

Happenings Since the Last Newsletter

We are pleased to provide this newsletter in an expanded format. The department chairs have included 2-3 pages of information from their respective departments so you will know more about what is happening in each area.

Some renovations have been completed in the Education Building. The restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building have been gutted and new tile, stalls, and plumbing fixtures have been installed; the facilities look wonderful and are now fully accessible for disabled guests.

A note of congratulations to Nanette Schmitt on the completion of her doctorate. Nan is an Assistant Professor in the Education Department and teaches both undergraduate methods and graduate program courses. Nan completed her dissertation in the spring semester of 2008 and is now officially Dr. Nan.

On October 1, 2008, a group of ECU alumni met as part of an Oral History project. Dr. Scott Barton, Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Delma Hall, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and I provided a forum for ECU alumni representing the period of 1930-1950. The discussions and recollections of time spent at the Horace Mann Laboratory School and East Central University provided many stories from those who are a part of the history of the College of Education and Psychology. Follow-up sessions are planned to glean additional details of student experiences at the university during the early years of the university.

Plans are underway to establish a monument and Horace Mann Society to recognize and celebrate the role of the Laboratory Training School in teacher preparation at ECU.



East Central University is a special place for alumni, faculty and staff. I have been blessed to both attend and now work at ECU. One of the greatest strengths of this university is its people. I have included on this page one of my favorite quotes from Walt Disney regarding the value of "people" and I hope it is as meaningful to you as it is to me.

"Once a Tiger, always a Tiger."

Dr. Bill Osborne
Dean, College of Education and Psychology

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Dr. Brenda Walling Named Education Department Chair

Dr. Brenda Walling, Professor of Education, has been named Education Department Chair to replace Dr. John Bedford who decided to return full-time to the classroom. I want to thank Dr. Bedford for his years of service as Chair. Dr. Bedford is an outstanding classroom educator and simply missed the classroom and the interaction that comes with working with students in the educational process.



We are fortunate that Dr. Walling, decided to apply for the chair's opening. Dr. Walling brings experience and enthusiasm to the position and has the support of her faculty to lead the unit. The future for the department looks bright under her direction.

The Marvin Stokes Endowed Lecture 2008-09

The Marvin Stokes Lecture will be held on Monday evening, October, 27, 2008 in the Raymond Estep Center. This year's lecturer, the Oklahoma Teacher of the Year for 2008-09, is Ms Heather Sparks, a middle school mathematics teacher from the Oklahoma City Public School system. A reception honoring Ms Sparks and ECU area teachers of the year will be held at 5:30 pm in the Regents Room on the ECU campus with the lecture scheduled at 6:30 pm immediately following the reception. The lecture is free and is open to the public.

"You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world but it takes people to make a dream a reality."
Walt Disney





ECU College of Education and Psychology Leadership 2008-09

East Central University Mission Statement

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.

Mission of the College of Education and Psychology

The Mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide quality programs that prepare students to enter careers in the fields of Education, Psychology, and Kinesiology.

Undergraduate Programs

Education

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Special Education

Kinesiology

- Athletic Training
- Exercise Science
- Recreation
- Physical Education— Teacher Cert

Psychology

- Psychology

Graduate Programs

M.Ed. Programs

- Elementary Education
- Elementary Principal
- Elementary Counselor
- Library Media (K-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Secondary Education
- Secondary Ed— Ed Tech
- Secondary Ed— Sports Admin
- Secondary Principal
- School Superintendent
- Secondary Counselor
- Special Education (K-12)

MSPS Programs

- Community Psych Track
- Education Psych Track

Certification Only

- School Psychometrist
- School Psychologist

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*The Honore Mann Lab School
circa 1935*

Thanks!

The first Newsletter included a request for donations for the College. I am pleased to report that several of our readers responded to the request for financial support. Their generous contributions provided us a small base of funds to help us meet our needs. I want to express my appreciation to Sandra Thompson, Mary Boren Scalf, Mary Haupt, Mike and Karen Smith, Mandi Boomershine, Billie Floyd, Clarence Oliver, and Koy Floyd for their support. Thank you for your trust and I pledge to be a good steward of the funds you have sent for the support of our college, our faculty and our students.

I ask each of our readers to consider providing financial support for the college. Your donation can provide unrestricted funds to support the mission of the college or you can

target a specific department or program in the college.

- Your gift of \$50 can help provide support for the department you designate to carry out its mission.
- Your gift of \$100 can help cover the cost of professional development for our students and faculty.
- Your gift of \$500 can help cover the cost of books for a student for a semester.
- Your gift of \$1,000 can provide travel support for students and faculty to support research.
- Your gift of \$10,000 or more can help fund a scholarship with your name recognition noted.

Your gift can be a one-time gift, a quarterly gift, or a monthly gift.

Your gift can be to memorialize a family member, a friend, or a colleague who has made a difference in your life.

Your gift can and will make a difference in the life of an ECU student or faculty member.

Your gift will be tax-deductible as it is a contribution to the East Central University Foundation.





The College of Education and Psychology Advisory Council Recommends a Charter and the Creation of A Horace Mann Society



The College of Education and Psychology Advisory Council in Action.

On Wednesday, August 20, 2008, the College of Education and Psychology Advisory Council met in the Governor's Room of the ECU University Center to help develop plans for the college. The purpose of the council is to advise and consult with the Dean for the School and with the Chairs who represent the Departments located in the School. The Council assists in the development of strategic short- and long-term goals that focus on the creation of new opportunities for enhancing the School's many diverse programs and helps to secure financial and other support necessary to achieve these goals.

In the August meeting, the School Advisory Council recommended the establishment of a Horace Mann Society to honor those who attended or served at the Lab School. More information about the proposed Society noted in the article below.

The following individuals serve as ECU College of Education and Psychology Advisory Council Members :

- Dr. Pam Deering, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Affairs, Mid-Del Public Schools
- Dr. Guy Logsdon, Tulsa
- Dr. Phyllis Logsdon, University of Tulsa
- Mr. Kevin Flowers, Superintendent, Stonewall Public School
- Dr. Clarence Oliver, Superintendent of Broken Arrow Public Schools, and, Dean, Oral Roberts University (Retired)
- Ms Billie Floyd, ECU HPER Faculty (Retired), former state legislator
- Mr. Marty Lewis, Superintendent, Gordon Cooper Technology Center
- Dr. Koy Floyd, Tarleton State University

The Horace Mann Society Project

Purpose of the Society

The purpose of the Horace Mann Society will be to recognize and celebrate the special partnership of the Horace Mann Lab School with the history and future of East Central University. Since its' birth, East Central University has focused on the preparation of teachers; the Horace Mann Lab School was an integral part of the institution for nearly half of the life of the institution and yet that connection is not well known. Many graduates or teacher educators who attended the Horace Mann Lab School have made major contributions to the area, state, nation, and world and it is through this Society we can recognize the value of the School and celebrate the success of those who have ties to the school. Through this Society, the institution can connect to all who have attended the Lab School, served internships or taught at the school or made the transition from the

Lab School and graduated from ECU.

The funds from this initiative will be used to support the mission of the College of Education and Psychology.

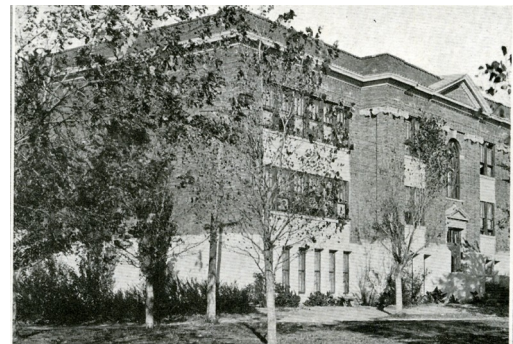
The Proposal

Through the creation of a Horace Mann Society, ECU will have a venue to memorialize the Horace Mann Lab School and students who attended or served there. The Society's plan of action includes:

- a tiered donation program where funds collected will be placed in the ECU Foundation and only the revenue from those funds will be made available to support the mission of the college. Supporters will be recognized at a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum level;
- design, and installation of a monument recognizing the Horace

Mann Lab School and construction of a pathway or area of engraved bricks to memorialize Horace Mann and/or ECU students;

- a pathway of engraved bricks linking the Horace Mann Lab School memorial to the new Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center Plaza. Each year's ECU graduates will be able to purchase a brick with their name on it to recognize their graduation from the university. The bricks will become a permanent part of ECU so generations of graduates and their families can return to ECU and find their own memorial;
- an oral history project will be accomplished to record the history of some of the alumni of the Horace Mann Lab School period; artifacts and documents are sought to include in displays and special collections in the Linscheid Library and the Education Building.





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The ECU Foundation will also send written confirmation of your generous donation.

The fall 2008 edition of the College of Education and Psychology Newsletter will contain sections for each department comprising the college. The Newsletter will be placed on-line and may be accessed from the ECU website www.ecok.edu by following the links "Faculty Staff-Academics-College of Education and Psychology". If you would like to be placed on an email list to receive a pdf version of this document please contact any member of the leadership team.

Please return this form with your comments, requests for information or donations to:

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