. "College students should always post resumes, because resumes—by nature—greatly expand career horizons, and massive exposure is just what college students need. Job seeking online instantly

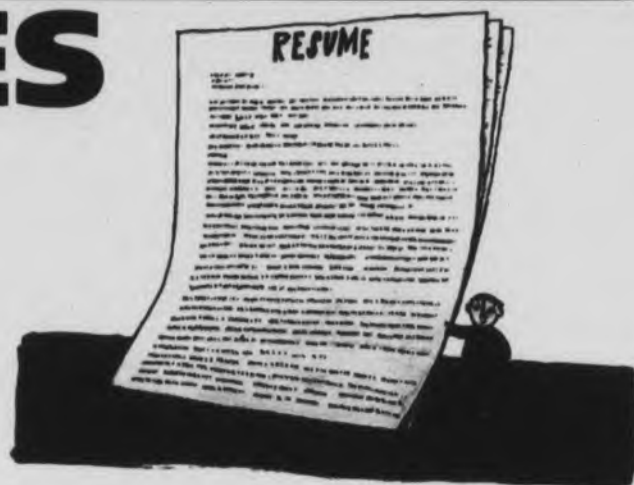
liquifies preconceived career borders, and the job market becomes a much bigger place."

Any mistakes or errors in formatting may put your resume on the bottom of the stack, or worse, in the "circular file."

Yet the frenzied velocity of cyberspace, coupled with a high demand for talent, has produced an extremely competitive marketplace. Any mistakes or errors in your formatting may put your resume on the bottom of the stack, or worse, in the "circular file." Don't let your resume put you at a disadvantage. Check out the tips at the right for creating a flawless electronic resume.

"The most common mistake is underestimating the power of the Internet as a job-seeking tool, and submitting a lackluster online resume," says Terk. "Like any resume

or profile, it is effective only when comprehensive, professional and succinct." A good resume stands out as a reminder of what kind of valuable employee you would be. But a sloppy resume is an easy way to take yourself out of the game before it even starts. •



Electronic resumes in ASCII text

Human resource departments do not have time to translate a disorganized and muddled email. When formatting a resume, be sure to:

- Use a standard font, like Courier or Times New Roman.
- Do not use fancy formatting like bullets, italics, columns or tabs. Many email programs can't read certain styles. Consider using asterisks (*) and capital letters to achieve similar effects.
- Keep the width of your line narrow (about 4.5") and type at a consistent size.

Scan-friendly resumes

Many companies and institutions scan resumes so they can be searched by keywords. Here's how to make sure your information is scannable:

- Stick with a basic, simple font like Courier or Times New Roman.
- Keep your resume on one page.
- Use the "Objective" and "Skills" sections on your resume to list keywords. This is an underutilized area on most resumes. Use it to highlight your skills. For example: web editors should sprinkle keywords like "HTML, Dreamweaver and Quark" throughout their resume.

LINKS

Consult the resume-building sections of these sites.

Career Builder.com

careerbuilder.com

Similar to Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com contains a plethora of job listings for a multitude of different positions in any region of the country. The content isn't as rich as other comparable sites, but the job-listings library will make your visit worthwhile.

Job Direct.com

jobdirect.com

Jobdirect.com is designed to help students find careers. The site walks you through a detailed process in which it gathers personal information, helps you organize your resume, and ultimately brings potential employers to your e-mailbox.

Read our web site feature on page 10 for more great job sites.

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Job Category	Avg. starting salary	
	2001	2000
Accounting & Finance	\$36,985	\$35,104
Business & Management	\$36,552	\$35,452
Clerical & Secretarial	\$30,556	\$26,712
Communications/Media	\$30,712	\$28,446
Computers & Information Science	\$48,731	\$44,722
Education	\$39,302	\$38,898
Engineering	\$47,030	\$43,740
Nonprofit, Social and Community	\$31,441	\$29,535
Sales, Marketing, Advertising, PR	\$35,585	\$35,746
Other	\$36,093	\$30,950
Average	\$37,975	\$35,811

Job Listings Posted at University Career Centers, Nationwide
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Stress Test This new interviewing technique is gaining popularity

By Tracy Barton

It's 7 o'clock Monday morning, and Amelia Sauer, a senior business major at Indiana University, chugs her coffee before her interview with a high-profile company offering a great salary. Going over printouts about the company, she starts to get ready. She puts on her black suit, checks her look in the mirror and heads out to catch the bus. At exactly 7:55 she arrives, five minutes early. When she enters the office where the recruiter is waiting, he snaps at her without looking up, "You're late." "I'm sorry," she says, knowing it's not true. "OK, Miss Sauer, this is your 30 minutes," he says, looking at his watch, then focusing on the paper in front of him. Sauer feels a wave of panic, as words start rolling off her tongue.

Meanwhile, in another meeting room, senior Brad Barkin, also a senior at Indiana, sits anxiously with a recruiter from Goldman-Sachs. "I have interviewed with candidates from Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Princeton," says the recruiter. "So why should I even consider hiring someone from Indiana University with a 3.0 GPA? How do you explain your low GPA?"

Are these interviews for real?

They are. They're called stress interviews. How well the technique works is questionable. "I think stress interviews are pointless. It's stress on top of stress," says Emeli Irwin, an Indiana senior.

Some schools, like the Kelley School of Business at Indiana, have some tips for students. "Seek clarification," says Sue Sgambeoluri, assistant director of the Career Development Center. "If they're rude or using negative body language, it's OK to say, 'If this is an inconvenience, I could come back at a later time.' Don't subject yourself to inappropriate abuse."

Amelia Sauer finished her 30-minute interview without a word from the recruiter. He never even looked at her, appearing uninterested the whole time. In reality he was listening very closely. She did not show nervousness or resentment. She gave the interviewer exactly what he wanted to hear. "I know what my capabilities are," says Sauer. "Sometimes getting a job depends on showing what you know no matter what the circumstances." •



Common Stress Questions

"Why were you out of work so long?"
Have a thorough explanation for any holes in your resume. Best answer: You're not just interested in getting a paycheck—you want to find a long-term commitment.

"See this pen I'm holding? Sell it to me."
Tests your understanding of "features and benefits" selling.

"Why should I hire an outsider when I could fill the job with someone from inside the company?"
A chance to sell yourself as a fresh face.

"Would you like your boss's job?"
The interviewer wants to know if you are confrontational or overly ambitious. Good answer: "If my boss were promoted, sure."

"This is your interview, shoot."
Illustrate your qualities with background stories. Take your time, and at the end, ask the interviewers if they have any questions for you.

Want More?

Search keyword: Interviewing
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GADGETS

Gadgets to Get Your Foot in the Door

First Impressions

Landing the perfect job starts with the perfect resume. After you've spell checked, you're ready for the Lexmark Z32 printer to strut its stuff. With 1200 by 1200 dpi resolution in both black and white and color on all paper types, and 7.5 pages per minute in black and 3.5 pages per minute in color, you'll have your own little press shop printing out resumes faster than you can seal the envelopes. On-screen ink level indicators and one-click printer driver installation make this a steal at the price. Both PC and Mac compatible (\$99; lexmark.com).



For the Wireless Exec

Searching for a job is hard to do between school and having a personal life, but if you're connected, you'll always be ready. Post your mobile phone number on the top of your resume and employers will have your Nokia 3390 ringing off the hook (or vibrating for silent alert). The 3390 boasts personalization options like the 49 possible combinations of the Xpress-on Color Covers, downloadable screen savers, customizable ring tones and an internal antenna. Play a game or send a mobile message—or talk for more than two-and-a-half hours with the standard battery (\$94-\$125; nokiasua.com).



Pocketful of Data

Want the upper hand at your next interview? Show your soon-to-be supervisor your knack for organization with your Sony CLIE handheld—schedule follow-up interviews, jot down questions, and exchange contact information with the infrared port—all from the palm of your hand. The 4.27 oz. CLIE features Palm OS Software with 8MB of internal memory, and an 8MB Memory Stick of removable media. The 160 by 160 pixel monochrome LCD display syncs up with your PC with Microsoft Outlook or Lotus Organizer; PictureGear Pocket Software allows you to view and share digital photos (\$399; sony.com/clie).



No Iron? No Problem

High tech isn't just for electronics anymore—check out the new Downy Wrinkle Releaser. It's perfect for "ironing" out any last minute wrinkles before your interview: no iron required. Just spray Downy Wrinkle Releaser onto your garment (perfect for pants, skirts, dress shirts and suit jackets), then tug and smooth away wrinkles with your hands. Once your clothes are dry you're ready to go and you'll smell fresh and clean. Available in the laundry aisle at the supermarket (\$3.99; spraytugsmooth.com). —Shani Fisher



Outside the Cube

Earning a degree doesn't always mean sitting at a desk

By Kathleen Beman

Ever fantasize about how you'd make a living if you didn't have to sit at a desk all day? There are plenty of unconventional jobs available if you decide you'd rather put your degree to work outside an office.

Laura Shin, a Stanford graduate and a part-time yoga instructor in New York, says, "Yoga has brought so much peace to my life that I like the thought of being able to give that to other people. Besides, even though I completely love my job [as a producer at New York Times Digital], if all my work was centered around a stupid monitor and keyboard, I think I would end up in the loony bin."

Plenty of people, like Shin, obtain their unconventional jobs via part-time work. Oregon freelancer and University of Iowa design major Jason Hart worked for years as a web designer, doing freelance work on the side, before he accumulated enough clients to become a full-time contractor. "I'm lucky in that I have clients that can feed me work on request—as much or as little as I want. That's what I like the most—the freedom to schedule my time as I desire," says Jason.

If your goal is to get straight to the fun stuff, MTV (mtv.com) holds regular casting calls for VJs and new shows, and professional football teams like the Dallas Cowboys (dallascowboys.com) hire trained dancers to be team cheerleaders every year.

Dan Burke, a Cal Poly, SLO graduate, returned to San Luis Obispo to become a full-time musician after a stint as a dot-com producer in San Francisco. "Once you let go and enter a life of doing what you want to do, as opposed to a life doing what you think you should do, things flow to you and from you more naturally. It brings a strong sense of self-value and worth," says Burke of his choice to return to music. "I really feel like I'm finally doing something good." Burke still freelances for web sites occasionally to make extra money,

but music is now his career focus. His band's first CD was released on an indie label in July.

Technical companies like Electronic Arts, in Redwood City, Calif., have a fleet of computer game quality assurance testers. They get paid to play all day and ensure the games' functionality. Wendy Ellis, an Oregon State graduate, works for another tech company, Egreetings.com (egreetings.com), as the music producer. She divides her time between the company's San Francisco headquarters and a Hollywood office, schmoozing band managers, handing out Egreetings.com "schwag" at concerts, and ensuring that every music promotion gets on the site.

Cool Jobs (cooljobs.com) lists more far-out opportunities like Club Med's G.O. program, which hires 10,000 young men and women from nearly 70 countries around the world for one function: to create the best possible vacation for Club Med's guests. Other possibilities include the role of security officer for the Royal Guard of Amen Ra, an international, multilevel security company founded by actor Wesley Snipes, or door person at Group Therapy, the oldest college bar in South Carolina. However, many of these

jobs are tougher to get than my personal favorite: secret shopper at Jamba Juice, where you get gift certificates to spend on smoothies and Jambolas in exchange for assessing the customer service and food quality at the Jamba stores you frequent. I was offered such a gig through a friend in Jamba Juice management, but had to turn it down. One can only handle so many random part-time jobs. •



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MMORPG

Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games

By Karen Zierler

Online gaming was born at the dawn of the Internet, with text games like BBS on Telnet. Soon after, the development of server/client architecture allowed MUDs (multiuser dungeons) like *x-tank* and *Xpilot* to invade university computers, and students discovered the addiction of playing online with hundreds of others in games that never stopped. Don't underestimate the phenomenon: My husband and I met fighting each other in cyberspace.

The first mature attempt at a MMORPG was *Meridian 59*. (Its developers finally shut it down after six years.) *Ultima Online* (uo.com) brought Britannia to the Internet, and still is one of the most "true" role-playing environments out there. An update

is planned to extend its life until its successor, *Ultima Worlds Online*: *Origin*, is finished this year.

Verant and

Microsoft have their own MMORPGs, and charge a monthly fee. Verant's *EverQuest* (everquest.com) is dubbed *EverCrack* because of its addiction value. (MUD players know that text-based games using the same gameplay were just as addictive long ago, without the fee.) *Asheron's Call* (microsoft.com/games/zone/asheronscall) isn't quite as successful as *EverQuest*, but has a good following. Despite the fact that a MMORPG requires a huge staff, the success of the big three has publishers drooling over that monthly fee.

Many new titles are in the making. Some are strategy games, some RPGs. Games like *Anarchy Online*, *Arcanity*, *Star Wars Galaxies*, *Dark Age of Camelot*, *Horizons*, *Atriarch*, *Neocron* and *Shadowbane* are being discussed daily on various gaming sites. •

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Portable Audio Devices

Steamtunnels shows you what CD or MP3 player to buy

By Michelle Silver

Your portable audio player means easily accessible music wherever you go. With many different models available, find out exactly what features you want before making the purchase.

What to look for in CD players

Anti-skip

When it comes to finding a player that won't sk-sk-skip, the buffer, or anti-skip protection, is your friend. The bigger the buffer you have (typically 10 to 50 seconds), the better protection your player has against bumps.

Battery Compartment

First, location: Inside the player is more secure, outside makes it easier to change batteries. For the batteries themselves, decide whether you want standard or rechargeable. It can be less expensive to get rechargeable.

Headphones

The headphones that come with most models are lousy—the same goes for MP3 players. Spring for a nice pair—it's worth it.

Extras

Definitely get the hold or lock function. It's too easy to waste batteries otherwise.

Price Range

In the \$50 or less field, you can find players with basic features. For a truly decent player, be prepared to pay somewhere between \$100 and \$200, which will offer more options, better sound quality and extended battery life.

What to look for in MP3 players

Memory

More memory, more music. Try for at least 64MB of storage.

Sound

Choose a signal-to-noise ratio above 85dB, and options to adjust bass and treble.

Transfer Rate

Avoid players that use the serial port for transfers.

Price Range

There are a couple of models under \$100; there are dozens under \$200. Split the difference and you still have at least 10 to choose from. •

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CD Players

Panasonic SLCT570

Super-thin, anti-shock memory of 40 seconds, playback up to 50 hours, three preset equalizer (Normal, Super Extra Bass System, Live), rechargeable battery and external battery case (\$149.99; [Buy.com](#)).



Sony CD Walkman DEJ825

"The world's smallest and lightest CD Walkman" offers Skip-Free Protection, excellent sound quality, up to 57 hours of continuous playback, an external battery case, a carrying case with hand strap, and headphones with remote control (\$149.95; [800.com](#)).

GPX C3948BI Blue Ice Ultra-Slim CD Player

This great buy has a bass-boost system, 40-second anti-shock, a car adapter kit and all the elementary basics, plus funky blue-and-silver coloring (\$44.99; [Amazon.com](#)).



MP3 Players

Sonicblue Rio 800

Sonicblue (formerly Diamond) introduced the first MP3 players. The 800 is the latest. It's Mac and PC compatible and has headphone-cord remote control and voice recording. 64Mb memory (\$273.02; [firstsource.com](#)).

Samsung YP-E32

This player has 32MB embedded memory for half an hour of music-listening time, but it's expandable to 64MB. It has voice-recording capability and comes in gold or silver. Great price (\$134.55; [Soft4U.com](#)).



Creative Labs NOMAD II

The Nomad 64 is an MP3 player, but it offers reprogrammable firmware to support future audio formats (like WMA—Windows Media Audio). Includes an FM radio tuner. There's 32MB on-board and 32MB removable memory, for a total playing time of one hour (\$242.13; [eCost.com](#)).

D-Link DMP-CD100

The wrinkle for the DMP is that it supports MP3s as well as CDs, so if you have a CD burner, this is the baby for you. Does not show ID3 tags (so you can't see the title of the track). Powered by batteries or wall adapter (\$139.95; [outpost.com](#)).



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Special Feature: Let the search begin

The best sites for finding a job

There comes a time when you have to face the inevitable truth—unless you've got a trust fund, you're going to need a job. And that means resumes, cover letters, interviews and tons of research. Your first stop should be your campus career center. These folks will point you in the right direction even if you have absolutely no idea what you want to do with your degree in underwater basket weaving.

But there are lots of great sites out there that can help make dreaded job search less painful.

There are five top sites out there that you should bookmark immediately: monster.com, wetfeet.com, experience.com, flipdog.com and hotjobs.com. All of these sites offer the same basic premise:

employers post job openings that you can surf, and you can post a resume that potential employers can surf. However, each has its own little niche product. Experience.com, which is designed with recent graduates in mind, has a fantastic company profile section that lets you research many top companies. Experience also has good internship information and regular features about workplace trends.

Check out Monster.com and hotjobs.com to set up job search agents—they'll crawl thousands of openings to find what you're interested in and send the postings right to you. Wetfeet.com is another warehouse-type job site. Post your resume, surf job openings, research companies and look for job searching advice. But you can also read up on the jobs in specific industries, such as Bay Area dot coms or law. [Wetfeet](http://Wetfeet.com) also has a great

message board section in which actual employees give advice about specific topics, such as whether or not to include your GPA on your resume. Flipdog.com offers the same as all the others, except with a twist—instead of making companies search job openings, [Flipdog](http://Flipdog.com) searches company web sites to find job openings before employers even post them on general job search sites.

For those of you who aren't necessarily interested in the corporate route, try out non traditional job sites such as careereexchange.com and cooljobs.com.

Careereexchange.com crawls the web looking for jobs in high technology, so this is the place for IT gurus (as if you really need to look for a job). The job search categories at cooljobs.com include, among others, flying trapeze and beer. This is not a site those IT majors will want to visit too often. Cooljobs.com has links to nontraditional employment opportunities across the globe, from dog trainers to cruise ship staffers to circus performers.

Even if your life's aspirations amount to being a beer brewer, you'll still need a resume and cover letter, so check out the resume help sections at the big five job sites above as well as school specific advice centers like

www1.umn.edu/ohr/ecep/resume.

Finally, it's important to remember that some of the "biggies" out there probably post jobs that are way out of your league in terms of experience. To look at openings geared to your qualifications, try sites like jobdirect.com and

thepavement.com, both of which specialize in entry level positions for recent college grads. •



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History and Politics Out Loud

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History and Politics Out Loud is just that—a collection of recorded historical speeches from the past century. Includes speeches from figures such as Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. Searchable by the speech title, the speaker's name, or the speech's original date. Includes links to the sites for the Real Player and Quicktime Player plug-ins needed to hear these historical addresses on your desktop.

Content: A **Usability:** A

Internet Connections for Engineers

www.enlib.cornell.edu/ice
ICE provides an extensive listing of Internet-based engineering and science resources. Maintained at Cornell University's Engineering Library, the site lets engineers, researchers, students and faculty find useful resources related to chemistry, engineering, math, physics, or other 'hard' sciences. Topics are broken down alphabetically, and include astronomy, computer science, heat engineering and more. ICE also offers links to various financial aid and engineering grant-giving institutions.

Content: B **Usability:** B-

TRAVEL

Mungopark

mungopark.com
An interactive travel site, Mungopark.com offers multimedia "magazines" for destinations ranging from Cuba, Vietnam and Timbuktu to even more exotic options like the space shuttle and Antarctica. Stuffed with content, each locale has its own issue with articles, photos and video features. The depth of coverage is pretty impressive, and each section practically serves as a full site for that area. This isn't a "how-to" publication; it's of the vicarious-thrills variety, but there's enough in each area to make visitors feel like they've actually been there.

Content: A **Usability:** B



One World

Oneworld.net

The mission of this site is to promote human rights throughout the world. Search by country, topic or simply click on an area of interest to read up on what's happening globally. The site is also broken down into categories such as special reports (including a diary of the week's events), campaigns (learn more about causes such as women's rights worldwide), or guides (read about the current status of issues like AIDS or immigration). The site is available in multiple languages and features radio and TV reports on topical issues.

Content: A- **Usability:** B+

CULTURE

Everything Postmodern

broquard.tilted.com/postmodern

Everything Postmodern is a link site, nothing more. But it's a heck of a link site, presenting "the most comprehensive list of postmodern links on the web today!" Far be it from me to argue; there's a ton of stuff in here, most of it interesting: interviews with Nietzsche, the Sartre Cookbook and Greg Beda comix. Get lost in Everything Postmodern and you may even start to understand Andy Warhol.

Content: B+ **Usability:** A-

Rocket Fuel

rocket-fuel.com

If you're looking for a place on the web to find underground pop-culture reviews and commentary, head to rocket-fuel.com. The site features book, film and music reviews as well as concert and record release information. It encourages users to send in their own reviews and features for consideration. Rocket Fuel is a good place to find out about music, movies, books and bands you might otherwise never hear of.

Content: B- **Usability:** A



Art Crimes

artcrimes.com

Art Crimes: The Writing on the Wall is a compilation of more than 3,000 graffiti art images from 205 cities, 43 countries and six continents. This collaborative volunteer project consists primarily of submissions from graffiti writers who link their own graffiti site to Art Crimes. Anyone with even a moderate interest in art will find some of the art fascinating, and the site includes regular updates as well as information, resources, interviews and articles.

Content: B **Usability:** B-

Editor's pick

The Voice of the Shuttle

vos.ucsb.edu

For those moments when you humanities students are too lazy to go to the library, the Voice of the Shuttle web site comes to the rescue. The site has links to resources on everything from anthropology to women's studies, and also includes sources on general English literature, philosophy, business theory, cyberculture, and just about everything else you could ever need. Once you pick a category, a list of web resources beyond your wildest dreams will appear. Toss your library card back on the floor where it belongs and grab a cozy seat in front of your computer.

Content: A **Usability:** A



FUN

Pretty Strange

Prettystrange.com

The wildest and wackiest minds of the world are showcased on this simple yet entertaining site sponsored by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine. The content is simply a featured "strange" site of the day (with a review) and past "strange sites of the day" are archived. Such finds include bizarre but true personal ads from around the country on geek.com and a link to the "world mouse clicking competition." Feeling lucky? Hit the "strange-omatic" button and get blasted to a random weird site in cyberland. We couldn't make this up if we tried!

Content: A- **Usability:** A-

The Ad Graveyard

zeldman.com/ad.html

Ever wonder what happens to product ads that companies reject? A lot of them apparently wind up here, in The Ad Graveyard, a collection of "Real Ads That Almost Ran." This probably isn't the site for you if you take offense easily, since many of these ads were pulled because the company thought they would upset certain demographics. If you can look past that, though, this is funny stuff. Some of the ads are from foreign products you might not know, but I'll bet there's at least a few products here you'll remember, and you'll get a kick out of seeing what might have been.

Content: A- **Usability:** A-



DIVERSITY

Diversity Inc.

Diversityinc.com

This warehouse site uses news headlines and in-depth reports to examine how diversity plays out in the business world. There are seven different "communities" that news headlines are organized into, including American Indians and people with disabilities. Diversity Inc. also has a marketplace section, a resume database that you can post to, and a section with columns, news and commentary about diversity in our national economy. A great resource for business majors and anyone interested in how the corporate world deals with the complexities of diversity.

Content: A+ **Usability:** A-

Zipple

Zipple.com

The "Jewish supersite," Zipple is a search engine, news source, dating connection, bulletin board and much more for the Jewish community. It's arranged like Yahoo!, and has just as many options, from health and fitness to history and shopping—all with a Jewish emphasis. Zipple's mission is to connect members across the globe, a goal it accomplishes through discussion boards, chat rooms, and its singles database.

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