



# Campus Update

## October 2013

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

### GRANT OBTAINED FOR SCIENCE FAIRS AT ECU



Pushing for the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education, Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack and Oklahoma House of

Representative Todd Thomsen, along with representatives from ECU obtained a \$50,000 grant from the Okla. State Dept. of Ed. to be applied toward ECU's two science and engineering fairs – the East Central Oklahoma Regional Science Fair and the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair – and all of the other International Science and Engineering Fairs and associated regional fairs in Oklahoma.

### ECU STUDENT HONORED AT NATIONAL STEM CONFERENCE



Linzi Thompson, a junior environmental health science and chemistry major from Sulphur, recently received the Student Leadership in Research Award

at the National Women of Color STEM Conference in Dallas during fall break. Thompson, of Choctaw and Cherokee heritage, was one of only three recipients of the award presented to minority students from across the country. Thompson has worked on three research projects with the latest being an Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (OKLSAMP) project with ECU Professor Dr. Guy Sewell.

### CHRIS LANE NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



A memorable exhibition event between ECU and

Redlands Community College was held on Oct. 24, in Duncan in memory of Chris Lane.

### BREAKING GROUND IN ARDMORE

President John Hargrave participated in the groundbreaking for the University Center of Southern Oklahoma's



new campus. The first phase of the new campus will include a 48,000 sq. ft. health and science building which will house the ECU nursing program currently offered in Ardmore.

### 'SEWING HOPE' FILM TO PREMIERE AT ECU

Just days after being viewed at the Napa Valley Film Festival, one of those documentary movies, "Sewing Hope," will be shown on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at ECU's Ataloo Theatre inside the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. "Sewing Hope," which will be making its premiere at ECU, is a documentary film, narrated by Forest Whitaker. The story is about Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe, who runs a school in Gulu, Uganda for young women formerly abducted and used as sex slaves and child soldiers by the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, Joseph Kony. The 54-minute film was directed by Derek Watson.



PLAN TO ATTEND

East Central University Presents

**It's a Little Sweeptuit**

**blood, sweat and mouseketeers**

with Musical Director Bob Lambert

Presented and written by the author of the book *It's a Little Sweeptuit*

Nov. 6, 7-30 p.m.

Ataloo Theatre  
Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Age appropriate language only

**FREE ADMISSION**

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SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVE SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Business of Show Business, Ford Auditorium

Nov. 6, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Auditions, Ford Auditorium

Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Auditions, Ford Auditorium

ECU Theatre Presents

*The Imaginary Invalid*

Adapted by Timothy Mooney

By: Moliere



Nov. 14 - 16, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Chalmers Harmon Theatre  
Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Tickets:

- \$10 Adults, \$5 Senior Citizens & Non-ECU Students
- ECU Alumni receive \$1 discount
- Admission is free for all ECU Students, Faculty & Staff with ECU ID

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**WAGNER MAKES DONATION**

ECU President Emeritus Dr. Stanley P. Wagner has established a \$50,000 endowment, the “Stanley P. and Diana M. Wagner University Chorale

Endowment,” to help defray costs as ECU’s University Chorale is scheduled to make a trip to Washington D.C. in December. The University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. J. Steven Walker, is the touring ensemble for the choral department and performs a wide spectrum of the finest chorale literature. Wagner’s donation is made in tribute to his late wife, Diana.

**BENCH DEDICATION HELD FOR DR. SHARP**



A bench dedication was held on the ECU campus in honor of Dr. Ralph Sharp, retired professor of education. Sharp was nominated on numerous occasions for Teaching Excel-

lence Awards and twice served as interim dean of ECU’s Education and Psychology Department. Sharp also helped establish secondary principal and school superintendents programs at ECU.

**TALKINGTON, ODOM RECEIVE JUDY CARROLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**



Anna Talkington, an ECU sophomore English education major from Pauls Valley, and sophomore Cayla Odom, an English education major from

Purcell, are the recipients of the Judy Carroll Memorial English Scholarships. Judy Carroll, who graduated from ECU with bachelor’s and master’s degrees, was an educator who taught English from 1975 until she retired in 1998, and served as a guidance counselor. Prior to teaching in Ada, she taught three years in Norman. Presenting the awards was Carroll’s granddaughter Holly Beers.

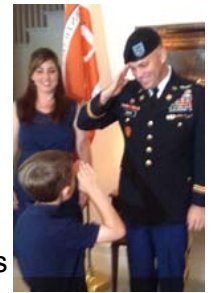


**TIGERPALOOZA CONTEST**

The fourth annual Bron Warren Tigerpalooza Marching Band contest was held at ECU. More than 3,000 people participated in the event. Proceeds will go toward the Bron Warren Scholarship Fund.

**ECU ALUM MURRAY PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN U.S. ARMY**

ECU alum J. Scott Murray was promoted to rank of Colonel in the United States Army during a ceremony held at the Sterling L. Williams Foundation & Alumni Center this summer. Col. Murray has received numerous awards and decorations during his military career. He received a regular army commission as an infantry officer from ECU’s ROTC in 1992.



**ECU ALUM/FORMER INSTRUCTOR BISHOP SPEAKS AT GSA EVENT**

Mary Bishop, ECU alum and her partner, Sharon Baldwin, served as guest speakers at a Gay-Straight Alliance event on Oct. 10 at ECU. They shared the journey they have taken to fight for same-sex marriages in Oklahoma.



**ECU GRAD CONDUCTS BOSWELL LECTURE**

Social media expert Maira Moraes Ollila delivered the 2013-2014 Boswell Lecture, Social Media in the Business World. Ollila received a business administration degree from ECU in 2007, and was named a School of Business Distinguished Graduate. She earned an MBA, with a concentration in international business and marketing, from Oklahoma City University, in 2010. Today, she holds the position of associate program manager, marketing, Latin America for Liberty Mutual Insurance.



**PONTOTOC COUNTY RETIRED TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION**

Charlee Lanis, coordinator of the ECU Center of Continuing Education and Community Services, spoke to members of the Pontotoc County Retired Educators Association during their monthly luncheon on Sept. 20, at the Elks Lodge in Ada. Lanis encouraged the attendees about participate and/or teach continuing education programs for all ages.



**ALUM IMPRESSED WITH CAMPUS CHANGES**



Oklahoma Heritage Bank Chairman of the Board R. Darryl Fisher, an alumnus of

ECU, receives a plaque from President John Hargrave, recognizing OHB's support for ECU programs and activities, during the Tigers' home football opener against Arkansas-Monticello on Sept. 7. It was the first time in which Fisher had been to Norris Field in over 50 years. He wrote about his experience on Sept. 7, past involvement as an ECU student and the changes to the campus in OHB's October Wrangler Newsletter. Here is a link to that newsletter: <http://www.okheritage.com/newsletters/October%20Newsletter.pdf>.

**ECU'S JUNIOR BUSINESS ACADEMY A SUCCESS**

Elementary students from Ada's Willard Grade Center participated in ECU's



Junior Business Academy in which they planned, secured loans, purchased supplies, set up stands and sold lemonade at a Tigers' home football game. During the three-week academy, sponsored by the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, the Willard students learned about advertising, record keeping, promotions and how to manage their stands. Funds raised were donated to local nonprofit organizations.

**TIGER FOOTBALLER HOLLEY SETS ECU RECORD**



ECU senior Caleb Holley set an ECU record with 224 receiving yards in the Tigers' 64-14 home victory over Northwestern Oklahoma State on Oct. 19. He had 212 yards of receiving in the first half which had already established the school record. Holley, from Anchorage, Alaska, caught 10 passes in the contest and tied a school mark with three touchdown receptions of 54, 11 and 46 yards.

**GADDIS' DONATE ELECTRIC CAR TO ECU**

Roger and Leigh Gaddis ('80 Alum) of Gaddis & Gaddis Wealth Management donated an electric car to ECU for use as a campus-wide transportation vehicle. The Tomberlin Emerge LE is a "street legal," all electric, low speed vehicle (LSV) with a top speed of 25 miles per hour.



**GRANT TO HELP ECU STUDENTS**



Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, it may now be easier for ECU students, who have young children, to complete their degrees. The \$88,300 grant to ECU, through the Tiny Tiger Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Project, is designed to benefit campus-based child care services for low-income students. Among the benefits for ECU will be the addition of a full-time family services specialist, working in conjunction with the already established campus children's center. The new family services specialist will assist military students and their children, function as an assistant in the child development center and have some classroom responsibilities within the department.

**GRANT TO ENGAGE CAMPUS IN PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The ECU Brandon Whitten Institute and Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition has received a \$625,000 grant for five years (\$125,000 each year) to involve and engage the campus and Ada community in preventing substance abuse among youth. The grant came through the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. According to Holli Witherington, executive director of the Brandon Whitten Institute, funds from the grant will be used to perform environmental prevention strategies for things like compliance checks, retailer education, promotion and education on social host laws, etc. A full-time grant coordinator will be hired as well.



**CAREER FAIR HELD ON CAMPUS**



A massive number of ECU students attended the Career Fair on Oct. 23 in the new Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Representatives from business and

career fields were on hand to answer questions and meet with students concerning their future plans following graduation.



**BIDDY PARTICIPATES IN AMGEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Brent Bidy, a senior at ECU, participated in the Amgen Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. The program provides fully-funded, hands-on scientific research experiences to undergraduate students

across 10 United States universities and three in Europe. He was one of 255 U.S. students to be selected as an Amgen Scholar from a national pool of 3,640 applicants. Complementing his science education at ECU, Bidy has completed a summer research project on A Triple Antibiotic Combination to Combat MRSA Infection, under the mentorship of Gautam Dantas.

**SPELLING-READING CONNECTION GRANT OBTAINED BY DR. REGINA SMITH**



ECU Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Regina Smith believes there is a closer connection between spelling words and simply reading them. That is why Smith, thanks to a \$7,000 grant from the OSRHE, is venturing into Ada City Schools to help in-service and pre-service early childhood teachers recognize and understand

that there is synchrony in literacy development. In a program titled Synchrony in Literacy Development – Spelling-Reading Connection, participants will learn about the spelling-reading connections and that reading and spelling development are intertwined and mutually supportive tasks. Through the spelling-reading connection program, an emphasis will be placed on the use of appropriate instructional materials to maximize instructional time and learning.

**PROFESSOR RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE**

Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya, ECU's English and languages professor / global education director, was recently awarded the title



of Honorary Doctor of two cooperating universities – Ukrainian-American Liberal Arts Institute “Wisconsin University Ukraine” and the M.P. Dragomanov National Pedagogical University in Kiev, Ukraine. By her visit, Sukholutskaya communicated with WIUU teachers and students, took part in practical exercises, and performed a presentation of the various ECU programs. As a result, she found two (and possibly more) Ukrainian students who will study at ECU.

**PHYSICAL PLANT STAFF MEMBERS HONORED**

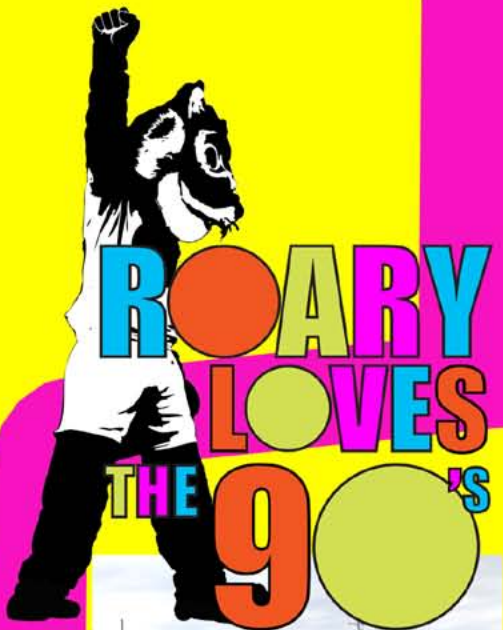
ECU's physical plant conducted an awards assembly in September as numerous staff members were presented certificate of training and supervisor training awards. The event was conducted by Darryl Overstreet, director of physical plant, and the awards were presented by Jessica Boles, vice president for finance and administration.



**Spring 2014  
Pre-enrollment  
Begins Nov. 4th**

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Golf Tournament



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