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Emory & Henry College

E&H approves new alcohol policy

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In an unprecedented policy shift, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees amended the current Emory & Henry alcohol policy on Wed., Aug. 27.

The new policy states, "Possession or use of illicit drugs on College property is prohibited at all times. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages on College property is prohibited except for individuals of legal age at special events approved by the President of the College. The student who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action."

This change is a momentous step for the college. The former policy did not allow for drinking on the tailgating field, but many students admit that there is alcohol consumed there. "I am pleased that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved a change in the alcohol policy that allows us to recognize that alcohol is consumed on our campus by individuals of legal age in the tailgate area on Saturdays of home football games. This allows the College to strengthen our security and safety procedures for our students, faculty, staff, and guests," President Rosalind Reichard said.



David Grace

This football season alumni and students 21 and over can to drink during tailgating. According to the e-mail sent out to by Dean of Students Pamela Gourley, "this motion passed to revise the Student Handbook permitting the drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages on College property by individuals of legal age at special events approved by the president of the College with the stipulation that the policy is approved with respect to tailgating at home football games only at this time."

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implementation of the new policy. The College has designated the area beside the Institutional Advancement House as a "family 'alcohol free' area" and the parking across from the King Center has been designated as the tailgating field and alcohol will be allowed for those who are of legal drinking age. Identification will be checked at the King Center field and you must be 21 or older to enter; if you are not of age, you must be accompanied by a parent.

The policy revision has prompted mixed reactions from the student body and alumni. "I think that the new alcohol policy is a good idea. Underage drinking is, after all, against the law. It will help protect those people who do tend drink in excess," sophomore Caroline Lawless said. Junior Jonathan Schmidt approves of the policy. "I think it's awesome because I'll be there drinking. I don't like having to go off campus to drink," Schmidt said. Recent graduate Ashley Billingsley said, "I think it will be a positive thing. It's good that President Reichard and the Council recognized what a farce the alcohol policy is as far as the tailgating is concerned."

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E&H among *Forbes'* Top 100 institutions

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Emory & Henry College was named one of the top 100 institutions nationwide by *Forbes* in the magazine's first-ever higher education ranking.

The College was ranked 98 out of nearly 4,000 institutions evaluated by the renowned business magazine and joined four other Virginia schools in the top 100. Surprisingly, James Madison University (195) and Virginia Tech (307) were not among the top 100.

Forbes based their rankings on several higher education standards, including the percentage of students graduating in four years, success of alumni and the number of students and faculty who have earned awards on a national level.

E&H students and faculty alike have expressed the impact of such standards at the College. President Rosalind Reichard said, "Emory & Henry belongs to the top 5 percent of colleges nationwide with the largest alumni contributions."

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New health center nears completion

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Medical care from a licensed physician will be more accessible for the Emory & Henry College community, upon completion of new facilities.

After the opening of the new health center next to the post office, students, as well as local residents, will be able to visit a doctor within walking distance four days a week, from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and until 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Though students will only be able to receive free care without an appointment during certain

hours on these days, during non-student hours anybody, including those not associated with the College, can make and pay for an appointment as they would at any other doctor's office.

The current building housing the College's health services will be torn down as part of continuing renovations around the campus. The new health center will be fully functional for just about any kind of routine medical examination, including lab work, though cases requiring X-rays will be referred to the Johnston Memorial Cancer Center.

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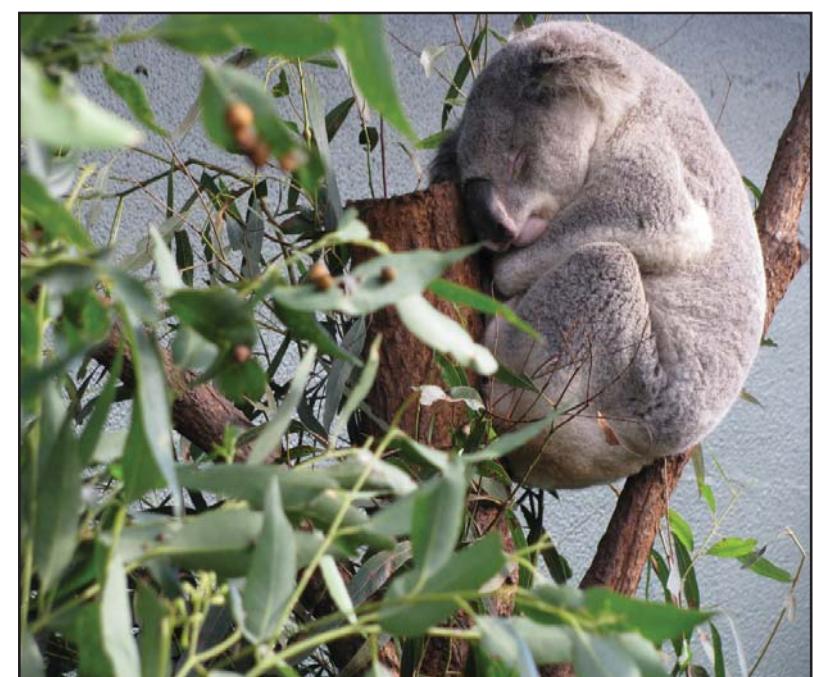
MCOM travels "down under"

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Emory & Henry students will have a chance to travel Down Under through the Mass Communication Department's first-ever course developed with an international travel component.

Mass Communication 350-Audio Production is a Special Topics course that will provide students with the fundamental experience of audio production for radio, television and the Internet. Students will produce and edit various audio packages, including public service announcements, news packages, commentaries, interviews and so forth.

The class will be taught by Kathy Porterfield during the spring 2009 semester on Monday nights at 7. To enroll in the course students must have com-



Kathy Porterfield

pleted English 101. The trip fees are \$3,800 provided students sign up by Sept. 30.

Students, as part of their class responsibilities, will travel to New Zealand and Australia and

visit several radio and television studios and interview professional people who are in the field.

Porterfield says, "Students are going to compare and

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Turner Vision Media hires E&H Alumni

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A group of recent Emory & Henry graduates and one E&H student are helping non-profit organizations and small businesses "Stand Out."

Jessica Turner, a 2007 E&H graduate, recently started her own media relations business, TurnerVision Media, L.L.C., which is something she has been yearning to do for over two years. With 2007 graduate Rebecca Boney as project manager, 2008 graduates Ashley Billingsley as web consultant and Blake Stowers as videographer, as well as current E&H senior Laura

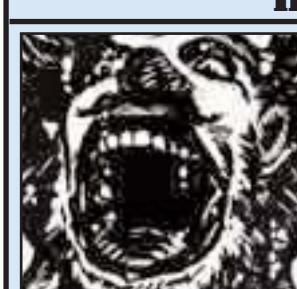


Laura Jane Hudson

Stowers, Billingsley, Turner, Boney and Hudson at the business' grand opening.

Jane Hudson, who helps provide graphic design and layout, Turner hopes to help make non-profit

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170th Charter Day draws large crowd to E&H

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Emory & Henry College celebrated the 170th anniversary of the granting of the college charter last Thursday.

Department Chair of Mass Communications Dr. Teresa Keller received the James A. Davis Faculty Award for her distinguished record of excellence in teaching. The award was an absolute honor to Keller. "It was the most wonderful day I can remember having in years," she said. Keller joined E&H faculty in 1985 after serving as a producer and noon anchor for WCYB-TV in Bristol, Va.

Dr. Richard W. Trollinger, Class of 1971, gave this year's Charter Day Keynote Address on "The Kindness of Strangers." Trollinger has served at E&H as Associate Director of Admissions, Director of Alumni Affairs, Director of Development and Vice President for Development and External Affairs. Trollinger concluded his speech by saying, "Be the stranger. Be the stranger who helps others."

Each year E&H recognizes an individual and an organization with service citations on Charter



Dr. Richard W. Trollinger gave this year's Charter Day Keynote Address on "The Kindness of Strangers" in Memorial Chapel. Day. This year, Vice President for Institutional Advancement J. Thomas Fowlkes presented John D. Tickle the individual Citation. Tickle is the president of the American Composites Manufacturers Association. Associate Professor of Geography Dr. Edward Davis presented the organization citation to the Appalachian Sustainable Development, which is an organization who serves citizens living near the watersheds of the Clinch, Powell and Holston rivers and focuses on developing healthy, diverse and ecologically sound economic opportunities through education and training and the development of cooperative networks and marketing systems.

President of the E&H Alumni Association Mathew C. Hankins, Class of 1994, presented the 2009 Distinctive Alumni Awards.

Chris Kolakowski, Class of 1999, won the A.L. Mitchell

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Suspicious male spotted in Carriger

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Emory & Henry College residents are being reminded to keep an eye out for and report all suspicious activity.

In early March, Campus Police were informed that an unidentified male had been noticed in the lobby of Carriger. The man left the lobby immediately and then proceeded to leave campus. Because of the delay in the reporting of the incident, Campus Police cannot confirm whether or not the man was homeless.

According to Assistant Dean of Students Todd Clark, Campus Police have paid special attention to the Carriger lobby this month, and there has been no news of similar incidents or of another spotting of the particular individual in question. "We continue to emphasize to students that they need to be mindful of each other's safety," Clark said.

All suspicious activity should be reported to Campus Police immediately.

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MCOM: 350 students gain experience 'down under'

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Emory & Henry College's Mass Communications Audio Production course traveled 'down under' to study New Zealand and Australia's media outlets over Spring Break. They returned to the States with first hand knowledge of each country's culture, environment and history as well.

While known commonly as "The Land Down Under," Australia is also known as the Skin Cancer Capitol of the World. The Audio Production students learned very quickly how important sun block is while

visiting The Great Barrier Reef in Cairns, since there is such a large amount of depletion in the ozone layer over Australia.

Senior Greta Compton thought that she had fully prepared for the stronger Australian sun while visiting The Great Barrier Reef. "I've never been sun burnt in my life, until I was out at the reef. I burned straight through SPF 80 sun-block. I knew I was going to the tropics, but I didn't really realize the sun could be so different," she said.

Senior Rachel Guthrie's experience at The Great Barrier Reef turned out a little different than she had expected.

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During the third annual Cardboard City, students slept in cardboard boxes to imitate what it would be like to be homeless in order to raise money for the House of Hope.

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Holy Ghost Tent Revival to return

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The eclectic rock band Holy Ghost Tent Revival will return to the Emory & Henry campus for a 9 p.m. concert on Saturday, April 4.

The band, which performed last semester in Martin Brock Gym, will be performing outside in The Village for Emory Activities Board sponsored concert. Many E&H community members are very excited about the concert, and the band is as well.

EAB Advisor Josh Griffith knows The Holy Ghost Tent Revival had a great time during their first performance at E&H. "The band really seems to love Emory & Henry. While passing through our area a few weeks ago,



Holy Ghost Tent Revival will be playing their second concert at E&H Saturday.

they thought about stopping and setting up in the middle of our campus and playing -- that's how much they like playing here," he said.

After a very large turn out for last semester's concert, the Activities Board felt that the con-

cert needed to be moved to a larger venue, and the Village seemed to be a good fit. This venue will also provide better sound quality than the Martin Brock Gym, a major benefit considering this band's sound.

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Young Alumnus of the Year Award, which is awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has made outstanding professional achievements during the first 15 years after graduation. Kolakowski has worked at the Civil War Preservation Trust in Washington D.C., and the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association as the Executive Director from 2005 to 2008.

Paul Hubble, Class of 1968, won the Fred Selfe Distinctive Service to Emory & Henry Award, which is awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has provided extraordinary support to

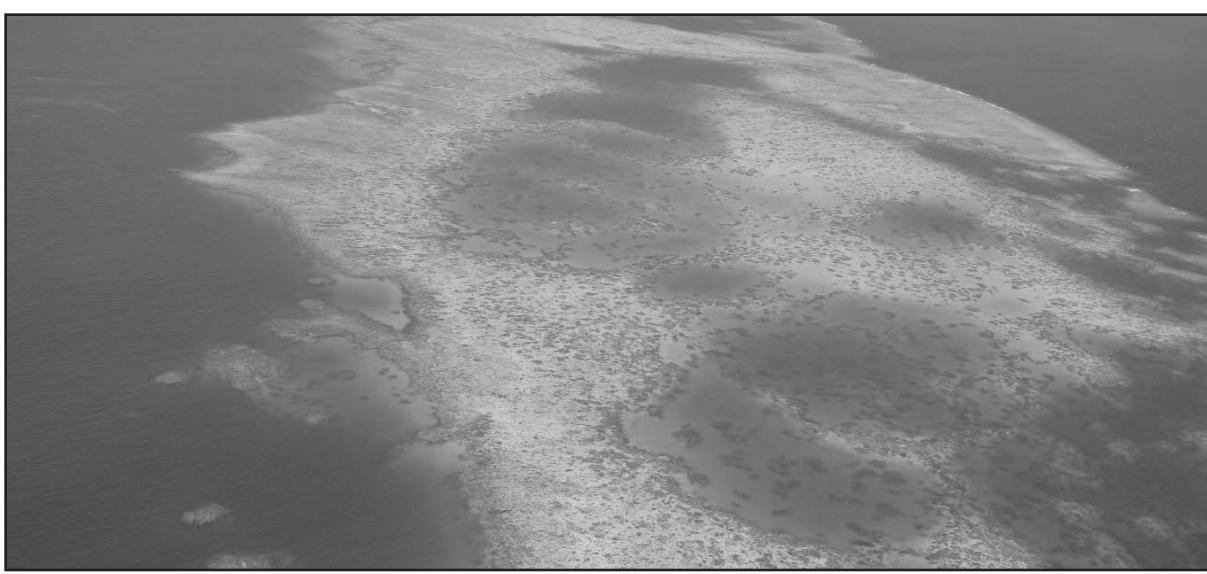
the College. Hubble served as president of the Emory & Henry Alumni Board of Directors during 2005 and 2006. He was also the first alumnus to serve on the College's Strategic Planning Committee.

Beth Perkinson McCoy, Class of 1969, won the Distinguished Achievement Award, which is awarded to an individual or individuals with a record of excellence in a volunteer of professional capacity. McCoy has served the last 16 years as music director for the East Tennessee Children's Choir.

Jennifer Murphy, Class of 2000, won the Carl and Ruth Looney Humanitarian Award,

which is awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has shown extraordinary commitment to others. Murphy is currently conducting her post-doctoral research, focusing on methods for identifying and purifying contaminated drinking water, through the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at UNC Chapel Hill's School of Global Public Health. Murphy's father accepted her award since she is working in Cambodia.

Charter Day guests were also invited to a luncheon in the main dining room of Van Dyke Center as well as the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Wiley Hall.



Kathy Porterfield



Kate Sigety

Top: MCOM: 350 Professor Kathy Porterfield took a helicopter ride over The Great Barrier Reef, so that she could see both an upclose and wider view perspective of the reef.

Bottom: Niki Buchanan, Kate Sigety and Ashton Morrow view the effects of ozone layer depletion on coral in The Great Barrier Reef on a glass bottom boat.

OZONE: MCOM students witness ozone layer depletion

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"Everybody made such a big deal about having no ozone layer, that I reapplied sunscreen too often and didn't even return home with a good tan," she said.

The ozone layer works as the Earth's natural form of sunscreen by blocking out ultraviolet radiation, which can damage DNA.

With only .3 percent of the

world's population, Australia manages to account for 6 percent of all lethal forms of skin cancer diagnosed; 1,200 Australians die each year because of skin cancer.

Ozone depletion occurs because of the release of chlorofluorocarbons and other ozone-depleting substances, which are used widely as refrigerants, insulating foams and solvents. The manufacture, import and export of chlorofluorocarbons and

methyl chloroform have been controlled in Australia since 1989.

Skin Cancer is not the only negative effect of the ozone layer depletion in Australia. While snorkeling, scuba diving, taking helicopter rides and looking through glass-bottom boats, the Audio Production students learned and witnessed the bleaching effects that ozone layer depletion has on the coral in The Great Barrier Reef.

Upcoming Events

Fri., April 3

Last day for withdrawal from class with a WP grade

Tommy Edwards:
The Ugly Truth
Memorial Chapel
7 p.m.

The Altruists
by Nicky Silver
Alpha Psi Omega
Production
Byars 113, 8 p.m.

Sat., April 4

E&H Sciencefest 2009
MS 102
9 a.m.

Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness
Memorial Chapel
10 a.m.
Preview Day

Holy Ghost Tent Revival Concert
The Village
9 p.m.

Sun., April 5

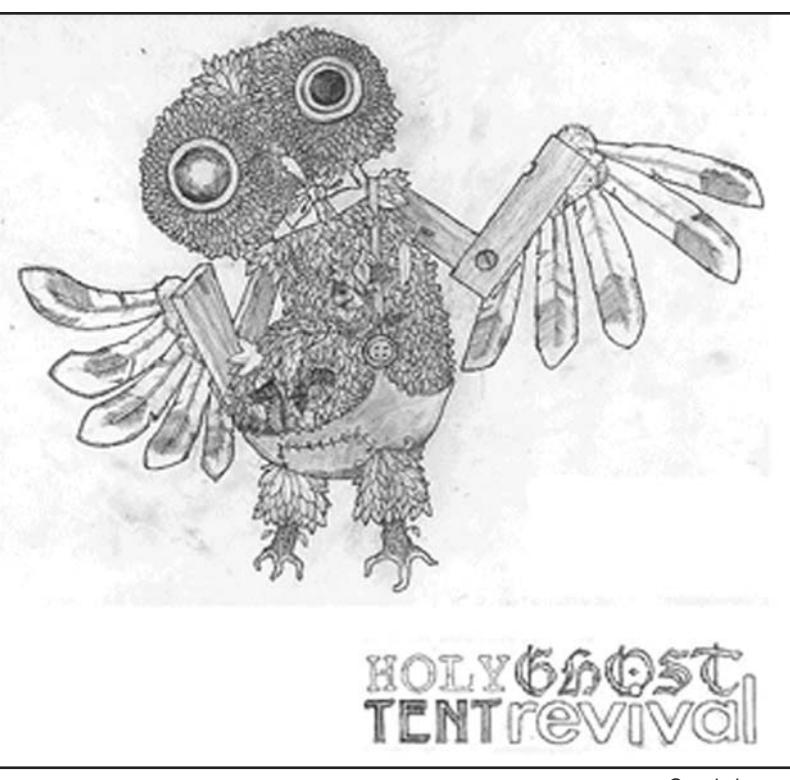
E&H Festival Choir and Orchestra:
A Handel Celebration
Memorial Chapel
3 p.m.

Mon., April 6

Preregistration begins for rising seniors

Tues., April 7

Exhibit: Michael Marshall
The Map Maker's Journey
The 1912 Gallery
Noon-5 p.m.



HOLY GHOST
TENTrevival

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The Holy Ghost Tent Revival will play outside in the Village Saturday night.

CONCERT: Holy Ghost Tent Revival returns to E&H for second concert

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This concert is just one of six concerts held this semester in hopes to boost student participation in campus activities. "EAB has really tried to feel the pulse of student interest and provide fun activities. Although EAB may not have the type of funds other activities boards work with at larger colleges and universities,

EAB has made a conscious effort to provide quality activities. EAB will provide seven live music concerts in the fall - all chosen by students," Griffith said.

If you have any questions concerning Saturday's concert or want to participate in campus activities, contact Josh Griffith at jgriffith@ehc.edu.

When it comes to reporting a suspicious person, always...

Try to be Prepared to answer questions about

- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Complexion
- Eye and hair color
- Facial hair
- Scars
- Tattoos

If the suspicious person is in a vehicle, try to remember the make, model, color and license plate number.

Remember that suspicious behavior can be
people in or around areas who do not appear to be conducting legitimate business

unauthorized people in restricted areas

people who follow immediately behind others into card-access areas or buildings while the door is open

people driving vehicles slowly and aimlessly around campus or parking lots and, at night, without their lights on

people sitting in vehicles for extended periods of time

people who change their behavior when they notice that they have been detected

people dressed inappropriately for the weather or occasion, for example a coat on when the temperature is warm

people abandoning parcels or other items in unusual locations, like in the lobby or in the elevator

To contact campus security, call extension 6222

E&H hosts HopeTree walk-a-thon

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On September 14, Emory & Henry College will be hosting HopeTree's Abingdon area "Walking the Path...Where Love Grows" Walk-A-Thon.

Registration for the event will begin at 12:30 that afternoon at the Fellowship Hall, where food and activities will be available. The walk begins at 2:00 and will be one mile long with participants walking past the cafeteria, around the stadium and returning to Fellowship Hall.

HopeTree Family Services is a Christian organization that seeks to provide "residential and support services to at-risk children and youth and to adults with developmental disabilities." The organization's beginnings can be traced back to the establishment of the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia in the late 19th century.



As the years went on, the organization's causes gradually extended and expanded to include not only orphans, but the disadvantaged and disabled. During the 1990s, a new all-encompassing and non-denominational name and image was decided on to reflect the organization's new identity. HopeTree provides about \$3 million a year toward their various causes through programs like the Walk-A-Thon. Sunday's Walk-A-Thon, the first E&H has ever hosted, will be one of five taking

place across the Commonwealth with hopes of raising \$120,000 for the organization. HopeTree organizers are especially looking forward to this event, and according to Special Events Coordinator Rachel Vogeley, are excited about it being hosted at the alma mater of their director of communications, Mark Early.

Volunteers are needed for assistance in registration, food and directing traffic. In addition, says Rachel Vogeley, "if someone is creative and wants to play music, do sack races with kids, balloons, etc., we are definitely open to talking about that too." Those looking to volunteer their time and assistance, or any seeking more information about the event and/or HopeTree, should contact Rachel Vogeley at (540) 389-2112 x. 272 or visit the organization's website www.hopetrees.org.

MCOM: Media to cross oceans

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contrast multimedia 'down under' with the media in the U.S. They will actually visit the Maori television studios in Auckland, New Zealand, which is completely owned and operated by the indigenous Maori people. They will also get to visit The ABC, or The Australian Broadcast Corporation, getting hands-on experience at their radio, television and movie studios in Sydney, Australia, before leaving New South Wales for Cairns, Australia, in the northern territory of Queensland, where they'll get involved with the day to day operations at The ABC - Far North studios."

The itinerary for the trip includes exploring the Daintree rain forest, see up close and personal koala bears, kangaroos, and crocodiles, as well as explore The Great Barrier Reef and visit an aborigine village and talk with the

natives of Australia during some of their down time.

The trip will be handled through EF (Education First) Tours with Kathy Porterfield chaperoning and introducing the students to professionals in the field of broadcasting. Through a travel grant from Emory & Henry College, Porterfield was able to visit the respective locations this past summer and set up visits with operation and station managers at radio and television stations in Auckland, New Zealand, and Sydney and Cairns, Australia. She says, "The personnel are excited about having American 'university' students visit their venues, and they're looking forward to interacting with them."

Students interested in the Mass Communication 350 class should contact Kathy Porterfield at kporterfield@ehc.edu, or attend the Study Abroad Fair on Sept. 15.

POLICY: E&H community reacts to alcohol revisions

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While many students are in favor of the policy, others can see problems with the new rules. Senior Sara Gearheart commented, "I feel that the new alcohol policy is a good thing. My only concern is that some people will find ways to abuse this new policy and then people 21 and older won't be able to drink at special events." "I feel like it's a win lose

situation. I like the fact that there will be a designated place for those who are of age to drink if they choose. However, I do not like how the new tailgating fields will segregate the E&H community. I have many friends who are not yet 21, and now I will not get to hang-out with on the tailgating field before and after games," senior Aj Hagee said.

MEDIA: Turner stays true to alma mater

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With the slogan 'Stand Out,' Turner's main goal for Turner VisionMedia, L.L.C. is to provide and produce images and logo design for non-profit organizations and small businesses through a combination of print design, videography, web consulting, promotional materials and public relations.

TurnerVision Media, L.L.C. celebrated its grand opening August 16th in Arlington, Va., where Mass Communications Department Chair Theresa Keller gave a keynote address.

TurnerVision Media, L.L.C. already has its first client, Heritage Investment Group, an investment and financial management company for individuals and small businesses. The Group is looking to TurnerVision Media, L.L.C. to help improve

their letterhead, business envelopes and brochure.

Although this group of E&H graduates and students are building the foundation for TurnerVision Media, L.L.C., it is not the only responsibility on their minds. Turner is currently working towards her Masters of Communication and MBA at Johns Hopkins University. Stowers is working towards his film degree at Regent University, while Hudson is finishing her senior year at E&H. "I am actually still working with the company now, trying to build our portfolio for the future. It's a little hard to do on top of school work and everything else I have going on at school, but I am managing my time well enough to get it all done," Hudson said.

Hiring E&H alumni and students is not the first time that Turner and Boney have given

back to E&H since graduating. During last year's Mass Communication Banquet, Turner and Boney got together to donate, for the first time, the Rebecca Boney Jessica Turner Promise Award. "I was very impressed by Rebecca and Jessica's contribution to the Mass Communications Department," sophomore Savanna Dean said, after attending last year's Mass Communication Banquet.

Hudson, along with her colleagues, is excited about the future of Turner VisionMedia, L.L.C. "I am going to continue working with Jessica and TurnerVision Media LLC after school. I can only hope that what we do now will build the company so that when I do graduate, the company will be making enough profit for me to have a full time job," Hudson said.

HEALTH: Emory clinic to open soon



The new health center, which will be named Emory Internal Medicine is under construction next to the post office.

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The clinic will be the new Emory branch of the Abingdon Physician Partners (APP) and is being built with support from Johnston Memorial Hospital. The decision to build a new health center, according to R.N. Phyllis Blevins, was partially the result of students repeatedly asking why they could not "have a doctor all day." "This will be a good thing for students who are getting what they asked for," Blevins said. One aspect of the

new health center that will be particularly beneficial to female students will be the availability of OB/GYN checkups. While such services were once routinely offered especially for students who were far from home, they have not been available on campus for years.

Dr. Karen Elmore, the physician who will be serving at the clinic, is a Tennessee native and graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After completing medical school and her residency at the Medical

College of Virginia, Dr. Elmore practiced medicine in Richmond for several years before moving to Abingdon and working at the medical center in Saltville. Dr. Elmore said that she looks forward to working with students and is "so excited to be in Emory."

Phyllis Blevins is also very excited about the health clinic. In addition to the pleasure expressed in the quote that heads this article, Blevins said that she is enthralled about "everything...I like it all."

