



Campus Update

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From the Office of President John R. Hargrave



ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB AT ECU

Spring enrollment at ECU is up by 3 percent compared to spring enrollment one year ago. This is the

sixth semester in a row that ECU's enrollment has been higher than the previous comparable semester.

Enrollment for the 2011 Spring Semester is 4,662 students.

SOUTHEAST REGION LEGISLATIVE TOUR

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's 2011 Legislative Tour was a great success. More



than 70 elected officials, regents, trustees and academic leaders throughout the southeast gathered in Krebs to hear OSRHE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. The chancellor shared the importance and success of higher education in Oklahoma.



WATKINS LECTURE FEATURING JUSTICE RUDOLPH HARGRAVE

"A Conversation with Justice Rudolph Hargrave" is the title of the 2011 Lou Watkins Lecture. The lecture will be on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Ataloe Theatre. Hargrave received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from ECU in 1989

and he served on the Oklahoma Supreme Court from 1978 to 2011. This public address will be his first since retiring from the bench. Justice Hargrave will be introduced and interviewed during this program by John Williams, executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Association and a graduate of ECU. For more information, contact Christine Pappas at 559-5640.

HONORING OF BILL COLE

One of the three major buildings constructed at ECU during the presidency of Dr. Bill S. Cole was formally dedicated in his honor on his birthday on Nov. 29.



The Estep Multimedia Center was packed as Dr. Cole was remembered. Speakers at the ceremony included OSRHE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, RUSO Regent Joanna Hibler, ECU President John Hargrave and his sons, who represented Cole's family.

ECU'S EIGHTH PRESIDENT INAUGURATED

John R. Hargrave was inaugurated as ECU's eighth president on Nov. 19.



Hundreds of Hargrave's friends, family and community members were on hand to celebrate the special day. Connie Reilly, chair of the RUSO Board of Regents, delivered the charge of leadership. The symbols of office were presented by Reilly, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and Regent Mike Mitchel.



ECU ADMINISTRATORS MEET WITH US REP. COLE

Meeting with U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (third from left) in his Washington, D.C., office are East Central University President John Hargrave (far right); Dr. Steve Turner (left), ECU vice president for administration and finance; and Amber Pollard, a field representative for Cole. The ECU administrators talked with Cole about issues important to ECU.

WHITTEN ADDRESSES DECEMBER GRADUATES



An award-winning attorney who works to stop drug and alcohol abuse among young people and also helps impoverished people in Africa delivered the memorable commencement address. Reggie Whitten, co-founder and managing partner of the Whitten Burrage law firm in Oklahoma City, spoke to 262 bachelor's degree candidates and 108 master's degree candidates and their families.

Whitten also is the co-founder of the Whitten-Newman Foundation, which helps children realize their potential, Pros for Africa and Pros for Vets.



MARVIN STOKES EN-DOWED LECTURE
Area Teachers of the Year meet with Elizabeth Smith (center, front row), the 2011 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, also Byng's Teacher of the Year and an ECU graduate, before she spoke at ECU's Marvin Stokes Endowed Lectureship.

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'JERRY ANDERSON NIGHT'
ECU held 'Jerry Anderson Appreciation Night' on Jan. 19. Coach Anderson served as ECU men's basketball coach from 1967-78 and then filled the role of athletic director from 1978-82.

During his coaching tenure, Anderson was named NAIA District 9 Coach of the Year for 1970-71 and guided the Tigers to three District 9 titles in 1970, 1971 and 1975. As a result of the district championships, ECU participated in three NAIA national tournaments under Anderson's direction.



MLK REMEMBERED
ECU students re-enacted a sit-in in honor of MLK and Smart Start South Central sponsored an international expert, Jerry Tello, in the areas of culturally based violence prevention, strengthening families and community mobilization.

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ECU JOINS GREAT AMERICAN CONFERENCE

ECU is now a member of the Great American Conference. ECU joins a nine-member league that includes six NCAA Division II universities from Arkansas and three from Oklahoma.

The nine member institutions are ECU, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma and in Arkansas, Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Harding University in Searcy, Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia and the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

FOOTBALL ENDS ON A HIGH

It was a turnaround of gigantic and magnificent proportions for the ECU football program in 2010.



The Tigers, coming off a 0-11 finish in 2009 and predicted to finish in the cellar of the Lone Star Conference North Division, silenced the critics by grabbing a share of the LSC North crown at 5-1 and finishing at 5-6 overall.

ECU Postseason Awards

- Tim McCarty - LSC North Coach of the Year
- Armonty Bryant - LSC North Defensive Lineman of the Year
- Carlos Savala - LSC North Offensive Lineman of the Year
- Bryant and Dontae Smith - All-LSC North First.

FEED THE FAMILIES

The ECU Fellowship of Christian Athletes, under the direction of State Rep. Todd Thomsen and the ECU Athletic Department, held their third annual 'Feed the Families' event. The event helped 100 needy families from Ada and the surrounding communities receive a complimentary Thanksgiving meal.



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GO TIGERS!

THREE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!**60 PIANISTS PERFORMING**

Sixty pianists of all ages and abilities from the Ada area will present a unique concert Jan. 23 at ECU, with as many as 16 pianists performing at the same time on eight pianos.

The ECU Department of Music, in conjunction with the 2011 worldwide celebration of Collaborative Music, will present the Piano Ensemble Concert at 2:30 p.m. in the Ataloo Theatre in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The concert is being coordinated by ECU music instructor W.T. Skye Garcia and has been officially registered with the Music Teacher's National Association.

**SOUTH PACIFIC**

ECU Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's *South Pacific* Feb. 17-19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ataloo Theatre. The production is directed by graduate student

Vickie Reifsnnyder. Please contact the ECU Theatre at 559-5600 for ticket info.

**DALLAS BRASS - AMERICAN MUSICAL JOURNEY**

Dallas Brass will perform at ECU on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Ataloo Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$8 for students and ECU faculty and staff.

This program incorporates a full complement of brass and percussion for a musical travelogue through American history. There is definitely "something for everybody."

**'TASTE OF UKRAINE'**

ECU offered a unique dining experience -- "Taste of Ukraine," which included borsch and dumplings prepared by three officials from International Christian University in

Kiev, Ukraine.

The Ukrainians, including the president of the university, also provided cooking demonstrations.

STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Eight political science and legal studies majors at ECU attended the American Association of Political Consultants Academic



Outreach Conference at the University of Akron in November to learn about careers in politics. They were mentored by professional political consultants and heard panels on campaigns and elections.

NOYCE TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

The first recipients of \$10,000 Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships at ECU are Laura Johnson (front row, from left) of Holdenville, Jessica Pitts of Winter Haven, Fla., Tabitha



Heaton of Noble and Erin Fixico of Konawa, with Dr. Janet Wansick and (back row) Dr. Robert Ferdinand, and James Gordon of Ada, Cody Barlow of Harts-horne and Seth Barkhimer of Wewoka. Not shown is Jeffery Spears of Ada. ECU is the only university in Oklahoma ever to receive the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Grant. After the recipients graduate, they will teach high school mathematics for six years in a "high-need" school district in Oklahoma.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OVERSEAS MILITARY

The Veterans Assistance and the Admissions and Records Offices at ECU asked people to sign Christmas cards that were to be sent to military personnel serving overseas.

CHILI COOKOFF AIDS ADA BOYS, GIRLS CLUB

The annual chili cookoff held by ECU's fraternities and sororities joined together to raise money for the Ada Boys and Girls Club.

**ART AUCTION**

Works of art by ECU alumni and faculty members were auctioned off to raise money for scholarships in ECU's Art Department. The auction was held at Loretta Yin's Ninth Street Studio.

ECU FOUNDATION INC. RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

ADA ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION



The Ada Artist's Association has transferred \$15,000 that their members have raised over the years for scholarships to the ECU Foundation Inc. The Ada Artists' Association Loretta Yin Centennial Scholarship goes to an upper level art major. Pictured: Phyllis Kunze, Dr. Brad Jessop, Loretta Yin, Dr. Gerald Williamson and Dr. Rosemary Benya.

ADA HIGH CLASS OF 1970



The creation of the Ada High School Class of 1970 Centennial Endowment Scholarship was announced at its 40th class reunion with an initial

donation of \$7,500. This scholarship is for Ada High School students who plan to attend ECU. *AHS class of 1970 pictured:* Dan Asklund; Phyllis Kunze, executive director of the ECU Foundation Inc. and AHS class member; Jim Rice; LaDona Hill and Bob Cantrell.

FRANK & RUTH KENNON



The Frank and Ruth Kennon Scholarship was established in memory of former ECU Football Hall-of-Famer Frank Kennon. Kennon coached high school athletics for 36 years and was inducted into the National High School Coaches' Hall of Fame. The scholarship will assist a football player who has used up all athletic scholarship funds but needs financial assistance to complete a degree to become a football coach. Ruth Kennon (right) is pictured with Phyllis Kunze and Dr. Gerald Williamson.

W.E. & MINNIE MARTIN



This scholarship was established by W.E. and Minnie Martin's grandchildren, Pete and Jackie Duncan (left) and Don and Maria Martin, to defray the cost of books for ECU

students from Pontotoc or Seminole Counties. Also Shown is Phyllis Kunze.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/23/2011

ECU Piano Ensembles Concert
2:30 p.m., Ataloo Theatre

1/24/2011

Nick and Chris Geisler Senior Recital
7:30 p.m., Ada Arts and Heritage Center

1/25/2011

Watkins Lectureship Featuring Justice Rudolph Hargrave
7 p.m., Ataloo Theatre

1/26/2011

Women's Basketball vs Northeastern State
6 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs Northeastern State
8 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

2/1/2011

Stalking Awareness Seminar-
What you should know about stalking.
11 a.m. & 1 p.m., Estep

Mentors in Violence Prevention
6:30 p.m., Ballroom

2/3/2011

Christina Kushnick Senior Recital
7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

2/5/2011

Service Saturday

Women's Basketball vs Texas Woman's
2 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs Rhema Bible
4 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

2/6/2011

Baseball vs St. Gregory's
noon & 2:30 p.m., Baseball Field

2/8/2011

Mentors in Violence Prevention
6:30 p.m., Ballroom

Interscholastic Meet
9 a.m.-noon

2/10/2011

Fatal Flaw, presented by ACT II
7:30 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

ECU Mission

East Central University's mission is to foster a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff, and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society.

Within its service area, East Central University provides leadership for economic development and cultural enhancement.