ALUMNI ENJOY SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Legend's Game
June 2, 2005 - The College of Justice & Safety Alumni Society hosted its second "Night at the Ballpark" Lexington Legend's baseball game at Applebee's Park.
More than 200 alumni, their families and friends, faculty and staff of the College enjoyed a picnic buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and all the fixings while watching the baseball game from seats along the first-base line.

Homecoming
September 24, 2005 - Eastern Kentucky University celebrated their Centennial Homecoming with the theme of, "A Century of Opportunity."
College of Justice & Safety alumni, students, faculty and staff joined in the fun.
The College’s Alumni Society sponsored their annual tailgate tent in conjunction with the Association of Fire Science Technician’s (AFST) chili cook out.

Keeneland
October 16, 2005 - Alumni, their families and friends, students, faculty and staff joined the College of Justice & Safety Alumni Society in the Lexington/Kentucky Room at Keeneland Race Track in Lexington, Ky.
Guests enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon of thoroughbred racing from a vantage point high atop the grandstand.

AFST won the Homecoming 500 race, earning them $100.
AFST students also participated in a bucket brigade demonstration.

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During the Fall 2005 semester, the College of Justice & Safety continued to make great strides towards the completion of several new initiatives.

The Board of Regents recently approved our proposal to outsource marketing, recruitment and retention of students for the Loss Prevention and Safety Online Master’s Program to the Compass Knowledge Group.

Compass Knowledge Group has a proven track record of supporting distance learning initiatives.

This type of collaboration and focus on e-learning programs is a first for the University.

We are excited about the expected growth of the program with the help of Compass’ expertise and the direction of Tom Schneid, LPS master’s program coordinator.

Our second distance education program will begin May 2006.

Under the guidance of Dr. Lisa Wallace, the Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies program will offer all the major requirements for an associate’s or bachelor’s degree online.

The marketing, recruitment and retention of students for the Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies program will be completed by department faculty and staff.

We plan to further expand upon our distance learning programs by offering a bachelor’s degree in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology online.

We will monitor the results of in-house versus outsourced programs and use the results to direct the next phase of online learning.

Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies faculty member, Dr. Preston Elrod, implemented a new project last fall.

He taught an Orientation to Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies class at Central High School in Louisville.

Students who participated in the class received college credit, as well as an introduction to EKU’s campus and our programs.

In recognition of students taking the course, we plan to offer scholarships and assist them with financial aid if they enroll at EKU and major in one of the College’s programs.

Because a large percentage of the students who participated are African-American, the financial aid opportunities we’ll present to these students will recognize the importance of diversity within our College.

You can read more about Dr. Elrod’s program on page six of the newsletter.

The College also continues to make progress in our endeavors for new degree programs.

We have begun taking the necessary steps to develop a bachelor’s degree in homeland security that will be housed in the Department of Loss Prevention and Safety.

Many of our faculty members possess the knowledge and expertise to facilitate a degree program in this rapidly expanding field.

I am also pleased to announce that renovations to convert the Stone Fitness Center into the Justice & Safety Center for Homeland Security and Technology have begun and are scheduled to be completed by April 2006.

The College and the Justice & Safety Center have secured more than $30 million in grants to research homeland security initiatives and technology.

The new space in the former fitness center will provide a dedicated area for the Justice & Safety Center to carry out its research and develop new projects.

Finally, the College and several Richmond community organizations are in the planning stages for a project that I am very passionate about.

There are six million children in the country with one or both parents in prison. Two-thirds of these children end up in the prison system unless they receive early intervention.

We are working with the Richmond Boys and Girls Club and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to create a counseling group and scholarship opportunities for children in the community who have an incarcerated parent.

This endeavor looks to become a true community project through the help and guidance of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies faculty member, Dr. Lisa Wallace.

Dr. Wallace serves as president of the board of the Richmond Boys and Girls Club and faculty advisor to the program.

We plan to have the children of incarcerated parents group use the Teen Center at the Boys and Girls Club as their weekly meeting location.

Also, a new student organization that serves to embrace diversity and unite the EKU campus has agreed to serve as mentors to help the children involved in the program with their transition to higher education.

We’re currently in the planning stages of this project and hope to have everything in place to begin in the Spring of 2006.

Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson is very supportive of this project, and we look for cooperation from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce as well.

Through the resources and talents of the community and College, we have an opportunity to positively affect the lives of children who face a unique set of challenges.
JUSTICE & SAFETY CENTER INVOLVED WITH HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

U.S. Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers announced August 8, 2005 that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will award $7.5 million to support the creation of a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Regional Center in Somerset, Ky.

The Regional Center, which is expected to support at least 25 new knowledge-worker jobs, will seek to improve the ability of first responders to communicate seamlessly across jurisdictional lines during an emergency. It will focus on a comprehensive suite of guidance, tools and systems for a coordinated incident management system.

“After the attacks of September 11th, we realized that America’s first responders were not properly equipped to communicate at the scene of an emergency,” said Rogers.

“The NIMS Regional Center will work to test and evaluate interoperability technologies with the goal of ensuring that all first responders are able to seamlessly exchange information during an incident, whether it is a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or technological accident.”

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has signed a cooperative agreement with Eastern Kentucky University’s Justice & Safety Center to establish the NIMS Regional Center in Somerset.

The Justice & Safety Center will serve as an “honest broker” to support and stimulate the National Incident Management System Integration Center efforts to identify, develop, test and promote the standards and guidance necessary for first responder communities of various sizes.

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) will serve as the principle support contractor for EKU and will operate the NIMS Regional Center.

SAIC will add high quality jobs to its Somerset location in support of the NIMS project, bringing total employment at the facility to 50, with additional jobs expected by the end of the year.

Also, the Justice & Safety Center, in partnership with the University of Kentucky and Great Britain's University of Lincoln, received conditional notification of a $368,000 grant to produce an affordable intelligent video surveillance system that can assist in detecting and tracking unusual pedestrian behavior.

Finally, Congressman Hal Rogers announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is awarding $5 million to EKU’s Justice & Safety Center for the creation of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium which will develop and provide specialized training for rural first responders and community leaders throughout the nation.

COLLEGE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Approximately 150 law enforcement officials from throughout the U.S. and more than 15 foreign countries converged in Somerset, Ky. October 10-11 for an international roundtable on “Police Challenges in the 21 Century.”

The event, sponsored by the College’s International Justice & Safety Institute along with the National Institute of Justice Office of Science and Technology and G&H International Services, was held at the Center for Rural Development.

“This represents the first opportunity for some of the most respected leaders in justice worldwide to share their experiences and knowledge developed over the last few years,” said Dr. Gary Cordner, Director of the International Justice & Safety Institute.

International participants included Paul Stephenson, deputy commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police; Lauri Tabor, head of the Central Criminal Police in Estonia; and Gennady Yagodin, an “esteemed academician” who served as minister of education under former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Yagodin, who visited EKU on two previous occasions, was presented the Ambassadors Award by the International Justice & Safety Institute.

This award honored Yagodin for his international accomplishments in science and government, and for his pioneering efforts in international cooperation on behalf of justice and safety.

Other countries represented included Mongolia, Ukraine, Romania, Latvia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Germany and Turkey.

Local, state and federal dignitaries from the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation also attended.

John Morgan, assistant director of the National Institute of Justice, was one of the presenters.

Discussion topics included “Counter-Terrorism Challenges,” “Democratic/Community Policing in the Face of Terrorism,” “Future Issues and Trends” and “Technology Support for Law Enforcement.”

The featured speaker at a gala dinner on Tuesday evening was Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers.

Congressman Rogers was instrumental in the establishment of the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center in Hazard and in securing funding for numerous homeland security initiatives involving EKU and other Kentucky colleges and universities.

Vendors were also on hand to showcase the latest in police technology including bullet-proof vests capable of protecting against AK-47 fire.
1970s

Stephen A. Pitz, PAD ’77, CRJ ’79, retired from the Dallas Police Department in 2000 after 20 years of service. He is now the Criminal Justice Coordinator at Madisonville Community College in Madisonville, Ky. Stephen.pitz@kctcs.edu

1980s

Katherine (Calhoun) Hansel, COR ’89, gave birth to her second child, Jack Dietrich Hansel, April 15, 2005. He joins big brother Nolan Christopher. Chrisnkc@msn.com

1990s

Yvette A. Frank, COR ’90, received her Master’s of Social Work from Spalding University in June. She is employed as a social worker by the Jefferson County Public Schools Early Childhood/Headstart Program in Louisville. Yfrank1@jefferson.k12.ky.us

Jennifer Harris, APS ’99, married John Skutch in Wilmington, N.C. on June 18, 2005. jskutch@gmail.com

Ike M. Lambert, PAD ’98, was promoted from the rank of Patrolman to Sergeant for the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Police Department. He has worked for the department for more than five years. He serves as an instructor, field training officer, hostage negotiator, motorcycle officer and recruiter for the department. Before attending EKU, Ike was a Military Police Officer for the United States Marine Corps. ikemplambert@insightbb.com

Gary “Shane” Ray, FSE ’94, of the Pleasant View, Tenn. Volunteer Fire Department was named Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year at the Fire-Rescue International Conference held in Denver August 2005. Shane is a career fire lieutenant in the neighboring city of Brentwood, Tenn., the first vice president of the International Association of Fire Service Instructors, and president of the Cheatham County Firefighters Association. He is also an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy.

2000s

Sarah K. Boyles, FSE ’04, is employed by Marshall Miller and Associates in Raleigh, N.C. as their Investigative Engineering Coordinator. Sarah’s responsibilities include performing fire investigations and other health and safety related duties. She married EKU alumni Mike Lee on September 17, 2005. sarah_byles@hotmail.com

Joshua Davis, CRJ ’03, ’05, was sworn in May 16, 2005 as an industry operations investigator with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He and his wife, Samantha, reside in Nashville, Tenn.

Paul English, FSE ’00, works as the senior safety engineer at Ford Motor Company’s Chicago assembly plant. Paul’s plant recently won the Ford Motor Company President’s Health and Safety Award for Innovation representing the Americas. The Chicago plant launched three new vehicles while reducing incidents and injuries throughout the entire process. Paul also welcomed a son, Owen Robert, to his family on October 18, 2005.

1 Lt. Clay Taylor, APS ’01, was injured in a helicopter crash in Iraq in August. Clay is a member of the 229th Aviation Regiment and served as a helicopter pilot.

ALUMNA NAMED KENTUCKY HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF

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Maj. Alecia Webb-Edgington, CRJ ’03, was appointed executive director for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. Edgington served as the interim director of the office for approximately three months before her permanent appointment.

Prior to becoming interim director, Edgington was the office’s deputy director for operations and prevention initiatives, where she led the establishment of an information and intelligence fusion center for the state.

Edgington also served as the chief information officer for the Kentucky State Police and was responsible for the force’s homeland security efforts.

While serving as the highest-ranking female in the Kentucky State Police force, Edgington was elected by her colleagues in November 2004 to serve as president of the Kentucky Women in Law Enforcement Network.
In Memorium

Lewis Babb, Jr.

Lewis Babb, Jr. passed away May 5, 2005 after a lengthy illness.

He received his Associate of Arts in Law Enforcement in 1968, Bachelor of Science in Police Administration in 1970 and Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1976 from Eastern Kentucky University.

He later taught many courses in these programs at EKU.

He simultaneously worked and began his family of three sons while completing his degrees.

He served in the U.S. Army for three years before beginning his 40-year career in law enforcement as a trooper with the Kentucky State Police in 1953.

Lewis obtained the highest position available in the Division of Criminal Investigation where he served as lieutenant colonel.

He retired from the Kentucky State Police in 1981.

He then began working for the Administrative Office of the Courts where he ended his career in 1996.

Among his many awards and honors, Lewis was selected to attend the National Academy of the FBI in 1967.

He was very active in his communities and worked diligently for the advancement of law enforcement at both the local and state levels.

Lewis also served 31 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he received many awards, honors and was commissioned a colonel in 1979.

Benjamin “Ed” Robuck, Jr.

Benjamin “Ed” Robuck, Jr. passed away August 2, 2005.

Professor Robuck began teaching in the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies in 1974. He taught the course that is now COR 350 – Correctional Intervention Strategies.

College of Justice & Safety Academic Advisor, Bob Swanagin, was a student in Professor Robuck’s class and described him as a very intelligent man who had an ability to connect with his students.

“I never heard of a student who didn’t love his class,” Swanagin said.

Professor Robuck was a minister who became involved in corrections by serving inmate populations.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS STILL CONTRIBUTES TO CORRECTIONS

The Correctional Security Network (CSN, Inc.) is the nation’s only professional organization devoted exclusively to the examination and enhancement of correctional security.

CSN, Inc. and the annual Correctional Security Conference were both established under the direction and leadership of Thomas F. “Tommy” Norris, CRJ ’80.

Tommy served two terms as President of the EKU College of Justice & Safety Alumni Society and was honored as one of the College’s Distinguished Alumni in 1999.

Tommy is a 1976 graduate of the University of Kentucky where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work.

He completed his Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University in 1980.

Tommy retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) with more than 32 years of service that included assignments in Lexington, Ky.; Morgantown, W. Va.; the National Institute of Corrections; Indiana Department of Corrections; and the BOP Central Office in Washington, D.C.

Tommy’s distinguished career and his continued dedication to his chosen profession of corrections and Eastern Kentucky University have been remarkable.

ALUMNUS AWARDED BRONZE STAR

Mary Beth Jackson
Wytheville Enterprise

Stephen Vile Jr., CRJ ’94, participated in the ROTC program while attending EKU and spent four years on active duty with the Army after graduation.

He entered the Army Reserves in 2000 and for 10 months, Vile served as company commander in the Iraqi city of Samarrar with the 1st Battalion, 417th Infantry.

Vile, whose mission was to train members of the new Iraqi army, received a Bronze Star for leading his trainees in a rescue of ambushed American soldiers.

“They were pinned down and were receiving this fire from a mosque,” Vile said.

“They called for the Iraqi army to raid the mosque. Americans can’t do that because it’s against the Geneva Conventions.”

Recently, his College and colleagues recognized his many contributions to the advancement of the field of corrections.

Dean of the College of Justice & Safety, Dr. Allen Ault, presented Tommy with a plaque at the annual Correctional Security Conference that was held September 25-28 in Cincinnati.

At the conference, colleagues expressed their sincere appreciation for his friendship, dedication and continued support.

For more information about the Correctional Security Network, Inc. and the annual Correctional Security Conference, please visit www.correctionalsecurity.org.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CAREER DAY 2006

Eastern Kentucky University’s College of Justice & Safety will host its annual Career Day on Thursday, April 6.

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Perkins Building, where employers will be on hand to discuss various career opportunities until 2:00 p.m.

Agencies represented in the past have included the Atlanta (Ga.) Fire Department; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice; Summit Loss Control Services; the U.S. Secret Service; and the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

The career day activities are a great opportunity for alumni who are considering a career change or whose organization is seeking qualified applicants.

If you are interested in joining the growing number of alumni who return to campus to explore a new career direction or recruit skilled candidates for your organization visit www.justice.eku.edu or call Pauline Lively in the College of Justice & Safety’s Office of Student and Alumni Services at 859-622-8244 for more information and a complete list of participating agencies.

KENTUCKY RCPI RECEIVES INTEGRITY GRANT

The Kentucky Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), which is hosted by Eastern Kentucky University in the College of Justice & Safety’s Justice & Safety Center, was awarded a $300,000 grant to enhance the community policing training and technical assistance resources that it provides to Kentucky law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders.

“We are proud of the work they have done, grateful for the contribution that they make to area law enforcement, government and community leaders, and we look forward to their continued success.”

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), which sponsors a national network of 26 RCPIs strategically located throughout the country to ensure that innovative community policing training and technical assistance resources are accessible in every region of the nation.

The funds will be used by the Kentucky RCPI to support local law enforcement efforts to apply community policing principles to emerging issues such as public trust, terrorism awareness and emergency response, and problem solving for community safety.

“The Kentucky RCPI has proven to be an excellent resource for law enforcement professionals and local leaders as they work together to ensure community safety,” said COPS Director Carl R. Peed.

“We are proud of the work they have done, grateful for the contribution that they make to area law enforcement, government, and community leaders, and we look forward to their continued success.”

Kentucky RCPI Co-Director Cindy Shain, LPS ’97, said, “Funding will be used to address specific strategies for creating environments that develop trust and mutual respect between law enforcement officers and communities to ensure equal treatment of all citizens.”

Specific initiatives will include
• Addressing public trust and integrity issues/problems through the On-Site Community Assessment process.
• Developing early warning software for small and rural agencies capable of being tailored to specific agency needs.
• Offering specialized training and technical assistance to agencies.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SAMPLE COLLEGE COURSE

The Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies offered an Orientation to Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies (COR 100)/Challenge Course Introduction (REC 190) class at Central High School in Louisville, Ky.

The course was offered to seniors who applied and had been selected by school staff. Twenty-eight students enrolled.

Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies faculty member, Dr. Preston Elrod taught the course and was assisted by Joe Gutmann, a teacher at Central High School.

“The course is a great opportunity for the students to get a feel for college. To the extent possible, we try to simulate a college environment in the classroom and we try to help students understand the academic, social and financial demands that students face in college,” Elrod said.

The course also focused attention on the development of academic and social skills needed for success in college and beyond.

As part of the class, students visited EKU’s campus three times.

During their visits they participated in a simulated lecture, took a campus tour and interacted with traditional students who provided some insights on college life from their perspective.

They also completed the REC 190 Challenge Course.

Gutmann noted, “The challenge course was a tremendous success, as is the class. The students are proud of themselves. They really enjoyed themselves and learned more than they realize.”

The course was offered for one term and students could earn three college credits for successfully completing COR 100 and REC 190.

Central High School has been very supportive of the program and is committed to continuing it. The program has also received campus support from Dr. Aaron Thompson, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Programs, Sandra Moore, Special Assistant to the Provost, University Diversity Office, Dr. Allen Ault, College of Justice & Safety Dean and the Department of Correctional & Juvenile Justice Studies.

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College of Justice & Safety students won numerous awards recently at professional and academic conferences.

College students often have the opportunity to travel to these conferences to be introduced to new scholastic findings and network with professionals in the fields of justice and safety.

Members of Eastern Kentucky University’s student chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), won 13 awards at a recent regional conference in Tallahassee, Fla. (see sidebar).

LAE members competed in crime scene, five different written tests (criminal law, police administration, juvenile justice, LAE knowledge, corrections), and physical agility.

The competitions were divided into lower (freshmen-sophomores), upper (juniors-seniors), and professional (graduate students-experts) divisions. Twenty-one members attended, along with faculty representative Dr. Carole Garrison, chair of Criminal Justice and Police Studies at EKU.

Additionally, 10 students from the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies attended the American Correctional Association (ACA) Winter Conference in Nashville, Tenn. with faculty members Drs. Betsy Matthews, David May and Lisa Wallace.

Morgan Cox, COR ’05 and student, Ashley Graves, won first and second place respectively in ACA’s student poster session.

EKU students won 13 awards at a regional American Criminal Justice Association conference:

- First Place, Physical Agility Male, Joey Jaspersen
- First Place, Physical Agility Female, Andrea Hosfeld
- First Place, Crime Scene Lower Division, Miche Duvall, Magan Meade and Leslie Allgeier
- First Place, Police Administration Test Lower Division, Sarah Martin
- First Place, Corrections Test Professional Division, Matt Carter
- Second Place, Corrections Test Upper Division, Abby Dillingham
- Second Place, Corrections Test Lower Division, Sarah Navarro
- Second Place, Juvenile Justice Test Lower Division, Leslie Allgeier
- Second Place, Police Administration Test Lower Division, Leslie Allgeier
- Second Place, Police Administration Test Professional Division, Matt Carter
- Third Place, Juvenile Justice Test Upper Division, Nadine Johnson
- Third Place, Crime Scene Professional Division, Adriane Mathews, Sarah Navarro and Abby Dillingham
- Third Place, Criminal Law Test Professional Division, Matt Carter

A sample of recent faculty publications:

**Criminal Justice and Police Studies**


**Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies**


**Loss Prevention and Safety**


**ALUMNI WEEKEND**

EKU College of Justice & Safety Alumni Society President, Tim James, PAD ’76, invites you to visit with old friends and faculty members at a reception during alumni weekend.

The reception will be held Saturday, April 29 in the Stratton Building from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You’ll have an opportunity to see the recent renovations to Posey Auditorium and the Justice & Safety library, catch up with old friends and faculty, and take a walk down memory lane.

The reception will especially honor the classes of 1971 and 1976.

If you are interested in attending or would like additional information please contact Pauline Lively in the College’s Student and Alumni Services Office at (859) 622-8244 or pauline.lively@eku.edu.
Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies faculty member, Dr. David May, was activated with the Air National Guard in September and spent three weeks assisting with post hurricane relief efforts.

He traveled with the Indiana Air National Guard as a Security Forces Sergeant and was stationed just south of Hattiesburg, Miss. at Camp Shelby.

May provided law enforcement assistance to police departments in the six southermost counties in Mississippi.

Most of his duties involved supplementing law enforcement agencies’ patrols, providing law enforcement support at Red Cross distribution centers, and providing armed escorts for fuel shipments into the devastated areas.

Ten student members of the Association of Fire Science Technicians went to the Lake Charles area of Louisiana with their faculty advisor Shane LaCount to aid victims of Hurricane Rita and relieve other firefighters and emergency personnel in the area.

Along with helping others, the group gained tremendous experience “that can’t be provided in class,” LaCount said.

Donations collected from the Stratton and Ashland buildings funded the group with enough food for nine days and local Wal-Mart and E.W. James grocery stores contributed supplies to the effort as well.

The College of Justice & Safety supported the group by paying for travel expenses. ■