

From the office of President John R. Hargrave



Campus Update

February 2014

ECU HONORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Ada Chamber of Commerce selected ECU's Chickasaw Business and Conference Center as the Community Impact Project of the year.

FORMER OKLAHOMA FIRST LADY TOURS CBCC

Former Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry (center), executive director of the Sarkey's Foundation, recently toured ECU's new Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The synergistic learning center, located in the CBCC, was funded by Sarkey's.



STARKEY REPRESENTS ECU DURING HIGHER ED DAY



ECU senior Talon Starkey addressed legislatures and university officials from across the state during Higher Education Day. Starkey emphasized the importance of pursuing his degree at ECU.

EIGHTH GRADE CAREER DAY

Eighth graders from Pontotoc County attended Career Day at ECU. Congressman Tom Cole, Senator Susan Paddack and President Hargrave inspired the students. Professionals such as firefighters and veterinarians offered candid discussions about their areas of expertise.



TUSKEGEE AIRMAN McGEE TO DELIVER DIVERSITY LECTURE ON MARCH 11



Col. Charles McGee, one of the first African-American aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces, will deliver the Sixth Annual Louise Young Diversity Lecture on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at ECU. McGee was one of the Tuskegee Airmen. The highly-decorated McGee served for 30-plus years as a command pilot in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

STATE SCIENCE FAIR TO BE HELD AT ECU

Hundreds of students from across the state will compete at the state science fair on March 6 and 7 at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. This will be the 41st year ECU has coordinated this fair.



OSSAA DISTRICT VOCAL CONTEST

Once again high school students throughout the region took over the ECU campus. On Feb. 18 and 19 ECU hosted the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association's District Vocal Contest.



SNOW DAYS!!!

2014 proved to be a unique start. With a record snowfall, ECU did not open campus on Feb. 3. The snow, however, did not stop ECU students from having fun!



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STUDENTS HELPING IN TAX PREPARATION



ECU and the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business are once again participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. VITA is a national program, supported by the Internal Revenue Service, designed to provide free tax assistance to individuals with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and fixed incomes. ECU students, along with other volunteers, provide the service.

ECU KELLOGG & SOVEREIGN FINANCIAL LAB



TO BE FEATURED

ECU students and faculty plus owners of the Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting, LLC were recently interviewed by Rise Display to discuss their opinion of the

Kellogg & Sovereign Financial Lab. The financial lab consists of an interactive Market Wall, which streams live data from stocks and bond markets with just a 20-minute delay. The board tracks the Dow and other market news as well. It provides students with the hands-on experience needed to succeed in today's market.

COOPERATIVE TEACHER FORUM



Educators throughout the area attended the ECU Cooperative Teacher Forum held on Jan. 15.

The forum was an opportunity for area educators to share their experiences with ECU student teachers.

ECU STUDENT TEACHERS PREPARE TO TAKE OVER CLASSROOMS



JIM STOVALL SPEAKS AT ECU

Jim Stovall, entrepreneur, author, humanitarian and nationally-recognized motivational speaker, shared his story "Yes, You Can!" to a packed room on Feb. 13 at ECU. He presented an amazing personal and professional story for all ages, offering a vision of what can be achieved by those who say "yes" in the face of challenge and adversity.



RAMADAN SYMPOSIUM FEATURED NEUROSCIENCE SPEAKERS

The Second Annual Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Symposium featured speakers from the neuroscience field on Jan. 30. Topics included magnetic imaging to help diagnose primary brain tumors, visceral pain and understanding retinal degeneration.



FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL BEING HELD AT ECU

February has been a time to view French movies at ECU. The first Friday feature included entertainment from Callen Clarke and his 14-year-old daughter Faith. Callen played the Persian Tar and Faith accompanied as a percussionist. This is the fourth year of the festival which is being held in association with the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE MLK DAY

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at ECU began with students participating in a citywide clean up, followed the next day by a reenactment of the 1963 March on Washington, a rendition of King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech by the Tiger Speech and Debate team, and presentations of the Spirit of MLK Award and the MLK Essay Award.



ART EXHIBITION CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY



A traveling exhibition of work by living Oklahoma artists, called “24 Works on Paper,” opened on Feb. 18 and will be available for viewing until March 21 at the Pogue Art Gallery in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The exhibition was produced as a collaboration between Individual Artists of Oklahoma (IAO) and the Oklahoma



Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC). The exhibition is traveling the state for a full year.

COMPOSERS’ CONCERT SLATED FOR FEB. 24



Eleven composers, drawing inspirations from faraway lands, American music styles and the beginnings of spring, will be showcased at the Eighth Annual ECU Faculty, Students and Friends Composer Concert on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ataloa Theatre of the Hallie Brown

Ford Fine Arts Center.

‘A VERY CHORALE CHRISTMAS’ HELD IN JANUARY



The harsh winter weather didn’t dampen the Christmas spirit. Though it was delayed from early December, ‘A Very Chorale Christmas,’ hosted by ECU’s University Chorale, was conducted on Jan. 30. The musical dinner variety show encouraged audience participation as demonstrated by Shirley Pogue as she jingles her keys to *Jingle Bells*.

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SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! BRINGS BACK SATURDAY MEMORIES



Hundreds of elementary students throughout the area received a sneak peek at the performance of School House Rock Live! Young minds were exposed to tunes such as *Conjunction Junction* and *Just a Bill*.

The production was based on the American programming series of animated musical educational short films that aired during Saturday morning children’s programming on ABC-TV, originally from 1973-85.

ARMSTRONG RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

ECU had been Pamla Armstrong’s life for nearly 35 years as a student and career choice. On Friday, Jan. 31, Armstrong stepped away from that portion of her life and into retirement as ECU’s Director of Admissions and Records/Registrar. Armstrong has served under six ECU presidents (both full-time and interim), worked through gradual technological advances and had been a part of what is believed to be 77 commencement ceremonies.



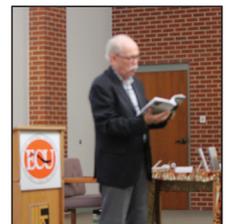
DR. WALKER HONORED AS ‘EXEMPLARY TEACHER IN HIGHER EDUCATION’

Dr. Steven Walker, director of choral activities and a Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor at ECU, was honored as an “Exemplary Teacher in Higher Education” on Jan. 16 by the Oklahoma Music Educators Association.



ECU AUTHORS CELEBRATED DURING BOOKAPALOOZA

The Linscheid Library hosted ‘Bookapalooza,’ an event to spotlight authors from the ECU community. Those highlighted were: Communication and Performance Studies professor Dr. Kurt Edwards’ book *An Actor/Preacher Prepares: Billy Graham Performs the New Revivalism*, History professor Dr. Brad Clampitt’s book *The Confederate Heartland: Military and Civilian Morale in the Western Confederacy* and emeritus professor Dr. Davis Joyce’s book *Recollections of a Hitherto Truthful Man*.



SUTER’S FIRST COUSIN ON U.S. MEN’S OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAM

Sarah Suter, ECU’s Director of Student Organizations and Greek Life, is overly excited about Team USA’s quest for a men’s hockey gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. She is the first cousin of Ryan Suter, an alternate team captain and a defenseman for Team USA.



ECU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SHOWS BALANCE

The Lady Tiger basketball team has performed admirably with a balanced attack through 23 games in registering a 16-7 overall record and 11-6 mark in the Great American Conference. ECU has won six of its last seven games with three contests to go.

BASKETBALL SQUAD STANDS AT 14-9

ECU, which has already clinched its first winning season since the 2007-08, is 14-9 overall and 11-6 in the Great American Conference. The Tigers have gone through 23 games (with three

regular season contests to go) and three of their players are averaging in double figures.

LADY TIGER SOFTBALLERS OFF TO 8-5 START

ECU is off to an 8-5 start to open the 2014 softball season and has produced some outstanding individual efforts along the way. Brianna Nunley and Lacey Paulk have each posted 3-2 records from the pitching circle. Paulk has a 1.77

earned run average and Nunley is at 2.16. Chelsea Patterson's .500 batting average tops the squad.

ECU BASEBALL RALLIES PAST WESLEYAN

Though the Tiger baseball team is off to a 3-7 start to the 2014 season, ECU came out victorious in its latest outing, 11-4, at Texas Wesleyan. ECU's other two wins came in a four-game series split with Newman University (Kan.).

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

A Chinese Dragon was seen all over campus on Jan. 31, as ECU students celebrate the Chinese New Year. President Hargrave took

time to pose for a photo with the group.

**QUIZ BOWL AT ECU**

Students from Oklahoma and Texas participated in the first Quiz Bowl Tournament, hosted by ECU, on Feb. 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Feb. 21**

Regional Science Fair, CBCC

Baseball vs. Henderson State @ 2 p.m.

French Film Festival *Amour* @ 4 p.m.
Estep Multimedia Center**Feb. 22**

Regional Science Fair, CBCC

Baseball vs. Henderson State (Doubleheader)
@ noonThe Oklahoma City Community Orchestra, Brad Richter & Viktor Uzur in Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC**Feb. 23**

Women's Tennis vs. Central Oklahoma @ 1 p.m.

Feb. 24

Men's Tennis vs. Seminole State @ 1 p.m.

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ECU Composers' Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC**Feb. 25**Baseball vs. Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College
@ 1 p.m.Tuesday Night Trivia @ 6 p.m.
Estep Multimedia Center**Feb. 27**

Women's Tennis vs. Tarleton State @ 1:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs Southeastern Oklahoma State @ 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Southeastern Oklahoma State
@ 7:30 p.m.Midwinter Band Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC**Feb. 28**

Softball vs. Arkansas Tech (Doubleheader) @ 1 p.m.

French Film Festival Farewell, *My Queen* @ 4 p.m.
Estep Multimedia Center