



Campus Update

June 2012

From the Office of President John R. Hargrave

SPEAKER DESIGNATE OF THE HOUSE



VISITS ECU
T.W. Shannon (third from left), speaker-designate of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, poses with area legislators

and higher education leaders Thursday at ECU. Shannon was invited to ECU to meet and speak with community leaders. With Shannon are state Rep. Todd Thomsen (from left) and state Sen. Susan Padack, both of Ada, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, Regent Connie Reilly of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and ECU President John Hargrave.

ECU PROFESSOR & ADA COUNCILMAN



Municipal Judge Jim Kemp (right) swears in new Ada City Council Member Dr. Guy Sewell (left) and new vice mayor Shane Sweeney at a city

council meeting. Sewell is a professor of environmental health science at ECU and is now the Ward 4 representative.

JESSICA BOLES NEW ECU VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION



Jessica A. Boles, the former vice president for fiscal affairs at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, is ECU's new vice president for finance and administration.

Boles, who managed large construction projects at NEO and oversaw \$20 million in renovations after floods devastated the campus in 2007, was NEO's assistant vice president for fiscal affairs and controller from February 2005 until October 2008 when she was named vice president.

ECU THUNDERS UP FOR BIG GAME



ECU students and employees Thunder Up on ECU's mall to support the OKC Thunder before Game 2 of the 2012 NBA Finals against the Miami Heat.

ECU ADDS "GREEN" VEHICLES TO FLEET

When it was time to replace vehicles at ECU electric and compressed natural gas (CNG) were at the top of the list.



Two electric vehicles and one CNG vehicle were selected to replace the traditional vehicles. Electric and CNG vehicles are more environmentally sound and provide an alternative to gasoline-burning vehicles.

STATE REGENTS RECOGNIZE ECU, ADA JOBS FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

Ann Miller (second from left, front row) of the Ada Jobs Foundation holds a plaque recognizing the AJF for its partnership with East Central University to further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.



With her at the presentation are Rick Wetherill (front row, from left), ECU executive director of continuing education and community services; Bridget Forshay, ECU small business specialist; Raymond Johnson, ECU interim vice president for finance and administration; and (back row) Dr. Glen D. Johnson, chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb; and Dave Lopez, state secretary of commerce and tourism.

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ECU'S EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CLINTON, GEORGE, WARREN



President Hargrave (left), Provost Anderson and Dean Walling (right) congratulate ECU's 2012 Educa-

tors Hall of Fame Inductees. Bronson Warren (accepting on behalf of his mother Mattie Warren), Grace George and Dr. John Clinton, all graduates of ECU, were inducted into ECU's Gene and Evelyn Keefer Educators Hall of Fame on June 19.

The Educators Hall of Fame is sponsored by Janice Diamond and Paul Keefer, the children of Gene and Evelyn Keefer, to recognize ECU-prepared educators at any level who have made a significant contribution to the field of education.

WILBURN SMITH REMEMBERED AS ENTREPRENEUR



The late Wilburn L. Smith, a former president and sales manager of Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc., was recognized posthumously as the Entrepreneur of the Year at ECU's

annual Leonard Limes Endowed Lecture in Entrepreneurship.

In addition, a \$250,000 gift to ECU from Smith's wife, Carol, will be formally accepted to create the Wilburn L. Smith Center for Entrepreneurship inside the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business. The center will be a focal point of the school, permanently affixing Smith's name with his mentor, Stonecipher.



EVENT HELD FOR NIKKI STONECIPHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Golfers convened at Oak Hills Golf & Country Club for the seventh annual Nikki Stonecipher Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble. Proceeds from the scramble go directly to a fund established at the ECU Foundation Inc. in Nikki Stonecipher's name. Nikki and her parents, Brent and Tina Stonecipher, were killed in a tragic plane accident on July 24, 2005.

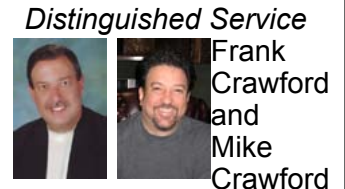
EVENING OF HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Distinguished Former Faculty
Dr. Don Kellogg & Dr. Carlotta Lockmiller



Distinguished Alumnus
David Porter

Distinguished Family
The Zimmerman Family



Distinguished Philanthropist
Harland & Shirley Stonecipher

Distinguished Service
Frank Crawford and Mike Crawford

2011 CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT



- Dr. Tim Green - Education
- Bob Bennett - Fine Arts
- Bill & Betty Ely Parham - Accounting
- Mick Cowan - Accounting
- Duane Godwin - Memorial Athletic
- Weber/Raper - Athletic
- President Emeritus Bill & Sondra Cole - Biology
- Glenn Watson - Graduate Accounting (*not photographed*)
- Molly Shi Boren - Legal Studies (*not photographed*)

ALUMNI REUNIONS ANNOUNCED

Mark your calendar for upcoming reunions:
Saturday, Aug. 11 - OKC Reunion;

AND

Friday, Aug. 17 - Ada Reunion.

For complete details visit
www.alumni.ecok.edu.





ECU GRADUATE WINS TOP HONOR

Dr. Betsy Ballard, a 1973 ECU graduate, has received a prestigious Medal for Excellence award from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence as an outstanding educator in Oklahoma's public schools.

Ballard was one of five state educators receiving \$5,000 cash prizes and glass "Roots and Wings" sculptures designed by the late Oklahoma artist Ron Roberts.

SUMMER CAMPS UNDERWAY



ECU hosts many camps during the summer. Youth of all ages from across the state find their way to Ada. The 2012 summer camps have experienced tremendous growth compared to last summer. Some of the July camps include Oklahoma Business

Week, Cheerleading, Basketball, Upward Bound and the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

PI A PROFESSOR DONATION FROM ECU



Staff members at the House of Hope in Ada (at left) accept a check for \$150 from members of the ECU Math Club. The club raised money for the organization by offering ECU students and faculty the opportunity to "PI a Professor" with whipped cream "pies" during Math Awareness Month.

Thirteen faculty members volunteered as targets for 123 pies. Additional donations rounded the total to \$150. Representing the House of Hope are Georgiana Sullivan (from left), Lori Bickerstaff and Rachel Miller, with Math Club officers Alyssa Eickenhorst, president; Janne' Klassen, vice president; Laura Asaro, public relations; and Heather Gaddy, secretary.

WORKSHOPS, INFO AVAILABLE AT VETERANS & MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Rita Aragon, Oklahoma's secretary of veterans and military affairs and a retired Air Force major general, spoke at the Veterans & Military Appreciation Day program at ECU.

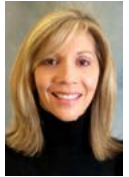


The Bill S. Cole University Center was packed all day with workshops and information for veterans and their families.



NATIVE AMERICAN ACADEMIC SERVICES PROGRAM HELPS KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL TO COMPLETE DEGREES

It's been a year since ECU began its own Native American Academic Services program to ensure that Native American students stay in school and complete their degrees. So far, the results have been encouraging, but its director wants more students and families to be aware that ECU has an on-campus liaison for students.



"The goal of ECU's program is to serve 18 percent of ECU's enrollment – Native American students – both in and out of the classroom in order to make sure their college careers are a success," said Renee Hogue, ECU's director of Native American academic services. That means providing cultural learning experiences as well as academic services for those students.

ECU BEAM SIGNING BY WILLARD SCHOOL KIDS

Students from Willard Grade Center line up earlier this spring to sign their names on a beam that will be installed in ECU's new business school and conference center which can be seen in the background.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Local grade center students learn about solar panels during the Ada Water Festival/Earth Day Celebration at ECU. The City of Ada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center jointly sponsored the event for K-12 and ECU students.



SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 6
A Super Tiger Homecoming



FREE 'GREEN JOBS' TRAINING

Free training to qualify for "green jobs" in building thermography and photo-voltaic system design was held during May and June at ECU and the Kiamichi Technology Centers in McAlester, Idabel and Atoka.

VISIT TO RUSSIA AND UKRAINE



Students recently returned from ECU's annual trip to Russia and Ukraine. The group of nine visited Kiev, Chernobyl, Crimea and Moscow. The group stands next to a Alexander Pushkin statue.

BILES STUDIES ABROAD A SEMESTER



Josiah Biles has returned to Ada after completing a semester in Caceres, Spain. He studied at the University of Extremadura in Caceres, ECU's partner University. The program was called

CEPE: Cursos de Espanol Para Extranjeros (Spanish Classes for foreign students).

"Studying in historic Caceres was the best thing that could have happened to me in terms of my Spanish education. I arrived in Spain with some knowledge of grammar and vocabulary but had little speaking ability. However, after three months of immersion and study, I left able to communicate with the Spanish-speaking world. And to me, that is invaluable," said Biles.



OVAA HELD AT ECU

Professionals from across the state attended the third Oklahoma Victim Assistance Academy at ECU. OVAA is an intensive week-long course of study for victim advocates, service providers, law enforcement professionals and social service providers who work with crime victims.

The OVAA is modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy offered through the Office for Victims of Crime. The comprehensive curriculum is based on a recent needs assessment that was conducted after the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General was awarded a federal grant from OVC to develop Oklahoma's academy.

CLAMPITT'S BOOK FINALIST FOR JEFFERSON DAVIS AWARD

A book by Bradley R. Clampitt, assistant professor of history and Native American studies at ECU, was one of three finalists for the 2011 Jefferson Davis Award sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va.



Clampitt is the author of "The Confederate Heartland: Military and Civilian Morale in the Western Confederacy," published by the Louisiana State University Press.

D.J. LAFON HONORED

Artist D.J. Lafon, shown in a photo taken while he was chair of ECU's Art Department from 1964 to 1984, will be honored in a retrospective exhibit of his work this summer in the Pogue Gallery in ECU's Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The exhibit opened on June 5 and continues through August 31.



Lafon died in Norman last January at age 81. The paintings and prints in the show were selected from the Lafon family's private collection.

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Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center
East Central University

SUCCESS FOR ECU ATHLETES



Counting all sports that were offered a GAC Championship, including those with just four participants (women's soccer, men's cross country and men's tennis), ECU had more success in 2011-12 than any other GAC athletic program. ECU scored a 74.5, followed by Arkansas Tech (67.1), Harding (64.5), Ouachita Baptist (57.8), Southwestern Oklahoma State (56.7), Henderson State (47.4), Southeastern Oklahoma State (46.1), Southern Arkansas (38.5) and Arkansas-Monticello (36.2).

ECU CHEERLEADERS PLACE AT NATIONALS



ECU cheerleaders pose at the recent National Cheerleader Association Collegiate Nationals competition in Daytona Beach, Fla. The squad advanced from the first round straight to finals, with a final ninth place standing in its division.

OSBORN, TRAIL RECEIVE GEORGE NIGH AWARD AS ECU'S TOP SENIORS



Two students are sharing ECU's prestigious George Nigh Award this year as ECU's top graduating seniors.

Tiffany Osborn of Muldrow and Joe Trail of Ada received the awards at a luncheon honoring them and finalists Caitlyn Clifton of McAlester and Rosa Denton of Porum for their outstanding academic achievements.

PUTERBAUGH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Puterbaugh Foundation Scholarships, which assist an ECU graduate student and an undergraduate student enrolled at the Eastern Oklahoma State College McAlester campus, have been awarded to Helen Geddes of McAlester and Aubrey Isenhower of Quinton.



The scholarships were established through the ECU Foundation Inc. with a gift from the Puterbaugh Foundation of McAlester and are funded by interest earned from the gift, as well as from alumni donations.

SALLISAW SENIOR RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Kendall Dobbs (right), a 2011 graduate of Sallisaw High School, presents the Vision Bank Presidential Leadership Program scholarship to Sallisaw senior Katie Brooks.



The scholarship will provide Brooks with tuition and room waivers for four years at ECU, beginning next fall. She will be part of the President's Leadership Class – III, an elite group of 20 freshman leaders from across Oklahoma. Dobbs just completed her freshman year at ECU.

SAIED AWARD IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Recognized for advancing the most in musicianship this year are winners of ECU's 2012 Saied Award in instrumental music, freshman Jessica Robertson of Pauls Valley (from left), sophomore Elaine Lancaster of Eufaula and junior Erin Goto of Oklahoma City. They are shown with Dr. Allen Correll, ECU's band director. Senior Rachel Bessert of Oklahoma City (not shown) also received the award.



The late James Saied, an ECU Distinguished Alumnus and founder of the Saied Music Company in Tulsa, established the award for a student in each class.

ANNUAL BOSWELL LECTURE

The 2012 Boswell Lecture was held in conjunction with a Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair. The Ada community was invited to learn about volunteering in the community. Lectures this year were Ada Regional United Way Executive Director Latricia Bryant (center) and Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation Executive Director Amy Elliott.



OKLAHOMA JOB MATCH

ECU wants to encourage students and alums to take advantage of a free service available through OKJob-Match.com.

The site allows you to develop a resume or upload your resume and then finds matches across the state of Oklahoma and surrounding region.



ECU BOOKSTORE
The ECU Bookstore is currently being remodeled. It will be located in the North Lounge until mid-July and is operating on a smaller scale until the remodel is complete.



ONE BUSY SUMMER FOR CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS



Several renovation and construction projects are underway across campus this summer, from new doors and windows to renovated walkways and parking lots. From roof repairs to landscaping and everything in between, the ECU Physical Plant and some private contractors are working hard this season!



CONSTRUCTION ON THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

Combined, the following ECU employees have given ECU more than **153 years** of service.

THANK YOU!

Enjoy retirement.

Claud Nichols

Ruth Huckeby

Dr. Patricia Yarbrough

Bronson Warren

Bonita Blackburn

Peggy Miller

Mary Ann Taylor

Jill Frye

Once a Tiger...Always a Tiger!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



UPCOMING EVENTS

July – August

Art Show-D.J. Lafon: A Retrospective, Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC

June 21 & 26, July 10, 12, 17 & 19, Aug. 17
Beginning Freshman Fall Advisement/Enrollment

July 4

**Independence Day, Campus Closed
No classes, offices closed**

July 25

Summer Session officially ends

July 26 – Aug. 10

Intercession

Aug. 11

OKC Area Alumni Reunion, 6 p.m., Remington Park

Aug. 16

Faculty Returns

Aug. 17

Ada Area Alumni Reunion, 6 p.m., Polo's Mexican Restaurant

Aug. 18 & 19

Tiger Streak

Aug. 20

Fall Classes Begin