



# Campus Update

November 2011

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*



## BREAKING GROUND ON A NEW BUILDING

Hundreds of people gathered on campus Oct. 18 as ECU broke ground on the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business and ECU Conference Center.



## VISION BANK GIFT

Jim Hamby, CEO of Vision Bank, holds a \$25,000 check, part of the bank's \$100,000 gift to the new business building.

The check represents a grant awarded to the bank from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. Joining him are Dean Godwin, Jeff Hairston, ECU President and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole.



## CITIZENS BANK GIFT

Jimmy Eppler president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Ada, presents a \$75,000 check from the bank to ECU for the new Stonecipher School of Business and ECU Conference Center.

Business and ECU Conference Center.



## HLC VISIT

The Higher Learning Commission conducted a site visit on Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 at ECU. Faculty, staff, students and community members had the opportunity to visit with the review committee.



## ECU ALUM NAMED NSU PRESIDENT

Dr. Steve Turner ('92 & '93) was named the 19th president of Northeastern State University. He will assume the presidency on Jan. 1, 2012.

Turner currently serves as ECU's vice president for administration and finance and executive assistant to the president for governmental relations and economic development.

## CHICKASAW APPRECIATION DAY

ECU will hold Chickasaw Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 5. Area Chickasaw middle and high schools will have an opportunity to tour campus and learn about special programs and services. Following the morning events, participants will begin tailgating at 12:30 at Norris Field. During this time there will be a demonstration by the Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem.



Prior to the 2 p.m. kick-off, the Chickasaw Royalty will perform the Lord's Prayer and toss the coin. At half-time the Chickasaw Nation will be recognized and the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts will do a demonstration.

Admission to the ECU football game will be free for Chickasaw citizens and employees. The Tigers will take on Harding University.

## ECU to host GAC Soccer Championship Tournament on Friday, Sunday

ECU's soccer team, winners of the Great American Conference regular season, will host the inaugural league championship tournament on Friday and Sunday at Lady Tiger Field at ECU.



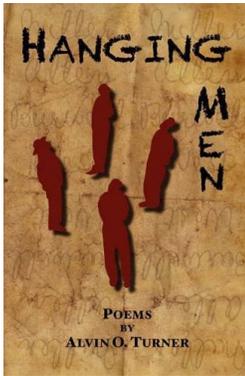
The four-team tournament begins on Friday at 1 p.m. as Southwestern Oklahoma State, the No. 2 seed, takes on Ouachita Baptist, the No. 3 seed, while top-seed ECU battles Harding, the No. 4 seed, at 4 p.m. The two winners will meet for the tournament title on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Admission for Friday's two matches is \$5 per person and free for university students as well as the students from the other GAC institutions.

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**MARK TWAIN, HANNIBAL MUSEUM CURATOR, DR. ALVIN TURNER COMING TO ECU NOV. 10 FOR DAY OF HISTORY-RELATED EVENTS**

Mark Twain is coming to ECU on Nov. 10, along with the curator of his museum in Hannibal, Mo., and retired ECU dean Dr. Alvin Turner, the author of a book of poetry about a famous historical event in Ada.

In addition, Native American cultural events, demonstrations and performances are planned for Nov. 7-9.

The history-related events are free and open to the public. For complete details visit [www.ecok.edu](http://www.ecok.edu).

**ECU PRESENTS TWO OPERAS**

ECU Opera will present "The Impresario" and "Hansel and Gretel" with assistance from the Williard 5th and 6th grade Honor Choir on Nov. 11 - 13 in the Dorothy Summers Theatre.

**ECU HOSTS STATE EVENTS**



Thousands of visitors traveled to Ada for competitions last month. The second annual ECU Bron Warren Tiger Palooza, held Oct. 8, brought 22 marching bands to compete on campus.



More than 1,300 students from across the state traveled to ECU to compete in the Little Dixie Music Contest, which was held on Oct. 25 & 26.



Several area schools also participated in a Grounded Chalk Art Festival on Oct. 25.



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

On Oct. 29 ECU hosted a very successful Household Hazardous Waste collection event. Environmental Health Science students assisted a record number of area residents and recycled 115 gallons of paint.

**ECU RECEIVES \$2 MILLION NASNTI GRANT**

ECU was awarded a five-year, \$2 million grant, effective Oct. 1, from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.



The grant is funded from the Department's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions, Part F Program. ECU's program, Strengthening the Culture: Undergraduate Research and Student Academic Success, will improve and expand ECU's capacity to serve Native American students and low-income students.

**ECU OPENS NEW KINESIOLOGY BUILDING**

This summer ECU remodeled the former band building into offices and classrooms for the Kinesiology faculty, staff and students. On Oct. 11 ECU officially opened the building.



**LIFE OF AN ATHLETE**

The Brandon Whitten Institute and FATE organization presented John Underwood, president of the American Athletic Institute and creator of Life of an Athlete. He spoke to a packed house in the Ataloo Theatre about many topics including the impact of alcohol and other drugs on athletic performance.



**SENATOR PADDACK SPEAKS TO CLASS**

Sen. Susan Paddack recently spoke to Dr. Christine Pappas' Oklahoma Politics class. Students had the opportunity to hear first hand about Oklahoma politics.



**WHITENER VISITS ECU STUDENTS**

Supreme Court plaintiff Carolyn Whitener visited political science and legal studies students in October. She spoke about her role in the famous case Craig v. Boren.





**ECU STUDENTS RECEIVE NOYCE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Six ECU students have been awarded Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships in mathematics.

The students, who will receive \$10,000 for up to three years while they work toward bachelor's degrees in mathematics with a secondary teacher certification option, are Bobby Carnes, Chris Eckler, Matthew Harding, Simmon Harjo, Stephanie Maas and Andrae Tramble.



**ECU RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN MIND GAMES**

Mind Games is an Oklahoma Academic Challenge. The KSBI TV show presents an opportunity to bring together teams of students from Oklahoma colleges and universities in a weekly battle of the brains.

Over the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters, students will be competing for scholarship awards totaling \$200,000!

**ECU STUDENTS PREPARE FOR REAL WORLD**



This semester almost 50 seniors will enter classrooms throughout the state to begin their student teaching career.

Currently ECU has more than 800 alums teaching in the state.

**PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS ATTENDS RETREAT**

ECU PLP students had the opportunity to tour the Oklahoma State Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Cancer Center on a recent mini-leadership retreat in Oklahoma City. Students also practiced team building exercises on the ropes course prior to cheering the Tiger football team on as they battled UCO.



**STUDENTS HONORED BY OHP**

ECU's Chris Shoffner and his class were honored by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Department of Public Safety. Shoffner's class produced an 18-minute video, "Anatomy of a Crash," which explains the importance of wearing a seat belt and what happens in car accidents.



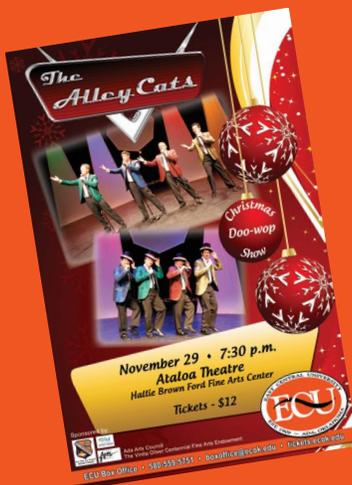
This video will be used throughout the state. Troopers say this video will have a huge impact on students around the area and they hope to use it for many years to come.

**STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BOX CITY**

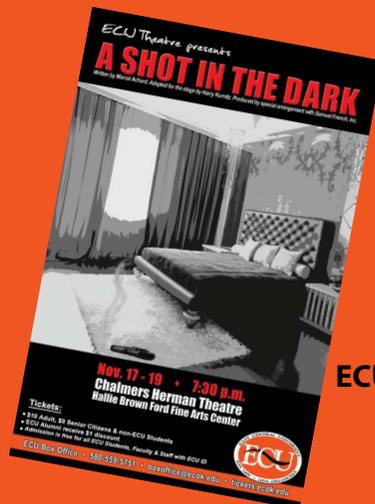
Habitat for Humanity sponsored Box City. Box City organizers believe that sleeping in a box overnight will bring awareness to the issue of poverty and homelessness in Oklahoma.



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**The Alley Cats**  
**Nov. 29**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Ataloo**  
**Admission - \$12**



**A Shot In The Dark**  
**Nov. 17-19**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Ataloo**  
**Admission**  
**Adults - \$10**  
**Seniors & Students - \$9**  
**ECU Students & Employees - FREE**

**DON'T FORGET**  
**Early Enrollment for the**  
**2012 Spring Semester**  
 begins this month



**CONGRATULATIONS ECU**

The East Central Oklahoma Blood Institute recently announced that ECU beat rival Southeastern Oklahoma State University in a blood drive!



**ECU STUDENTS PERFORM FOR SECOND GRADERS**

Dr. Rick Groetzinger's Oral Interpretation class recently participated in a service learning project. Five students performed short stories of Native American origin and took a

35-minute program to Mrs. Nelson's 2nd grade class at Hayes Elementary.



**FALL FASHION TIME**

The ECU Retail Fashion Promotion class recently presented their fall fashion show for the FCCLA Southeast District I Leadership Meeting held at the Chickasaw Nation's Cultural Center in Sulphur.

**ECU STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sophomore Stephen Decker of Whitewright, Texas qualified for the National Forensics Association Championships in Public Speaking with a fourth-place finish in After Dinner Speaking at ECU's first speech tournament of the season. The tournament was hosted by Longview College of Lee's Summit. Twenty-nine colleges and universities from six states attended the tournament.

**THE 2011 ECU SOCCER CLUB WRAPS UP SEASON**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

All month

Art Show - Bert Seabourne, Pogue Art Gallery  
 Native American Heritage Month

**11/4/2011**

GAC Tourn.-ECU vs Harding, 4 p.m., Soccer Field

**11/5/2011**

Football vs Harding (Pink Out), 2 p.m., Norris Field  
*Chickasaw Appreciation Day*

Volleyball vs Mid-America Christian, 7 p.m., Kerr

**11/6/2011**

GAC Tourn.-Final Game, 1 p.m., Soccer Field

**11/7/2011**

Marvin Stokes Lecture, 6:30 p.m., Estep, UC

**11/8/2011**

Teacher of the Year Luncheon/Education Scholarships & Awards, 11:30 a.m., Ballroom

**11/10/2011**

Okla. Literary Arts Festival, 9 a.m., Ataloe Theatre

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration  
 1 p.m., North Lounge

Dave Ehlert as Mark Twain (Oklahoma Literary Arts Festival), Noon, Ataloe Theatre

Dr. Alvin Turner, book signing & reading  
 2:30-4:30 p.m., Library

Historical Perspectives of Mark Twain's Cultural Influence presented by Henry Sweets  
 6:30 p.m., Library Atrium

Spotlight on Spain, 6-8 p.m., Regents Room

**11/10/12 – 11/13/12**

The Impresario/Hansel and Gretel, 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre (3 p.m. on Sunday)

**11/11/2011**

Veterans Day Event-Flag Raising Ceremony  
 11 a.m., Honor Plaza (Tiger Fountain).

Veterans Day Program, 1:30 p.m., Ataloe Theatre

**11/12/2011**

Football vs Southern Arkansas, 2 p.m., Norris Field

**11/14/2011**

Cassandra Long Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m., Ada Arts and Heritage Center

**11/15/2011**

Alpha Chi Initiation, 7 p.m., Ballroom



**ECU FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES BOARD**

Seated: Dr. Steve Turner, David Story, Martha Rhynes, Dr. Bill Chapman, Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and Frankie Crawford. Standing: Mick Cowan, President Hargrave, Jimmy Eppler, Dr. Duane Anderson, Yancy Spivey, Phyllis Danley, Richard Craig, Glen Bawcum, Larry Pulliam, Clayton Lodes and Craig Scheef.



**AND THE WINNER IS . . .**

The School of Business receives an ECU Tiger from Phyllis Danley. The school had the largest percentage of employees purchasing Fine Arts Season Tickets.

Dr. Mark Hollingsworth (center) and members of the Arbroath Pipe Band of OKC recently performed for the season opener of the Oklahoma City Curling Club. In attendance was curling World Champion and U.S. Olympian Debbie McCormick.

**CRAZY HORSE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

ECU Assistant Professor of English and alum Dr. Jason Murray was recently recognized as the 2011 Crazy Horse Educator of the Year for his work teaching at the Indian University of North America.

**HOLLINGSWORTH PERFORMS**



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**CONGRATS TO ALUMNUS PATRICK RILEY**

Riley will receive a Governors Art Award for Special Recognition on Nov. 15. He served as the Fine Arts Director for the Oklahoma City Schools. He is widely recognized for his whimsical handmade masks and has exhibited them nationally and internationally.

**OU PRESIDENT BOREN HONORS WIFE WITH DONATION TO ECU**

A \$5,000 gift from University of Oklahoma President David L. Boren to the ECU Foundation Inc. will increase the endowment fund of an ECU scholarship named for his wife, Molly Shi Boren.



With the endowment now at \$15,000, the scholarship will provide additional assistance for the recipients and will be known as the Molly Shi Boren Centennial Scholarship. It will be awarded to a freshman, based on need, and will continue until the student graduates, as long as the student is enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester and maintains a 2.0 grade point average.

**ANNUAL STOKES LECTURE**

Kristen Shelby, 2012 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, will speak at the Marvin Stokes Endowed Lecture at 6:30 p.m. in Estep. Area Teachers of the year will be honored.



**TRIO FUNDED AGAIN**

ECU received \$435,645 grant to keep ECU's Educational Opportunity Center open. ECU's federally funded TRIO program has been operating since 1991. EOC provides financial aid and admissions counseling, information and assistance to qualified adults who want to enter, re-enter, or continue a program of post secondary education. EOC programs nationwide primarily serve displaced or under-employed adults with annual family incomes of under \$24,000.



The trained counselors at ECU's EOC help students gain the skills needed to enter or re-enter college, vocational training programs or complete GED's. All the services of EOC are free to eligible adults.

**GREENSTREET TO BE HONORED BY ASSOCIATION**

The Central States Communication Association Argumentation and Forensics Division will honor ECU faculty member Dr. Robert Greenstreet at the 2012 convention. He has been active in the national organization for many years.





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**HOMECOMING**  
 East Central University