



From the Office of President Richard Rafes

East Central University

Campus Update April 10, 2008

EAST MAIN PLAZA WILL MOVE FORWARD

The Ada City Council signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" with ECU this week to work out the details of developing a plaza adjacent to the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

According to the memo, the city will construct the "East Main Plaza" from architectural specifications that will be provided by ECU. Funding by the city for this project will not exceed \$170,000. After the plaza's construction is complete, ECU will provide ongoing maintenance and construction of a water feature and an entrance sign. ECU will also be responsible for scheduling events to be held in the plaza area.

An architectural rendering shows a proposed pedestrian plaza. The rendering, created by Rees Associates Architects of Oklahoma



City, looks east from just inside the entrance of the plaza toward Science Hall at the east end of Main Street.

ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS EVENING JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The ECU Career Development Center Nomination Committee has reviewed many well-deserving students and narrowed down this first-time student award to three finalists that include: Staci Brewer, Klent Johnston and Kristen Thompson

First through third place winners will be announced at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at ECU's Organization and Leadership Awards Evening in the Estep Center in the University Center.

ECU OPPOSES HB 2513- GUN BILL

ECU Student Senate, Faculty Senate and Staff Council joined campuses throughout the state to sign resolutions in opposition to HB 2513. It appears that the state Senate will not support the controversial bill to allow certain people to carry concealed weapons on college campuses.

RECEPTION WELCOMES UKRAINIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS TO ECU

The first exchange students to come to ECU



from Ukraine were welcomed to campus on Wednesday. The 10 students and one professor from Kiev National University of Linguistics in Ukraine are here for a month-long stay under ECU's new Study Abroad exchange program with sister universities in Kiev and Moscow.

ECU's Study Abroad program established exchange agreements last November with the Ukrainian university and State University of Management in Moscow, Russia. The agreements allow both ECU students and faculty to change places with their counterparts at the sister universities.

"THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST" NOW ON STAGE

Popeye Jackson (played by Catie Caton), a sweet but strange seamstress, takes measurements before making a beauty contest costume for Carnelle Scott (Natalie May) in a scene from "The Miss Firecracker Contest. The comedy will be presented at 8 p.m. through Saturday, April 12, in ECU's Dorothy Summers Theatre.



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NELSON TEACHING MASTER CLASS FOR FLUTISTS MONDAY

Canadian flutist Dr. Conor Nelson will teach a master class for flute majors on April 14 at ECU. The class is free and open to the public.

The class will be from 4:30 to 6:10 p.m. in the ECU band room in the Instrumental Music Building. Students of Juliana Overmier, ECU flute instructor, will perform works including Debussy's "Syrinx," Mozart's "Concerto in D," and Pergolesi's "Concerto in G."

ECU TRANSFER ENROLLMENT DAY



College students planning to transfer to ECU attended Transfer Enrollment Day. The students were able to get a head start on their summer or fall classes.

They could meet with faculty members in their degree programs, enroll in classes, take a campus tour, obtain their student ID cards and parking permits and purchase textbooks for summer classes.

ARTISTS GIVING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING 4 IN 4 WORKSHOP APRIL 19 AT ECU

Four artists will give demonstrations on various media and processes in a 4 in 4 Workshop April 19 in ECU's Art Department.

Featured artists Gail Ayers, Mark Etier, Wayneath Weddle and Aaron Hauck will give participants an opportunity to share knowledge and gain exposure to unusual techniques or methods.

The doors will open at 9 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts, with workshops beginning at 10 a.m. A \$12 supply fee will be charged at the door, and class size is limited to 22 in each workshop. Artists may participate in more than one workshop.

ECU STUDENT EXHIBITING WORK AT MSC

New works by ECU senior art major Amber O'Kelley are on exhibit through April 30 at Murray State College in Tishomingo. The MSC art department is exhibiting the work in the Campus Center. Admission is free.

ASTRONOMY CLUB SETS APRIL VIEWINGS

Night-time and early morning astronomy viewings have been scheduled April 10 and April 30 by ECU's Astronomy Club.

Tonight's viewing of the moon and Saturn will be from 9 to 9:30 p.m. at the ECU Observatory adjacent to the Physical Plant Building and northeast of the football stadium. The April 30 viewing of Jupiter and the moon will be early, from 5 to 5:30 a.m. at the observatory.

TIGER CAUSE DANCEATHON IS COMING

The CREW is pleased to announce the formation of a new charity event. Tiger Cause is a danceathon which will raise money to support the Ada Area Youth Shelter. During the event there will be activities, games and challenges for the teams comprised of 10 dancers to compete.

This year's event will be themed "Dance Dance Evolution" as we dance through the decades. The event will be held on April 17 beginning at 6 p.m. until midnight. All STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MEMEBERS are invited to form a team! Dance all night at Tiger Cause!

ECU'S COLLAGE PERFORMING AWARD-WINNING WORKS IN FORT WORTH

Collage, ECU's dance ensemble, will perform in the Kaleidoscope concert on April 10 at the National Choreography Award Concert at the National



Conference of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Fort Worth.

The concert includes performances by "the best of the best" dance companies from schools and universities nationwide. Collage will perform "The Way Within" as a winner of a National Choreography Award.

The ensemble also was selected to perform "Tomorrow," choreographed by Dr. Victoria Dansby, ECU associate professor of communication, on Friday morning in the D.O.T.S National Choreography Award Concert.



ZANAZANIAN'S SUCCESS STORY

ECU senior Brian Zanazanian recently sold two reality card game shows to ABC. The show is underwritten by the Chickasaw Nation and will film at Winstar Casino. The reality TV shows "The Split," a show about blackjack tournament and "The River," a show about poker tournament will air from June to Sept. on ABC.

ECU STUDENTS WIN TOP SPOTS IN OBEA SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION

Two mass communications majors at East Central University dominated the scriptwriting category in the 2008 Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association Student Competition.

Blair Waltman of Maud placed second with her script, "Spaced! Online Addiction," and Jeremiah Edwards of Ardmore placed third with his script, "Uncrossed Starred Lovers."



TOP JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE STUDENTS COMPETE

Some 300 of the top high school and junior high school science students from across the state competed at ECU. Students presented their research projects at the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair and their research papers at the Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science. Both are held annually at ECU.

Dr. Rafes awarded \$1,000 scholarships to ten participants.

The ECU Alumni Association is hosting
TULSA AREA REUNION
 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 19, 2008
 Fox and Hound Pub & Grille
 Broken Arrow
 \$15/person

ECU College of Health and Sciences Hosts Student Leadership and Lecture Series

The Association of Black Students and the Native American Student Association sponsored ECU's College of Health and Sciences Student Leadership and Lecture Series. The theme for the lecture was "Celebrating diversity, leadership and success in the fields of science and math."

The highlight of the day was a panel discussion from guest speakers which included Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman, environmental scientist and the director of the Indian Natural Resource, Science and Engineering program at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.; Dr. Brandon Jones, biochemist/marine biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Environmental Research; and Dr. Ashanti Pyrtle, assistant professor at the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida.

Others were Dr. Suzanne Van Cooten, research hydro meteorologist at the National Severe Storms Laboratory at the University of Oklahoma; Dr. Edward Khiwa, director of Health Care Administration and Gerontology for the School of Nursing and Health Professionals at Langston University; Ashton Robinson Cook, doctoral student and research assistant at the School of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma; and Jana Talley, doctoral student of mathematics pedagogy at the University of Oklahoma.

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS HOSTED ANNUAL BANQUET

Dr. Edward Khiwa of Langston University was the guest speaker at ECU's Black Heritage banquet. The banquet was in observation of Black Heritage Month.



Khiwa is an associate professor and director of Health Care Administration and Gerontology for the School of Nursing and Health Professions at Langston University. He also served as the senior guest professor and academic advisor for health care administration students at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

EDUCATORS SPEAK AT PRE-SERVICE COLLOQUIUM AT ECU

The final pre-service colloquium of the 2007-08 school year for education students was conducted by the Center for Advancement of American History at ECU.

The two Teaching American History Grant projects serve 5th grade social studies teachers in Pontotoc, Garvin and Seminole counties. The two-day workshops for education students and future teachers have been part of the TAH Grant projects since 2003.

Approximately 250 ECU education students have benefited from the pre-service colloquia over the years, and the workshops are considered one of the major long-term successes of the three cooperative ECU/Area School Districts' Teaching American History Grant projects.

ECU STUDENTS VISIT THE STATE CAPITOL



Jerry Studebaker, ECU international students and programs director, and nine ECU International students attended "International Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 24.



Three ECU nursing faculty and 49 senior nursing students participated in "Nurses' Day at the Capitol" on Feb. 26.

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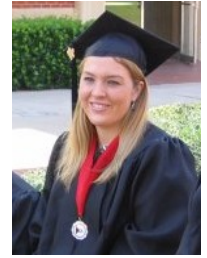


The Regional University System of Oklahoma entertained hundreds from across the state at the

Chesapeake Boathouse in Oklahoma City. ECU's Brass Quintet and Rory the Tiger represented the university well.

ECU GRADUATES STAND OUT!

Shiloh Renes, a 2007 graduate of ECU has been named the recipient of a \$15,000 Merit Scholarship from the Oklahoma City University School of Law for the 2008-09 school year. OCU makes many scholarships available for returning students in the top 10 percent of their class but very few were given out at the \$15,000 level.



Renes credited her experiences at ECU for her success in law school. "I knew how to brief and read cases which gave me a real head start. You just cannot do this without a good strong foundation," she said.

Crystal Johnson, ECU graduate student, and ECU student Drew "Shawn" Sturdevant performed a farewell musical theatre concert.

Johnson will leave at the beginning of May for a 14-week musical theatre contract in Montana then will move to New York City in September. Sturdevant recently left for Hong Kong to develop the role of Bruce in the new Disney musical "Finding Nemo."



QUILTING AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

On March 4, Johnston County Historical Society member Vickie Luster mesmerized Dr. Marty Pennington's East Central University Social Studies Methods class with her presentation on quilting and the Underground Railroad. She also will speak to the ECU Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa at 4 p.m. on April 14 in the Danley Hall Atrium.



These functional art pieces were not only beautiful but were also the "ticket" to freedom as the quilts kept the "passengers" on this Underground Railroad informed.

WHITNEY ADVISING HAWAIIAN MICROBIAL OCEANOGRAPHY COMMITTEE



Dr. Vivian Williamson Whitney, director of the Institute for Environmental Sciences Education and a grants research specialist at ECU, has been selected to serve on an education advisory committee for the University of Hawaii.

She also is an evaluator for the Minorities Striving and Pursuing Higher Degrees of Success in Earth System Science mentoring initiative for the Institute for Broadening Participation in Damariscotta, Maine.

SERVICE LEARNING IN ACTION



Todd Essary's Freshman Seminar Class works hand in hand with ECU's Child Development Center to plant fresh flowers

DR. RAFES TAKES A PIE IN THE FACE



The ECU Math Club and Department sponsored Pi Day 2008. The event, which raised more than \$300 for the Compassion Outreach Center, was a tremendous success.

WELCOME TO ECU!

Mary Weddle

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 10-12

ECU Theatre, "The Miss Firecracker Contest," 8 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

April 10

"On Oklahoma Ground: A Celebration of Native American History," Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation, 2008, 7 p.m., Estep Multimedia Center.

Jessica Townsend, Senior Clarinet Recital, 7:30 p.m., Faust Auditorium

ECU Jazz Ensemble, 9 p.m., Perfect Blend Coffee House

Tiger Cub Play Date, 6-7:30 p.m., McBride Gym

Astronomy Viewing, 9 p.m., ECU Observatory.

April 11

Baseball, ECU vs. Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.

April 12

Service Saturdays, UC, 9:15 a.m. for registration

Baseball, ECU vs. Eastern New Mexico (DH), Ada, 1 p.m.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity Golf tournament, Eccentric Duffer

Chi Omega garage sale-The Source Building, 7a.m-2 p.m.

April 13

Baseball, ECU vs. Eastern New Mexico, Ada, 1 p.m.

Jaime Jones, Senior Piano Recital, 3 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

ECU vs. RSC, Ada Soccer Field, 2:30 p.m.

April 14

Orange Crush Hypnotist, Regents Room, 8 p.m.

Master flute class taught by Dr. Conor Nelson, 4:30 p.m., ECU band room.

Denim Day at ECU, in recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 15

Orange Crush Tie Dye T-shirts, Danley Lawn
11a.m.-1 p.m.

Music Department Student Recital,
3 p.m., Faust Auditorium

"What We've Learned: Higher Education after Virginia Tech," Estep Multimedia Center, noon - 1 p.m.

ECU Credit Union's annual meeting,
Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

April 16

Orange Crush Harry Potter movie with prizes,
Estep Multimedia Center, 8 p.m.

Academic Excellence Day,
University Center noon – 5 p.m.

Induction Ceremony, ECU Educators Hall of Fame,
Danley Hall Atrium 2:30 p.m.

April 17

Orange Crush Tiger Cause Danceathon,
McBride Gym, 6 p.m. - midnight

Men's and Women's Tennis
ECU vs. University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, 1 p.m.

Southeastern Oklahoma Mental Health Fair,
3 – 6 p.m., EOSC McAlester Campus

April 18

SNOW DAY-Classes and Campus Closed

April 19

ECU Alumni Association Tulsa Area Reunion,
7 p.m., Fox and Hound Pub & Grille in Broken Arrow

4 in 4 Artist Workshops, Art Department

April 21

Student Show, Art Department Gallery, April 21-May 2

ECU Chorale/University Chorus,
7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church

April 22

George Nigh Award Luncheon,
11:30 a.m., South Dining Hall

Softball
ECU vs. Cameron (DH), Ada, 2 p.m.

Music Department Student Recital,
3 p.m., Faust Auditorium

College of Health and Sciences Awards,
7 p.m., Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom

April 23

Softball, ECU vs. Texas Woman's, (DH), Ada, 1 p.m.

April 24 & 25

Dance Concert, 8 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

April 24

Student Organization and Leadership Awards,
7 p.m., Estep Multimedia Center

Baseball, ECU vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, Ada, 2 p.m.

April 26

Baseball, ECU vs. Southeastern Oklahoma (DH), 2 p.m.

April 27

Baseball, ECU vs. Southeastern(DH), Ada, 2 p.m.

Instrumental Ensembles Concert, 3 p.m., Wintersmith Park

April 29

Music Department Student Recital,
3 p.m., Faust Auditorium

ECU Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band,
7:30 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

Leonard Limes Lecture,
7 p.m., Estep Multimedia Center

April 30

Tiger Leadership, 5 p.m., Governor's Room

Astronomy viewing, 5 a.m. ECU Observatory