



# Campus Update

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*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*



**ECU ALUM PROMOTED TO GENERAL**  
Gen. George W. Casey Jr. (left) promotes Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman to general at the U.S.

Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga. He was accompanied by his wife Dee. The Thurmans are natives of Marietta. Gen. Thurman earned his commission in 1975 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps while attending ECU.

## ECU RECOGNIZED BY ADA JOBS FOUNDATION

At the Ada Jobs Foundation Business and Industry Awards Ceremony and Banquet, ECU was named the "Large Employer of the Year." Dr. Steve Turner was awarded the "Economic Development Leader of the Year for 2010."



**TELEVISION STUDIO DEDICATION**  
An overflow crowd packed the new William C. Thrash Television Studio this month for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony.

During the dedication Bill and Billie Thrash and the Ethics & Excellence in Journalism Foundation were honored for their contributions for the studio and equipment.



## CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS

From math & science to cheerleading, from Seminole to Chickasaw - ECU hosted numerous camps this summer.



## ECU ISSUES NEW ECU TIGER CARDS



All ECU students will receive the ECU Tiger Card or the debit card that will be necessary for students to receive any refunds, including financial aid and other student disbursements.

The new system will cut both the time students have to wait for refunds and the university's costs of processing refunds and printing and handing out checks.

## ECU INCREASES TUITION

The OSRHE have approved a 5 percent increase in tuition and mandatory fees at ECU for the 2010-11 school year.

The increase will average \$7.03 per credit hour for undergraduate students and \$8.55 per credit hour for graduate students.

For a typical 15-hour semester, undergraduates will face an additional \$105.45 in costs. Graduate students taking 12 hours will be looking at an additional \$102.60 in costs.

ECU's increase is the lowest of the six universities in the Regional University System of Oklahoma.



**ECU WINS FIVE AWARDS FROM OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOC.**

The Communications & Marketing Department and Athletics Department won

five awards for their work from the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association. The highly competitive contest drew 405 entries from most of the state's public and private colleges and universities.

ECU won first place in the Bright Idea category with its "Learn About ECU's New Debit Card and Win \$20" promotion. Brian Johnson, won third place for his story, "ECU softball senior reaches postseason for first, only time." Webmaster Ryan Wetherill, with input from faculty, staff and students, redesigned ECU's website and won third place in Web Design.

Jill Frye won second place in Newswriting for "Overflow Crowd Hears Whitten, Panel Discuss Effects of Addictions." Frye also won an honorable mention award for a feature story under 1,000 words. "Marriage Proposal During Centennial Show Surprises Performer."

Amy Ford also was elected president of OCPRA for the 2010-11 year.

**DICUS ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP**



Ten ECU students were awarded \$1,000 Dicus Accounting Scholarships this summer. They were funded by proceeds raised by the 2009 Mike

and Leslie Dicus Memorial Golf Tournament that benefited the ECU Foundation, Inc.

Leslie Dicus taught at ECU for a short time and was chief financial officer for an Ada company when she died in an auto accident in 2001 at age 31. Only a few months later, her husband, Mike Dicus, son of Ann and Jim Dicus, was diagnosed with cancer and died in June 2002 at age 30. Both were certified public accountants who met while working in Dallas.

**STAFFORD CENTENNIAL FINE ARTS ENDOWMENT**

ECU Foundation, Inc., is proud to announce the establishment of the Donald G. Stafford Centennial Scholarship created by his sons Michael Stafford, D.O., Robert Stafford and Joel Stafford.



The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student pursuing a degree in science or science education who exhibits the character of Dr. Stafford.

Dr. Stafford taught at ECU from 1961 until his retirement in 1995.

**OLIVER CENTENNIAL FINE ARTS ENDOWMENT**

Expressing their thanks to Dr. Clarence Oliver for the \$15,000 Vinita June (Shirley) Oliver Centennial Fine Arts Endowment are Phyllis Kunze, executive director of the ECU Foundation and Dr. Gerald Williamson, advancement officer.



Vinita was an ECU graduate trained as a classical pianist when she passed away about a year ago. The purpose of the endowment will be to provide financial support for fine arts activities at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center and other East Central University facilities.

**LAST ALUMNI REUNION UNTIL HOMECOMING**

The Ada Area Alumni Reunion will be held on Friday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. at Vintage 22 in Ada. Register today at <http://alumni.ecok.edu>.



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**2010 HOMECOMING**  
**Oct. 8 & 9, 2010**

**INAUGURATION of ECU PRESIDENT**  
**JOHN R. HARGRAVE**  
**Nov. 19, 2010**



**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS  
FIELD TRIP**

Linda Schaefer's photog-raphy class recently toured one of Oklahoma City's prestigious studios PhotoArt, owned by Keith Rinearson.

**STUDENT RECEIVES FOLDS OF HONOR**



**SCHOLARSHIP**

Charlsey Foster (third from left), a freshman at ECU, is the recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship from the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Folds of Honor scholarships go only to children and spouses of military servicemen and women who were killed or disabled while serving their country.



**LONG-TIME FRIEND OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION FILLS  
ADVANCEMENT POSITION**

Dr. William R. (Rudy) Lewis has been named acting director of university advancement at ECU.

Lewis has been in higher education for most of his professional career, beginning in the 1970s when he was dean of students at ECU.

Since then, he has worked to enhance the lives of students at the University of Nebraska, University of Hawaii system and North Dakota State University.



**SHELLY ROSS HAMBY RETURNS**

Dr. Shelley Ross Hamby, director of the Valley View Foundation at Valley View Regional Hospital, will become assistant to President Hargrave on Sept. 1.

Hamby will take over the duties of his assistant, Martha Skinner, who will retire Aug. 31.

"It will be very sad to lose Martha Skinner," Hargrave said. "She has worked for four ECU presidents and two interim presidents and I'm sure none of us would have gotten very far without her. Everyone on campus relies on her for some kind of advice or information. We wish her a wonderful retirement."

**WELCOME TO ECU**

- Tosha Miller, *Secretary for Housing*
- Jeremy Corley, *Briles Housing Director*
- Stephani McLellan, *Secretary/Receptionist - Academic Affairs*
- Dare Chronister, *Assistant to Director - Alumni*
- Brandon Preston, *Talent Search Counselor - Ada*
- Hannah McCann, *Grants Research Specialist*
- Karin Perry, *Director, Westward Expansion Grant*
- Sam Baker, *Audio Visuals Assistant*
- Laurie Schweinle, *Government Documents Assistant*
- Kim Pierce, *Administrative Assistant for VWIP*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 8/1/2010 – 8/28/2010  
Ron Clark Art Show  
"Impending Presence & Recent Works"  
9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Pogue Art Gallery
- 8/3/2010  
National Night Out, 6 – 9 p.m., ECU Mall Area
- 8/12/2010  
FACULTY RETURNS  
Convocation, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Ataloo Theatre
- 8/13/2010  
BEGINNING FRESHMAN ADVISEMENT  
AND ENROLLMENT  
Ada Area Alumni Reunion, 6 p.m., Vintage 22  
Vintage 22 is located at 800 E. Main St
- 8/14/2010 & 8/15/2010  
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
- 8/15/2010 – 8/19/2010  
Welcome Week
- 8/15/2010  
Block Party, 6 p.m., University Center Lawn
- 8/16/2010  
CLASSES BEGIN