



From the Office of President Richard Rafes

East Central University

Campus Update October 11, 2007

ECU Inaugurates Dr. Richard Rafes



Hundreds of faculty, staff, students, friends and colleagues participated in the Friday, Sept. 28, formal inauguration of the seventh president of East Central University – Dr. Richard Rafes.



Thank you to everyone who made this one of the most memorable days of my life.

Ready for Play!

ECU's Kerr Activities Center will begin preparing for the basketball season with a new floor, goals and speaker system. Cheer for the Tigers, basketball preseason begins Nov. 6.



ECU will take on three NCAA Division I schools this year.
Nov. 6 -- ECU vs. OSU at Gallagher-Iba Arena

Then ECU will play two games in the 2K Sports College Hoop Classic – Coaches vs. Cancer at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman.
Nov. 8 -- ECU vs. Univ. of Denver
Nov. 9 -- ECU vs. Oklahoma or Univ. of San Francisco. The Tigers play three regular season road games before opening the home portion of their schedule on Thursday, Dec. 6, against Abilene Christian at 8 p.m. at the Kerr Activities Center.

Pink Out with the ZETAs

October is national breast cancer awareness month and the ZETAs are encouraging everyone to wear pink to the Oct. 27 home football game.

Fans wearing pink get in for ½ price.

ECU to Honor Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby

ECU will celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of Gov. Anoatubby on Friday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. in the University Center. ECU will unveil the bust of the 1972 ECU graduate, which will join the other busts of ECU graduates who have gone on to become governors.

They are: former Oklahoma Gov. Robert S. Kerr, former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh and former Arizona Gov. Ernest McFarland.

ECU Dance Team Offers Clinic

The ECU Dance Team added 14 new performers during the ECU football half-time performance on Thursday, Oct. 4.



Young ladies from ages 4 to 8 who participated in the clinic joined the dance team and had the opportunity to show Tiger fans their new moves.

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ECU Communication Instructor Invites Everyone to *Come and See*.

Linda Schaefer, communications instructor,



photojournalist and author of the exciting and beautifully illustrated ***Come and See***: A photojournalist's journey into the world of Mother Teresa, shared her very personal

experience in the development of her book. Schaefer holds the distinction of being the last photojournalist to be granted full access to the late Nobel Prize winner and soon-to-be-sainted nun.

Celebrating Russia – USA Cooperation

On Nov. 6 ECU will celebrate the Year of Russian language in the World and 200 years of US-Russian Diplomatic Relations.

Panel Discussion -1:30 p.m. in the Estep Center

*Why US – Russian Relations Matter: 200
Years and Counting*

Dr. Alvin Turner -3:30 p.m. in the Estep Center

Russians in Oklahoma

6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom

National essay contest

Poetry Reading by Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Modern Day Julius Caesar is a Success



ECU Theatre just finished its first show of the season, Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. Approximately 250 people came over the four-

day run of the show. The play was directed by Dr. Bret Jones. Kelli Lowe was assistant director. The play was set in modern times to reflect the political unrest that is presented in the play.

**The next show for ECU Theatre is *Oklahoma!*
Nov 14 – 17 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Summers
Theatre.**

East Main Cultural Arts District to Hold First of Public Meetings on Oct. 25

The EMCAD will hold the first community forum on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ada Arts and Heritage Center.

The first forum will work with the community on forming the geographic boundaries of the proposed district. Local residents are invited to participate in the development of the district. Earlier this year, ECU was awarded two grants totaling more than \$600,000 to help launch the district.

Dr. Rafees and Dr. Hall Present at National Conf.

Dr. Richard Rafees and Dr. Delma Hall attended the National Symposium on Student Retention Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Hall presented "Group Process to Foster Faculty Engagement in Retention Efforts" in an interactive format with participants listening, doing and evaluating results.

Dr. Rafees presented "Engaging Faculty in Retention Issues Using a Presidential Summit on Retention: The Need and Scope" and used technology for instant audience response to questions during his presentation. The instant response of audience participants involved the audience and forwarded his discussion of how and why the Presidential Summit was used successfully at East Central University.

Dr. Sewell Raises International Awareness



Dr. Guy Sewell introduces an international audience to the location and culture of ECU and the city of Ada at the beginning of his presentation to the 20 representatives attending a NATO conference in Slovenia. The conference focused on the growing environmental challenges associated with contaminated sediments.

2007-08 Staff Council officers

Bob Vavricka, president
Stephanie Cooper, vice president
Betty Smith, secretary/treasurer

2007-08 Faculty Senate officers

Charlie Jones, president
Guy Sewell, vice president
Jean Thompson, secretary

ECU offers more dining options

Faculty, staff and students may now purchase flex dollars. Flex dollars can be purchased in \$25, \$50 and \$100 increments at the Virginia Taff Cafeteria. Flex dollars can be used at the University Center, Taff Cafeteria or Pesagi Outtakes.

Your Health Matters

Flu shots are available for the entire month of October from the ECU health services room 137 in the Memorial Student Union building. The cost is \$35 – cash or check only.

Sign up for yoga classes, workout in the wellness center or sign up for Weight Watchers – now available on campus. Schedules are designed with ECU employees in mind. *If you are planning to start during the fall break, please be aware that wellness center and swimming pool schedules will change.*

Or if you feel like a jog, contact an employee who participated in the Homecoming 5K run. Congratulations to Bob Feighner, Dr. Mark Micozzi, Dr. Rich Alford, Barry Hardwick, Sherry Darbison,



Jeff McGaha,
Brian
DeAngelis,
Wade
Alexander and
Richard Rafes
for a great
race.

Dates to Remember!

Every Friday *Orange and Black Day*

Oct 12-13

Teaching American History Oklahoma
Centennial Colloquium
@ 3 p.m., Estep Center

Oct 17

ECU United Way Fair
11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ballroom

Oct 18-19

Fall Break – no classes/offices closed

Oct 20

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection
9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Norris Stadium Parking Lot

Oct 25

East Main Cultural Arts District Forum
5:30 p.m., Ada Arts and Heritage

Instrumental Ensembles Concert
7:30 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

Oct 26

Governor Anoatubby Dedication
2 p.m., University Center

Closing reception for ECU Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Dylan Bradway and Amanda
Weathers-Bradway
4 – 6 p.m., ECU Art Gallery

Soccer

ECU vs. SOSU at 4 p.m.

Oct. 27**Football**

ECU v TAMU at 2 p.m.

Ardmore Higher Education Center Fall Festival
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ardmore

Oct 28

Scissortail Arts Series – James Giles American
Concert Pianist
7:30 p.m., Dorothy Summers