



# Campus Update

February 2010

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

## HIGHER EDUCATION DAY AT THE CAPITAL



President Hargrave met with several state leaders including Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins and Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Rudolph Hargrave.

## ARDMORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President Hargrave and Dr. Steve Turner, vice president for administration and finance, visit with Carlos Johnson past chair of the ECU Foundation Board during the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Banquet.



ECU administrators and Dr. Christine Pappas' political science students also attended Higher Ed Day. The students had a rare opportunity to receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

## REGENT REILLY, PRESIDENT HARGRAVE ATTEND WHITTEN-NEWMAN EVENT

Oklahoma City attorney Reggie Whitten spoke to a full house at Okemah High School. Whitten told his family's story about substance abuse to the crowd with assistance from special guest, Reggie Smith from the San Francisco 49ers.



## ECU STUDENTS AID IN HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS



Several student organizations met to plan events to raise awareness and funds for the Haitian Relief efforts. More than \$2,000 has been raised by ECU students so far.

## LOUISE YOUNG DIVERSITY LECTURE SET

The Louise Young Diversity Lecture has been scheduled for March 10 at 7 p.m in Estep.

Jane Elliott, the creator of the famous "Blue Eyes/ Brown Eyes" exercise, will give the lecture. Elliott will also conduct a training session during the day titled "The Anatomy of Prejudice." Current and future educators are invited to attend.



## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Area Boy Scouts, with help from the ECU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team and other volunteers participated in "Scouting for Food."

Together they collected several bags of non-perishable food items and then turned the collected items over to area food banks to distribute.

## ECU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline for applications is March 1, 2010.

Applications can be completed online at [alumni.ecok.edu](http://alumni.ecok.edu)

*Look under scholarships and grants*

To be eligible, candidates must have a parent, grandparent or guardian who attended ECU and is a current member of the Alumni Association.



**SEWELL RECEIVES PATENT**

Congratulations to Dr. Guy Sewell, professor of environmental health sciences, for receiving a U.S. Patent for his invention to take contaminants out of water.

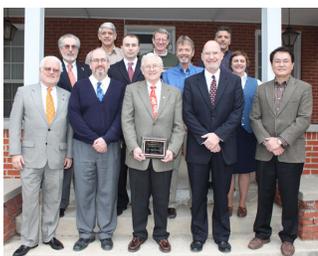


**WINTER 2010 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION AWARDEE**

Dr. Karen Williams, professor of physics at ECU, recently received the Winter 2010 American Association of Physics Teachers Distinguished Service Citation.

**TWO PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Rick Wetherill, director of continuing education and Bridget Forshay, community development coordinator, presented at the Association for Continuing Higher Education. Their topic, "Engaging Community Partnerships for Town and Gown Success: A Best Practice for Building a Local Arts District from the Ground Up," was a great success.



**15th ANNUAL HEDGEHOG AND FOX LECTURE**

Dr. Bill Osborne, dean of the College of Education and Psychology gave the 15th annual Hedgehog and Fox Lecture. During his lecture, "From Here to There and

Back Again - A Chinese Connection," he spoke of his travels and his recent cultural experiences. Ten of the past 15 lecturers attended.



**ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT CENTER OPENS DOORS**

Directors of student programs which relocated to Faust Hall pose in the new Student Academic Engagement Center that recently opened its doors. The newly renovated spaces on the first floor now house the Writing Center, Honors Program, Service Learning Center and Engagement Center. This renovation was funded in part by the Title III Native American Voices grant.

Shown are Dr. Kevin Davis, writing center director; Dr. Pat Fountain, service learning director; Renee Hogue, Native American Voices director; and Dr. Patricia Yarbrough, honors program director.

**TWO ECU EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE**



The annual Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs conference, "TRiO: The Audacity to Dream," was held in Corpus Christi. During the awards banquet, Kathy Gardenhire, director of Upward Bound, and Pat Sutton, director of the McNair Scholars Program, were awarded their pins for "25 years of service" to TRiO by the acting President, Jerry Thomas.



**TRIO AND GEAR UP MAKE PRESENTATION**

A large group gathers to celebrate TRiO Day at ECU. Faculty, staff and students had the opportunity to learn about TRiO and GEAR UP and meet staff members.

Information tables were set up by Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Educational Opportunity Center, Veterans Upward Bound, McNair Scholars and Team Gear Up.

**CAROLINA MAKES PRESENTATION**

Michael Carolina, executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology spoke at ECU. He explained that OCAST works close with entrepreneurs and together their ultimate goal is to bring more technology related jobs to the state.



**REV. THOMAS FEATURED BANQUET SPEAKER**

The Rev. Darrell Thomas of San Antonio, Texas, delivered the keynote address at the Black Heritage Banquet at ECU. The event was hosted by ECU's Association of Black Students.





**MAKING THE MOST OF SPRING BREAK**

Thirteen political science and legal studies students will travel to

Washington, D.C., to participate in internships over spring break. They will work on Capitol Hill in Congressional offices and in private law firms. During their stay, they will meet with members from Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation and Chickasaw Nation Ambassador Charles Blackwell.

**ECU HOSTS INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET**

Students from approximately 75 high schools competed in the 94th annual Interscholastic Meet. It is the oldest and largest meet in Oklahoma.

Up to 2,000 students compete annually by taking tests in 36 categories ranging from accounting to world history.



**ECU HELPING FAMILIES 'COUNTDOWN' TO COLLEGE**

Do I really need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid? What's my Expected Family Contribution and how is it calculated?

Questions like these are on the minds of many families sending students off to college next fall. That's why ECU, in partnership with the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program's UCanGo2 initiative helped several families learn more about preparing, planning and paying for college.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**



Shelby Sayre of Chandler, is the second recipient of the Don and Jane Kellogg Mathematics and Science Teaching Scholarship.

The scholarship was established to assist students pursuing a degree at ECU in either mathematics or science education. Dr. Don Kellogg was a professor at ECU from 1965 to 1990.



**ECU BLACKOUT GAME PULLS IN A CROWD**

Hundreds of fans enjoyed watching the ECU Tigers as they took on rival Southeastern's Savage Storm.

**PLANNING FOR THE 2010 FOOTBALL SEASON**

With an emphasis on increased competitiveness and depth, ECU head football coach Tim McCarty announced the signing of 37 players for the 2010 season.



**BASEBALL RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY**

Athletics just started the renovation of the inside of its baseball facility. Soon to be renovated areas include: locker room, coaches' office, equipment room, batting cage and restrooms. Expected completion of the project is mid-spring.



**ECU GOLFER PLACES SIXTH**

East Central's Zac Pool took sixth place while teammate Bryeson Lance tied for seventh as the Tigers settled for a fourth in the team standings at the Doyle Wallace Golf Classic, hosted by Henderson State University, wrapped up Tuesday at the par-72 Majestic Course of the Hot Springs Country Club.

**NAIL NAMED ALL-SUPER REGIONAL**

ECU offensive guard Justin Nail was named to the 2009 Don Hansen Football Gazette All-Super Region Four Third Team.



### HOLLY GAINES WINS FOUR FLUTE COMPETITIONS IN TWO WEEKS

Holly Gaines, a Wilson High School senior who is also enrolled at ECU as a student of flute instructor Juliana Overmier, has won four music competitions in two weeks.



### 'A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC'

A story of love gone right, after all, was the first musical on the big stage of the Ataloo Theatre in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

"A Little Night Music" tells the story of people who are in difficult situations romantically, but everything turns out well by the end of the show, said director Dr. Richard Groetzinger, assistant professor of communication.



### ECU STUDENTS TO PERFORM AT SWACDA

Six ECU students were selected to perform at the Southwestern Division Conference of the American

Choral Directors Association in Denver. The group includes Christina Kushnick of Spiro, Brooke Geisler of Edmond, Christopher Geisler of Little Axe, Caitlin Gray of Ada, Leah Creason of Beggs and Jesse Gordon of Seminole (not shown: Nick Geisler of Little Axe and Luke Smith of Holdenville)

### STUDENT SNOW DAYS AT ECU!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/26/2010 - 3/12/2010

Art Show - Red Ryder, Pogue Art Gallery

2/27/2010

Baseball vs SWOSU, 12 p.m.

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

2/28/2010

Softball vs Southern Arkansas, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3/2/2010

Women's Tennis vs Camron, 1 p.m.

Silent Auction and Used Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., University Center

3/4/2010

Women's Tennis vs Southern Nazarene, 2 p.m.

3/5/2010

Softball vs Southwest Baptist (DH), 2 p.m.

3/6/2010

Softball vs Southwest Baptist (DH), 11 a.m.

3/8/2010 & 3/9/2010

Women's Golf, Oak Hills Country Club  
OAK HILLS INVITATIONAL

3/8/2010

Wind Ensemble / Spring Band Concert  
7:30 p.m., Ataloo Theatre

3/9/2010 & 3/10/2010

District Vocal Music Festival, Ataloo Theatre  
Grad Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2nd Floor UC

3/10/2010

Louise Young Diversity Lecture, 7 p.m., ESTEP

3/11/2010

Men's Tennis vs Southeastern, 2:30 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs Southeastern, 2:30 p.m.  
Alpha Chi Initiation, 7 p.m., Regents Room  
Gospel Concert, 7:30 p.m., Ataloo Theatre

3/15/2010 - 3/19/2010

Spring Break