



From the Office of President Richard Rafes

East Central University

Campus Update April 17, 2008

DEPARTMENT AWARD PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT ACCOMPLISHED STUDENTS



The Education Department and Honors Program held their annual awards and recognition programs on April 16. Hundreds of

students were recognized and hundreds more will be recognized during the following events:

English & Languages Department

April 17

Communication Department Banquet

April 17

Health & Sciences Ceremony

April 22

Organization and Leadership Awards

April 24

Human Resources Department Luncheon

April 24

Art Department Awards Presentation

April 28

Faculty & Staff Recognition Banquet

April 28

School of Business Banquet

May 1

Athletic Department Banquet

May 1

53rd ANNUAL STUDENT EXHIBITION OPENS



The 53rd Annual Student Exhibition will be on display from April 21–May 2 in the University Gallery in the Art Department to highlight students' work in ceramics, drawing, digital imaging, painting, prints, sculpture and watercolor.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT ECU - April 22 *Water Festival*

The southern Oklahoma premiere of the "The Unforeseen," an independent documentary about water resource and development, will be featured during the fifth annual Water Festival/Ada Earth Day event at 6 p.m. on April 22 in Estep Center. The event is free and open to the public.



ECU, the City of Ada and the US-EPA's Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center will sponsor the activities through the day to focus on the importance of water to society and to local communities. Activities will include hands-on and visual demonstrations of water- and environment-related issues.

Literati Plans Earth Day Tree Planting

The Student Organization, Literati will plant a tree in celebration of Earth Day 2008 at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, northwestern side of Danley Hall.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY SET

All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to participate in the second annual Campus Beautification Day, from 1 – 4 p.m. on April 25. Volunteers will meet in front of the University Center to get assignment the day of, weather permitting.

2ND ANNUAL ALL-SPORTS GOLF CLASSIC

The second annual All-Sports Golf Classic will be April 28 at the Dornick Hills Country Club in Ardmore. The All-Sports Golf Classic will feature Dr. Gil Morgan, ECU alumnus and PGA Champions Tour Professional.



All proceeds will benefit ECU Athletics. For registration or additional information, call 580-559-5604 or 580-559-5590.

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ECU 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

Come and join the fun at the Make-A-Swish 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Saturday, April 26, at ECU.

The fee for participation is \$30 per team, and includes a free t-shirt for each player.

Grade divisions for boys and girls include: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th-9th, High School (10th-12th), College (ages 18-25), Adult (ages 25-35) and Adult (ages 35 & over).

For more information, contact Diana Clampitt at 940-390-8231 or Heather Beam at 580-235-1654.

ECU DAY OF PERCUSSION FEATURING CLINICS, CONCERTS ON SATURDAY

Noted percussionists will conduct clinics and three percussion ensembles will perform concerts April 19 during ECU's third annual Day of Percussion.

All events are free and open to the public. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in ECU's University Center and door prizes will be awarded at each session.



John W. Parks IV, an artist, clinician and assistant professor of percussion at Florida State University, will conduct an orchestral percussion clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.



Thomas Burritt, a percussion soloist, concert marimbist, clinician and director of percussion studies at the University of Texas at Austin, will conduct a marimba master class from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.



Brannen Temple, a specialist in drumset, is one of the most sought after drummers in Texas. He plays in the Austin-based bands Blaze and Hot Buttered Rhythm and has performed with numerous artists.

Other performances include: McAlester High School Steel Band and African Ensemble at 12:30 p.m. ECU Percussion Ensemble, Ada High School Percussion Ensemble Concert will be held at 3:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the University Center.

GEORGE NIGH AWARD HONOREES NAMED

Co-winners of the George Nigh Award will be honored next week. Aradhna Pillai and James (Jimmy) Brown III will be the first co-winners of this distinguished award since 1982. Gov. George Nigh is expected to attend.

Pallai is a political science major from Fuji. Brown is a chemistry major from Cushing. They both have received many honors and are extremely active on campus.

The presentation will be made at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the South Dining Hall on April 22. The meal is \$5. Please call 580-559-5213 to reserve your seat.

CHORALE, CHORUS AND WOODWIND ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM

A new musical setting by Ada composers Victoria Davison and Rudy Lupinski of a 9th century text used mainly in Catholic Holy Thursday services will be premiered April 21 by ECU students.



"Ubi Caritas Et Amor," which means "where charity and love are, God is there," will be performed in a concert of the University Chorale, University Chorus and ECU's Woodwind Ensembles at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Scissortail Writing Festival

The 2008 Scissortail Creative Writing Festival attendance was up nearly 60 percent over last year.



According to Dr. Ken Hada, more than 800 spectators took advantage of the three-day event at ECU. The 48 visiting writers were thoroughly impressed and enjoyed themselves. The students gave excellent feedback too!

HADA TO HOLD BOOK SIGNING ON CAMPUS

A book signing for Dr. Ken Hada's, *The Way of the Wind*, will be from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at the Hallie Brown Ford Atrium in the Linscheid Library.



ARDMORE NURSING DEPARTMENT EXPANDS

This month the ECU Nursing Program at Ardmore opened the doors to a new facility which will accommodate ECU nursing students in the fall of 2008.

Last fall the Southern Oklahoma Memorial Foundation awarded a grant to Mercy Memorial Health Center to support the expansion of the ECU nursing program at Ardmore.

Now the ECU Nursing Program at Ardmore is identical to the program ECU offers at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

ECU's Department of Nursing at Ardmore's first class began this spring at the Ardmore Higher Education Center.

**MUSICIAN CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AT ECU**

An internationally renowned Native American artist, a noted historical performer, an award-winning Choctaw musician and the 2008 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation

visited ECU for the annual campus series "On Oklahoma Ground: A Celebration of Native American History."

The series, sponsored by ECU's Hayes Native American Center, included appearances by Edgar Heap of Birds, Dr. Michael Hughes as Cherokee Chief John Ross, Brad Clonch and his band "Injunuity" and a forum of the Chickasaw women.

**SHELBY JANE BAYS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED**

An endowment has been established in the East Central University Foundation Inc. by Richard and Sharon Bays of

Davis in honor and memory of their daughter, Shelby Jane Bays.

The Shelby Jane Bays Memorial Scholarship will be awarded each year to an upper division student who is preparing for a career in dentistry or the medical profession. Priority will be given to students majoring in biology, physics or chemistry, in that order.

ECU EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS THREE OKLAHOMA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Three Oklahoma Teachers of the Year were inducted into the Gene and Evelyn Keefer ECU Educators Hall of Fame yesterday.



The 2008 inductees are ECU graduates who have been named Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. The inductees include Pat Kellogg Roller, George E. Abshire and Stephanie Canada.

Their photographs will be displayed in the Hall of Fame in the Education Building along with those of Dr. Bill Cole, Clarence Oliver and Marvin Stokes, the first inductees in 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS, ECU JOURNAL

The ECU Journal recently received eight awards at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association Conference and Awards Banquet. The OCPAC recognizes students from four-year and two-year private and public colleges and universities in Oklahoma.

Jomain McKenzie, associate editor, won first place in investigative reporting. Josh Pulattie, sports editor, won third place in sports writing. Jeremiah Edwards, editor-in-chief, won honorable mention in editorial writing. Zay Shaeffer, guest cartoonist, won honorable mention in editorial cartoons. The Journal web site, under the direction of Elizabeth Bragg, won the award of merit for online newspapers.

The Journal also won the award of merit for overall newspaper quality, front page design and excellent interior page design.

ORANGE CRUSH WEEK ENDS WITH A GOOD CAUSE

Many students took advantage of the extracurricular activities sponsored by The CREW this week. Their annual Orange Crush Week will end with Tiger Cause, a danceathon which will raise money to support the Ada Area Youth Shelter.



Tiger Cause will begin at 6 p.m. tonight held in McBride Gym, and last until midnight.

ECU STUDENTS PRESENT AT WRITING CENTER CONFERENCE

Six ECU students recently gave presentations at the South Central Writing Centers Association conference at OU. Presentations were arranged around the theme "Writing Out Loud," and along with student and faculty presenters, the conference had three plenary speakers, including former *Oklahoma Observer* editor Frosty Troy, writing center scholar Anne Ellen Geller and East Central University Professor Kevin Davis.



ECU OFFERING 'ALL ABOUT ART' FOR AREA YOUNGSTERS

Students in ECU's Art for Secondary Teachers class and the Ada Arts and Heritage Center are conducting a series of free

art classes for elementary students each Wednesday in April.

'GEN Y GUY' SPEAKS TO TEAM GEAR UP STUDENTS AT ECU

A best-selling author, acclaimed speaker and award-winning entrepreneur often referred to as the "Gen Y Guy" was the keynote speaker this month for TEAM GEAR UP's annual Career Symposium at East Central University.

Jason Ryan Dorsey, who wrote the national bestseller "Graduate to Your Perfect Job" in his college dorm room, addressed approximately 320 9th grade students from Allen, Byng, Milburn, Roff, Stonewall, Tupelo, Vanoss and Wapanucka.

DR. CHARLIE JONES IS RECOGNIZED



Dr. Charlie C. Jones was recently named the 2008 A.C.C.E.S.S. Award (Advocacy, Cooperation, and Concern for Encouraging Student Success) recipient by OK-AHEAD (Oklahoma Association on Higher Education and Disability).

The ACCESS Award is presented yearly in recognition of someone outside the field of Disability Support Services who advocates, supports, or furthers the issues of equal access and equal opportunity to higher education for students with disabilities.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT MEMBERS PART OF PANEL DISCUSSION

This month three members of the ECU Communication Department formed the nucleus of a panel discussion at the annual Central States Communication Association Convention in Madison, Wis.



The panel focused on Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Front row: Hugh Beall, Robert Greenstreet Back row: Rebecca Gatz, Melissa Beall, Arlie Daniel and Carol Pandak.

**YEAR BOOKS WILL BE HERE SOON!
PURCHASE YOURS TODAY!**

ECU is publishing a *Pesagi* yearbook this year – with a fresh, new look and in full color for the first time.

Advance orders recommended -- order your book online today at www.ecok.edu/current/

Staff members will be set up around campus or visit third floor in Danely Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS!**April 15-May 2**

Student Show, University Gallery

April 18

SNOW DAY- No 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

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

Human Resources Department Luncheon

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

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

April 25

ECU Campus Beautification, 1-4 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 28

Art Department Awards Presentation

Faculty & Staff Recognition Banquet

April 29

Leonard Limes Lecture,
12:30 p.m., Estep Multimedia Center

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

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

April 30

Astronomy viewing, 5 a.m. ECU Observatory

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

May 1

Ken Hada Book Signing, 2-4 p.m.

School of Business Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Athletic Department Banquet, 7 p.m.

May 2

Mudstock

May 5-9

Final Exams

May 10

Commencement Ceremonies
10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Kerr Activities Center

May 12-May 30

May Intersession

May 16

Veterans Appreciation Day hosted by ECU Veterans
Upward Bound, program from 11 - 11:30 a.m.,
reception 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Estep Center.