East Central University Campus Update

From the Office of the President

September 17, 2009



CELEBRATION BEGINS

On September 20, 1909, East Central held its first day of classes and in honor

of this day an entire week of festivities are underway.

SATURDAY, Sept. 19

2 p.m. - Volleyball vs Central Oklahoma

4 p.m. - Pat O'Neal Strength and Conditioning Center Dedication

4:30 p.m.- Centennial Family Day Tailgate Lawn North of Norris Field Parking Lot

6 p.m. - Centennial Football Game, vs Angelo State

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

2 - 4 p.m. - Departmental Open Houses

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23

3 p.m. - "Honoring ECU's Veterans who have Served for Our First 100 Years" on the Honor Plaza

THURSDAY, Sept. 24

3 p.m. - President Hargrave Centennial Address Student Senate Time Capsule Ceremony Ice Cream Social on Centennial Plaza

FRIDAY, Sept. 25

- 3 3:45 p.m. Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center Tours
- 4 5 p.m. HBFFAC Dedication & Grand Opening
- 5 6:45 p.m. HBFFAC Tours

7 p.m.- Inaugural Performance in the Ataloa Theatre ECU – A Year in the Life: Celebrating 100 **

SATURDAY, Sept. 26

5 - 6:45 p.m. - HBFFAC Tours

7 p.m. - Inaugural Performance in the Ataloa Theatre ECU - A Year in the Life: Celebrating 100 **

** Tickets for both performances are free and should be picked up in advance at the University Center information desk. UC hours are Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 6-10 p.m.

Seats are limited. To reserve tickets for will call window to be picked up the night of the performance, contact Susan Ingram at 580-559-5664 or singram@ ecok.edu.

ECU POSTS 5.6 PERCENT INCREASE THIS FALL

East Central University's fall enrollment at is up by 5.6 percent over fall 2008. ECU has 4,633 undergraduate and graduate students this fall, or 244 more than a year ago.

PRESIDENT HARGRAVE PARTICIPATES IN THE WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

From leading the ECU Fight Song at Freshmen Orientation to riding the bull at the annual Block Party - President Hargrave greeted and welcomed hundreds of new faculty, staff and students to campus.



SAVE THE DATE

Centennial Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009





OVERFLOW CROWD HEARS WHITTEN. PANEL DISCUSS **EFFECTS OF** ADDICTIONS

Oklahoma City attorney Reggie Whitten and a panel including State Sen. Harry E. Coats Jr., District



Judge Tom Landrith, Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater and Jessica Hawkins of the ODMHA spoke to a full house. Whitten told his family's

story to a crowd of nearly 200 students, faculty and professional counselors. More than 100 attendees had to be turned away, but ECU President John Hargrave said Whitten would return and present his program again for those who missed it.



CONGRESSMAN COLE VISITS ECU

A Town Hall meeting with Congressman Tom Cole was held at ECU's Dorothy Summers Theatre to discuss health care reform.



ECU SHINES AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

President Hargrave met with several alums and distributed ECU gifts to potential students during one of the top rival high school football games in the

ECU, RUSSIAN UNIVERSITY EXCHANGING STU-**DENTS THIS SEMESTER**

Valeriya Kazakevich and Ekaterina Sazonova of Moscow, Russia, and Richard Baughman of Ada are switching universities for the fall semester. The two women arrived in Ada the weekend before classes started at ECU, and Baughman left for the State University of Moscow on Sept. 12.

It's all part of a Study Abroad agreement between the two universities. This is the first exchange for each school.

ECU NAMED TOP MILITARY-FRIENDLY SCHOOL

G.I. Jobs magazine ranks ECU in the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools which are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

ECU has had a Veterans Upward Bound program for many years that prepares eligible veterans to enter or re-enter post-secondary programs in technical or vocational schools or colleges anywhere in the United States.

The university also recently received a new \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to continue its Veterans Workforce Investment Program. VWIP helps veterans overcome employment barriers and ease their transition into civilian careers. ECU hopes to serve 160 eligible veterans in 2009-10.

ECU COMPLETES SEVERAL NEW PROJECTS OVER THE SUMMER

Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center



Fentem Hall landscaping

Pat O'Neal Strength and Conditioning Center

Elvan George Building remodel







Voice over IP Telephone System









PASCHALL RECEIVES TOP HONORS

Distinguished Teaching Professor Dr. Jack W. Paschall was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame on Aug. 29



NEW FACULTY AT ECU

President John Hargrave (front row, from left) poses with new East Central University faculty members Wanda Martin, Phyllis Isaacs, Valerie McWhorter, Brianna Willis and Maria Maynard; (second row) Matthew Pierce, Staci Vollmer, Ann Riley, Linda Newcomer and Kristy Lankford; (third row) Riley Bailey, Dino Rosato, Heather Prentice, Jaime Elliott and Sheilynda Stewart; and (fourth row) Matt Storm, Justin Deason, Stephanie Canada, Rashad Jackson and Will McWhorter. Not shown are Andrei Ghenciu and Chris Shofner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/18/2009 - 9/26/2009 Centennial Celebration (see page 1 for details)

Dinner and a Movie 5 p.m., Cafeteria

It's Kind of a Big Deal 7 p.m., Norris Field Parking Lot

9/21/2009 Soccer 3 p.m.

9/25/2009 Soccer 3 p.m.

9/28/2009 Centennial Clarinet Recital 7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

> 10/1/2009 Box City

10/3/2009 Football, 2:00pm

Moment in ECU History



Who knew that the class of 1915 would produce two of the most prominent alums in ECU's history? Out of a class of 41 students, Ernest McFarland (back row, fourth from left) would go on to be the Governor of Arizona, 1955-1959. His political career also included serving as a United States Senator from 1941-1953 and serving on the Arizona supreme court from 1964-1970. He was also the author of the G.I. Bill.

Robert S. Kerr (back row, sixth from left) was in the same graduating class of 1915. Kerr served as the Governor of Oklahoma from 1943-1947. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1948 and served until his death on Jan. 1, 1963. One of Kerr's legacies for the state of Oklahoma is a series of water projects and dams along the Arkansas River, known as the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System.