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Famous writers to teach

By **CASSANDRA KIRBY**
Editor

Despite several offers from other colleges, two nationally-known Kentucky writers are coming to Eastern in what some are calling the blockbuster hiring of Kentucky writers in the past 20 years.

Silas House, author of the national best seller "A Parchment of Leaves," and Frank X Walker, a poet who helped coin the term "Appalachian," will teach creative writing and other courses in Eastern's Department of English. They will begin full-time, tenure-track positions in the fall.

Charles Sweet, chair of the English department, said the hirings help Eastern reach its goal of becoming a leading comprehensive university and earning national distinction.

"We are obviously the cream of the Commonwealth when it comes to creative writing programs," Sweet said. "We are now a strong presence in the region and we will be noticed on a national level for our creative writing."

Sweet said Eastern has already gained some attention nationally with the announcement of the hiring in USA Today.

"When a college is usually mentioned (in USA Today) what do you usually find out? Well, there was a fire at one, a shooting at another," Sweet said.

Sweet said the hirings have generated excitement among the English department faculty.

"I think there's a tremendous sense of enthusiasm over what will happen," he said. "I think it is a morale booster not just for the department but for the entire university."

Sweet said the hiring of House and Walker reminded him of recruiting time for athletic departments.

"It's like recruiting for Danny Hope and Travis Ford, but this time we got the big signees," he said.

Sweet would not comment on the exact salary House and Walker will receive, but said the two will be paid at market rate.

"In other words, we did not have to break the bank to sign them," he said. "We are signing them with basically what's in line at Eastern for new assistant professors in English."

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Assault trial delayed

By **MELISSA ENGLE**
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The trial of a former Eastern student accused of making more than 200 sexually explicit, harassing and threatening phone calls to a number of Eastern students last November has been pushed back until May 18.

Sean Francis has been awaiting trial in Lexington at the Fayette County Detention Center since early February. He was originally scheduled to stand trial on April 14.

The delay comes as a result of Francis' decision to enter a guilty plea. Prosecutors say he has yet to sign any paperwork confirming his plea, but he has mentioned such intentions.

He is now wanted in Nebraska and New York for similar charges. If he pleads guilty Francis will have a trial in Kentucky instead of going to each state to be tried. Wohlander said if Francis chooses not to plead guilty, then it may take years for the cases to be heard.

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Results are in



Jeff Jackson, right, looks on as Lance Melching, left, is congratulated by Tracy Gragston after being elected Student Government Association president Tuesday night.

Melching, Elridge claim top positions

SGA reports highest online voter turnout

By **ADAM BAKER**
News editor

Prior to the Student Government Association elections SGA hoped voter turnout would reach at least 2,000 votes this year. Students surpassed SGA's goal with a turnout of 2,341 — nearly 50 percent more than last year.

Lance Melching and Colmon Elridge were elected president and executive vice president, respectively, with 959 votes.

"This is the No. 1 turnout that we have records for," said Joshua Davis, chairman of elections.

Davis said "having candidates that cared about student government and igniting a fire under the student body" contributed to the large turnout.

Mike Regale, associate vice president of Student Affairs and SGA adviser, agreed the

quality of candidates caused students to turn out in big numbers.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "I think that shows there is commitment."

Current SGA President Kristina O'Brien said this year there were more people running for positions than ever before.

"I think the more people that you get involved that want to run for positions, the larger outreach you're going to have on students to come vote as well," she said.

Melching struggled to hold back tears Tuesday night when O'Brien announced he would replace her next year.

He immediately buried his face in his hands and began dialing friends and family on his cell.

"The first person I called was my girlfriend and my parents, then my brother," he said.

Melching, who will also serve as Student Regent on Eastern's Board of Regents, said his grandfather was also on his mind.

"Part of the Moberly Building is named after him and apparently one thing he always wanted was to be a Regent," he said. "He died when I

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Newly elected SGA President Lance Melching calls his family after hearing the news that he had won the election.

Photos by Nathan Gray/Progress

Ghost Out brings reality of death to students

Eastern nursing students teach dangers of drunken driving

By **KATIE WEITKAMP**
Managing editor

Death pointed his finger at Steve Donaldson Tuesday at school.

Donaldson calmly walked into his classroom and picked up his books and walked down the hall, saying goodbye to his classmates at Model Laboratory School.

At 9:30 a.m. Donaldson was the fourth victim of the Ghost Out, a program put together by Eastern students in a community health nursing class. It is designed to teach students the dangers of drinking and driving.

According to alcoholalert.com, someone is killed every 33 minutes by a drunk driver. To show what it might be like to lose someone close to them, every 30 minutes another student was pulled out of their classes and taken to an office where they would not be heard from for the rest of the day.

"It's very shocking and scary," said Kristi Lainhart, a nursing major. "What I'm look-

ing forward to the most is seeing the reaction of the kids."

Lainhart and the other eight students in the nursing class have talked about the Ghost Out since the beginning of the semester; however, they started putting things together in the last four weeks.

Jonner Lowe was picked to play Death because he said he is the only male, the tallest and he basically got "suckered into it." He said originally a police officer was supposed to play the part.

"It's a fun role to play," Lowe said. "You can't speak ... you just pick someone randomly. We try to make it boy, girl, and we take them from all levels ninth-12th."

Lowe said while walking down the hall he can hear students laughing and saying things like "Oh, Steve's dead," but he hopes students will take it seriously.

"It can hit home," Lowe said. "It might happen to a friend or relative, and they could be affected by it. There

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James Cornelison, a sophomore at Model High School, looks up as Jonner Lowe, dressed as the Grim Reaper, selects him out of class.

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UWR effectiveness evaluated

By **CASSANDRA KIRBY**
Editor

While another batch of students are signing up for the university writing requirement, some Eastern officials are evaluating the effectiveness of the exam — which could mean doing away with it.

"We are assessing it and seeing where we are since it has been so many years since the motion passed the faculty senate on Dec. 5, 1988 (to implement the UWR)," Kevin Rahimzadeh said. He is the chair of the university writing requirement committee and an associate professor in the English department. "I think there's been excellent debates and excellent discussions about its value and its usefulness."

Rahimzadeh said there has been talk of phasing the UWR out, but he feels the exam has been highly effective in identifying students who still haven't obtained minimal writing skills by their junior year.

"The UWR has been good at identifying those students and using various means to get them

to improve their writing," he said. "If they fail the UWR a number of times they can take a course or they can see counselors at the writing center."

Rahimzadeh said if Eastern keeps the UWR it will be because it does a good job at identifying that small number of students who do not have appropriate writing skills.

One option, he said, is to keep the UWR as part of a larger assessment program involving more than the exam. Or Eastern could replace it with writing across the curriculum courses. He said these courses would more specifically assess how students are doing in writing.

Some members of the committee favor the idea of writing-intensive courses because it's a way to assess writing in the curriculum — something more meaningful to what students are actually doing in their classes, according to Rahimzadeh.

He said this is where the debate of offering writing-intensive courses and phasing out the UWR comes up. Because these are courses students take throughout their collegiate

career, they are more specific in what they assess and emphasize writing as a process — instead of just the one-shot deal with the UWR, which measures how well students respond to a specific prompt in a certain amount of time.

Rahimzadeh said no final decision has been made.

"All of this is part of the conversation, but right now, it's just a conversation," he said.

According to Provost Lyle Cook, Eastern is bound by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to validate the effectiveness of the writing programs offered. Although he said he thinks the UWR is an effective way to measure students' writing abilities, he said the amount of resources and effort it takes on the part of the faculty and students is tremendous.

"Right now, we are just asking if the way we are measuring it right now and the resources that we put into it and the effort it takes on both sides is worthwhile," Cook said.

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Chairs' Council to address academic advising issues

By **ADAM BAKER**
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Improving academic advising will be one concern addressed by the Chairs' Council later this month.

The Student Government Association brought the issue up in October.

After students expressed concern about the current advising process, the Student Senate voted unanimously to pass a resolution suggesting two major changes to the university's advising procedures.

SGA's act called for advisers to attend one mandatory training session per year and to be limited to 35 advisees.

"Kristina O'Brien (SGA president) talked to Lyle Cook (university provost) and convinced him that it was something he needed to look at," said Lance Melching, SGA executive vice president.

Melching said the university will look at surveying stu-

dents about advising next year when they register for classes.

"We can't really make any major moves or anything until the report comes in," he said. "Dr. Cook is moving forward, and I think we're going to see some positive changes by next spring."

Diana McGregor, director of Academic Advising, said her office has received informal concerns in the past relating to the availability of students' assigned advisers.

"There have also been concerns expressed about the level of knowledge some advisers have about Eastern policies and procedures," she said.

McGregor called SGA's suggestions "sound."

After initial discussions between her office and other university officials, however, she said limiting advisers to 35 students may be difficult to accomplish in the future.

Cook agreed the goal of 35 advisees per adviser is ideal

but complicated. He explained there are probably more than 400 majors in the department of forensics but just five or so faculty members.

"Clearly we can't get everyone advised by a forensics specialist and still stay under 35 in that major," he said.

McGregor explained there is currently no limit on the number of advisees an adviser may have. Each department, however, may limit the number of advisees assigned to an adviser by informing her office, she said.

This issue, as well as providing annual training to advisers, will soon be discussed by the Chairs' Council.

"The Office of Academic Advising would be thrilled to provide the suggested training sessions to advisers," she said.

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Leadership banquet honors students

By **KASEY DOYLE**
Staff writer

The Office of Student Life is hosting the Student Life Leadership Banquet at 6 p.m. April 21 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

The leadership banquet was organized to honor student leaders and advisers for their outstanding contributions to student organizations and the Eastern campus and to honor individual students, staff and faculty of Eastern who have had an impact on the surrounding community. Student organizations will also be honored for community service.

Awards presented this year are for leadership outside the classroom, leadership in the campus community, adviser of the year, outstanding student leader, outstanding community service, outstanding group category and academic excellence.

A selection committee will choose the award winners.

This is the first year for the Presidential Leadership Award, presented by university President Joanne Glasser. This

award will honor one student who performs regular community service and who exhibits excellent leadership skills.

Christina Thompson, of the office of Student Life, said award winners will receive certificates or plaques, depending on the type of award, and the Presidential Leadership Award winner will receive a trophy.

"We have revamped the banquet since last year," Thompson said.

The jazz ensemble will perform during the ceremony and guests will hear speeches given by Glasser and keynote speaker Mike Nichols.

All nominees will receive an invitation to the banquet, and winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

"We want all nominees to attend the banquet so they can receive a pat on the back for all the hard work they have done," Thompson said.

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News Briefs

Sorority raises money for arthritis

The Alpha Omicron Pi sorority will host an arthritis benefit walk at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Eastern Track. The walk was initially to be sponsored by Aleve, but the partnership did not work out due to a miscommunication. Proceeds will go to arthritis programs in Madison County.

The benefit walk will last until around noon, and those walking can also visit booths to find out more information about arthritis while there.

According to the National Arthritis Foundation's Web site, nearly one in three American adults suffer from a type of arthritis, as well as 300,000 children. It is also "the nation's leading cause of disability among Americans over the age of 15."

UP Showcase held in Keen Johnson

Undergraduate students and their mentors will present their projects at the third annual Undergraduate Presentations showcase from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

More than 100 students will participate. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Contact rose.perline@eku.edu for more information.

Alumni Weekend scheduled

Eastern's alumni are invited to campus April 23-25 during Alumni Weekend. Alumni who graduated in 1954 or earlier will be honored as "EKU Pioneers" at the event.

Events start at 6 p.m. Friday with a reception for alumni and faculty. For a complete schedule of events, go to www.eku.edu/alumni/weekend2004.

Quick recall team places second

Eastern's quick recall team placed second at the Division I tournament in Elizabethtown.

The team also got third place for overall play. The team included two seniors, TJ Phillips and Rob White, who have participated in quick recall events for four years.

Professor receives teaching award

Marcel Robles, associate professor of corporate communications and technology, received the Outstanding Teacher Award for 2004 from the Association for Business Communication-Southwest United States. He was awarded the honor in March at the Federation of Business Disciplines conference in Orlando, Fla.

24-Hour Poetry Marathon held

Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, will celebrate National Poetry Month with its second Annual 24-Hour Poetry Marathon.

The marathon will be held from noon April 2 until noon April 23 in the Powell Plaza.

For more information visit <http://www.english.eku.edu/poetrymarathon>.

Staff Council has new members

The Staff Council has elected new officers for the 2004 school year. The council chair is Lisa Laird, the vice chair is Stephanie King and the secretary/treasurer is Beverly Burns. The council also approved its bylaws.

Visit www.eku.edu/staffcouncil for more information.

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Cigarette tax

House Bill 107 propose a \$.75 surtax per pack on cigarettes, among other things. The bill had an emergency clause on it, meaning it could have taken effect as soon as the governor signed it. This did not happen.

Jon Draud, R-Crestview, co-sponsor of the bill, said he credited its failure to the special-interest groups influencing legislators. He has been trying to get it to pass for four years.

"(Kentucky) is No. 1 for teen smoking, No. 1 for lung cancer, No. 1 for smokers and No. 3 for heart disease," Draud said.

He said passing the bill would have been a benefit not only for health purposes, but also to help lower Medicaid costs. In addition, it would have brought in \$300 million dollars to the state in additional revenue.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher has included a cigarette tax in his reform package, but it is for \$.26 per pack.

"The governor will make significant changes in Kentucky taxes, but they will be revenue-neutral," said Jim Callahan, D-Wilder, co-sponsor of the bill. Revenue-neutral means increasing one area of taxation while decreasing another, according to Callahan.

He said HB 107 still has the opportunity to pass when legislators meet on April 12 and 13 for the final two days of the session.

The Progress first reported on these five bills Feb. 9. Since then the legislature has voted on several bills. These are the results for bills seen as key to students.

Of the five bills, four were shot down in the House. The remaining bill, House Bill 95, concerning the definition of marriage, was withdrawn by its sponsor, but a similar bill passed in the House and Senate.

This bill will now be voted on by citizens of Kentucky in November.

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Two-year tuition freeze

House Bill 488 was a bill requiring tuition at public post-secondary schools for fall and summer semesters through 2006 to remain at the level in place during the spring 2004 term. It also would have required tuition for 2004 and 2005 summer terms to remain at the same level as the summer 2003 academic term.

The bill, sponsored by Ron Crimm, R-Louisville, was not passed. Crimm said he originally drafted a bill requiring the amount of tuition a person paid their freshman year to remain the same for four years. However, because of university pressures, he pulled the bill.

He said HB 488 would have given universities the flexibility they need during tight budget times but would also allow students to project their tuition rates each year and protect them from continuous increases.

"A bunch of Democrats were thinking tuition was getting too out of hand," said J.R. Gray, D-Benton, co-sponsor of the bill. He added the reason he thought it did not pass might be because of pressure from university presidents.

Gambling

House Bill 45 would have allowed electronic gaming at racetracks as part of the state lottery, but it did not pass this session.

Thomas Burch, D-Louisville, sponsor of the bill, said Kentucky is losing \$500 to \$600 million a year to Indiana, where electronic gaming is legal allowed.

"The governor said he would not support it, but also he wouldn't veto it either," Burch said. "It was just a bunch of Republicans wanting to keep their nose clean by not voting for gambling."

Burch plans to bring the bill up in the next session until it passes. He said it may pass if the Senate makeup is changed.

Definition of marriage

Among the debated bills was House Bill 95, which defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

HB 95 was withdrawn by its sponsor, J.R. Gray, D-Benton. In 1998 some laws were passed denying the union of persons of the same sex, Gray said. The bill would have required a constitutional amendment and would be left to the voters to consider in November on the ballot.

"We had some pretty militant Republicans who filed a discharge," Gray said. "(Withdrawing the bill) had little to do with morality and more with games. I didn't want my bill to do that."

C.B. Embry, Jr., R-Morgantown, co-sponsor of the bill, said while HB 95 was withdrawn, there are other bills similar to it. Specifically, Senate Bill 245, the most heavily debated, allows the public vote on the issue of same-sex marriage and defines what constitutes marriage. SB 245, unlike HB 95, passed the chamber, and the amendment will be voted on by the public on the Nov. 2 ballot.

"The governor can veto (the bill)," Embry said. "But the governor would sign this to let the people decide."

Include unborn child as person

Two bills similar in makeup, Senate Bill 4 and House Bill 108, were voted on by the legislature, and so far have not passed.

SB 4 was an amendment to include an unborn child as a person in murder cases. Should an individual murder a mother and her unborn child, the attacker would receive the same penalty as he or she does for the mother and could face the death penalty.

HB 108 was a similar bill only it would not carry a death-penalty sentence.

SB 4 did not pass, but HB 108 did. Co-sponsor Gary L. Tapp, R-Shelbyville, said the bill will go into effect in July.

"(The bills) were pretty much the same," Tapp said. "They are what's called companion bills."

According to Tapp, this is a common practice in the legislature to put pressure on one chamber to get a version passed.

Co-sponsor Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, said legal abortions will be exempt from this bill.

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For the love of it

Eastern's department of English hired two nationally-known writers — Frank X Walker and Silas House.
Learn more about both men below.

'Affrilachian' poet hired

By CASSONDA KIRBY
Editor

The rain kept pouring down Tuesday, and no matter how fast the windshield wipers swished backward and forward, nothing could stop the tapping against Frank X Walker's windshield.

Walker, who has been on the road for three months promoting his newest books, couldn't help but think the day was a perfect one to be curled up in a far place, in a rocking chair with a big quilt and a new Walter Mosley book.

"The average day for me has been going to sleep in a different city than I woke up in," Walker said. "The only thing consistent about my days are I wake up early and fall asleep exhausted."

Walker may find a little more consistency in the fall, however, when he begins his job as a faculty member of the English department at Eastern.

"I'm really excited and am looking forward to being a part of the EKU family," he said.

Walker said there are several qualities he has to offer Eastern including diversity, passion for writing and experience.

"I know the university is generally committed to the retention of African Americans and other students of color — that's going to have to be reflected in the faculty and the administration," he said. "I hope I will be a visible evidence of the university's commitment to that."

Walker, who is a native of Danville and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, completed a Master's of Fine Arts in writing at Spalding University in May 2003. He has lectured, conducted workshops, read poetry and exhibited at over 250 national conferences and universities.

He is also a founding member of the Affrilachian Poets, the editor of *Eclipsing a Nappy Millennium* and the author of "Affrilachia," a collection of poems that has recently been nominated for the Kentucky Public Librarians' Choice Award.

Walker has recently completed two new poetry collections — "Cold Still" and "Buffalo Dance, the Journey of York." Buffalo Dance, is written in the voice of York, the slave who accompanied his master, William Clark, on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Although Walker may be most known for his poetry, he said he also writes plays, newspaper and magazine articles and creative nonfiction and fiction pieces.

He said he could not remember the first piece of writing he ever did, but said he does remember his first creative writing class he had in high school.

"I still have my journal from that class — that was 1976," he said. "I read it sometimes and laugh at myself. I was pretty good then; I was clearly interested in writing in high school, but it was not something I considered as a career."

He said everyone in his family wanted him to be a doctor or a lawyer because he was a good student.

"But my passion was in the area of writing and the arts," he said. "I'm happy to finally bring my avocation and my vocation together, instead of wear a bunch of hats at the same time."

Walker said he finds his inspiration for his writing in everyday



Frank X Walker will join Eastern's English Department in the fall.

life — "anything that makes me feel something, either anger, love or intimacy," he said.

Because of this, Walker said you could ask him to define the word poetry 20 times and he would give 20 different answers.

On Tuesday the definition of poetry lay in the hands of Michael Jordan.

"Today to me poetry is Michael Jordan, with the game on the line and tied, and three seconds left and the ball in

his hands," he said. "He's going to do something special, people are going to remember it forever, no matter what the outcome is. I think those powerful moments in the world — those are things that make poetry."

"Ask me again tomorrow, I'll say the birth of my first child — watching the head pop out and the first time her eyes opened and looked into mine. It's everywhere. It's constantly changing and evolving, poetry can't be just one thing."

These events, the inspiration, are the easy part of poetry, according to Walker. He said the editing and the revision is where the craft of writing comes in — a place that as a professor at Eastern, he can help with.

"I fancy myself as a committed craft person, mostly because I am also a teacher and I know how much work it takes to carve a really good inspiration lump of clay into a beautiful piece of poetry or some other kind of writing."

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Eastern grad joins staff

By ROGER LEE OSBORNE
Who's That? editor

Growing up Silas House never wanted to leave.

With the woods and creeks as his playground, Eastern Kentucky became a place that will always be a part of him.

"I can't imagine a better place to have grown up, and I wouldn't trade my childhood for anyone's," House said. "I grew up playing in the woods, in the creek. I never wanted to leave and still don't."

House joins Eastern faculty in the fall semester as a creative writing professor.

He graduated from Eastern with a degree in English.

"I'm really anxious to get started. I'm particularly glad to be at Eastern because it's my alma mater, and most of the people who go there are people from my part of the world; those are the people I want to serve," House said.

"There are so many great writers in Eastern's service area, and I just hope I can help to guide them in the right direction."

House's first novel, "Clay's Quilt," published in 2001, quickly became a novel worth mentioning among book reviewers and critics alike.

For House, who had long dreamed about being a writer, the accomplishment wasn't an easy one.

"The biggest obstacle of being a writer is that you have to be determined," House said. "You're going to face lots and lots of rejection before you finally get published, so it was a very long process."

The process of getting published not only included becoming a better writer but learning how to get his work read.

"I had to not only learn how to write, but also learn the business of writing: how to send out manuscripts, how to find an agent, all those things," House said.

The job of becoming a published novelist proved to be difficult. The duties of everyday life also had to be met, but House was accustomed to hard work because he held a job from an early age.

"In the meantime, I had to make a living. I've kept a job since I was 16, except for a very short period of about a year in college, so the hardest thing was to find time to write," House said.

"I would work a 10-hour day then come home and try to do the normal things you have to do — mow the yard, be a good father — and then scratch out some time for writing."

House's main source for inspiration comes from his surroundings.

"The world around me inspires me everyday. The people I meet and know. I love hearing people's stories and looking at the world in a very close way," he said. "Writing is all about discovering something about your-



Silas House will join Eastern's English Department in the fall.

self, answering questions for yourself, so it's easy to find inspiration in everything."

House credits his family as a source of help and inspiration.

"My favorite aunt bought me a typewriter when I was 10 years old, and I ended up writing the first draft of 'Clay' on it. I was lucky to have all this encouragement because some people don't have that," House said.

With the urge to give back to his Kentucky roots, House also credits wanting to be home more often with his two children, Cheyenne, 8, and Olivia, 5, as well as his wife, Teresa Gambrel House.

House's hopes to continue writing and teaching for a while. With the release of his third novel, "The Coal Tattoo," in September and the writing on his fourth novel, "1976," his dream to continue writing is very much a reality.

"I just hope to keep writing and teaching and hope that I'll be able to keep living out this dream," House said. "All I ever wanted was to be a writer and a teacher, and right now I have my wish. I'll hope it stays that way for a while."

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EKU Chef Wins Big at Culinary Competition

Anyone who has frequented the Fresh Food Company knows who he is, the guy in the crazy chef pants, Rob Miller. Rob is the Executive Chef for ECU Dining. He oversees the Fresh Food Company and all food provided by ECU Catering. Rob recently traveled to Sewanee, Tennessee to compete in a culinary competition.

Rob attended the 3rd Annual ARAMARK Southern Region Culinary Showcase, hosted by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The event showcases the top culinary talent within ARAMARK Campus Services. Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to the event to sample and vote for their favorite cuisine. Over 800 guests attended the event this year and voted Rob Miller the over all favorite. Rob has won the Guest Choice Award all three years.

Congratulations Rob!



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ELECTIONS: Conner wins RLC, Baker takes SAC

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was in middle school. He and I were really close and we always came to Eastern games growing up."

When he called his mother to tell her he had won, he said she told him "Grandpa's real proud of you right now."

Melching added his supporters throughout the election were "amazing."

"I owe this election to all of them," he said. "The turnout is incredible, it's absolutely stunning. With those 2,000 votes (students) absolutely validated (SGA) for the next year."

Melching said he has never seen so much publicity about an SGA election.

"Everybody was trying to get everyone out to vote," he said.

The easy part, Melching said, is now over.

"We made a lot of promises on the campaign trail and now it's time to start making them happen," he said.

O'Brien said Melching, who currently serves as her executive vice president, "absolutely deserves" the position.

"Lance has had to do things my way for a year and a half, and it's about time he gets to do things his way without me giving him too much advice," she said. "I'm so happy for him — I know he will do a fabulous job."

Elridge, Melching's running mate, was watching "West Wing" when the Melching/Elridge campaign manager called to tell him the news.

"I screamed bloody murder and thought oh my gosh," he said.

Elridge said the record voter turnout was one of the goals of his and Melching's campaign.

"This campaign was about empowering students to vote and bringing SGA back to students, and that just shows there is a desire out there to be involved," he said. "We just have to do a better job of engaging the

student body."

Elridge explained his sister was also elected executive vice president at Transylvania University.

"It's like a little Elridge dynasty," he said, laughing. "It's like the Kennedy's only there's two of us and we're black."

Melching and Elridge defeat J.C. Young and Amy Jo Smith, 852 votes, and Craig Pike and Susan DeHart, 443 votes. Young explained he wasn't disappointed he lost because he learned a lot from the campaign.

"It's been very eventful and stressful," he said.

Young said he is now debating whether or not to attend graduate school.

"I've got some big decisions to make in the coming weeks," he said.

Pike said he was somewhat disappointed he did not win, but thought the most qualified candidate won.

"I'm just excited that so many people turned out (to vote)," he said. "It's a sneak peak at a bright future at SGA here at Eastern."

Pike said even though he lost, he still plans to contribute in some way to SGA.

Other top SGA election spots included vice president of the Student Activities Council and vice president of the Residence Life Council. Jeff Conner, Residence Life Council vice president-elect, said he was "super excited" to find out he won.

"I was really honestly surprised," he said. "I'm really looking forward to a great year."

Lindsay Baker was elected vice president of SAC with 1,147 votes — more votes than any other candidate in the election.

"I feel very blessed that many people think I would do a good job," she said. "I am really excited and doubly motivated now."

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GHOST OUT: Some Model students admit driving drunk

From Page A1

are so many alternatives, call a taxi or a friend or have someone be a sober driver. There are a lot of ways to be safe."

Lowe said the assembly was designed to make people realize the severity of the problem.

While this is the first time Lainhart has put a Ghost Out together, she said her high school had one.

According to a survey done by the community health class, of the 169 Model High School students, 19 reported in the past 30 days they were drunk behind the wheel. Also, 57 said they had been in a car with someone who was a drunken driver. Oddy Cavins, a senior nursing student said the last statistic is the scariest — 61 students said they would drive drunk or get in the car with a drunken driver.

Officer Willard Reardon, of the Richmond Police

Department, said he hopes the experience will help decrease the number of drunken drivers and help high school students think about what their actions may cause.

"April is Alcohol Awareness Month," Reardon said. "We're participating in several different programs in the community. The students did all the work here. I'm here more as a co-sponsor."

Lloyd Jordison, of the health department, said binge drinking is a problem among high school students. He said the human brain is not fully developed until about age 21, which is part of the reason the legal drinking age is 21, and when people start drinking at a younger age they affect the way the brain works.

"When you drink and drive, you're basically impairing all the skills you need to (drive)," Jordison said.

The Ghost Out concluded with an assembly at 1:30 p.m. At that time eulogies were read or the students who were pulled from classes. They were written by the students themselves and read by teachers or friends.

"(The students) wrote them, but I think the people who were up there talking added a little bit," Lainhart said.

She said she noticed a difference in the crowd from the beginning of the day, when students were laughing at their friends being taken by the grim reaper.

"Once the assembly got started students started to take things seriously," Lainhart said.

Among some of the speakers was David Pence of the cabinet of the department of criminal justice training. He presented a slide show featuring his mother, father and brother who were all killed in 1983 by a drunken driver.

Lainhart said her class is proud of the work they did and were able to express to the students the dangers of drinking and driving. She said she thinks the project will have an impact on students and make them think more about what could happen to them.

Cavins said the project went better than expected. She hopes future classes will keep the program.

"It was very well received by the faculty," Cavins said. "We had people tell us it was one of the best programs Model has had."

She said the next step is to evaluate the day, what went wrong and what worked well.

"Other classes will be able to use our information for the program in future years," Cavins said.

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► Police Beat: April 5-11

April 5

Mike Ballard reported custodial staff at the Begley Building found a container used to collect American Red Cross money had been emptied.

Jaunte Jenkins reported a television stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the Lancaster Parking Lot.

Nick Maggard reported his vehicle had been egged while it was parked in the Alumni Coliseum Lot. He also reported finding a note on the vehicle, which depicted what is believed to be a donkey having sexual relations with an elephant.

Amanda R. Price, 20, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested for and charged with dis-

regarding a traffic control device and operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license.

April 6

A **Brockton resident** reported receiving threatening phone calls.

A **Commonwealth Hall resident** reported being harassed outside his residence hall.

Beverly Dyehouse reported someone stole her daughter's wallet from her purse.

April 7

Kyle S. Ginter, 19, of Mt. Sterling, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication.

April 8

Doug Hall reported damage to a window in the west stairwell of Commonwealth Hall.

Ryan S. Knapp, 22, of Todd Hall, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication.

A **Martin Hall resident** reported being harassed.

April 9

Stephan D. Powell, 23, of Richmond and **Christopher James Bright**, 23, of Clay Hall, were arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Brent M. Gilbert, 20, of Campton, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Compiled by Melissa Engle

Hannah Cook reported someone unlocked her office and stole her cell phone.

Donald Warford reported his apartment had been burglarized.


Charlie Brubeck reported food products missing from the ground kitchen of the Powell Building.

April 11

Michael R. Smith, 23, of London, was arrested for and charged with assault in the fourth degree, domestic violence and criminal mischief in the third degree. He also was served an emergency protective order. Police said he had an altercation with a McGregor Hall resident and refused to leave.


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TURNING UP THE HEAT

Republicans, Pride debate

By MELISSA ENGLE
Assistant news editor

It was a much-anticipated meeting for the College Republicans last Thursday night.

Members of both the Pride Alliance and the College Republicans sat in attendance in the overcrowded conference room in the Powell Building anxious to hear what State Rep. Lonnie Napier had to say on the topic of same-sex marriages.

"I don't care what somebody else does behind closed doors, that's their business. But let me tell you this; I will never vote for their marriage equal to a man and a woman," Napier said. "If God had of meant for two men to be able to marry, then He would have let them have offspring."

At present Hawaii is the only state to allow a marriage between people of the same sex. Other states, including Vermont and Kentucky, have debated the idea of allowing civil unions.

The debate comes at a time when the entire country seems to be buzzing about same-sex marriages.

Challenging California law in February, City Assessor Mabel Teng openly performed the marriages of at least 15 couples at City Hall in San Francisco and issued nearly a dozen marriage license to couples.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome argued that California's constitutional equal protection clause overrules state law and requires all persons to be treated equally.

Napier said civil unions are similar to marriages, allowing each partner to receive benefits such as Social Security and insurance.

Kentucky legislative House Bill 95 was withdrawn by its sponsor, J.R. Gray, D-Benton, during this past session. In 1998 some laws were passed denying the union of persons of the same sex, Gray said. The bill would have required a constitutional amendment and would be left to the voters to consider in November on the ballot.

However, Senate Bill 245 passed and will allow Kentuckians to decide if an amendment to the state constitution will be made to ban same-sex marriages and civil unions.

Napier said he doubts if the voters of Kentucky will ever allow the marriages.

Denise Roberts agrees with Napier that such a law may never pass in the state of Kentucky.

Roberts is an openly-gay, 26-year-old Republican. She said she has been with her partner for six years and hopes one day to be able to marry her, though she said she doubts if Kentucky will be the place where it will happen.

"I deserve to be able to get married. Many other people have their boyfriend or girlfriend and they choose to get married. I have that commitment with my partner," Roberts said. "I think I should be allowed to get married as well."

Roberts believes civil unions lead to discrimination, as does fellow Pride Alliance member, Jen Maley.

Maley, a criminal justice major from Cincinnati, said the discrimination would result from having to claim status of married or together by civil union on tax documents, job applications or when applying to rent an apartment.

Roberts said she has been discriminated against here in Richmond because she is a lesbian.

"I was harassed right here in Richmond — that's why I live in Lexington now," Roberts said. She said a brick was thrown through her window.

John Wilson, chairman of the Garrard County Republicans, said that sort of behavior should be reported to the police. He managed Napier's campaign.

Wilson said for the preservation of the family, he agrees with Napier.

"It's just been this way for 2,000 years or longer. Why change it?" Napier said.

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WEKU employee wins Peabody

By ADAM BAKER
News editor

John Gregory thought April Fools had come a day early this year.

On March 31 Gregory, the assistant manager at WEKU-FM, Eastern's public radio service, got a phone call he couldn't believe was true. He immediately dismissed it as a prank.

However, the news that he and his wife won a Peabody Award for a radio documentary was not a joke.

"We were both in shock," he said. "It wasn't until I went to the Peabody Web site and saw our project on the list of winners that I began to believe that it was actually true."

The Peabody Award is considered the most prestigious award in broadcast journalism — often called the Pulitzer of television and radio.

Gregory said he and his wife, Louisville journalist D. Cameron Lawrence, entered in the competition, but did not expect to win.

"As the most prestigious award in broadcast journalism, you never really expect to win,"

he said. "So it's a fantastic honor and it was a tremendous surprise."

Gregory and Lawrence were awarded the Peabody for their production "Sisters in Pain." The documentary aired on several Kentucky radio stations, including WEKU.

Gregory said the story features a group of women who were imprisoned in Kentucky for "striking back at men." He said this involved assaulting, murdering or being connected to the murder of their husbands or boyfriends who abused them.

"In spite of the brutality they experienced, these women received lengthy prison sentences for what some would call justifiable self-defense," he said.

In 1995 Gregory explained, a group of prison and parole officials, women's advocates and activists banned together to seek the release of these women. Just days before leaving his seat as governor, Brereton Jones granted the women clemency. Most of the women were released in early 1996, he said.

"Although they were released from prison, the women were

not pardoned, so they are still convicted felons," Gregory said. "Many of them are still deeply haunted by their experiences."

Gregory said his main role in the documentary was to help "shape the story" and edit the script. He also did the technical production by editing and mixing the audio on computer.

His wife, he said, developed the project, located the women who were willing to talk, did the interviews, crafted the script and narrated the program.

"You work your whole professional career hoping to tell stories that will touch people, make them stop and listen and think about an issue or event they've never considered," he said. "Then to actually think you may have succeeded at that is incredible. And then to think that work is in the company of the likes of the BBC, PBS, HBO and Bill Moyers is thrilling and humbling."

The idea, Gregory said, came sometime in 2000.

"We heard about the story from a woman who was working at Midway College at the time," he said. "She had interviewed the sisters for a academic work.

We thought it would be a fantastic story to bring to radio, not only from the stand point of the dramatic stories of the women, but also from the social, criminal and judicial issues we could explore."

Gregory said he has often wondered why abused women like those featured in the documentary don't just leave.

"This program gave the answer to that question. Often the women are emotionally, financially and socially dependent on the men who abuse them. Plus they realize that they are at their greatest danger when they do leave," he said. "It's hard to comprehend the abuse that women in our society can and do suffer."

"Sisters in Pain" has also won the radio honor in the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award. The award, Gregory said, is given to programs that cover the problems of the disadvantaged.

Gregory and his wife will receive the award at the National Press Club in May.

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Committee discusses online classes

By LINDA POLLOCK
News writer

This is the first part in a three-part series about online course.

Once a week after her classes are over, Amber Berthoud sits in front of a computer screen and works on homework for her online class, computer programming.

"It's more convenient because I play softball," she said. "There are no hassles of going to class. I can work at my own pace."

Berthoud said she prefers her online class and would take more if they were available. However, she also warns, "it depends on the type of person — it's easy to slack off."

Berthoud is one of many students who enroll in online classes at Eastern. Classes offered completely online are becoming more commonplace in universi-



ties across the country. For example the University of Phoenix is a completely online university.

"There is a tremendous future for online classes. Some universities like Illinois University offer all the degree requirements in online classes," said Rich Boyle, assistant dean for the division of continuing education and outreach. "We want to put more courses online for people who can't get to classes at EKU."

Eastern has more than 50 online classes each semester and enrollment in these classes is increasing. For the fall semester 57 online courses are available for registration.

"Students enroll in online classes because they are convenient and provide flexibility. The trend toward online classes is because they don't require classroom space," said Gene Kleppinger, online learning coordinator. "The increase in online classes means departments must meet the demands of students and pay attention to the quality of the courses."

Quality control of online courses has become an issue Boyle and Kleppinger are addressing. They formed a collaboration of people in ITDS, media resources, the teaching and learning center and the distance education program to provide feedback and support to

professors who administer online courses.

"Professors do a good job, but we want to help them do better. Everyone can use help (with all the technicalities of the internet)," Boyle said. "We need to make sure online courses provide the same outcomes as a face-to-face course. The workload needs to be similar although online students tend to actually do more work."

Boyle adds classrooms have already been impacted by the increase of online courses through the use of Blackboard courses.

He predicts more classes will soon be offered online.

"You will see a shift, but all the degree requirements are not available online," he said.

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Eastern sprinter pursues Olympic dreams

Calhoun hopes practice, dedication will help her accomplish goals

By **ARTHUR LEWIS**
Staff Writer

For Sheri Calhoun, running has been a passion she has chased since she was a little girl. Starting from childhood Calhoun knew she wanted someday to compete in the Olympics. With hard work and support from her family and friends, her dream of participating in the Olympics is in reach. Calhoun gets the chance to show her talent when she competes in the 2004 Olympic trials.

The Kutztown, Penn., native said she has been running since the ninth grade. People who knew her used to tell her one day she would run in the Olympics. In high school Calhoun became the only person in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's track history to win 12 gold medals.

"It's always been my dream," Calhoun said.

Last year her dreams of making it to the Olympics became real, and her coach told her that she was within reach of qualifying for the Olympic trials.

"If she stays healthy and continues to train, she has a good chance," coach Tim Moore said.

Moore has coached Calhoun for five years and continues to train her for the Olympics.

While running for Eastern she set records, in the 200- and 400-meter in women's track and field, 2003 Ohio

“Everyone has been positive about my efforts to make the Olympic trials. All my friends help encourage me when training gets hard.”

—Sheri Calhoun
Eastern student

Valley Conference Champion and 2003 Athlete of the Meet. She was also ranked 11th in the nation at one point.

This summer Calhoun hopes to run in the Olympic trials for the 400-meter event in July in Sacramento, Calif. Her career has officially ended at Eastern, but she now runs unattached to push herself more.

Calhoun has been training specifically for the Olympics since August of last year.

She said "being mentally strong and prepared" is the most important part of getting ready for the Olympics.

"Sheri is an athlete who has a desire and passion. That is

the key motivating factor that drives her," teammate Onyinyechi Chuku said.

Her training has greatly intensified as well. When it gets warmer she plans to practice with the men on the track team. To qualify for the Olympic trials she must run the 400-meter in 51 or 52 seconds. Her fastest time is 53.75 seconds.

"I take it one meet at a time," Calhoun said.

In order to make the Olympic Track & Field Team, athletes must rank in their designated event with the Olympic "A" qualification standard. Only four athletes who achieve the "A" qualification will be chosen for the Olympic team.

She said her strong support system helps her stay focused.

"Everyone has been positive about my efforts to make the Olympic trials," Calhoun said. "All of my friends help encourage me when training gets hard."

Eventually she hopes to attend graduate school and make a lifelong career as a college track coach. For now she hopes to fulfill her ultimate dream of becoming an Olympian.

"I just want to run my best, give my all, then there will be no disappointments no matter what happens, and I will still give God the glory," Calhoun said.

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Sheri Calhoun will travel to Sacramento this summer to compete in the 2004 Olympic trials. Calhoun must achieve the Olympic "A" in order to be one of four picked to be on the Olympic team.

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Cassandra Kirby, editor

UWR unnecessary burden for grads

We all have to do it. No matter how much of a waste of time it may seem and no matter how much you dread it, your entire career at Eastern Kentucky University is summed up in one exam — the University Writing Requirement.

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After years of complaints from students about how ridiculous this is, Eastern is looking at alternatives and the possibility of doing away with the written exam.

This consideration needs to be applauded for three reasons.

First of all, since students are not required to take the UWR until they are juniors, it is too late to help those who cannot write.

Second, some students just stress out in high-pressure situations and fail the exam. It has nothing to do with their writing ability; their brains just freeze up and they simply do not do well.

Finally, those students who have poor writing skills and fail the exam shouldn't have passed the basic English courses offered at Eastern to begin with — which may mean professors need to toughen up and fix the problem at its root.

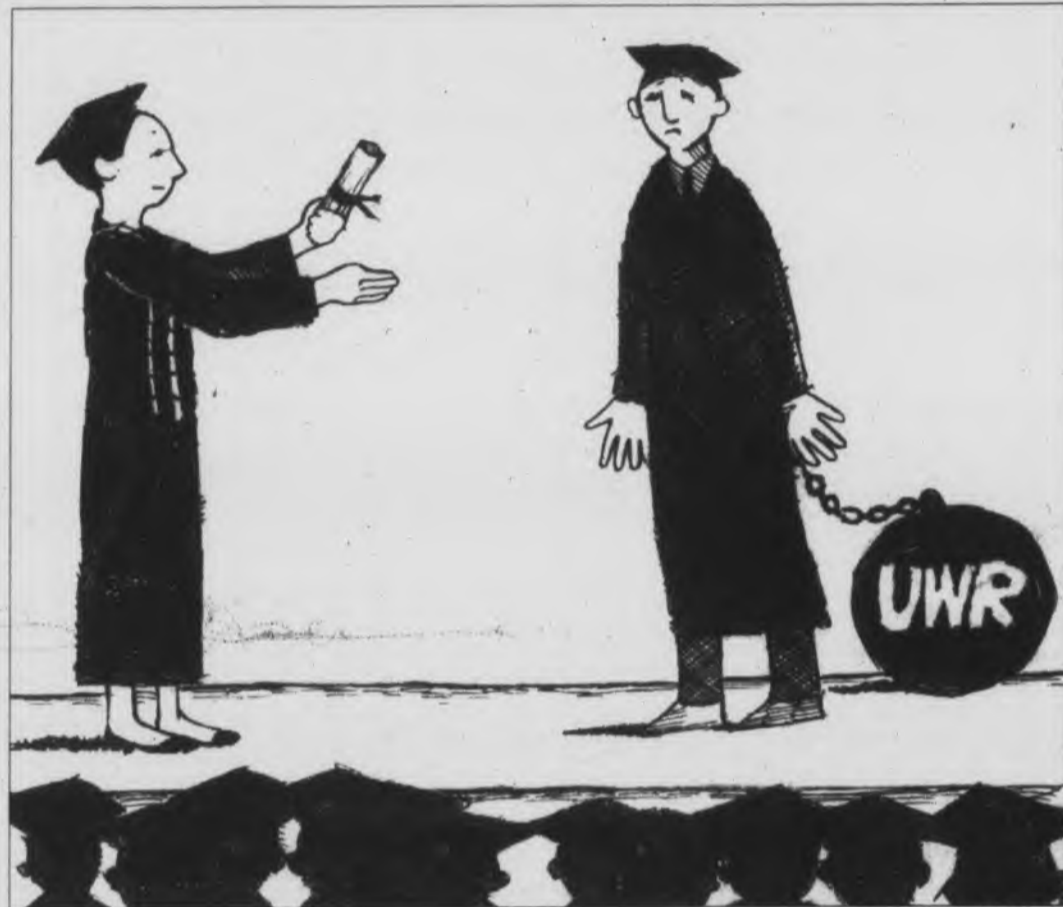
The UWR is not a real measure of one's writing ability, it does nothing to help those who may have trouble writing and it shouldn't be the culmination of four year's work at Eastern.

Of course we realize how important writing is. It is a form of communication required in practically all occupations.

However, the UWR is not the most practical and logical way to ensure students learn written communication at Eastern.

Instead Eastern must make raising the standards for students' written work a goal, and special care must be given to ensure students are given the proper tools to improve their writing skills — not just to pass a test.

Other universities in the United



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States, like the University of Kentucky, require students to take several intensive writing courses regardless of their major — at 300 level or above.

These classes teach techniques such as advanced peer reviews and line-by-line editing, require students to produce a certain number of pages of writing during the term and require students to provide drafts for which the instructor gives thorough feedback to direct the revision. These classes also encourage using advanced literary techniques that are not discussed in basic English classes.

These courses are designed for the purpose of equipping students with advanced writing skills.

In these classes no student should

pass unless they have the appropriate writing skills.

This is the way it should be at Eastern.

Intensive writing classes at Eastern should be a requirement for all students. These classes should nurture the writing abilities of students until they grow to where they need to be, and students should not pass these classes until their abilities reach this level.

Instead of requiring a test to measure writing ability, let's require classes to teach it.

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► News Quiz

OK, boys and girls. It's time to test your knowledge of what's going on at Eastern. If you don't know the answers, don't worry. Just go to www.easternprogress.com and you can cheat.

1

Why was the Grim Reaper at Model Laboratory School this week?

- a) The students were bad.
- b) He is a new teacher.
- c) He was part of a program warning students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

2

Who was elected the 2004-2005 Student Government president?

- a) The Easter Bunny
- b) Lance Melching
- c) Chris Swindell

3

Two new Eastern faculty members are well known for what?

- a) Their stand-up comedy routine
- b) Their writing
- c) Their roles in many independent films



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What is this?

- a) A paintball gun
- b) A bowl of jelly beans
- c) A new chocolate treat available at the Fountain Food Court

► Campus Comments, by Cindy Held

Eastern offers many online courses. We asked students if they take courses online and what they think about them.

ADAM SMITH



No, because I don't have any offered in my major.

Hometown: Orlando, Fla.
Major: Finance
Year: Senior

LAURA GOODE



Yes, because I'm a commuter and it's just easier for me — and I have a lot of hours.

Hometown: Versailles
Major: Sociology
Year: Senior

TRAVIS SMALLEY



No, because I haven't heard too much about them.

Hometown: Louisville
Major: Outdoor recreation
Year: Junior

VERNA FELDER



No. In my major there are no courses I need that are online.

Hometown: Richmond
Major: Computer information systems
Year: Senior

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Student: If you drink, plan ahead



ERIC BARRIER
My Turn

Eric is a junior journalism major from Somerset. He is the copy editor for The Progress.

Apparently CARFAX reports do not list hauntings, possessions or any other supernatural phenomena in a car's history. Otherwise I would have known what I was getting myself into when I bought my car.

In three years I have had my car run into in multiple parking lots, I have had it run itself into a guardrail and I have had it flooded up to the steering wheel.

My car's attraction to disaster is more than abnormal; it is paranormal.

But I am used to it now; I realize these things just happen, and my insurance agent now sends me a card every Christmas.

So I wasn't fazed a few Thursdays ago when I received a phone call around 4 a.m. from a police officer who told me my car had just been run into in the parking lot behind Dupree Hall.

No big deal, I thought. I'll just call my insurance agent, say, "Hey, it's me," and everything will be taken care of. These things happen all too often.

Then the police officer told me the driver of the other vehicle was drunk when he hit me. That's when I got mad.

It is one thing for someone to hit your car, but it is something else entirely if someone is drunk when they hit your car — it is irresponsible and negligent.

After my initial rage, though, I was able to calm down and reflect. The driver and everyone else were fortunate: at least the guy hit an unoccupied car and not an

“ I think the best solution for everyone is if you can't be a responsible drunk, have a responsible friend. ”

—Eric Barrier
Student

occupied car or someone walking around the parking lot. Imagine explaining that to the other person: "Sorry, dude, I've had a couple."

Or imagine not even having that chance.

I remember vividly the afternoon 10 years ago when my grandfather was killed by a drunken driver. I wasn't old enough at the time to quite grasp the gravity of the situation because a 9-year-old only comprehends death as meaning "he's there" and "he's not there anymore," but in retrospect the whole situation pisses me off.

But what is to be done? I could

throw out statistics from the MADD Web site about how 17,419 people died in 2002 alone in alcohol-rated crashes, but drunk-driving is usually an impulsive thing, and a drunk doesn't process numbers well.

I could suggest prohibition or putting more highway patrol officers on the road, but besides the logistical problems of such undertakings, who would want that?

And my Honda can't be everywhere to watch over and intercept drunken drivers, so what then?

I think the best solution for everyone is if you can't be a responsible drunk, have a responsible friend.

If you know you will be drunk before the night's end, hand your car keys to someone, and if you know someone who refuses to give up their car keys, use any means necessary to prevent them from driving. You are doing no one any favors by appeasing a drunk.

As I am writing this column, my car is in the shop getting two driver-side doors replaced, and I don't like not having a car.

I know I cannot avoid bad things happening to my car, but please, do not drive drunk around Richmond and save us all the extra trouble.

Remember, my car is possessed, and though I think it is calling a Mulligan this time, I do not want to have to deal with it if the Civic also turns out to be an agent of divine retribution or anything like that.

▶ letters to the editor

Professor will be missed, remembered, student says

Many of us were in shock earlier this semester when it was said that Dean Cannon was going to be out for the semester. Students like myself knew it would be no time before he was back into action.

His passion for his job and this university showed everyday and he loved being here. During the two years I knew Dean, he was more than a teacher. He took that extra effort for the students and was a friend to every student he came across.

The first class I ever had him for was in the summer. At the end of that session instead of saying "goodbye" and "see you later," Dean gave me a hug.

That was the first time in my life a teacher had truly

showed emotion. I have never forgotten that class or the way he treated me. Beginning this semester every Tuesday and Thursday I would stop by his office to say "hi" and to see how his day was going.

We would talk and then go our own ways. It was different after he left — seeing his office door closed and no one in there.

Now, for sure, it will take some getting used to knowing he will no longer be there. I am honored and privileged to have known Dean Cannon, and I know there are hundreds of people just like me. Dean, you will be missed.

Neal Thompson,
Student

Corrections

An article titled "Dress key to success" should have read: "Career Services will be hosting a dress for success seminar from 3:30-4:30 p.m. April 20 and 21 in the Herndon Lounge."

SPJ Eastern Progress staff members accepted several regional SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards at a ceremony held at Bowling Green, Ky. in April.



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Gambling on fun

Spring Fest offers free activities

PROGRES STAFF REPORT

The Student Activities Council, Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council sponsored a casino night held in the lobby of the Powell Building.

Students were able to play cards, roulette wheels and play slots that evening. Also, earlier in the day students could make their own fish bowls.

Casino night is part of the Spring Fest. Wednesday a student organizational fair, antique photos and a family feud game were held.

Today at Powell Corner the Spring Fest offers make your own trucker hats, wacky 3-d photos and a Starry Starry Night coffee house.



Students took their chances at a game of Texas Hold 'Em at Casino Night held in the Powell lobby Tuesday night.

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Jennifer Butler, of Louisville, plays a few games on the slot machine in Powell lobby Tuesday night.



As part of Spring Fest week, Student Activities Council held a casino night in the Powell Building. Cards, roulette wheels and slot machines were brought in for the event.

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Heroes go Hollywood

Comic books prove big screen success

By TRACY HANEY
Accent editor

Out of the dark corners of the comic stores, the pages of Marvel, the bedroom collections of the die-hard fans, a hero fulfills his destiny.

No, his destiny is not saving the damsel in distress or slaying the town villain — he's headed for the big screen and he's bringing some friends along for the ride.

More and more comic heroes are busting into Hollywood, and moviegoers are eating it up.

These days comic fans can get their fix with films like "The Punisher" and "Hellboy," but comic-based movies certainly aren't new to the industry.

Refresh your memory

On Dec. 15, 1978, our favorite journalist-turned-red-caped-superhero hit the big screen when Superman was released by Warner Bros. The movie was an instant success and proved the comic book industry could hold its own in the movie world.

On June 23, 1989, another caped crusader, this one with pointy ears and a Batmobile, burst onto the screen.

Batman, even with his questionable fashion choice of rubber suit, is credited with paving the way for some of the darker comic book movies we see today.

Other comics have seen movie fame as well: "Daredevil," "X-Men," "Judge Dredd," "The Crow," "Tank Girl," "Blade," "The Mask," "Spawn," "Timecop," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Men in Black" and "Swamp Thing," just to name a few.

A hero emerges

According to Warren Shaw, manager of Monster Comics in Berea, "Spider-man," released May 3, 2002, by Columbia Pictures, was the movie that helped comics re-emerge into the film industry.

"('Spider-man') proved you could make a superhero movie and get people to come in," Shaw said.

Recently comic book movies have steered away from the well-known superheroes and have concentrated on darker, less iconic characters.

Shaw credits this to a revival in the mid-'90s in which comic writers were tired of following the "comic book code" and started producing more graphic titles.

Possibilities are endless

Shaw also credits the revival to technological advancements in the film industry.

"The hindrance was special effects for a long time," Shaw said, "especially (creating) characters of inhuman proportions."

Coming soon...

Here are a few comic book movies in the works and their scheduled release dates according to www.efavata.com.

"The Punisher"
April 16, 2004

"Spider-man 2"
June 30, 2004

"Catwoman"
July 23, 2004

"Batman Begins"
June 17, 2005

"Fantastic Four"
July 1, 2005

"X-Men 3"
May 5, 2006

"Spider-man 3"
May 4, 2007

Communication Professor Doug Rogers agrees technology is no longer a setback.

"If the director can imagine it, we can put it up there on the screen," Rogers said. "Digital imagery has become very simple to do," Rogers said, so much so it is now sometimes the driving force of the film.

Besides the special effects, Rogers credits the popularity of comic book films to people's interest in the fantasy world.

"For the past 30 years fantasy films have been big business ... 'Lord of the Rings' for instance was an indicator that people enjoy the fantastic, and comic books have always dealt in the fantastic."

However, Rogers thinks the industry is probably at its peak as far as comic book films.

"I can't imagine viewership getting much higher," Rogers said. "(The industry) is reaching now for characters that have not been around for a long time."

Comic movies forever

The self-declared "comic geek on campus," Keil Williams, a freshman from Martin County, begs to differ.

"(Comic book movies) are getting better and better as it goes along," Williams said. "Everybody is seeing them whether they're buying the comic books or not."

Williams said he is looking forward to the soon-to-be-released Spider-man sequel and the third X-Men movies.

He said the films "stack up perfectly" with the books, but also are popular because they have characters people grew up with and can identify with as well as great stories and lots of action.

The only certainty is comic book movies aren't going anywhere in the near future.

"Hollywood is in the business of making money," Rogers said. "As long as the last superhero movie made money, we are going to make another one."

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What's on Tap

Have a campus event or activity? Contact Jessica Mullins at 622-1872 or by e-mail at progress@eku.edu.

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Jessica Mullins, editor

TODAY

7:30 p.m.
Campus Crusade for Christ will meet in the Adams Room in the Wallace Building.

7:30 p.m.
Chi Alpha Ministries will meet at the Wesley Foundation.

8 p.m.
Eastern Theatre will present "How the Other Half Loves" in the Gifford Theatre of the Campbell Building. Admission is \$5 and the performance will be nightly through Saturday.

8 p.m.
Eastern symphonic band and concert band will perform in Brock Auditorium.

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m.
The department of criminal justice training will host a carnival to benefit the March of Dimes in the Stratton gym.

7 p.m.
Eastern dance team will hold team tryouts in the Weaver dance studio.

SATURDAY

1 p.m.
Eastern softball team will play Tennessee-Martin at the Gertrude Hood Field.

3 p.m.
Eastern football team will host their first spring game at Roy Kidd Stadium.

PROGRESS PICK

Dance, steel drums inspire spring concerts

By JESSICA MULLINS
What's on Tap Editor

Freedom of expression can be looked upon as one of the greatest freedoms individuals have. This expression can come in various forms, and for a group of students on campus, their form of expression is dance.

These students, collectively known as the EKU Dance Theatre, will share their passion and expression during their spring concerts at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday in the O'Donnell Hall Auditorium of the Student Services Building.

The concerts are an annual tradition dating back to 1950, when the dance group began. However, as the concerts grew more popular in recent years, both fall and spring performances have been held to accommodate the overwhelming response of audiences.

The concerts will display a wide variety of dances but will emphasize modern dances, including ballroom styles and hip-hop.

Along with the variety of dances the concerts will include a variety of dancers consisting of dance minors, students who take dance classes and those who just love to



EKU Dance Theatre members Prageeth Hettiarachchi and Noelle Roberts perform together in a ballroom dance.

dance. With such a variety of dancers in the concert, Marianne McAdam, director of EKU Dance Theatre, said while they all may have different experiences or talent, "all are equally successful because what they're doing is expressing something that's from their heart, and they find their way to do it."

Most of the dances in the concert are choreographed by

the dancers themselves under the supervision and direction of McAdam.

Anastasia McGlothlin, co-director of The Barking Dog Dance Company in Louisville, also choreographed dances for the concerts.

Along with special choreography and dance, the show will feature Jason Kooztz and the Eastern Steel Drum Band.

The concert will create a relaxed, informal environment

for the audience so even those who are not used to dance can feel involved as well, according to McAdam.

"Our show allows someone who is not used to seeing dance as an expression to see it and enjoy it," McAdam said.

Among preparations for music, lighting, choreography, costumes, publicity, practice and many other behind-the-scenes aspects, members of the EKU Dance Theatre give their full dedication to the concerts and put in many hours of hard work, according to McAdam.

"We do it because we love it and in the end, it's a high," McAdam said.

Not only does the EKU Dance Theatre perform for the campus and community, but the spring concert will also be performed for more than 800 school children.

Reservations for tickets to the spring concerts can be made from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and from 4-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday by calling 622-1901. Student tickets are \$5 and non-student tickets are \$8.

Reach Jessica at jessica_mullins55@eku.edu

SUNDAY

1 p.m.
Eastern softball team will play Tennessee-Martin at the Gertrude Hood Field.

MONDAY

8 p.m.
Student Activities Council will present Diamond Rio in concert at the Alumni Coliseum.

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m.
As part of Eastern's Earth Days in the Cumberland Celebration, "Thoughts in the Presence of Fear: An Appalshop Film" will be shown in the Posey Auditorium of the Stratton Building.

7:30 p.m.
The Center for Kentucky History and Politics will host Paul Blanchard on the subject "Continuity and Change in Kentucky Politics Over Four Decades" in the Kennamer Room of the Powell Building.

UPCOMING

From noon Thursday, April 22 to noon Friday, April 23, Sigma Tau Delta will celebrate National Poetry Month by hosting their second annual 24-Hour Poetry Marathon in the Powell plaza. To sign up to read poetry, visit www.english.eku.edu/poetrymarathon

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129 Big Hill Ave.
Phone: 859-623-1592 (office)
Phone: 859-623-6600 (answering machine)
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
On Wednesday, Christian Students Serving Christ meets at 7 p.m.
Call the office at one of the numbers listed above for transportation to meetings.

Church of Christ
461 Tobiano (in Brookline Sub. off Goggins Lane — West side 1-75)
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.
College Bible Study:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Ride: 624-2218 or 985-1924

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour
2323 Lexington Rd. (U.S. 25 N.)
Phone: 859-623-1226
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult Education: 9:30 a.m.

First Alliance Church
1405 Barnes Mill Rd.
Phone: 859-624-9878
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 8:27 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer and cell groups: 7:00 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
Corner of Francis & Collins Street
300 Francis St.
Robert R. Blythe, Pastor
Phone: 859-624-2045
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. (classes for all ages).
1st Friday Prayer Circle: noon (1st Friday of each month).

First Baptist Church
350 W. Main at Lancaster Ave.
Phone: 859-623-4028
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.m.

S.U.B.S. - 7:30 p.m. at BSU Center, Supper and Bible Study

First Christian Church
Main and Lancaster St.
Phone: 859-623-4383
Early Worship 8:40 a.m.
Church School 9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
EKU Christian Connection (for all students)
Tuesday 9 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
401 W. Main at Lancaster Ave.
Phone: 859-623-3580
Sunday morning worship services:
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.
Blended service: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:35 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
(PCUSA)
330 W. Main St.
Phone: 859-623-5323
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Weekly Bible Study: Monday, 10 a.m., in the Church Parlor
Family Night Supper: (weekly and free!) Wednesday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Richmond First Church of the Nazarene
136 Aspen Ave.
Phone: 859-623-5510
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Sunday evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. — Bible Study, Youth, College & Career, Children's Programs

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713 W. Main St.
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Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible School 7 p.m.
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Powell Building
Phone: 623-8535

Red House Baptist Church
2301 Red House Rd.
Adam Dooley, Pastor
Phone: 859-623-8471
College & Career Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday School: 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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405 University Dr.
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Sunday Mass: 5 p.m.
Sunday Supper: 6 p.m. (\$1.00)
Newman Night for all students: Wed. 9 p.m.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
1285 Barnes Mill Rd.
Phone: 859-623-7254
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary Worship: 11 a.m.

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315 Spangler Dr.
(behind Pizza hut off the by-pass)
Richmond, Ky. 40475
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Mailing address: 1432 Fairlane Dr.
Phone: 859-623-0382
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Around & About

Megan Hansen, editor

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TAG hosts open mic coffeehouse

By MEGAN HANSEN
Around & About editor

Instead of students heading downtown on Thursday night, the Thursday Alternative Getaway is trying to encourage students to stay on campus one cup of coffee at a time.

From 9 p.m. until midnight tonight TAG is hosting an open mic coffeehouse at the Powell Corner.

"The title of this coffeehouse is Starry Starry Night," said Tia Hill, TAG committee chair.

There will be live music by Ryan Adcock.

The members of TAG will be baking cookies, cupcakes, cake, brownies, muffins and other items, Hill said. There will also be coffee and tea available for purchase.

"As of right now we think that Aramark will be providing coffee and tea for us,"

"(The coffeehouse) is a good event to view different styles of music on campus."

—Tia Hill
TAG committee chair

Hill said. This is not the first coffeehouse TAG has hosted.

"We try to have one or two a semester," Hill said.

Hill said at the last coffeehouse TAG hosted between 50 and 60 people showed up.

A coffeehouse is not an

open mic coffeehouse unless members of the audience are allowed to perform.

"Just show up if you want to perform," Hill said.

People will be reading poetry and playing a variety of instruments, Hill said.

"(The coffeehouse) is a good event to view different styles of music on campus," she said.

Guitars may not be the only instrument you hear on tonight night, Hill explained. Other people might show up with their own instruments.

If you plan on playing your instrument, TAG will provide the sound system for the evening.

"You don't have to worry about the sound system," Hill said.

Hill said as of right now TAG is expecting at least 50 to show up to the event.

"If the weather stays nasty we may not have as many,"

she said. Starry Starry Night is the last TAG event of the year.

"We try to do an event every other week, and with finals and dead week this will be the last one of the semester," Hill said.

TAG does a variety of activities throughout each semester.

If it is raining tonight, the coffeehouse will be moved from the Powell corner to the Powell lobby.

For more information on Starry Starry Night contact the Office of Student Life at 622-3855.

"The coffeehouse will allow students on campus a chance to perform for other people on campus," Hill said.

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Antique fun

Erin Spears, left, and Lindsey Shoupe sort through costume pieces Wednesday afternoon in the Powell lobby. Fun Enterprises, Inc. was on campus taking antique photos.

Class plans Caribbean Escape for Madison County students

By MEGAN HANSEN
Around & About editor

Every semester for the past five or six years the REC 311 class — introduction to recreation therapy — has hosted the Eastern Great Escape Special Event.

The Great Escape Special Event will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Begley Concourse.

This year's theme for the Great Escape Special Event is Caribbean Escape.

"Every semester the class picks a different theme for the

event," said Sherry Jones, REC 311 professor.

The REC 311 class has invited members of the Madison County High School Alternative Education Program to participate in the event.

Jones said between 40 and 50 students between the ages of 13 and 18 will be attending the Caribbean Escape.

The students who attend the event are either socially or economically disadvantaged, Jones said.

Every semester the Great Escape Special Event starts with no money.

"We work solely on donations," Jones explained. "The community has been great."

The Caribbean Escape gives Madison County students an opportunity to come on campus.

"They enjoy it because they get out of school," Jones said.

At the event there will be food, games, prizes and goodie bags.

"We will feed the students when they first arrive," Jones said.

A vending company has donated a variety of snacks for the event including chips, gum and candy, according to Jones.

Also, the Caribbean Escape will feature a variety of games that work on team building, games that build trust and communication and games that improve cooperation, Jones said.

"There are also (games) that are just recreational," Jones said.

Several local businesses have provided gift certificates to be awarded at the event, Jones said. The prizes will be awarded based on participation.

"There will be awards for cooperation, for being a fair player and showing the group how to work together," she said.

She explained the awards are not based on how well someone does in the different games but on how much fun and enthusiasm they show while doing it.

There will also be an award for the most outgoing and energetic participant in the Caribbean Escape.

"This event is a win-win situation," Jones said.

The community wants to invest in the future, and the class uses the event as a learning experience, Jones said.

The REC 311 class plans to continue this event as long as

the school system will cooperate.

It is not too late to make a financial donation to help with the Caribbean Event. Donations can be made to the department of recreation and park administration; specify the Great Escape on the envelope, Jones said.

For more information on the event you can contact Jones at 622-1249.

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Women's Golf



April 15th - 17th

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Colonel Classic

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Course

Colonel Softball

vs. UT Martin
Saturday, April 17th
1:00 pm
Doubleheader

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Todd Purvis, editor

Women's golf hosts annual tournament

By JILL STINSON
Assistant sports editor

The Lady Colonel Golf team will be back in action this weekend as it hosts the annual ECU Lady Colonel Classic at Arlington Golf Course. The three-day, 54-hole event will begin around 8 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The ladies are coming off a fourth-place finish at Murray State two weekends ago. They have now had over a week to prepare for this tournament, which is usually a highlight of the season.

Eastern is always in contention for the top spot and now the team gets the opportunity to play at home in front of all their friends and family.

The tournament will be made up of 15 teams, including four OVC teams.

"This could be a prelude to the conference championship," coach Joni Stephens said.

Even though this is the Lady Colonels' home tournament, it will be a tough tournament for them to win. Murray State will be participate in the event, and MSU is having a successful season. The Lady Racers are the top team in the OVC and have several players among the top OVC players as well. MSU has also won the OVC conference championship for the past two years.

Murray State's Cuyker Hedley is the reigning OVC Golfer of the Week. The senior from Cobourg, Ontario, shot an opening-round 71 en route to claiming medalist honors at the Big River Telephone Classic in Murray, Ky. When she carded a 54-hole total of 225, she registered her third consecutive top-five finish. She's been the Golfer of the Week for two consecutive weeks.

Xavier will also be competing in the tournament. The Lady Musketeers are also having a successful season and are expected to finish at the top in the Spring Invitational.

Lady Colonels Jennifer Sullivan and Leah Larkin are expected to be at the top among individuals. They have played the most consistently this spring

“We're working hard on the mental approach, on what they do while they're on the course.”

—Joni Stephens
Women's golf coach

and have been the low scorers for Eastern.

"Jennifer and Leah have played consistent this spring. If we can get all five girls to play their best to go along with them, we can win," Stephens said.

The Lady Colonels definitely have the advantage on all the competition. No one else has the luxury of it being their home course. They play there every-day and are very familiar with the course, according to Stephens.

However, the women will need to approach the tournament this weekend with lots of patience and acceptance according to Stephens. At the same time, the girls will feel pressure to win because they are the home team.

The Lady Colonels have been working hard at practice this week in hopes of capturing their first win of the season.

"We're working hard on the mental approach, on what they do while they're on the course," Stephens said.

Eastern has high hopes of letting the tournament this weekend get them ready for the OVC tournament. If they can finish on top of the OVC opponents, it will give them confidence.

This will be the final tournament of the year for the Lady Colonels before going to the conference tournament in Paducah, Ky., later this month

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(Front to back) Dan Robinson, Robert Taylor, Shawn Bernstein and Matt Turner practiced their paintball skills against other students at First Weekend on the intramural fields this past weekend. Eastern competes in the Collegiate Nationals in Orlando, Fla., this weekend.

Taking aim



Matt Turner prepares to take a shot in practice last weekend.



Robert Taylor and Dan Robinson take aim during First Weekend.

The Eastern Paintball team competes in the National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) Collegiate Nationals located at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla., this weekend.

The Colonels are ranked third in the South Atlantic Coast Conference.

The team consists of five members: Dan Robinson, Matt Turner, Jason Cser, Robert Taylor and Shawn Bernstein.

The five-man squad has competed in three college tournaments; two were SACC Regional Championships, both in Georgia, and the other was the OSO Open in Columbus. They have also competed in tournaments across the state.

"People enjoy the adrenaline rush, and it's something you do not necessarily have to be a good athlete in terms of how other sports gauge athleticism; it helps, but it is not necessary. It builds teamwork and communication between peers in ways unique to the environment," Eastern Paintball President Dan Robinson said. "And besides, it's generally the most fun people will ever have in college with their clothes on."

Photos by Nathan Gray

Track and field team hosts spring meet this weekend

By MEGAN HANSEN
Around and About editor

This weekend the Eastern track team will be playing host at the Eastern Kentucky University Invitational.

"Our meet is an open-track meet," said Rick Erdmann, men's and women's track coach. "There will be a lot of athletes, some in college, some not."

The Eastern Kentucky University Invitational will begin at 4 p.m. Friday with the field events. At 5 p.m. the track events will begin, Erdmann said.

Erdmann said 11 schools will be at the invitational with a few hundred athletes.

"Right now we are just hoping for good weather," Erdmann said. "If we have weather like (Tuesday's) it will be a miserable experience."

Erdmann is hoping for a high caliber of athletes at the meet.

"We are expecting some outstanding performances," he said.

This past weekend the Eastern men's and women's track teams competed in the University of Tennessee Sea-Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

In the 800-meter race sophomore Steve Maina finished with a time of 1:49. This time was good enough to qualify him for the NCAA regional track meet.

"It was an outstanding per-



Chris Franklin trains for the 300-meter at practice earlier this week. The Eastern track team will host the Eastern Kentucky Invitational this weekend. Field events will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday.

formance," Erdmann said.

Maina's performance this weekend earned him the honors of being named OVC Co-Male Track Athlete of the Week.

The relay team, consisting of Dan Pallex, Dallas Robinson, Chris Franklin and Marvin Elmore, finished with a time of 1:25.

The same relay team also competed in the 4 x 100-meter relay and finished second in their section with a time of 41.47 seconds. This time was

good enough for ninth overall.

The 4 x 400-meter relay finished third in their section, and its time of 3:47.71 was good enough for 14th overall. Robinson, Franklin, Pallex and Aaron Coney made up the relay team.

The men's 4 x 800-meter relay team finished seventh overall. Phil Scott, Maina, Geoffrey Rutto and Daniel Kor clocked a time of 7:37.

The distance medley relay team finished fourth overall with a time of 9:55.20. Maina,

Coney, Scott and Rutto ran on the medley team.

The women's medley distance team of Shannon Tobias, Tiffany Cartwright, Onyinyechi Chuku and Courtney Engel posted a time of 12:00.40, good enough for an eighth-place finish.

"Overall we did well," Erdmann said. "We had some outstanding performances."

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Women's tennis team drops Peay

By BRANDON ROBERTS
Sports editor

The Eastern women's tennis team improved to 13-9 on the year and 6-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 7-0 win over Austin Peay State University last Friday.

Eastern's women didn't lose one match in singles or doubles play. Hannah Bartsch defeated APSU's Jessie Mills 6-1, 7-6 at No. 1 and Lindsey Herrera defeated Elizabeth Whelpley 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2. Eastern's Lucia Vojtkova beat Isabel Rzeznickzek 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 and Terin Roof defeated Jessica Hawk 3-6, 6-4 (10-3) at No. 4. Tessa Williams defeated Nicki Tafolla 7-6, 6-3 (10-6) at No. 5 and Janina Dickhardt defeated Alana Carere 6-1, 6-1 at No. 6.

Eastern earned the doubles point by winning all three matches. Herrera/Roof defeated Whelpley/Hawk 8-5, Bartsch/Dickhardt defeated Rzeznickzek/Tafolla 8-3, and Vojtkova/Williams defeated Mills/Carere 8-1.

Saturday saw Eastern battle yet another OVC foe, the Skyhawks of the University of Tennessee-Martin. UT-Martin defeated Eastern 7-0 and snapped the Lady Colonels' three-game winning streak. This was the only fourth time Eastern's women have been shut out this season. The Lady Colonels end the regular season with a 13-10 record overall and a 6-4 mark in the OVC.

UTM swept Eastern in singles and doubles play. Eleanor Shearman defeated Eastern's

“It's great to be in a rematch situation Friday.”

—Rob Oertel
Head tennis coach

Bartsch 6-2, 7-6 at No. 1, and Sari Nortje defeated Herrera 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2. Jeanne DeWet defeated Vojtkova at No. 3 by a score of 6-3, 2-6 (11-9) and Roof was taken down 6-1, 6-0 by Katrina Domela 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4. Gayatri Ramesh topped Williams at No. 5 and Ana Bakran was victorious over Dickhardt 6-3, 6-0 at No. 6.

UTM earned the doubles point by winning all three matches. Shearman/Nortje defeated Herrera/Roof 8-2 and Bakran/DeWet defeated Bartsch/Dickhardt 8-4. Ramesh/Domela were victorious over Vojtkova/Williams 8-0 to complete the sweep.

"We won easily, and lost quickly," coach Rob Oertel said.

The Lady Colonels will be a No. 5 seed in the upcoming OVC tournament.

The Colonels will rematch UT-Martin this Friday.

"It's great to be in a rematch situation Friday," Oertel said.

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Former All-American joins Legends



Progress File Photo

Former Eastern baseball star Josh Anderson was acquired by the Houston Astros in the fourth round of the 2003 draft. Anderson currently plays for the Lexington Legends, the single-A ball club of the Astros. Anderson is hitting .364 for the Legends this season.

By **TODD PURVIS**
Sports editor

Former Eastern baseball star Josh Anderson became a member of the 2004 Lexington Legends squad last week. Anderson currently bats lead-off and plays center field for the Legends.

The Legends are the farm club affiliate of the Houston Astros in Major League Baseball. The Astros drafted Anderson in the fourth round of the 2003 draft.

"From a media standpoint, it's going to bring more and more interest to not only the Astros organization, but to baseball as well," Eastern baseball coach Elvis Dominguez said.

Anderson played three seasons at Eastern before the Astros picked him in the fourth round of the July 2003 draft.

"I'm thrilled to be playing for the Astros organization," Anderson said. "The day I got drafted I was really excited because I thought to myself, the Astros have always been a class act organization, and they've always done things right, and it seems like they've never had any problems with their players and they just run their organization really well."

Anderson grew up in the

small Pulaski County town of Eubank, Ky., and now has the opportunity to go back and play minor league baseball in Lexington.

"It's going to be a good feeling to be able to play not only in front of hometown people, but people from the state of Kentucky as well," Anderson said.

Every time Anderson takes the field he is a threat to opposing teams in all aspects of the game.

"He's an extremely hard worker and he's got a knack for finding a way to beat you," Dominguez said.

During Anderson's career at Eastern he led the team in batting average each season. In his freshman year the center fielder hit .353, led the Colonels in triples and hits and led the OVC in stolen bases.

"Josh is a special kid," Dominguez said. "He's got great makeup and that's why he's going to be successful in baseball."

Dominguez said Anderson is one of the best players he's ever coached.

"I've had eight former players play in the major leagues, and he's about as talented as any of them," Dominguez said.

In his sophomore year Anderson led the team in batting

average, runs scored, hits, triples and stolen bases.

Anderson's junior year proved to be his most successful. Anderson was Eastern's first-ever Louisville Slugger All-American First Team honoree. He led the nation in stolen bases and had the third-best batting average in Division I baseball.

During Anderson's tenure he set Eastern's single-season records in runs, hits, singles and stolen bases. Anderson's hits and stolen-base records are also OVC records. He also tied the school record with 12 triples.

Anderson was named a second-team All-American by Baseball America, Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year, Collegiate Baseball First-Team All-American, American Baseball Coaches Association All-South Region First Team and Honorable Mention All-American by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. Anderson was also one of 12 semifinalists for the Rotary Smith National Player of the Year.

The Eubank native is very optimistic about the success the Legends will have this season.

"I think our team is capable of winning a championship. We have a pretty good offensive team and our pitching staff is pretty well rounded. We've got a

great chance of winning a lot of games," Anderson said. "Our goal as a team is to win as many games as we can, play hard every night and let everything else take care of itself."

Anderson's role for the Legends squad is very similar to what it was at Eastern.

"I have to get on base and score as many runs as I can to give my team a chance and put runs on the board," Anderson said.

Anderson credits his college baseball experience to the amount of success he's had in the game up to this point.

"The amount of games we played in college, plus the traveling that we did, got me ready for the majors for the most part," Anderson said.

The former Colonel is very excited about being able to play baseball in Kentucky again.

"It's a great opportunity to be able to play this close to home," Anderson said. "It's ironic that a minor league baseball player gets a chance to come back even within several hours away from home to play, and for me to be a little over an hour from home is a great opportunity and I feel fortunate."

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Men's golf looks to end season with road win

By **JILL STINSON**
Assistant sports editor

As the men's golf season begins to wind down, the Colonels have one more tournament to focus on for this year's regular spring season. Eastern will be at home for a week of practice before heading to its next tournament on Saturday.

The men have completed a stretch of three tournaments in 16 days. Eastern has one more tournament before heading to Paducah for the OVC tournament. The Colonels will travel to Wright State on Sunday and Monday to take part in The Bullock Collegiate Classic near Dayton, Ohio.

"This tournament is a place where we can stay active and keep competing," coach Pat Stephens said.

Many schools take some time off before the conference tournament; however, the Colonels would rather stay fresh, according to Stephens.

The Colonels have had a successful spring season and Wright State is another tournament where the Colonels should finish at the top, according to Stephens. The field is not as tough as the ones the Colonels have been part of the past couple of weeks. However, the men will have to play well in order to win.

"I'm confident we should win," Stephens said.

Despite the rainy week, the Colonels will get several days of practice in before traveling to Wright State. This will give them a chance to remain in focus and possibly add yet another top finish to their résumé.

The men's golf team got back on their feet after a disappointing outing at the Belmont Invitational earlier in the week to finish fourth place in the Marshall Invitational at the Guyan Golf and Country Club. The three-round total of 867 left the Colonels 20 strokes behind winner Ohio State.

"Every tournament is very important for us right now, and the first round set us back," Stephens said.

Eastern trailed leader OSU by only nine shots after the first day of play, and second-place Xavier by only six strokes. Eastern remained in fourth place for the entirety of the tournament.

Patrick Williams continued his consistent play by posting rounds of 73 and 69. He finished the first day tied for sixth place and was only three strokes behind host Marshall's Burke Spensky, the first-day leader.

Three Colonels are tied for 18th place after the first two rounds. Brandon Brown, Josh Crutcher and Drew

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—Pat Stephens
Men's golf coach

Alexander each carded two-round totals of 146. Brown shot 75 and 71 on the day while Crutcher recorded rounds of 72 and 74. Alexander shot 76 and 70 during the day.

Tyler Cain rounded out the Eastern scoring with rounds of 76 and 72 to finish in a tie for 32nd place with a total of 148.

In the final round of play, the men's golf team didn't gain any ground on winner OSU, who won the tournament with a total score of 847. Eastern completed the Marshall Invitational in fourth place with a total of 867 after firing a final-round 289.

Williams led the team's effort at the event shooting a three-round total of 215 to finish ninth. Williams shot 73 in the final round.

"Patrick has been playing really well for us and has had a lot of top 10 finishes," Stephens said.

Crutcher tied for 21st in the tournament with a total of 218. Crutcher posted a 72 in the final round. Cain posted a final round of 71, his lowest of the tournament, to finish tied for 23rd with teammate Alexander. Cain moved up nine spots in the rankings. Both players finished the tournament at 219. Alexander carded a final-round 73 on Saturday to reach that total.

Brown rounded out the men's scoring in the tournament, shooting a final-round 74 to finish tied for 28th with a total of 220.

"The guys are going to peak at just the right time," Stephens said.

The Colonels are on the brink of playing their way into the NCAAAs. They are getting the plays and the scores they've struggled to get before. They are not giving up on a round and have confidence in their teammates to carry them through, according to Stephens.

"They believe in themselves," Stephens said.

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Back in the Game



The Eastern football team has been working on many drills this week in preparation for next year's season. The Colonels will play their annual spring football game at 3 p.m. this Saturday at Roy Kidd Stadium. There is no cost of admission to the game, and T-shirts and popcorn will be given out.

Experienced offense and improved secondary lead Colonel attack

By **TODD PURVIS**
Sports editor

The 2004 football Colonels will hit the gridiron at 3 p.m. Saturday for their annual Spring football game at Roy Kidd Stadium. Eastern is ranked as the preseason favorite in the conference.

"It's going to be a showdown between our offense and our defense," coach Danny Hope said. "Hopefully we can execute on both sides of the football with some enthusiasm."

The Colonels will take the field for their first public scrimmage of spring practice this year. So far this spring Eastern has held three intersquad scrimmages that have been pretty evenly matched by the offense and defense, Hope said.

Hope believes this year's scrimmage will be very exciting due to the progress the team made this spring. "We're way ahead of where we were at this point last year," Hope said. "We've made a lot of progress in a lot of different areas this spring."

The high-powered Colonel offense returns nearly all of its backs and receivers with the exception of running back Terry Ennis and tight end Mike Woolridge.

"I feel good about our quarterback and receivers because they're all coming back from last year," Hope said. "We're pretty polished in throwing and catching the football so far this season."

The Eastern offense also

“It's going to be a showdown between our offense and our defense.”

—Danny Hope
Head football coach

returns running back C.J. Hudson.

"C.J. is playing really hard right now and has been showing great leadership," Hope said.

Eastern also returns their linebacker core of Will Stillely, Justen Rivers and Jerome Jones.

"We've got all of our linebackers back this season, and they've been playing really well this spring," Hope said.

Although the Colonels have made a number of strides this spring, their biggest improvement has been in the secondary, Hope said.

"Our secondary is paying more attention to the details and has improved a great deal on their alignments and assignments," Hope said. "I think the fans will be impressed with the improvement of our secondary."

The Colonels will come into



Chris Washington and Brian Sprinkel work on a drill during spring practice. Eastern will hold its annual spring game Saturday.

Photos by Nathan Gray

the scrimmage looking to feed off the momentum from last season, when they won their final five games and finished second in the conference.

Last year's spring football game had a record turnout, and Hope is optimistic this year's game will draw an even larger crowd.

"We had a record of 2,000 fans at last year's spring game, and it was a lot of fun, but hopefully we can set a new attendance record this year," Hope said. "I hope that a lot of people are excited about the game; we need people to come out and tailgate like they were last season."

This season the Colonels have a very fan-friendly schedule, as they play their home opener against Western Kentucky University on Sept. 18, then come back the follow-

ing week to host Jacksonville State, the defending OVC champs, along with the rest of the league schedule.

"Hopefully the fans will come out to the spring game and set the tempo for our home schedule next year," Hope said.

So far this spring the Colonels have been working hard to prepare for the spring scrimmage as well as the upcoming year.

"We've had some long, hard practices this spring and we're going to be ready to go," Hope said. "People that come out here to the scrimmage are going to see 22 guys going at it."

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Colonels continue to roll in OVC

Baseball team takes two from Murray

By Todd Purvis
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The Colonel baseball team moved to one game out of first place in the conference after winning its third series in a row in league play. Eastern dropped Murray State in the final game of the series by a score of 8-2 last Saturday.

"Saturday's game was nip and tuck; we really didn't have many opportunities early, then we capitalized and got a couple of hits together," coach Elvis Dominguez said.

Eastern got on the board first in the contest as the team put up a run in the bottom of the second inning to give them the early lead.

Chris Clark picked up the one-out double to right-center to start the inning for the Colonel rally. Will Whisenant followed Clark with a walk, placing runners on first and second. Clark and Whisenant then advanced to second and third on a past ball. Drew Reynolds came through with a RBI single that brought Clark in to score Eastern's first run.

Clark and Whisenant led the attack for the Colonels once again in the fourth inning as Eastern blew the game open by scoring five more runs to give the Colonels a 6-0 lead. Clark followed Chris O'Dell's walk with his second double of the game, bringing O'Dell in to score. Reynolds then picked up the RBI single that brought Clark to the plate. Reynolds advanced to second off of a Murray State error.

Jonathan Woodard followed with a single to left field that put Eastern runners on the corners.

After a Colonel strike out, Stephen Carter drew a two-out walk to load the bases for Brett Bolger. Bolger delivered with a



Nathan Gray/Progress

Shortstop Drew Reynolds fields a ground ball before throwing out a runner at first base during Saturday's win over Murray State.

three-RBI triple to right field.

"Brett Bolger who has been coming through for us all year came up with a bases-loaded triple, and that was an inning that we executed and everything we did went well and that really gave us a jump start," Dominguez said.

Eastern put another run on the board in the fifth inning when Clark came in to score off of a RBI single from Woodard, extending Eastern's lead to 7-0.

MSU got on the board in the top of the seventh when the Racers scored a pair of runs on two hits, bringing Eastern's lead to 7-2, but that was as close as they would get.

Brandon Scott came in to relieve starting pitcher Dan Bachman. Scott retired the first two batters he faced by forcing the first to ground out and then striking out the second batter to end the inning.

The Colonels added their eighth and final run of the game in the bottom of the seventh when Reynolds drove in Clark for his third run-scoring single of the day.

“Saturday's game was nip and tuck; we really didn't have many opportunities early, then we capitalized and got a couple of hits together.”

—Elvis Dominguez
Head baseball coach

Bachman picked up the win for the Colonels as he put in 6.1 innings of work and gave up two runs on seven hits. Bachman fanned six Murray State batters.

"Danny Bachman came through and really gave us a

solid performance," Dominguez said. "It was key for Dan to come in and give us six solid innings; he's a big part of our success and we need him to do well and pitch some big ball games for us like he has all year."

Relievers Scott and Richard Boothe combined for 2.2 innings of no-hit baseball.

"Brandon Scott came in in a crucial situation and got out of a jam, then Richard Boothe came in in the ninth and really shut the door," Dominguez said.

Leading the Colonels from the plate was Reynolds who was three for four with three RBIs, one run scored and one stolen base.

Bolger was one for three with a triple and three RBIs.

Clark was two for two with four runs scored and one RBI.

"Chris Clark had a great weekend for us," Dominguez said.

Woodard's hitting streak stretched to a team best nine games as he went two for four from the plate.

"Woody is a quiet guy; he

hits in the eight hole for us, but he's one of the top hitters in the country," Dominguez said.

Friday Game 2

The Colonels dropped the second game of Friday's doubleheader to Murray State by a score of 6-3.

"I keep waiting for our kids to play with a sense of urgency, to play with some passion for a full series, and there is no reason we should not have had three this weekend," Dominguez said. "We play well for one game then we sit back on our heels and that is when the other team takes advantage of us a little bit and it happened again. Two weeks ago it was UT-Martin and this week it was Murray."

In the contest Eastern took the early lead of 3-1 through the first four innings of play.

Murray State then took their first lead of the game when Tylef Pittman picked up a three-run homer to give Murray the 4-3 lead.

The Racers scored two

more runs in the top of the seventh off of three hits and one Eastern error, pushing Murray's lead to 6-3.

Freshman pitcher Chris Grider picked up his first loss of the season bringing his record to 5-1. Grider lasted 6.2 innings, gave up four runs on nine hits and picked up two strikeouts.

"Chris Grider pitched well enough to win, but we did not execute offensively for him," Dominguez said.

Woodard and Visnic led the Colonels from the plate, as they were both two for three in the game.

"It was a total team effort except for the second game, which I think was just a mental lapse and we're not talented enough to have those mental lapses throughout a ballgame," Dominguez said.

Game 1

Eastern won the first game of the doubleheader by a score of 13-5. They were led by a six-run first then managed to score at least one run in all but two innings for the remainder of the game.

"Our first game was about as good as a ballgame as we could have played; we executed, we stole five or six bases, we played our style of ball and we really managed to get some things accomplished," Dominguez said.

Scott Goetz was able to stay perfect on the year as he boosted his record to 4-0. Goetz gave up five runs on seven hits in 5.1 innings while striking out four.


"Scotty Goetz pitched well again for us," Dominguez said. "He's been our ace from the beginning and he's the leader of our pitching staff."

Freshman pitcher McKenzie Willoughby picked up his first save of the year as he pitched 2.3 scoreless innings to end the game.


O'Dell was four for five with four RBIs and two runs scored.

"Chris O'Dell had a great game, with a couple of home runs," Dominguez said.

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Colonels split final matches

By BRANDON ROBERTS
Sports writer

Eastern men's tennis team saw its overall record fall to 10-11 while its conference mark fell to 1-6 after Saturday's 4-3 loss to Austin Peay.

Eastern had victories at No. 4 and No. 6 in singles play. At No. 4, Simic defeated APSU's Johnathan Brown. No. 6 saw Chris Jacques defeat Chris Wall.

Eastern also earned the doubles point.

Kellert/Cheng defeated APSU's team of Joao Marcelo Pinho/Rodrigo Borges. Simic/Armstrong defeated Cody Wall/Marcos Queiroz.

The final match of the regular season was an OVC matchup pitting Eastern against the UT-Martin Skyhawks. Eastern emerged victorious by a score of 4-3. It finished the season with an 11-11 overall record and a 2-6 mark in the OVC.

Eastern and UT-Martin split the singles matches with three wins each. Eastern's Cheng defeated UTM's Daniel McGuire at No. 2. Simic was victorious for Eastern at No. 3 by topping Adolfo Anzola and Eastern's Chris Jacques defeat Ben Hatchwell at No. 6.

"Alvin Cheng and Mario Simic came up huge for the Colonels on Saturday," coach Rob Oertel said. "Mario was 2-0 this weekend and was definitely our MVP."

Eastern earned the doubles point with the teams of Kellert/Cheng defeating Anzola/McGuire, and Wospil/Pfaffinger beating Tregansin/Hatchwell.

The loser of the Murray State-UT-Martin match will drop to a No. 7 seed and will be locked in a three-way tie with Eastern and APSU.

"We hadn't won a close match in a while. It was a huge win over UT-Martin," Oertel said. "I will be shocked if we don't get in. It's anyone's game right now."

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Eastern dominates league play

By TODD PURVIS
Sports editor

The Colonel softball team jumped way ahead of league competition this weekend by picking up the sweep over the Samford Bulldogs. Eastern boosted its conference record to 10-1 after Saturday's 8-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

"We'll take everything we can get. We separated ourselves a little bit from the field, but now we have another big series with Martin over the weekend," coach Jane Worthington said. "The one thing that we're doing right now is that we're hitting the ball really well."

The Colonel squad got on the board early once again as Diana Barreras and Kelli Bromley led off the bottom of the first with a pair of singles. Adriel Foxley moved the runners to second and third on an error by the Samford first baseman, which loaded the bases with Colonel base runners.

The Bulldogs appeared to settle down and retired the next two batters before Kelsey Anderson drew the two-out walk, bringing Barreras to the plate for the first score of the contest. Another Samford error on a ball hit by Amy Mayrhofer brought Bromley across the plate for Eastern's second run of the contest.

Alysha Jones capped off the Colonel rally with a two-RBI single to right field that plated Anderson and Foxley giving Eastern the 4-0 lead after one inning.

Anderson picked up her second RBI of the game with a solo homer to give the Colonels the 5-0 lead.

Samford posted their one and only run in the top of the fourth with a lead-off home run by Shelley Stanley to cut the Eastern lead to 5-1.

Eastern retaliated by scoring a run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to clench the game by a final of 8-1.

Freshman pitcher Kindal Kincaid boosted her record to 10-5 on the season by throwing a complete game and picked up



Nathan Gray/Progress

Senior shortstop Diana Barreras hits a pitch in Saturday's game against Samford. Barreras was six for 11 in the series.

the victory by allowing six hits, on one run and picked up five strikeouts.

Bromley and Jen Christiansen led the Colonels from the plate as both were able to pick up a pair of singles in the contest. Christiansen managed to cross the plate twice for Eastern.

"We have a really balanced team; we've got hitting, pitching, base-running and defense," Worthington said. "It's hard to beat a team with good balance."

Friday

Although Eastern won the final game of the series in convincing fashion, the second game of the doubleheader proved to be a different story.

The Bulldogs went to work in the Colonel defense early by plating three runs in the opening half of the first inning.

After giving up three runs in the opening inning of play, the Eastern offense did not get discouraged and struck back by

posting five runs in the bottom of the first.

Barreras and Bromley once again led off the inning with a pair of singles. Jennifer Norris then managed to reach first off of a fielding error by the shortstop, to load the bases. Ashley Totten picked up the one out walk to bring Barreras across the plate for Eastern's first run of the game.

Later in the first Anderson came in to pinch-hit for Kincaid when she picked up the two-RBI single through the right side, scoring Norris and Bromley.

"Kelsey came up with a big hit that got us started," Worthington said.

Jones followed with a double to left-center, bringing Anderson and Totten in to score and giving the Colonels the early lead of 5-3.

Eastern managed to put two more runs on the board in the bottom of the second as Norris and Foxley both crossed the

plate after picking up back-to-back singles to give Eastern the 7-3 lead.

The Samford offense threatened again in the top of the third as they posted three more runs to bring the Colonel lead to 7-6, but that would wrap up the scoring for both teams in the contest.

"We didn't play poorly on defense, they just hit the ball," Worthington said.

Barreras, Christiansen and Norris picked up two hits each in the game to lead the Eastern offense.

"We used a complete team to finish the game," Worthington said. "It was a total team effort."

Game 1

The Colonels picked up their first win of the series in the opener of the doubleheader by blanking Samford by a score of 6-0.

Anderson picked up the win for Eastern as she just missed a no-hitter by allowing one hit in the top of the seventh inning. Anderson still picked up the complete game shutout and recorded nine strikeouts. In addition to Anderson's performance on the mound, she also tacked on a two-run homer in the contest.

"Kelsey had an outstanding first game," Worthington said. "She pitched the ball exceptionally well and she hit the ball pretty well over the weekend."

Barreras led the way once again for Eastern from the plate as she recorded three doubles in the game.

"Barreras hit the ball really well," Worthington said. "It seemed like every time she came to the plate, she ended up on base."

Foxley and Totten both collected two hits in the game. Foxley had a single and a homer in the contest.

"Adriel hit a bomb that was probably one of the furthest shots that I have seen hit on our field," Worthington said.

Totten chipped in with a single and a double.

The Colonels took on Morehead State yesterday, but as of press time the results were not in.

Eastern will be in action again at 1 p.m. Saturday when they host UT-Martin in a doubleheader that starts at 1 p.m.

"We have been the team that has been able to take care of business ourselves, meaning that you definitely want to have your destination in your own hands and right now that's what we're doing," Worthington said. "We have been facing the teams that are right there with us, and we have been able to separate ourselves from the pack by beating the teams that are just under us."

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Kelsey Anderson slides into home for another run for Eastern. Anderson picked up two wins over the weekend along with a home run.

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Katie Weitkamp, editor

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New paths offer excitement, but old road has perks

Warning: Very sappy column.

I realized the other week that the entire time I've been attending Eastern, I've been walking the wrong way. I'm not talking about posture or form really, but the routes I took didn't do much for me. Then the weather warmed up. One day I was walking by the Weaver building and I smelled something that wasn't coming from Powell, and it was nice.

Who knew the university blooms so well? Walking from my dorm to the Donovan Annex or Alumni Coliseum for class doesn't provide a whole lot of new scenery — mostly parking lots and buildings. There are those new bushes by the parking lot that are blooming nicely, but I had no idea there was more.

The problem I have is I get set in a certain path from one building to another, running across campus or between classes, and I forget to look up. I'm very familiar with the concrete; it doesn't change much from season to season. I've noticed others have the same problem.

In an effort to remedy the situation I've actually made friends stop to smell the lilacs next to McGregor Hall. They look at me like I'm crazy, but that whole thing about "stopping to smell the flowers" is starting to make good 'scents' to me.

Missing out on the shrubbery around campus until now made me wonder what else I have missed out on — like all the clubs I could have joined, the classes I should have skipped, the people I could have gotten to know. Then I realize I didn't miss out on anything. If I hadn't taken the path I did I wouldn't have my own column to write about whatever I feel like, even if it's just the flowers blooming.

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Brooke Shepherd/Progress

Amie E. Dunn plays Teresa Phillips and Carl E. Overly plays Frank Foster in Eastern's presentation of "How the Other Half Loves" in Gifford Theatre.

Complicated play concept works well

By KATIE WEITKAMP
Managing editor

The six-person cast of "How the Other Half Loves" puts on a completely believable interpretation of three couples tossed together by infidelity.

Fiona (Whitney West) and Frank Foster (Carl E. Overly) are an affluent couple. Fiona is a pretentious bitch and plays on Frank's stupidity. At some points his naivete is cute, but most of the time you can understand why she may look to another man for something other than money.

What is funny about this couple is the reversal of stereotypical roles. Frank seems to be more invested in the relationship than Fiona. Also, Fiona has to take care of Frank,

who is easily distracted and easily lied to. West and Overly are excellent at playing a couple that probably shouldn't be together.

Teresa (Amie E. Dunn) and Bob Phillips (David Alan Hobbs, Jr.) are the Foster's polar opposite. They fight constantly, blaming a lot of their problems on their never-seen child, Benjamin, when there are obviously other reasons for their spats. The couple is hilarious, especially as the fights escalate. Hobbs makes Bob into a shady, slimy character no one wants to like. Dunn plays a strong woman who puts up with more than she should.

The third couple, William (Aaron Bentley) and Mary Detweiler (Melanie Dawn Hall), are by far the squarest couple in the lot. They are dragged into the story while Bob looks for an excuse to satisfy his wife's probing as to why he came in so late and drunk one night.

When Bob is accused of having an affair with Mary, very few in the

play actually believe it happens, and with good reason. Hall does an excellent job of portraying an easily manipulated, naive woman.

The couples are tied together through the men and their work; Frank is Bob and William's boss. All of the couples are acquainted; however, some are more acquainted than others.

The play is executed well, though it could be confusing. On one stage you see two different living rooms that cross boundaries. At first it looks very complicated and you expect couples to share furniture, but they don't, and it makes sense visually only when you see the characters act.

One scene done very well is when the Detweilers eat at the Fosters' and Phillips' on different nights, but the dinners and scenes are presented simultaneously. The dining tables are set up together and the Detweilers are seated so they can turn 90 degrees and be seated at a different table.

One of the funniest scenes involves Bob and Mary. When Mary goes to the Phillips' the morning after a dinner gone wrong, she ends being bullied around by Bob. Eventually he comes out on stage in makeshift superhero attire for no real reason, but he also doesn't seem to be a really reasonable guy.

"How the Other Half Loves" opened at 8 p.m. Wednesday night and runs through Sunday in the Gifford Theater in the Campbell Building. Student tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for adults. Call 622-1323 for tickets.

I give "How the Other Half Loves" four out of five palettes for making a complicated comedy easy to watch.



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