



# Campus Update

## July 2012

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

### ECU ADMINISTRATIVE RETREAT



ECU Administrators review the past to prepare for the future. On July 16 & 17 several campus

leaders met at the National Center for Employee Development in Norman. The group began working on ECU's Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan. Throughout the next year, employees at all levels will be asked for input before the plans are finalized.

### REGENT DUNN VISITS ECU



During the June 21 RUSO Board meeting Jeff Dunn of Tulsa was sworn in as a RUSO Regent. He replaces Belva Howard and will serve on Position Two.

Dunn is the chief executive officer of Mill Creek Lumber and Supply Company. He is a partner in education at the KIPP School in Tulsa. He also sits on the board of the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce. Dunn received a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law.

### THE ECU PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE ROUND-UP



ECU's President's Circle met for some fun and good grub at the Round-up.

Regent Connie Reilly visits with Jane Kellogg (above). President Hargrave listens to Senator Susan Paddack and Dr. Pad-



dack (below). Dr. John and Mary Garber take away the prize for really dressing for the event.

### ICE CREAM FOR ALL

On the third of July, President Hargrave encouraged all ECU personnel to take a break for a little fun and ice cream. Faculty and staff were encouraged to show their patriotic colors and were rewarded for their spirit.



### OKLAHOMA BUSINESS WEEK BIG SUCCESS

"Can I come back next year? I had the best time, can't stop talking about it!"

Just a couple of things that students said about the first Oklahoma Business Week at ECU. More than 70 students from across the state participated in this one of a kind summer camp. On the first day they formed companies and area professionals served as company advisors and mentored the teams throughout the week. In addition to the one-on-one interaction with company leaders, campers also heard from state leaders such as Rhett Laubach, Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy, Kenneth Knoll, Scout Cloud Lee, Mary Mélon, Sen. Susan Paddack, Craig Scheef, Bill Bridgwater, Congressman Tom Cole, Michael Prince and Gov. Bill Anoatubby.



All week long the teams or companies were in competition with each other. Every member of the runner-up team received a \$500 ECU scholarship and the winning team members received a \$1,000 ECU scholarship and a new DELL laptop.

### TRACK CLOSED

The track and football field at ECU's Norris Field are closed until further notice. Repairs are being made to the drainage system underneath the west end of the track.



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**TOBACCO FREE ON AUG. 1**  
 Jason Haight and Colton Madron remove cigarette butt receptacles and put up new “breatheasy” signs throughout campus. On Aug. 1, ECU will become tobacco free.

*On Feb. 6, 2012, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed Executive Order 2012-01 which prohibits the use of any tobacco product on any and all properties owned, leased or contracted for use by the State of Oklahoma, including but not limited to all buildings, land and vehicles owned, leased or contracted for use by agencies or instrumentalities of the State of Oklahoma.*

**ECU PLANS TO OFFER SOCIAL WORK DEGREE PROGRAM IN MCALESTER**



ECU professors will teach four beginning-level courses for the Bachelor of Social Work degree this fall at McAlester. McAlester area residents, interested in earning a bachelor of social work degree from ECU, can attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Eastern Oklahoma State College-McAlester campus, room 102.

**COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER**

Approximately 400 people participated in Pontotoc County’s Inaugural Community Baby Shower on July 19. The free educational baby shower is designed to help reduce Oklahoma’s infant mortality rates. The event was sponsored by Smart Start South Central (at ECU), Valley View Regional Hospital and the Oklahoma State Office of Minority Health (OMH).



**WORKSHOPS OFFERED AT ECU TO HELP VETS ADVANCE**

The Veterans Upward Bound Program at ECU hosted three workshops -- VA Educational Benefits, Preparing for Fall Enrollment and Planning for College -- for veterans who are considering pursuing a degree in post-secondary education. Military veterans, National Guard members and reservists who have plans to attend either a vocational school or a two to four-year college or university were invited.

**NFL PUNT, PASS and KICK COMPETITION**

Area leaders and athletes from ECU, Valley View Regional Hospital and Stratford High School worked together to have the First NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Blackburn Football Field in Stratford, Oklahoma on June 29. The focus was the importance of exercise for the youth. Children ages 6-15 years old participated in the five age group levels with the winners moving on to sectionals this fall.



**SEMINOLE NATION CAMPERS LEARN ABOUT DIABETES**

Members of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, participating in the fourth Annual Diabetes Prevention Camp at ECU gather at the steps of the Science Hall with ECU President John Hargrave. The youth ages range from 11 to 17 years of age and live within Seminole and Hughes Counties. During the week, the tribal youth attended prevention classes, learned how to increase daily movement to prevent diabetes, and what their glucose levels should be on a daily basis. There were 41 campers for this year.



**CHICKASAW SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY**

ECU is proud to host the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy again this summer. The CSAA is an intensive two-week academy that provide youth opportunities to gain experience in the artistic fields of acting, creative writing, dance, music composition, video production, photography, visual and vocal arts.



Students from age 8 through 12 will participate in the Fine Arts Rotation. Students, ages 13 through 19, auditioned for major and minor in 2-D and 3-D visual arts, theatre performance, creative writing, dance or vocal music.



**SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 6**  
**A Super Tiger Homecoming**







**FORERO-VILLEGAS FAMILY MAKES DONATION**

Dr. Forero-Villegas, assistant professor, passed away last semester but a part of her will forever be at ECU. Her family

decided to donate her book collection to the Linscheid Library. Her collection totaled 1,177 works including Spanish and Latin American literature and literary criticism, Colombian history and political science, and a number of Spanish language juvenile literature books. Books selected will include a bookplate that states the gift is "From the Forero-Villegas Family in memory of Professor Maria Yolanda Forero-Villegas."



**COLE CENTENNIAL BIOLOGY ENDOWMENT**

The Cole Scholarship was originally established to assist ECU with the Tiger Ambassador program. However, after Dr. Cole's death in 2011, his wife Sondra decided to award scholarships to outstanding biology students, which was Dr. Cole's area of interest.

A special luncheon was held in September 2011 where the Cole family was able to meet the first recipients of this scholarship. Mrs. Cole passed away in late 2011, and the Cole family will continue to award this scholarship to ECU biology students.



**THE ULTIMATE GIFT**

The ECU Foundation recently received two unexpected "Ultimate Gifts" this summer.

Amy James (left) passed away in April 2012 at the young age of 45. She had designated \$50,000 to the ECU Foundation in her will. J. Lorene Fuller died in March 2011 at the age of 92. While serving as executor of her estate, Vision Bank notified the ECU Foundation of a \$25,000 bequest from Ms. Fuller.

**COP IN TRAINING**



ECU students in the Collegiate Office Program spent time at the Ada Fire-

arms Range during class. Firearms training is one of many hands-on exercises students experience outside the classroom.

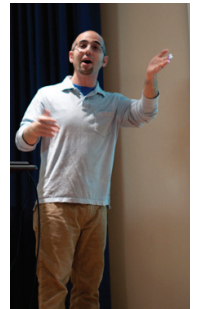
**ECU POLICE ATTEND TRAINING**

ECU Police Chief Bert Miller (not pictured), Patrolman Glen Jones and Parking Enforcement Officer Don Branum attended a medflight safety and landing class held at the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training Facility. Information gathered from this class will assist the police department to better serve the campus community in the event of an emergency situation.



**GRASSO PARTICIPATES IN 'REAL LOVE' TALK**

Dr. Joshua Grasso, associate professor, recently participated in the Tulsa Central Library's Novel Talk series "Real Love: From Jane Austen to Reality TV."



Grasso gave a lecture on Jane Austen's life and works entitled "The Author Without a Face: A Portrait of Jane Austen." The panel was part of the Tulsa Central Library's "Summer of Love," which also offered concerts by the Council Oak Men's Chorale and book discussions with popular Romance writers.

**OCPRA ANNUAL AWARDS COMPETITION**

The Communications & Marketing Department won five awards for their work from the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association. The highly competitive contest drew a record 629 entries from most of the state's public and private colleges and universities.



ECU won third in the Admissions Viewbook category for "Find Your Direction at ECU – Viewbook 2012." ECU (Communications & Marketing and Alumni Departments) received third in the Square Peg category for "Where's Roary."

ECU former Sports Information Director, Brain Johnson received third in the Sports Writing category for "Kennemer's Toughness leads to Outstanding Softball Career at ECU."

Gina Smith, communications coordinator, received an Excellence Award in the Sports Publication category for "Great American Conference Inaugural Soccer Championship Program." She also received an Honorable Mention in the Traditional Sports Photography category for "More Pain."



### CONGRATULATIONS FACULTY

Rebecca Gatz  
2012 Service Learning  
Teacher of The Year



Dr. Regina Robertson, Dr. Christine Pappas, Dr. Shirley Mixon, Dr. Marc Klippenstine and Dr. Michael Bay receive Teaching Excellence Awards.



New tenured faculty include: Dr. Stephen Fields, Dr. Bradley Clampitt, Dr. Marc Klippenstine and Dr. Jeff Williams.



Dr. Jennifer McMahon, Dr. Mark Micozzi, Dr. Joshua Grasso, Dr. Marty Pennington and Dr. Teresa Rothrock were recently promoted. *All photos include Provost Duane Anderson and President John Hargrave.*

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In conjunction with the Chickasaw Nation, ECU will host NATIONAL NIGHT OUT on Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the community and is FREE to the public. There will be food, drinks, demonstrations and lots of activities for children.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### July & August

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

#### July 28

Planning for College for Vets  
10 a.m. Estep in UC

#### Aug. 7

National Night Out, 6:30-8:30 p.m., UC Mall

ACT Residual Test, 8 a.m.

#### Aug. 10

Intersession Ends

#### Aug. 11

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

#### Aug. 15

New Faculty Orientation  
ACT Residual Test, 8 a.m.

#### Aug. 16

Faculty Returns  
Convocation, 8:30 a.m., Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC

#### Aug. 17

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

Beginning Freshmen Fall  
Advisement/Enrollment, 8:30 a.m., UC

#### Aug. 18 & 19

Tiger Streak

#### Aug. 19

Rock The Block Party 2012, 5 p.m. until dark

#### Aug. 20

Fall Classes Begin