



From the Office of President Richard Rafes

East Central University

Campus Update August 28, 2008



ECU PLANNING 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

East Central University is looking for artifacts, memorabilia and stories to commemorate its history as the university prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2009.

If you are planning an event during 2009 please make sure it is submitted soon; the Centennial Committee is preparing an events calendar for mass distribution.

Donated or loaned items may be brought to the ECU Communications and Marketing Department on the third floor of Danley Hall, or email ecuinfor@ecok.edu.



2008 SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE!

ECU students brought everything but the kitchen sink.

Freshmen Orientation was a tremendous success. Hundreds of students and their family members enjoyed the weekend festivities.



- Welcome
- Pep Rally
- Family Picnic
- Parent Seminars
- Freshmen Seminars
- Luau Cookout
- Live Band & Volleyball
- ECU's Block Party



EAST MAIN PLAZA AND CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN PROJECTS UNDERWAY

ECU and the City of Ada broke ground for the East Main Plaza and ECU Centennial Fountain that will be constructed at the east end of Main Street adjacent to the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.



The East Main Plaza, funded by the City of Ada, will replace one block of East Main between Center and Francis Streets and one block of Francis Street between Main and 10th Streets. The Centennial Fountain, funded by a donation to ECU, will be built between the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center and the Horace Mann Building. The new entrance to the East Main Plaza will be located on the east side of Center Street on East Main.

TWO ECU DEGREE PROGRAMS EXTENDED

ECU received notification from the ABA Standing Committee on Paralegals Approval Commission that the Paralegal Program has been extended for another seven years.

ECU also received notification from CORE that the MSHR in Rehabilitation Counseling has been reaccredited for the maximum eight years.

Congratulations Dr. Christine Pappas and Dr. Randal Elston on securing this continuing approval.

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ECU HIRES NEW TEAM MEMBERS

New faculty members at ECU shown with **Dr. Richard Rafes** (front row, from left), are **Wendy Leraas**, assistant professor of English and languages; **Dr. Zhimin Wang**, assistant professor of business administration; **Dr. Virginia Henson**, assistant professor of legal studies and an attorney; **Jennifer Heck**, instructor of nursing; **Tomi Tice**, instructor of nursing; **Ardon Bryant**, instructor of nursing; and **Dr. Peggy Hart**, associate professor of nursing.

Second Row: **Dallas Coplin**, facilities coordinator for the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center; **Edward Hobbs**, assistant professor of accounting; **Jeff Word**, instructor of kinesiology and assistant men's basketball coach; **Janet Flowers**, instructor of human resources counseling/project director for addictions counseling; **Jody Alford**, lecturer of psychology; and **Patti Palmer**, instructor of education and director of the Westward Expansion Grant at ECU.

Third Row: **Dr. Houston Mount**, assistant professor of history; **Dr. Christopher Bean**, assistant professor of history; **Robert Rubel**, instructor of kinesiology and assistant football coach; and **Dr. Steve Benton**, assistant professor of English and languages;

Fourth Row: **Edmon Perkins**, instructor of mathematics; **Patrick Sweet**, instructor of communication; **Dr. Richard Groetzinger**, assistant professor of communication; and **Dr. Duane Anderson**, vice president for academic affairs. Not shown is **Christina Mitchell**, instructor of communication.

ECU FACULTY TO PERFORM THURSDAY

Faculty members from East Central University's Department of Music will open the concert season Thursday with standard works from the 20th Century.

The free concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ada Arts and Heritage Center, 14th and Rennie Streets. Performers include Mark Hollingsworth, Starla Hibler, W.T. Skye Garcia, Rudy Lupinski, Becky Morrison, Melody Baggech, Alan Marshall and Ben Finley.

ECU RECOGNIZED AS PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS

ECU's Veterans Upward Bound members: Rochelle Kamont, Jill Williamson, Clint Fisher, Mary Huckleberry, Michael Myers were recognized by Pete Geren (second from right), Secretary of the U.S. Army during the Southwest Oklahoma Army Community Covenant Signing Ceremony as Partners for Patriots.



Partners for Patriots maximize the Warrior in Transition's mental and emotional state, academic potential and quality of life. ECU's VUB strives to improve the Wounded Warriors mental wellbeing but it also intends to increase their academic skills and broaden their career interests as they progress towards recovery.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ANNOUNCES FALL CLASSES

Fall 2008 Continuing Education Catalog is now available. For additional information contact 580-559-5456.



FREE CLASSES AT ECU OFFER INTRODUCTION TO YOGA

Adults in Ada can sample a free yoga class at ECU on Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in celebration of Yoga Month.

Sponsored by ECU's Center of Continuing Education & Community Services, three introductory classes will be offered at three ability levels. No experience is necessary. The classes will be held in the atrium on the first floor of the University Center.

CAAH GRANTS EDUCATES OUR EDUCATORS



Fifteen area fifth grade teachers in the Ada area spent many weeks work-

ing with ECU's Center of Advancement of American History. The group began their summer professional development with a trip to Philadelphia. They travelled twenty miles from Philadelphia to Valley Forge, which was the location of the 1777-78 winter camp of the Continental army soldiers.

CAAH is funded by two U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History grants.



ECU FRESHMAN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FROM SASAP

Eathen Graham of Coalgate, a freshman at ECU and a four-year member of ECU's Upward Bound Program, has received a \$500 scholarship from the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs.

The association works toward providing educational opportunities for students in federal TRIO programs, which includes the Upward Bound program, and supports activities that enable participants to achieve their educational goals.

Graham, who is majoring in nursing at ECU, is the son of David Graham of Coalgate.



**ECU
OBI Blood Drive
Sept. 3 & 4
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
North Lounge**

DEANGELIS NAMED LSC CHAIR

ECU's Director of Athletics Brian DeAngelis was recently named Chair of the Council of Athletic Administrators for the Lone Star Conference. DeAngelis, who was nominated by his fellow LSC athletic directors, will serve a two-year term.

TIGERS READY FOR SEASON OPENER

With the return of Lone Star Conference North Offensive Back of the Year Marcus Johnson and the addition of several Division I transfers, East Central University head football coach



Kurt Nichols expects the Tigers to make tremendous strides in 2008.

Though ECU struggled through a 2-9 season in 2007, Nichols has several positives to take out of it, along with solid and steadily-improving workouts during the spring.

The Tigers open the 2008 season Thursday (Aug. 28, 2008) at Sam Houston State (an NCAA Division I Championship Subdivision team) in Huntsville, Texas at 6 p.m

ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed something a bit different on Stadium Drive . . . The football stadium has undergone a facelift with a new paint job on the home side, artificial turf on the sidelines and improved bathroom facilities on the visitors side. New seating is in the works for the football stadium and baseball fields. Adding bleachers at the soccer field is also planned.



At the Kerr Activities Center, renovation on the Athletic Hall of Fame is also nearing completion.

Athletic fund-raising is ongoing for Norris Field, the Elvan George Building and a new strength and conditioning center.





25th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thank you to everyone who came out and endured the high temperatures on Tuesday evening

for the 25th Annual National Night Out! It was a great success again this year!

The attendance has been estimated at 700-750 adults and children, which is about 100 more than last year! Everyone had great things to say about the event and the beautiful campus!

WELCOME TO ECU

Catie Caton

Secretary - Housing

Ashley Adams

Residence Hall Director

Amanda Castillo

Secretary - Advancement

Ty Anderson

Assistant Bursar

Laura Spivey

Child Resource Referral

Harold Robertson

Custodian

Tyler Garone

Counselor EOC

Charlotte Freeman

Veterans Upward Bound

Administration Assistant

Linda Warren

Counselor Gear Up

Michael Mancini

Counselor Gear Up

Shannon Sack

Office Manager Gear Up

Jim Skender

Coordinator of Recruitment

Ali Johns

ECU Recruiter

Shannon Sacks

Secretary - Gear Up

Clint Fisher

Veterans Upward Bound Counselor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 28

Movie Night, 7pm, ESTEP Center

ECU Faculty in Concert
7:30 p.m., Ada Arts and Heritage Center

Football -- ECU at Sam Houston

Aug. 29

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Aug. 31

Soccer -- ECU at Ò{] [!ãÙcæ

Sept. 1

Labor Day No class/offices closed

Sept. 3 & 4

ECU Blood Drive, North Lounge

Sept. 5

Soccer -- ECU at USØE

Sept 5 & 6

Volleyball -- ECU Tournament

Sept. 6

Football Home 6 p.m.
ECU vs. Texas A&M Kingsville

ECU Cross Country at Midwestern State

Sept. 11

Supercomputing in Plain English 9:30 am RM
120PE&S

Sept. 16

Civil Service & Foreign Service Careers
12:30 - 1:20 p.m., UC Estep

Sept 23

Tami Coleman, Climate Change: Your Choices
Matter, 6pm UC Estep

Arts District of Ada Ice Cream Social
4:00 - 6:00pm, Chickasaw Nation
Community Center

The
ARTS DISTRICT
of
ADA

Invites you to an Ice Cream Social

Sept 23
come and go
4 - 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation
Community Center
700 N. Mississippi

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