FEATURES

THE ABC's OF SPRING 2012

Avengers



The second most highly anticipated film of the year (sorry Marvel fans, The Dark Knight's return to the big screen still has more buzz) comes out May 4. Audiences have little to worry about with geek-messiah Joss Whedon and an all-star cast backing this one.

Comic-Con

Lexington is hosting its very own Comic and Toy Convention on March 24. Expect to see many big names from the industry, and even the Power Rangers, as well as more comics than you could ever hope to afford. But by all means, try.

LEXINGTON COMIC & TOY CONVENTION

Easter



Easter Sunday is a favorite holiday for Christians and chocoholics worldwide. Enjoy a day of religious renewal and good food, or for the non-religious, take part in a local Easter egg hunt or take a younger family member to visit the Eastern bunny. After all the attention Santa gets, he needs the love.

Baseball Season



April brings more than just showers. For baseball fanatics nationwide, April 4 brings a very special day indeed: Opening Day. Head up to Cincinnati to cheer on the ol' Redlegs or check out Eastern's very own ballplayers at Turkey Hughes Stadium.

Dales Hot Dog Stand

Located on North Second street in downtown Richmond and always open late, Dale's Hot Dog Stand offers "Richmond's Best Dog" to anyone craving the American classic at an affordable price.





Game of Thrones

One of 2011's hottest new series returns with a second season April 1 on HBO. Any fans of medieval or fantasy series should tune in to catch what was once referred to as "*The Sopranos* in Middle-earth." High praise without a doubt.



Ice cream

What's more refreshing than a cold, delicious ice cream cone on a warm spring day? Luckily, there are plenty of local places to help satisfy your sweet tooth: Orange Leaf, Dairy Queen, Culver's, Steak 'N Shake and even upstairs Powell.



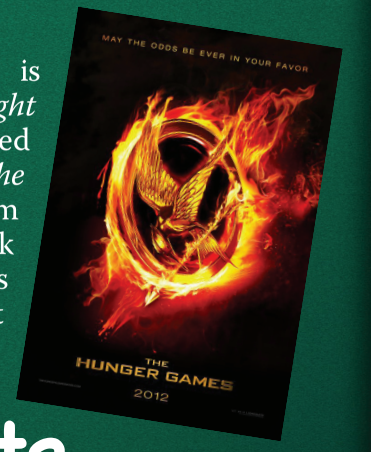
Finals Week



The most wonderful time of the year? Not quite. But as you do some last minute cramming and sweat it out over your borderline grades, keep in mind that sweet solace in the form of summer vacation is only days away. Now, STUDY!

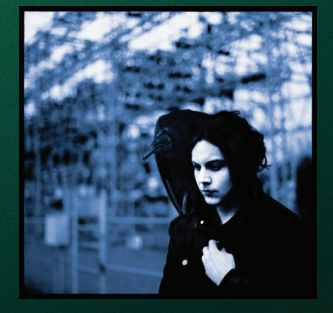
Hunger Games

Harry Potter is long gone. *Twilight* has disappeared into day. Now, make way for *The Hunger Games*, the latest film adaptation of a popular book series. Forget Team Jacob. It's now Team Katniss. Look for it March 23.



Jack White

Everyone's favorite indie wonder kid Jack White is finally releasing a solo album after his break from the White Stripes over a year ago. The album is titled *Blunderbluss* and is set to be released April 23.



Kings Island

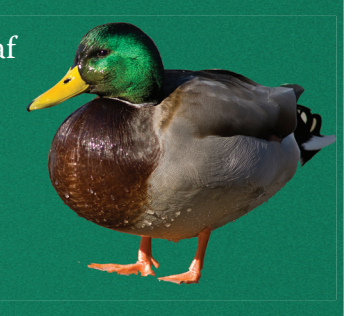
It's not truly springtime until you've hit up a nearby amusement park, and no local park does the job better than Kings Island. New this year is an expanded and improved water park called Soak City.

NCAA Basketball

March Madness is back! Painstakingly fill out your brackets, support your favorite teams (which, let's be honest, more than likely includes UK) and expect emotions to run high over the next few weeks.

Quack

Fresh from their winter vacations, ducks can be found floating along many of the local ponds. Check out Lake Reba and the pond behind Stratton. Bring along a loaf of bread to feed the ducks.



Lake Reba

For a peaceful walk, a romantic picnic or a game of ultimate frisbee, few Richmond spots can top Lake Reba. Enjoy a day of fishing, mini-golf, hitting at the batting cages, or even just relaxing. You've earned it.

Organization



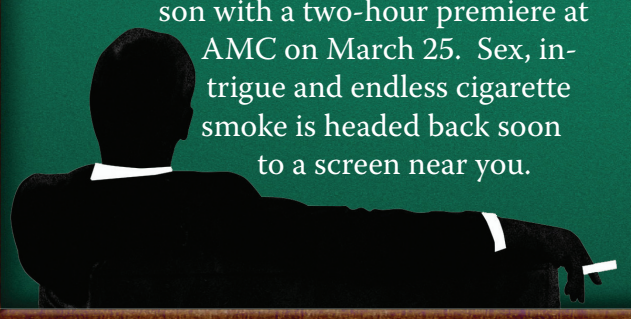
For many, springtime signifies one thing and one thing only: spring cleaning. That's why it's crucial to get organized early on. Plan out what needs to be done, set goals for yourself and remember to pace yourself.

Ravine

Looking for a place to study in the sun? Look no further. The ravine provides sun, relaxation and the occasional concert by some of your fellow students. Kick back and relax or form a study group to prep for final exams.

Mad Men

After a painfully long hiatus, *Mad Men* is back for its fifth season with a two-hour premiere at AMC on March 25. Sex, intrigue and endless cigarette smoke is headed back soon to a screen near you.



Pinnacles

Though there are numerous beautiful hiking trails throughout Kentucky, none are as close or as beloved to Eastern students as the Pinnacles. Get a group of fellow adventurers together and climb your way to the very top for a spectacular view.



Classes are
SMOKIN' HOT!



Summer 2012

Summer 1
May 14 through **June 22**

Summer 2
June 25 through **August 3**

Summer Session at EKU

To get started,
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or call **800-465-9191.**
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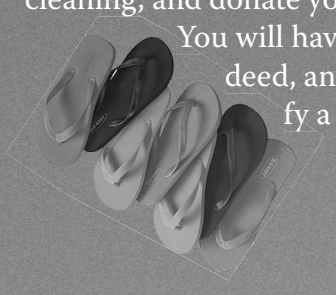
Summer Camp Festival

Good music and an opportunity to meet new people can be found May 25 through in Chillicothe, Ill. This festival will feature 78 bands including Jane's Addiction and Tedeschi Trucks Band.



Wardrobe

Shorts and sandle weather is upon us which means a new summer wardrobe may be in your future. Force yourself to do a little spring cleaning, and donate your old clothes. You will have done a good deed, and you can justify a shopping trip.



Yoga



Feeling a little stressed? Head over to the Fitness and Wellness Center for some much needed relaxation. They offer six yoga classes throughout the week, including Power Yoga with Andi and Toasty Yoga with Lindsay.

Temptations

This legendary band will be gracing the stage of our own Center for the Arts Sat. April 14. Take a look at the Center for the Arts site for a full list of dates for performances such as Aretha Franklin and Riverdance. Keep a close eye on your email a few days before the concert. You may find cheap student tickets!

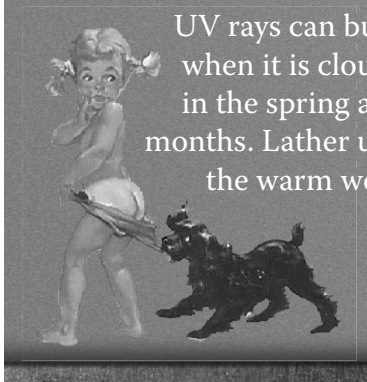
X marks the spot

Grab your GPS and enter the coordinates that can be found at sites such as geocaching.com. When you get to your location, open the waterproof container, and log the date you found it. You may get lucky and find small trinkets that you can trade. Remember to replace the traded items with a trinket of your own!



UV sun tanning

Don't forget your sunscreen! The sun's UV rays can burn you even when it is cloudy outside in the spring and summer months. Lather up and enjoy the warm weather.



Zoo

Connect with your inner child and plan a trip to the zoo. Just $15 for an adult ticket at the Cincinnati Zoo and $13.95 for an adult ticket at the Louisville Zoo will provide entertainment such as a penguin parade, giraffe feedings and bear training demonstrations.

