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Donation grants Eastern historic property

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Across Lancaster Avenue from Eastern's campus lies a sprawling, 20-acre estate adorned with hundreds of elm trees, surrounded by a wrought iron fence.

President Doug Whitlock, along with the Board of Regents and the board of directors

of the EKU Foundation, announced Monday an event over half a century in the making, the acquisition and addition of the property known as "Elmwood" to the Campus Beautiful.

Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents, was present for the negotiations leading up to the signing of the deed that transferred ownership of Elmwood from the trust of the estate of the late Emma Parkes Watts to the EKU Foundation.

"It was just a fantastic opportunity for Eastern to even be able to try to acquire this particular piece of prop-

erty," Abney said.

This property has long been unattainable by the university, but not for lack of trying. Eastern's administrations since the early 1960s have tried to no avail to add the park-like property and 15-room chateau-style home, named Elmwood for the trees that stand on its grounds, to its campus.

Previous attempts to buy the property were hindered by technicalities set forth in the will of Emma Parkes Watts.

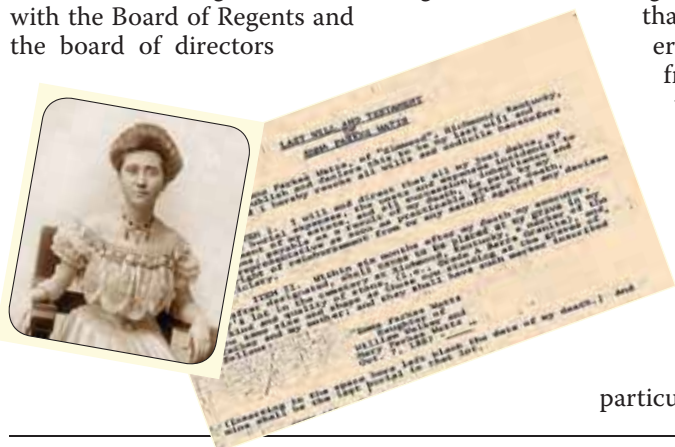
According to documents obtained from the Eastern Kentucky University library archives, Emma was the only daughter of William Walker Watts and Mary Parkes Watts. She inherited Elmwood after both her parents died and devoted her life to caring for the property.

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Elmwood estates, located on Lancaster Avenue, includes a garden, stable, carriage house, smokehouse and a caretakers' cottage. The three-story home contains five bedrooms, a library, parlor and a morning room.



EASTERN GOES ETHICAL

BOOKSTORE OFFERS NEW SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS CLOTHING LINE AS OPTION FOR STUDENT CONSUMERS

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The Barnes and Noble at EKU Bookstore is carrying a new, sweatshop-free clothing line this fall.

School House, an ethical clothing line, was founded in 2009 by Rachel Weeks after researching socially responsible clothing in Sri Lanka.

Melissa Dohmen, School House marketing and public relations director, said ethical clothing has to do with the standards companies make their clothing by and how they treat their workers.

Dohmen said Weeks founded two living wage factories in Sri Lanka and more than tripled the salaries of workers there. Salaries in a living wage factory are determined based on the cost of living in that area.

"We don't compromise people in the production of our product," Dohmen said. "We pay all of our apparel workers a full living wage. We pay premiums to our suppliers to ensure that our people are being taken care of."

Ethical clothing ideals are based around the idea of eliminating sweatshop situations and providing workers a livable wage.

"It's about more than being green; it's

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The Barnes and Noble at EKU Bookstore is now offering clothing line School House, which manufactures clothing that is produced in factories that supply its worker with a living wage. School House sells a variety of Eastern-themed clothing including sweatshirts, skirts and cardigans.

Chronicle honors Eastern

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For the third year in a row, Eastern has made the list as one of the Chronicle for Higher Education's "Great Colleges to Work For."

Other universities that made the list include Baylor University and University of Southern California.

E.J. Keeley, executive director of institutional effectiveness, said the survey is given every year in the spring and is a random sampling of faculty and staff at about 600 various universities.

These universities apply to be a part of the survey, but it does not cost anything.

"Eastern scored the highest this year compared to all of the other four-year institutions in the nation," Keeley said.

President Doug Whitlock said this year Eastern scored high in 11 out of 12 categories surveyed, which is better than any of the other nine colleges that also made the list.

Eastern was the largest institution in Kentucky to be awarded this honor.

"This is something that I am very proud of and something we use to recruit new faculty and staff," Whitlock said.

Whitlock also said he thinks great communication and the senior leadership are two assets that have helped them secure this honor.

Whitlock has been the president at Eastern for four years.

Eastern has participated in the survey for three years. In the last two, the university made The Chronicle's Honor Roll, which is the list of schools that scored highest in those categories; the "cream of the crop," Keeley said.

Josie Martin, 52, has been a custodian at Eastern for 13 years.

She said she recently received a raise, but she hasn't seen much of it because the insurance takes it.

"It seems like a good place to work, but it don't pay nothing," Martin said.

Jens Arneson, 29, said "the benefits are awesome."

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Board approves meal plan, housing increase

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While most students were back home enjoying their summers, Eastern's Board of Regents was making decisions pertinent to all those involved with campus life.

On June 7, the Board of Regents met in regular session, and among other things, approved the proposed operating budget for 2011-12.

The \$233,408,820 budget includes a 2-percent raise for employees of the university, a 5-percent tuition increase, a 5-percent increase in residence hall rates and a 3.75-percent increase in meal plan rates.

Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents, said although undesirable, with state funding being cut by nearly half in the last 30 years, rate increases are inevitable.

"We get about 37 percent [of our funding] from the state, whereas 25 or 30 years ago, we used to get 75 percent, so that difference has to be made up somewhere," Abney said. "Unfortunately, much to our dis-

like, that has been in the last several years been passed on to our students."

Renovations of current residence halls and the planned addition of suite-style campus housing along Kit Carson Drive add to the increase of housing rates, Whitlock said.

The new housing will not only add to the accommodations Eastern has to offer, but to the landscape as well, Whitlock said.

"It'll make that area look kind of less like the back door of the campus," Whitlock said. "You will have these very attractive, modern suite-style housing units [that] will be what's visible, and then the parking will be tucked away behind them."

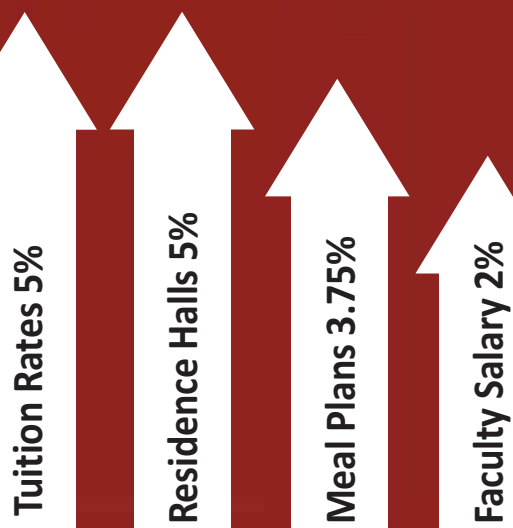
Also approved in the meeting was the 2011-2015 EKU Strategic Plan. The plan has four main goals geared toward preparing students to "lead productive, responsible, and enriched lives" as set forth in the university's mission statement.

The four goals described in the

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By the Numbers

2011-2012 budget= \$233.4 million





Run, baby, run

Eastern's high-powered offense scores win in home opener -B6

Big eats

Local restaurant hosts six-pound burger-eating contest -B1



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EASTERN REMEMBERS 9/11 10 YEARS LATER

NAMES OF FALLEN READ AT MEMORIAL CEREMONY IN ASHLAND BUILDING

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It's been 10 years since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and Eastern commemorated the contributions made by rescuers.

A memorial for the fallen heroes of 9/11 took place at 9 a.m. in the Ashland Building Sept. 11, sponsored by the EKU 9/11 Memorial Committee.

The committee's founding president, Mark Gordon, led the ceremony.

Gordon stood in front of a fire truck and behind a lectern. He began the memorial, "398 FDNY and 70 police lost their lives on and since 9/11 for their efforts that day."

Metal scrap from Ground Zero was draped in an American flag and displayed on the lectern.

"15,000 people were rescued that morning," said Gordon, 24, a fire administration major from Weehawken, N.J.

Gordon read the names of every firefighter, police and rescuer who lost their lives on or after 9/11 while working to save others that day.

"It has to be done to honor the fallen," Gordon said. "It's a day that changed our lives. It's a day of remembrance, really."

Gordon said the committee had been working since last semester to put the memorial together and said he does not want anyone to forget the sacrifices that were made that day.

The committee's vice president, David Schober, said Sept. 11 is a day that needs to be remembered.

"It's an emotional day," said Schober, 24, a fire administration major from Baskin Ridge, N.J. "It brings back lots of memories... don't forget the men and women who did give up their lives to others."

Schober said he and Gordon wanted to bring the importance of 9/11 closer to Eastern students.

"We decided to pay our respects and make sure EKU had a chance to pay their respects, too," Schober said.

Garrett Walker, 20, fire and safety administration major from Warrenton, Va., attended the ceremony and listened to the long list of names called.

Walker said "remembering each one [person] specifically" was important and that 9/11 was about "mourning everyone lost and remembering."

The memorial concluded by the playing of the gospel song, "Amazing Grace," by Captain Marla Robers, from the Lexington fire department and EKU Alumna on the bagpipes.

"I came just to pay my respects," Walker said.

CEREMONY ATTENDEES CLIMB STAIRS, WRITE LETTERS TO HONOR SERVICE MEMBERS

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Dozens of students gathered together to climb 110 flights of stairs in honor of the fallen firefighters of 9/11. Lighting up the night, Keene Hall spelled out 9/11 through lights in various bedroom windows. Pictures were taken with a piece from Ground Zero that was on display.

Members of Eastern's Department of Justice and Safety hosted a 9/11-remembrance ceremony last Sunday in Keene Hall. Students and community members commemorated the fallen and current men and women in service by writing letters to a brigade of soldiers from Fort Campbell who were deployed to Afghanistan or climbing 110 flights of stairs.

Matt Ledford, president of the Association of Fire Science Technicians, said he has visited all three sites from the 9/11 tragedy.

"It touched everyone in a certain way," Ledford said.

A video projection featured pictures from newscasts and actual camera shots taken when the towers collapsed.

Ledford said he was surprised by the ceremony's turnout.

"Parties took intuitive and stepped up," Ledford said.

Participants in the stair climb went up the stairs and down the elevator. There were six climbs up to the eleventh floor, and participants of the last climb had to climb to the twelfth floor. Firefighters were encouraged to wear their gear, but if they chose not to, they carried pictures of fallen firefighters on a stick as they climbed. All participants were marked after completing each of their climbs up the stairs.

Julie Rossman, 25, fire, arson and explosion investigation major from Lebanon, Conn., participated in the stair climb wearing her firefighter gear. She said she was a volunteer firefighter for six years and her fire department sent out two trucks to the crash sites.

On the day of the tragedy, Rossman said her father was scheduled to be in North Tower, but by chance, he was reassigned to another building.

When Rossman's family tried to locate her father, his hotel had already been evacuated. Rossman said her family didn't hear from her father for three days, and her father did not return home for eight days.

Rossman said the ceremony was touching, and she was proud of Eastern for showing its support.

Zach Daugherty, 22, an active-duty 101st Airborne soldier from Jackson County, said he has been overseas twice and is a Purple Heart veteran.

"We should be happy for what we have," Daugherty said.



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To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, two separate groups on campus hosted ceremonies in which participants could write letters to deployed soldiers, wear photos of fallen service members while climbing the stairs of Keene Hall or participate in group prayer. Rooms in Keene Hall were lit to depict the Twin Towers and the date 9/11 as a reminder of the victims.

Jaywalking causes fines, injury for pedestrians

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Across campus, it is common to see students walking through a white striped crosswalk as though posing for a Beatles album cover.

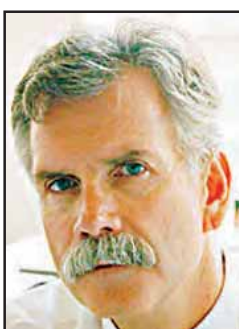
It is also not out of the ordinary to see students bolting across Lancaster Avenue trying to avoid traffic closing in from both directions.

Pedestrians on any campus are prominent and unavoidable. Likewise, crossing the street at places other than designated crosswalks is illegal. If someone is stopped

for jaywalking, he or she could receive a ticket or a warning.

A spokesperson from Madison County District Court said fines for jaywalking start at \$20.

Over the years, pedestrian safety has remained a problem on Eastern's campus. Some stu-



James Street

dents have even been "pulled over" for jaywalking.

Tiffany Woolum, 19, social work major from London, said she was recently stopped by the Richmond Police Department (RPD) for jaywalking across Lancaster Avenue. This is the second jaywalking incident she has been involved in and has received only warnings both times rather than a ticket, she said.

Although she acknowledges it is not a safe practice, Woolum said she sees students doing it all the time.

"I guess it's [jaywalking] pretty danger-

ous," Woolum said.

Chase Ritchie, 18, political science and business major from Paris, said he was with Woolum when she was stopped for jaywalking and was warned as well. Even after being stopped by the cops and given a warning, Ritchie said he knows he shouldn't jaywalk, but continues to do so anyway.

"I feel like I shouldn't do it anymore," Ritchie said. "I mean, I'm a bigger guy, so if I get hit by a car, I could probably live; but for smaller people, if they got hit by a car, it would probably kill them."

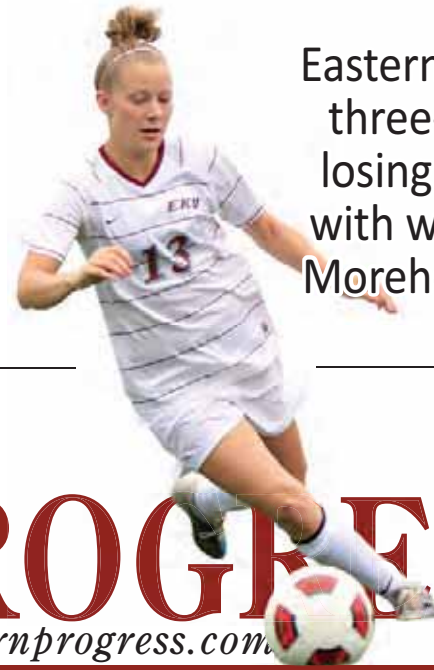
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Eastern breaks three-game losing streak with win over Morehead -B6

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Online FERPA training a must for faculty

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The paper trail that comes with being a student is paramount. Academic records, disciplinary records, financial records and anything else that has your name and student ID jotted down on it, become part of the educational record attached to your name.

Faculty, who have access to students' educational records, are required to go through training to ensure that they understand the privacy rights of students.

"We did a rethink and decided to go a little more high tech with our training," said Tina Davis, university registrar who oversees the training. "It's not new, just doing it on a different scale."

The training educates faculty on the pri-

FERPA:
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vacancy rights of students according to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 [FERPA], Davis said.

"Anyone that wants to have access to educational records, such as an employee...

must go through the FERPA training," Davis said.

Because of what an educational record is—anything with a student's name or any personally identifiable information—all faculty, clerical staff as well as student support staff must go through the training, Davis said.

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Copypat Tally Cats proposed by SGA

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Student Government Association (SGA) is working on a potential program to increase student involvement on campus.

The proposed program, based around a similar program at the University of Kentucky called Tally Cats, will give students incentives for going to various events on campus and swiping their Colonel Card, which will then enter them to win prizes.

SGA President Rachel Mollozzi said a planning group for the project had its first meeting last Wednesday, Sept. 21 to talk about potential names for the program and discuss options in the setup for the program.

Ryan Adams, SGA Treasurer, has been working closely with the program and said the project is still in the very early stages of development.

"We're just doing the research now to see if it's even feasible," Adams said. "It's probably going to be a really big project for us."

Mollozzi said the incentive program would require card readers and special software in order for it to work. She said some card readers were purchased a few years ago for a similar plan SGA had and were never used. Mollozzi said she plans to use the card readers SGA already has, but additional readers may still need to be purchased.

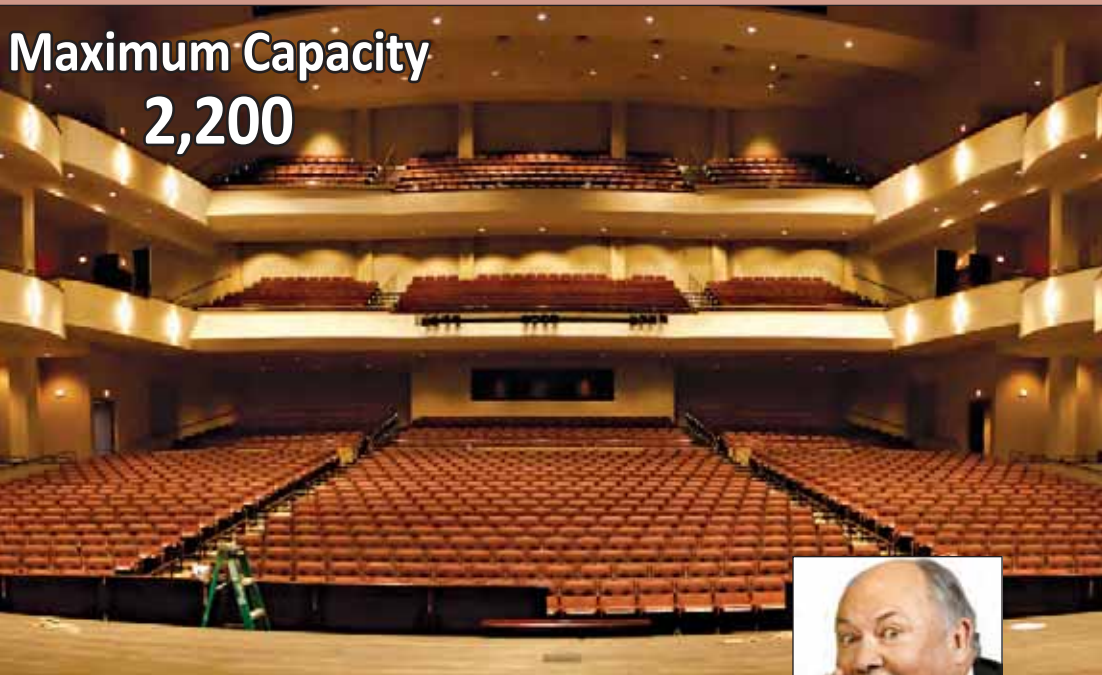
The projected cost of the program has not yet been determined due to the many different program options SGA is currently considering, which range in price.

"The range is very big,

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A CHANGE IN VENUE

Maximum Capacity
2,200



Center for the Arts



Carl Hurley

RICHARD DAWKINS, CARL HURLEY SET TO TAKE PLACE AT SAME TIME, SAME DAY AFTER VENUE CHANGE

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A double-booking error resulted in a change of venue for the next lecturer in the Chautauqua series.

Richard Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist, was originally slated to speak at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the ECU Center for the Arts. Dawkins' lecture was moved to the smaller Brock Auditorium on the same date and time, and a performance by former Eastern faculty member and comedian, Carl Hurley is being presented at the Center during that time.

Debra Hoskins, director of the ECU Center for the Arts, said the double booking was a mistake on the part of the Center. "The venue for Mr. Dawkins had to be changed due to clerical error, we double-booked for that date," Hoskins said. "After discovering the error, all efforts were made to present the two events in the same evening, but after discussions, decided the timing wouldn't work."

Hoskins said television crews had requested to set up to tape former Eastern faculty member and comedian Carl Hurley's performance. She said both events were equally important to the center and takes "full responsibility" for the scheduling error.

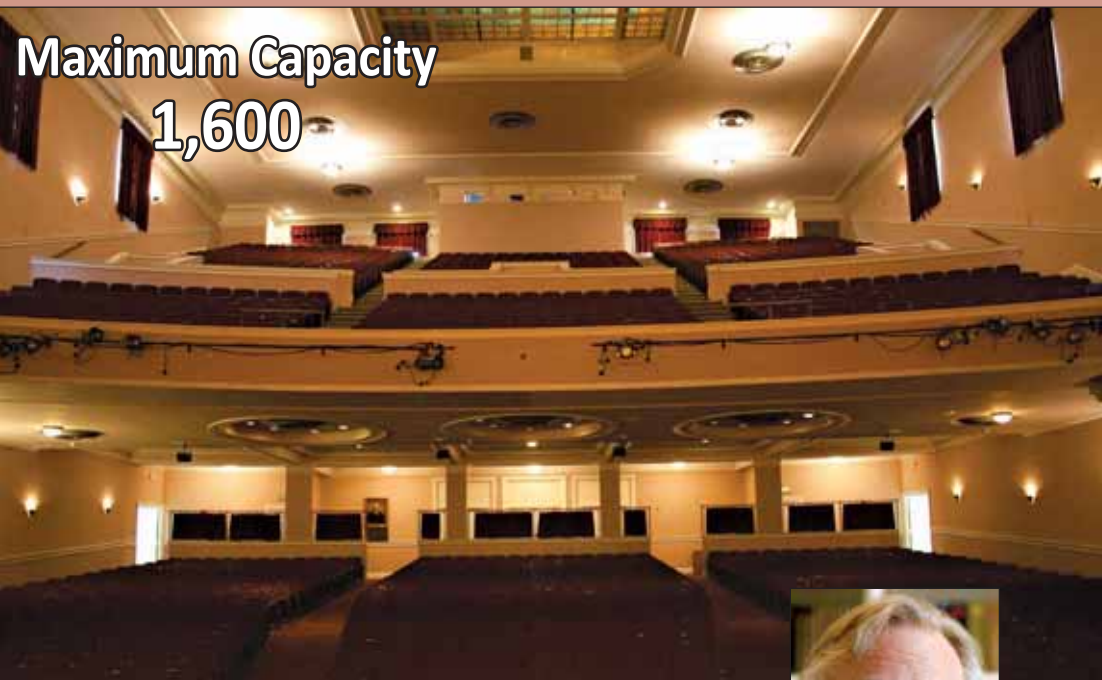
"We are in the business of booking events throughout the year - this one was a huge mistake on our scheduling. We now have forms and ways of tracking each event," Hoskins said. "Dawkins is a world-wide famous, international figure... We knew that people would attend the event from other states, as well as our own local community. We are regretful that this happened and have apologized to those who worked so diligently to bring an international personality to our campus."

Brock auditorium, located in the Coates Administration building, where the lecture will now take place, is able to accommodate 1,600 people versus the Center's capacity for 2,200 people.

Although the venue is smaller, Marc Whitt, associate vice-president for public relations at Eastern, said he does not

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Maximum Capacity
1,600



Brock Auditorium



Richard Dawkins

Eastern collaborates on fire awareness project

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Eastern kicked off a partnership aimed at educating students and people living in the Richmond area on fire safety Monday, as well as personal responsibility to avoid dangerous situations.

Eastern's environmental health and safety office is teaming up with the Michael H. Minger foundation, which advocates fire safety and awareness, especially for people with disabilities, and the Richmond fire department. The partnership began its first community service program this week.

"The program is called 'Save a Life, Get on the Truck,'" said Gail Minger,

founder of the Minger Foundation.

The project involves Eastern students accompanying Richmond fire fighters to off-campus student residential areas deemed high fire risks and installing smoke detectors. The students will also teach other students about fire safety and the "two ways out" rule, which recommends having two exit strategies should a residence catch fire.

"In essence it is a train the trainer program," said Bryan Makinen, director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Makinen said the goal of the project was to make a difference in the community while benefiting Eastern students by teaching them skills about

fire and safety they can use throughout their lives.

The kick-off started Monday morning with a conference in the Keen Johnson building, which featured addresses from Minger, President Doug Whitlock, Corey Lewis, public information officer for the Richmond Fire Department, and others involved in the partnership.

"We believe when you improve safety for those most vulnerable, you improve safety for everyone," Minger said at the conference.

The fire safety lessons began before the conference was even over. Lewis, the final speaker of the conference,

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Corey Lewis, officer of public information for the Richmond Fire Department, narrated videos of dorm fires.