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Campus Update

*From the Office of the President*

**July 30, 2009**



### **PRESIDENT HARGRAVE COMPLETES FIRST MONTH**

It is hard to believe I am completing my first month at ECU. I have met so many amazing people both on campus and in the community. The energy and excitement throughout brings memories of the past and ideas for the future. I want to continue in the same direction to make ECU the best place to be.



Again, I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all those I have met. My wife, Kay, and I have been overwhelmed by the welcomes from our community. During my first days I met more than 500 people at a Welcome Reception hosted by ECU's Faculty Senate and Staff Council. We look forward to moving to Ada and becoming actively involved in the community. We are getting reacquainted with our many friends who live in Ada and are gaining new friends.



### **A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION**



Dr. Duane C. Anderson holds a bronze tiger, a gift from the ECU Faculty Senate in appreciation of his service as interim president of ECU from Jan. 1 through June 30. Connie Reilly (right), a member of the

Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, and ECU faculty and staff members applaud Anderson at a reception held in his honor. He returned to his position as ECU's provost and vice president for academic affairs July 1 when Dr. John Hargrave became ECU's eighth president.

### **RIBBON CUTTING PLANNED**

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the recently completed Pat O'Neal Strength and Conditioning Center will be on Thursday, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m.



The 6,250 square-foot workout facility was named in honor of former head coach Pat O'Neal. It is located just east of Norris Field and will house free weight and Nautilus equipment for all 13 sports.



The building dedication is planned for Sept. 19 before the first home football game. O'Neal served as head coach of the Tiger football program from 1972-1989. He guided ECU to a 97-87-4 record in those 18 seasons and posted eight conference championships.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Dedication of the  
Hallie Brown Ford  
Fine Arts Center**

**Friday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m.  
and**

**Inaugural Performance  
ECU - A Year in the Life  
Friday, Sept. 25, & Saturday, Sept. 26  
7:00 p.m. Ataloo Theatre**

**580-332-8000**

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

The Chickasaw Nation, the City of Ada and ECU have teamed up once again to host National Night Out (NNO) Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Green.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Family activities, food and entertainment will be offered.

**OSRHE RECOGNIZE ECU & CLEET PARTNERSHIP**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Economic Development Grant for the Partnership Recognition Program recognizes successful partnerships. This year ECU's partner, the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, received recognition at the OSRHE Economic Development reception.



**ECU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES \$100,000 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

The ECU Alumni Association announced its Centennial Fundraising Campaign to raise \$100,000 to benefit future students and the university.

The Alumni Association's goal is to raise \$100,000 by collecting at least \$100 from 1,000 ECU graduates or friends of the university.

The funds will be used to provide financial support for future students by establishing a perpetual endowment for legacy scholarships and constructing a prominent brick entryway into the campus.

**CHICKASAW ARTS ACADEMY ON CAMPUS**



More students than ever participated in the 2009 Chickasaw Arts Academy in July.

Students, 8 through 19 years of age, had the opportunity to focus on formal training in visual arts, drama, dance, literary arts and music.

**HORACE MANN SOCIETY'S SCHOLARSHIP HONORS MEMORY OF SCHOOL**



The Horace Mann Training School once operated by ECU has a special place in the hearts of its former students.

James Shockley (left), a graduate of the Horace Mann School once located on the ECU campus, points out the location of a future memorial to the school to Dr. Duane C. Anderson (center) and Dr. Bill Osborne. The Horace Mann Society is raising money to establish a scholarship and replace two of the stones on the short wall in front of the Physical and Environmental Sciences Building. New engraved stones will note the charter members of the society and the establishment of the Horace Mann Memorial Centennial Scholarship for education students at ECU.

**BARNES RAISES \$1,000 FOR DEAN PETERSON LEGAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

Jennifer Denoya Barnes is a 2002 graduate of ECU's Legal Studies Program. She arranged a silent auction at the annual meeting of the Pontotoc County Bar Association which brought in \$1,000 for the Dean Peterson Scholarship. The scholarship fund now stands at \$3,176.85. \$10,000 is needed for the scholarship to be endowed through the ECU Foundation Inc.

After passing the Foreign Service Exam in June, Barnes departed Ada for training in Washington, D.C., and then for a three-year overseas posting with the U.S. State Department.

**VWIP - HELPING MORE VETERANS**

ECU's Veterans Workforce Investment Program has been funded again. Congratulations to everyone involved. VWIP assists veterans who may face employment barriers as they begin their transition into civilian jobs. ECU just received its third \$500,000 federal VWIP grant.

The VWIP pays stipends to veterans as they participate in the program's four weeks of academic training and four to six weeks of job training.

### ECU HOSTS 22 STUDENTS FROM WESTERN OKLAHOMA

Twenty-two students from western Oklahoma gathered at ECU for three weeks this summer as part of a grant program that allows them to earn master of education degrees with a library media specialist option.



### PUTERBAUGH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The 2009-10 winners are Patricia Hodgeson and Sharon Parker. The scholarship was established through the generous

support of the Puterbaugh Foundation to benefit ECU students in programs at the Eastern Oklahoma State College McAlester campus.

Hodgeson is a graduate student working toward a master of education degree with a school counseling option. Parker is an undergraduate student working toward a bachelor of social work degree.

### NEW NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES PROJECT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

In recognition of its Native American students (20 percent of the student body) and programs, ECU was awarded a \$2.4 million, two-year grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions Program to create the Native American Voices Inspiring Student Success.

The project is guided by one goal -- to further improve and expand ECU's capacity to serve Native American and low-income students.

The Voices Project has three main components --culturally integrated student support services focused on recruitment and retention, building renovations and faculty development.

### AWARD WINNING DEPARTMENTS

ECU's Communications and Marketing Department and Athletic Department garnered six awards during the annual competition of the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association. The recognized include Amy Ford, director; Jill Frye, assistant director; Brian Johnson, sports information coordinator; Gina Smith, marketing coordinator; Ryan Wetherill, web manager; and Susan Ingram, administrative assistant.

### LONG-TIME ECU PROFESSOR CATALANO RETIRES

Dr. Joseph T. Catalano, the chair of ECU's Department of Nursing, retired on June 29 after 28 years of teaching, publishing eight books and about 100 journal and Internet articles and writing or co-writing grants which have brought more than \$4 million to the university.



He came to ECU in 1981 and was named department chair in 2002.

### ALUMS HONORED BY ECU

During the Department of Human Resources Centennial Awards Recognition Luncheon three alums were recognized

**Dr. Randal Elston (right), professor of human resources at ECU, is honored for a career of service with ECU's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Centennial Award in the Human Services Counseling program.**



**Gary L. Perkinson, OSBI agent (right), is presented with ECU's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Centennial Award in criminal justice from Dr. Dan Denny, assistant professor of human resources.**



**Linda Corsandra Thomas, a 1977 ECU graduate, has excelled in social work practice in public social services and child welfare in Oklahoma (left). She received ECU's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Centennial Award in social work.**



**ECU ATTENDS EDUARGENTINA**

Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya, professor of English and languages, participated in a round table discussion in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during a Trade Mission Program for U.S. Educational Institutions. She and representatives of nine other American universities were invited by Eduargentina to learn about opportunities in Argentina for American students.

**DENNY NEW PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Dan Denny, coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at ECU has been elected president of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association for 2009-10.

Sonya Hensley, coordinator of ECU's Tribal Policing Program, was elected state secretary of the association. Denny and Hensley will plan and prepare for the next annual conference which will be held at ECU on April 2, 2010.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**8/13/2009**

Convocation

Ribbon Cutting at the Pat O'Neal Strength and Conditioning Center, 5:30 p.m.

**8/13/2009 – 8/15/2009**

Panhellenic (Women's) Formal Recruitment

**8/14/2009**

Enrollment

**8/15/2009 - 8/16/2009**

Freshmen Orientation

**8/17/2009**

First Day of Classes  
Welcome Week

**8/22/2009**

Alumni Soccer, 4 p.m.

**8/27/2009**

First Away Football Game

**8/29/2009**

Soccer ECU vs NSU, 3 p.m.

**HALLIE BROWN FORD FINE ARTS CENTER UPDATE:**

**JULY 2009 - DEPARTMENTS BEGIN TO MOVE IN TO THE NEW CENTER. JUST IN TIME FOR THE 2009 FALL SEMESTER.**



*Moment in ECU History*



*Students visiting in the Rock Garden, 1955*

During the 1930s, East Central gardener Roy "Pop" Harris was busy improving the appearance of campus. With the help of student workers through the National Youth Administration, Harris reclaimed the hilly slope that runs north to south through the campus. Rock terraces were built on the hill along with water ponds and a colorful array of plants and shrubs were added.

The Rock Garden soon became a favorite hang-out for students, especially those looking for a romantic rendezvous. It remained a popular meeting place on campus for many decades.



*The Rock Garden*