



# Campus Update

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*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

## BARRESI CONGRATULATES TEACHER OF THE YEAR



During the January RUSO Board meeting at ECU, Janet Barresi (left), state superintendent of public instruction and new RUSO board member, congratulated Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and ECU alum Elizabeth

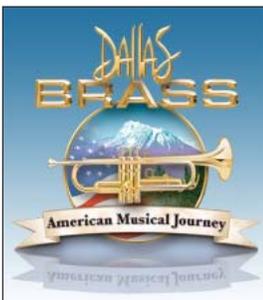
Smith. Smith has taught at Byng Junior High for nine years and has 17 years' experience in education.

## HIGHER ED DAY

Hundreds of university leaders and students gathered at the state Capitol on Higher Ed Day, Feb. 22, to promote the value and importance of higher education in Oklahoma.



## DALLAS BRASS



Dallas Brass will perform at ECU at 7 p.m., March 4 in the Ataloo Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$8 for students and ECU faculty and staff. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ecok.edu](http://www.ecok.edu) or at the box office the night of the show.

There is a \$2 per ticket transaction fee for online and/or credit card sales.

## ECU NIGHT IN McALESTER SET FOR MARCH 7

Students, prospective students, alumni and friends of ECU are invited to the ECU Night in McAlester, scheduled for March 7. The event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the student lounge of the Wanda Bass Building at the McAlester campus of Eastern Oklahoma State College.

## ECU GRADUATE ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB

This year ECU has more students than ever, but in the past five years the growth in the number of graduate students has outpaced everything. Graduate students now make up 1/5 of ECU's student population. During the past several semesters it was not unusual for some graduate classes to max out on the first day of enrollment.



Why the increase? Some of this is due in part to the wide variety of graduate programs added at ECU. Currently, ECU offers 18 different master's options.

## ECU SELECTED FOR "OKLAHOMA PROJECT GREEN" FUNDING

ECU is one of six Oklahoma workforce training programs selected for financial support in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant to train Oklahomans for careers in emerging "green" industries such as energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Southern Oklahoma Green Jobs Consortium at ECU was awarded \$255,840. This will allow 200 participants to receive training with LEED Green Associate, Photovoltaic Systems Technology Technician, Weatherization Unemployed Worker or Weatherization Worker Enhancement.

## Save the Date

**An Evening of Honors and Recognition  
6 p.m., April 8, 2011  
Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom**

**SNOW DAYS**



Oklahoma has experienced a great deal of bad weather this year. The ECU campus, along with several surrounding schools and businesses, was closed for several days.

For the first time, students were notified directly from the university. Last fall ECU announced that students could sign up for text messaging. So when school was closed, each student who enrolled received the text message first and were very pleased with the service.

**LOUISE YOUNG DIVERSITY LECTURE**



Max Glauken, Holocaust survivor, will be the guest speaker at the third annual Louise Young Diversity lecture Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Ataloa Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

*Photo courtesy of the Dallas Holocaust Museum*

**INTERNATIONAL BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT**

The ECU International Student Connection Club and Global Education Office will present an International Banquet and Entertainment to raise money for international students' scholarships for fall 2011, on Friday, Feb. 25, from 7 - 9 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church. Food from 10 different countries will be served.

Entertainment will be provided by international students, featuring dance, African percussion, video and slide presentations of ISCC activities and a medley of cultural songs. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children and ECU students with ID. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Global Education Office located in room 160 of the Administration Building and also at the door on the day of the event.



**THREE INDUCTED INTO ECU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

ECU recently inducted three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame.



Former baseball players Eddie Collins (left to right), Mike Fairchild and longtime public address announcer John Smith for meritorious service.

**ECU NIGHT WITH THE THUNDER**



Several ECU families attended the OKC Thunder game. Some of the kids participated in "On the Court Program" and got to go on the court before the game started.

**ECU HOLDS TIGER CONNECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Hundreds of high school students visited campus for Tiger Connection on Feb. 23. Future students did everything from take a campus tour to sit in a real college classroom. It was the perfect opportunity to learn about what it's like to be a college student at ECU.



**NEW MISS ADA CROWNED**



Congratulations to the 2011 Miss Ada, Lacy Newport. Newport is a sophomore at ECU majoring in family and consumer sciences.

**LEAH LYON WINS NATIONAL CONTEST**



Leah Lyon, project director of two federal grants at East Central University and an ECU graduate, recently won another national cooking contest, the Cacique Go Autentico Recipe Contest, which was televised on the Cooking Channel. She will select between a week-long trip for two to Napa Valley and a five-day Culinary

Institute of America Boot Camp vacation – or \$5,000 in cash.

She has been a serious competitor for about nine years and enters between 50 and 60 contests each year. So far, she's won close to \$75,000 in cash, prizes and trips.

**MUSICAL "SOUTH PACIFIC" A SUCCESS**



Audiences left singing the songs from the successful production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" directed by Vickie Reifsnider. The Ataloa Theatre was filled each night as the production, with several memorable songs, told the story of Americans stationed on a Pacific island during World War II. In addition to an extraordinary score, the musical had comedy, danger, drama and an exotic locale. It also explores racial prejudices, an unusual topic for a 1949 musical.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

2/25/2011

Baseball vs Angelo State  
2 p.m., Baseball Field

French Film Festival, 4 p.m., Estep Multimedia Center

International Banquet, 7-9 p.m.  
Trinity Baptist Church, 123 N. Mississippi

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Oklahoma Community Orchestra  
7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

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Noon & 2:30 p.m., Baseball Field

2/27/2011

"The Simple Truth," presented by Act II  
2 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

3/2/2011

Lip Sync Contest, 7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

3/4/2011

Dallas Brass, 7 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

3/5/2011

Service Saturday

Softball vs Oklahoma Panhandle State  
1 & 3 p.m., Softball Field

Serbian Concert Pianist, Milica Jelača Jovanović  
7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

Alumni Reunions

- Dallas: March 25
- Houston: April 3
- McAlester: April 15
- Tulsa: April 29
- Ardmore: May 13
- Bricktown Bash: June 4
- Ada: August 12
- Wewoka: TBA



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**ECU Mission**

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.