

# Upward Branch

*Adding a New Branch to Learning*

E A S T E R N K E N T U C K Y U N I V E R S I T Y

## KEEN JOHNSON HAUNTING: THE BLUE LADY

By: Bethany Luttrell and Megan Goode

The Keen Johnson building at Eastern Kentucky University; many legends have been told, in particular, the “Blue Lady.” She is said to occupy the ball-rooms and occasionally the bell tower in the building. There are records of sightings starting in the 1950’s. Many people have claimed that they have heard someone singing and seen a woman surrounded by a blue mist, or sometimes as just the mist itself.

The legend states that the “Blue Lady” was an actress that hung herself in the Pearl Buchanan Theatre,

though this claim has never been verified. This does seem very frightening, even if the myth is false.



EKU Keene Johnson Building

Last year, our drama production and variety show was held at the Pearl Buchanan Theatre in the Keen Johnson building, many students had a very scary experience back-

stage. Two of the students last year reportedly heard someone singing while preparing for the drama production. This year our drama production will be held in a different building.

Even if you don’t believe in ghosts, it is still interesting to learn about such happenings so close to where Upward Bound students are residing over the summer. If you ever visit Keen Johnson, remember to watch out for the Blue Lady!

### Happy Birthday

- July 15th: Kayla Fowler
- July 16th: Jerimee Haimon, Cheyenne Lewis
- July 20th: Chris Freeman
- July 23rd: Christian Randolph
- August 2nd: Brittney Viars

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Outside of the Powell Building at ECU

## POWELL FOOD: LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT?

By: Whitney Ferrell

Does Powell get your taste buds watering? Do you think the food is good, decent, or just plain nasty? Either way, the food at Powell is much better than the cafeteria food at our high schools!

Many different varieties of food are offered everyday, my personal favorite was the Chicken

Alfred Pizza! Along with many options, Powell has a few that are not very good, for example the white gravy in the morning opposed to stir fry.

All the staff at Powell are extremely nice and some can even turn your grey day into a sunny one! Taylor Lainhart said, “I liked the food, but wish

that it wasn't so much like school food!”

Ashley Kidd said “It makes my taste buds do a happy dance while frolicking though a field of yumminess,” and Ja Cinda Warner “I really like that they have a lot of variety.”

## ENJOY A MID SUMMERS NIGHT DREAM

By: Remonica Garr

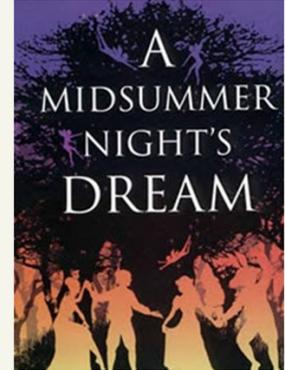
“Come one, come all,” watch and enjoy a great performance of Shakespeare’s Mid Summers Night Dream, acted out by Eastern Kentucky University’s Upward Bound Students.

“Our instructor Dane Hossler is very encour-

aging, he gives us the positive energy that we need to perform,” says Bryana Deatherage (playing Titania, Fairy Queen).

The love story tells an anecdote of confusion, based upon jealousy and mystical devotion.

The happy ending is surprising because of Shakespeare’s reputation for tragic writings. The play is sure to be anything other than a letdown.



## A SNAPSHOT OF PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

By: JaCinda Warner



During the Upward Bound summers students are able to choose a special interest class to attend on Tuesday nights. This summer one of the options were photography.

Photography is the art

or practice of taking and processing photographs. The class is helping students get a better understanding and a practice in the photography field.

At the head of this class is Bill Griffin, whose hometown is

Gallipolis, Ohio. He has years of experience in photography, broadcasting, creative writing, speech, and political science.

## DANCE DANCE DANCE

By: Sativa DeHart

Jump, twist, move to the beat, and drag your feet down to Weavers dance studio on Tuesdays for special interest class of dance.

Whether it’s from the

Cupid Shuffle to the Wobble to even standing on your toes to do some swing; or hip hoppin’ it to “Girls Rule the World” by Beyoncé; you are sure to get your blood pumping and your body mov-

ing in this class.

Our dance instructor Katrina Martir even enjoys doing some relaxing Yoga to calm your nerves. No matter what we do you are sure to have a blast!



## GAINING KNOWLEDGE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

By: Katherine Hollon and Sandra Estes

If you have attended the computer science class you have



learned many things about computers.

You have learned how to use Word to make many different types of documents, your own websites, and how to blog.

“Students seem to really like the computer science class,” according to Upward Bound

students Sandra Estes, “Sandra likes her blogging”.

Another Upward Bound student Tatum Cantrell, “I’ve made several websites”. The instructor of the class is Treva Macy.



## S.M.A.R.T GOAL SETTING

By: Ashley Kidd

Let me take a guess and say that you read the title and thought, “I’m not going to read all of this. It’s going to be boring.” Well, you might want to rethink and keep reading for a few minutes to see how this S.M.A.R.T Goal Setting System has helped a lot of your fellow Upward Bounders.



The S.M.A.R.T acronym stands for specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-based, and helps students achieve long-

term goals. The students must identify a career goal, an academic goal, and a life goal that is SMART!

Ms. Cravens gave this assignment to help her students look towards their future goals in life and to help them set up a plan of action.

When asked how the SMART system affected them, one stu-

dent replied, “It helped me better prepare for my future and realize the goals I really wanted to achieve,” another replied, “It made me see my goals in a more specific way so I know better how to reach them.”

If you’re having trouble setting your goals, knowing what you want to succeed in, and figuring out what you ultimately want out of your life, look into this system. It’s thorough and effective!



## HAVE YOU MET TA CHRISSEY?

By: Becca Fraley

Have you met the TA Chrissy? If not, you need to introduce yourself to her! She’s an amazing person.

This is Chrissy’s first year as a TA for Upward Bound. Chrissy’s full name is Christina England. She is from Sand Gap, Kentucky

which is Jackson County and she is 21 years old. She is a junior in college, majoring in English, and plans on becoming a University Librarian.

She was a student in Upward Bound during 2007 & 2008. Her favorite quote is “To be nobody

but yourself in a world that’s doing its best to make you somebody else, is to fight the hardest battle you are ever going to fight. Never stop fighting.”  
By E. E. Cummings.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## SPORTS UPDATE

By: Chris Conner

Worldwide Tennis Championships: Serena Williams takes her 7<sup>th</sup> National Title for the USA. Roger Federer also takes his 8<sup>th</sup> title for the USA, against London representative Andy Murray.

MLB Baseball: The New York Yankees take a 3-1 win, in a four game series against the Boston Red Socks. The Washington Nationals are on a hot 9 game winning streak, at the top of the division.

USA Basketball: The 2012 rosters have been printed out for the men's USA Olympic team who will play in London. The new faces on the outstanding team are Blake Griffin, James Harden, and Russell Westbrook.



## FLY AWAY WITH *A ROCKET TO THE MOON!*

By: Amelia Hahn

A Rocket to the Moon is an American Rock band from Braintree, Massachusetts. It was formed in 2006 by Nick Santino (lead singer and rhythm guitar) as a musical experiment, along with other members; Justin Richards (lead guitar, backup vocals, and bongos), Eric Halvorsen (bass guitar and backup vocals), and Andrew Cook (drums).

After an appearance on "Total Request Live" in 2008, the band soon took off and eventually got signed to *Fueled by Ramen Records*. The band re-

leased their first album, *On Your Side*, in 2009 and is set to release their second one, *Wild and Free*, in fall of 2012.



The bands' hits include "Baby Blue Eyes", "Like We Used To", and "Sometimes". Their musical style is influenced by pop-rock bands like *The All-American Rejects* and *Third Eye*

*Blind*; and even some pop-country like Taylor Swift.

Interestingly enough, you'll find these guys throwing some raving dance parties and rocking it out to hits like "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus (according to an interview by Seventeen Magazine). So you can definitely say that *A Rocket to the Moon* is phenomenal and I recommend checking them out, because they are amazing!

## Artistic Expression Corner

LIFE UNTITLED

By: Amelia Hahn



You may think I'm strange  
For thinking the way I do,  
But as I sit here on a decaying,  
But still strong log, I think of my life;  
My past, present, and future. I think  
Of it as a story, a novel not yet finished,  
With pages being turned every second  
Of every day. The title of this story, is not  
A long one; for you cannot title a life that  
One has lived, or is making, in many words.  
Life goes on to be simply untitled.

## FUN FACTS

By: Taylor Lainhart

- The City of Richmond was founded in 1798 by Colonel John Miller, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War.
- The Battle of Richmond was held here!
- The White Hall is said to be haunted by a man, named Cassius, while waiting for his ex-wife and children to return.
- A long time ago in Madison County, a prospector running from the law, buried a chest of silver somewhere along the banks of Silver Creek.
- In the whole state of Kentucky there is a population of 4,369,356!
- There is over 84,000 people in Madison County!