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East Central University
Campus Update

From the Office of the President

January 22, 2009



ANDERSON BEGINS INTERIM PRESIDENCY

Dr. Duane C. Anderson officially became ECU's interim president Jan. 1, 2009. With enthusiasm he welcomed everyone back during the January

Faculty and Staff Meeting. He also expressed that it is an honor to serve as the interim president during ECU's Centennial Celebration.



He vowed to do his best to keep ECU moving in the right direction until a new president arrives. Most recently Dr. Anderson spoke on a panel at the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon. Like other panel participants, Anderson identified legislative issues of concern.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NOW UNDERWAY



The Centennial Celebration marking ECU's 100th birthday in 2009 is officially underway. Exactly at midnight during First Night Ada, ECU reminded every-

one that we will be celebrating its centennial all year long.

What's next? Visit www.ecok.edu/centennial.

ECU'S HORACE MANN SOCIETY

The newly formed Horace Mann Society will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the ECU Regents Room. The meeting is open to all who want to participate. Please RSVP by Monday, Jan. 26.

The society will discuss raising funds for a memorial to commemorate the Horace Mann Laboratory School that was part of ECU for 50 years.

For more information, contact Dr. Bill Osborne at 580-559-5350.

ECU WATCHES AN HISTORIC INAUGURATION

The ECU community gathered on Jan. 20 in the Estep Multimedia Center to watch history in the making with the inauguration of the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama.



EXPERIENCE PERU

Dr. Gregory Plumb and Corey Miller will offer "An Immersive Approach to Experiencing Peru" on Friday, Jan. 23, at 3:30 p.m. in Horace Mann, room 114.



RECYCLE YOURSELF

Organ Donation Saves Lives. Each Day 18 people die waiting for an organ. Each of us can give the gift of life by registering as an organ donor. Learn the facts about organ donation and make an informed decision.

Monday, Feb. 9 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Horace Mann, RM 116

For more information, contact Satara Armstrong at 559-5705 or sarmstro@ecok.edu.

AINSWORTH GIFT TO HELP ECU STUDENTS VISIT RUSSIA, UKRAINE

A \$1,000 gift from an Ada resident will help two ECU students travel to Russia next spring to learn more about the country and language they are studying.



Linda Ainsworth made the gift on behalf of her late husband, Gary Ainsworth, an Ada businessman who had made several trips to Ukraine and had taken Russian language classes at ECU taught by Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya, associate professor of English and languages.

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STUDENTS COMPLETE LARGE SCALE PUBLIC SCULPTURE

Students in Aaron Hauck's Sculpture II class at ECU built The Horse which stands 27 feet tall and 19 feet wide. The silhouette is the first installed work in a sculpture garden that has begun taking shape in the heart of the new Arts District of Ada.

The silhouette horse sculpture project was commissioned by Mark Landrum, chairman of Landmark Bank, and underwritten by a \$10,000 contribution from the bank to the ECU Foundation Inc.



STATE INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF MEET AT ECU

Oklahoma Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (OKRID) held its biannual meeting at ECU this past weekend.

Janna Byrd, ECU assistant professor of human resources and OKRID's 2008-09 vice president, registered more than 100 members from the statewide organization.

ECU was the first university to provide comprehensive student support services for the deaf and hard of hearing in Oklahoma.

FIRST GRADUATES COMPLETE ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM AT ECU

Danny Hooper gets a final check of his cap and gown in December from Dr. Shirley Mixon, director of ECU's Adult Degree Completion Program—Reach Higher. Hooper returned to ECU after 23 years to complete a bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership. He and Melissa L. Layton of Stratford were the first two graduates of the program which allows adults to complete bachelor's degrees while working full time.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

ECU residence advisors are not your ordinary students. . . this spring a new method of training was introduced. "Behind Closed Doors" training consisted of mock situations in residence hall rooms. Residence hall staff members went through the situations and responded to them, then debriefed about what they did well and what they could have done better. The third floor lobby of Pontotoc Hall was set up to conduct the training from an attempted suicide to a room checkout to an angry parent. "It is a really interesting and effective way to train", said Jason Bewley, director of housing and residence life.



Moment in ECU History



Science Hall, the first building on the campus of what was then East Central State Normal School was built by Texas Building Company for \$94,700. Both offices and classrooms were housed in the building and the library occupied a single classroom at the southeast corner of the second floor. An auditorium, now known as the Dorothy Summers Theatre, was part of the building as well. Throughout ECU's 100-year history, many academic departments have called Science Hall home. At present the departments of nursing, math and communication are located within the building.

TWO ECU INSTRUCTORS WRITE BEST PAPER

ECU Business Administration faculty members Dr. Hongkai Zhang and Dr. Jim Rauch were recently notified by the Federation of Business Disciplines that their paper, "A Note on Modeling Service Capacity Allocation Under Varying Intensities of Competition" has been named the best paper in the Services Marketing track for the upcoming Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators meeting. The paper was also selected as the best paper in the conference, and will receive the McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award.

**DR. PATRIZI RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS**

Dr. Patrizi served ECU from 1978 through the end of 2008. In addition to his career in higher education, Patrizi is a licensed psychologist who has maintained an independent practice since 1986.

He is a past chair of the Department of Psychology and a past chair of the Cultural Activities Committee, the Continuing Education Committee and the Graduate Committee, and has been a member of the Board of United Campus Ministry and the East Central Credit Union.

WELCOME TO ECU!

Brianna Willis

Nursing Instructor

Heather Prentice

Nursing Instructor

Kristy Lankford

Nursing Instructor in Durant

Kyle Gardner

Native American Retention Specialist

Jillian McCarty

Kinesiology Instructor

Rachel Wiseman

Testing Assistant - Disabilities

Renee Hogue

Project Director - Native American Voices

Cassie Holloway

Program Assistant - Continuing Ed

Scott Templin

Native American First Year Coordinator

Stephanie Lynn Moore

Secretary/Receptionist in Academic Affairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 22

The Amazing Centennial Race, 6 p.m., Estep

Jan. 23

An Immersive Approach to Experiencing Peru,
3:30 p.m., HM 114

Jan. 28

Deloss McGraw Reception
5-7 p.m., Art Department Gallery
Women's Basketball, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball, 8 p.m.

Feb. 3 & 4

Blood Drive, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., North Lounge

Feb. 4

Black Out - Beat SOSU
Women's Basketball, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball, 8 p.m.

Feb. 6

Last Day to RSVP for Sweetheart Social

Feb. 9

Recycle Yourself, 12:30-1:30 p.m., HM 116

Feb. 12

ECU Faculty & Friends Composer Concert,
7:30 p.m., Ada Arts and Heritage Center

Feb. 14

Women's Basketball, 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball, 4 p.m.
Alumni Orange and Black Sweetheart Social,
6 p.m. Ballroom

Feb. 19 - 22

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ECU Presents

"Cinderella"