



# Campus Update

July 2011

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

## ECU ADMINISTRATORS RETREAT



ECU Administrators prepare for the future. On July 14 & 15 several ECU faculty and staff met at the Chickasaw National Cultural Center in Sulphur. The team worked on:

- Relationship Building
- Strategic Planning
- Succession Development
- The Higher Learning Commission visit and
- Enrollment Management



## SOLAR PANELS

ECU recently constructed an on-campus training lab to teach about solar panels. Dr. Doug Weirick and Dr. Guy Sewell were recipients of the grant used to provide this hands-on learning opportunity.



## THOUSANDS OF CAMPERS ON CAMPUS THIS SUMMER

The Chickasaw Nation's Summer Arts Academy is the latest camp to be held on campus. Other camps include tennis, soccer, volleyball, basketball and football.



## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE ROUND-UP

ECU President's Circle met for an evening of entertainment, complete with great food, entertainment and prizes. President Hargrave (right) presents alum Clayton Lodes of Ardmore a CASE knife courtesy of Zane's Knives in Tupelo, Okla.



## ECU'S TUITION INCREASE AMONG LOWEST OF REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES

The OSRHE approved a 5 percent tuition increase for ECU students for the 2011-12 academic year. ECU did not raise any student fees. President Hargrave said ECU's tuition increase is among the lowest of the six universities that make up the Regional University System of Oklahoma. ECU's Student Senate supported the tuition increase, he said.

## SAVE THE DATE

- ECU Football Home Games
- Saturday, Sept. 17, Northeastern, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24, Southeastern, 6 p.m.
- HOMECOMING** -- Saturday, Oct. 15,
- Arkansas – Monticello, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, Harding, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12, Southern Arkansas, 2 p.m.

## 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.

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**FORBES NAMED ECU'S VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**



Dr. Jerry Forbes became ECU's vice president for student development on July 1. Forbes formerly served as the dean of students at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. He was hired as ATU's first associate dean and director of retention services in 2005 specifically to oversee and improve student retention rates. During his tenure, ATU experienced an increase of almost 1,200 students, a 40 percent increase in students living on campus and a 7 percent increase in retaining first-year students.

**ECU NAMES PIERSON ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**



Dr. Katricia Guyn Pierson became ECU's assistant vice president for academic affairs on July 1. Pierson had been associate dean of academic assessment since 2008 at William Woods University in Fulton, Mo. She had taught at William Woods since 2004 and held the rank of associate professor of English. She also was chair of the Science and Humanities Division.

**HLC INVITES THIRD-PARTY COMMENT**

ECU will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university to: Public Comment on East Central University, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, or submit comments electronically at [www.ecok.edu/self\\_study/comments](http://www.ecok.edu/self_study/comments). Written, signed comments must be received by Sept. 30, 2011.

**ECU WINS AWARDS AT STATE CONFERENCE**

Five awards were presented to members of ECU's Communications and Marketing Department at the state conference of the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association.

ECU won a first-place, three third-place and an Honorable Mention Award. Congrats to Amy Ford, Jill Frye, Gina Smith, Susan Ingram, Jacob Sircy, Jomain McKenzie and Catrina Nelson.

**ALUM INDUCTED INTO STATE ACCOUNTING HALL OF FAME**

Rodney Gray, a graduate of ECU became the 52nd inductee into the Oklahoma Accounting Hall of Fame during the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants' annual awards ceremony June 10 in Tulsa.



**SUMMER CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS CONTINUE**

Main Street is now open, new parking lots have been created and paved, new windows have been installed in Pesagi Hall and the Education Building and the old Band Building has been transformed into the Kinesiology Department.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 8/1/2011 – 8/12/2011  
Art Show - Alumni Show , Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC
- 8/2/2011  
National Night Out, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mall behind the UC
- 8/6/2011  
Collegiate Veterans BBQ, 5 p.m., Wintersmith Park
- 8/11/2011  
Interession Ends  
Convocation, 9 a.m., HBFFAC
- 8/12/2011  
Beginning Freshman Fall Enrollment  
Ada Alumni Reunion, 6 p.m., Vintage 22
- 8/15/2011  
Fall Classes Begin  
Mike Reeves (Hypnotist) , 8p.m., Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC
- 8/16/2011  
Brian Brushwood, 7:30 p.m., Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC
- 8/17/2011 – 9/30/2011  
Art Show - Paul Heaston, Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC