



From the Office of President Richard Rafes

East Central University

Campus Update Jan 17, 2008



What a success!!

More than 1,500 visitors, performers and volunteers attended the inaugural First Night Ada – New Year’s Eve Celebration.



Singing



Dancing



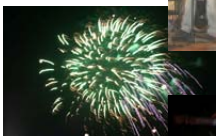
Family Fun



Kids’ Activities



Fireworks



And so much more!



Battle of the Bands



Elvis

EMCAD RECEIVES COMMUNITY INPUT ON CLOSING STREET SEGMENTS

East Main Cultural Arts District held a community meeting this week. Several residents attended the meeting to learn about the proposal to ask the city to close portions of two streets adjacent to the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center for the purpose of constructing a plaza.



Proposed street closings would be:

- East Main-between Center and Francis Streets
- Francis-between E. Main and 10th Streets

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EXERCISE

Recent national events on college campuses have caused all educational administrators to evaluate their ability to protect students, faculty and staff in the event of a major emergency.



As part of East Central University's commitment to students, ECU conducted a scenario-based *training exercise* that included representatives from multiple law enforcement agencies, paramedic/ambulance services, fire fighters and student and community volunteers.

ECU OFFERING WORKPLACE SPANISH FOR BANKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Center of Continuing Education and Community Services at ECU will offer Workplace Spanish for Bankers and Workplace Spanish for Law Enforcement and 9-1-1 dispatchers. The evening classes will begin in February and are designed to help meet the needs of local employers.

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ECU MUSIC DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THREE NEW STEINWAY PIANOS



The first new Steinway pianos in ECU's program initiative to become an all-Steinway school have been delivered to ECU's Music Department.

The three Boston UP-118S Studio Upright pianos, designed by the famous piano manufacturer Steinway and Sons, also are the department's first purchase of new pianos in more than 10 years and the first multiple purchase in more than 20 years.

Last May the department's Piano Extravaganza raised \$20,000 to begin the All-Steinway School and endow the Dennis Boe Piano Scholarship. This year, proceeds from the three piano series concerts will go toward the purchase of additional pianos.

'EXCHANGE' CLASS CHANGES ATTITUDES INSIDE, OUTSIDE OF PRISON



Last semester 28 students pushed their chairs into a circle every Thursday night to begin their class - inside a prison.

Dr. Jaime Burns, ECU assistant professor of human resources, organized and taught ECU's

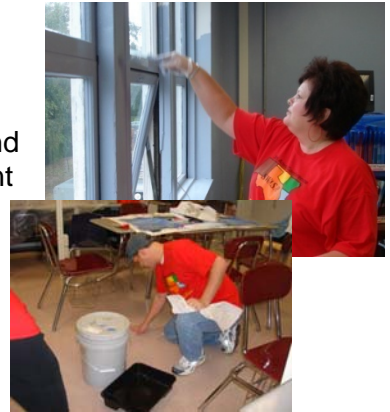


Inside Out Prison Exchange, with 14 "outside" students from East Central University, most with some background in criminal justice, and 14 "inside" students who are inmates at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, part of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

To both groups' surprise, the barriers separating them fell quickly, and attitudes about each other have changed.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE PUTS ECU EMPLOYEES TO WORK FOR COMMUNITY

ECU employees Yul Dotson, McNair Scholars academic coordinator; Tonya Harrell, Upward Bound academic assessment coordinator; and Pat Sutton, McNair Scholars director, recently participated in a public service activity in New Orleans as part of the 36th Annual Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs Conference. ECU employees worked at the Joseph S. Clark Sr. High School in New Orleans.



NNOCHIRIONYE NAMED GLOBAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Dr. Stan Nnochirionye, a native of Nigeria and ECU distance education and ITV coordinator, was named Distinguished International Citizen by Global Ada. Global Ada seeks candidates who impact the global community and highlights international students and local citizens. Congratulations!



CORRELL PRESENTS PAPER

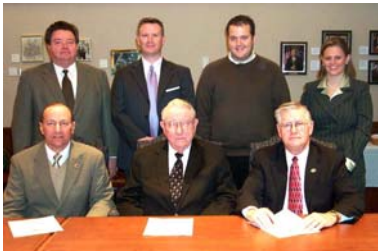
Allen Correll, director of bands at East Central University, presented a research paper in Melbourne, Australia, that marked the 125th anniversary of the birth of noted composer and virtuoso pianist Percy Grainger.



Correll's research paper focused on Grainger's visit to then -- East Central State College for the third annual East Central Music Festival on Feb. 22-23, 1940.

Grainger and Carl King presented a clinic and concert in McBride Gym. The concert was notable because it was the premiere of Grainger's innovative "The Immovable Do" for wind band and was performed by ECU students.

HORNE AND COMPANY ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP IN ACCOUNTING



A \$125,000 gift to the ECU Foundation Inc. from the Ada public accounting firm Horne and Company has established the Horne and Company

Regents Professorship in Accounting at ECU.

The gift was made by the firm's partners, Bill Horne Sr., Bill Horne Jr. and Curtis Wilson. It will be matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

McGEE RECEIVES FIRST CARA'S KIDS SCHOLARSHIP AT ECU



Michelle McGee of Marietta has been selected as the first recipient of the Cara's Kids Scholarship awarded to an outstanding dancer at ECU.

The \$250 scholarship was presented by Cara Crawford, director of the Central Oklahoma Dance Center in Ada.



THOMPSON NAMED DEAN OF ECU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Micheal Thompson, a successful businessman and professor of marketing and management at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.,

has been named dean of ECU's School of Business. He will join the university on Feb. 1.

Thompson has taught at Delta State since 1993 and is its only professor to hold two endowed chairs. He was selected to hold the university's first endowed chair, the B.F. Smith Chair for Economic Development, from 1995 to 2000, and now holds the Hearin Chair for Entrepreneurship.

Thompson earned a bachelor of business administration degree (management) and a master of business administration degree (marketing), both from Eastern New Mexico University. He received a doctor of philosophy degree in leadership from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

WELCOME TO ECU!

Crystal McConnell-Hudson
Continuing Education
Resource and Referral Specialist

Michael A. Cox
Gear UP Director

Susan Ingram
Communications and Marketing
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Finley
Talent Search
Ardmore

Dates to Remember!

Jan 19

Men's Basketball

ECU vs. Texas A&M - Commerce, Ada, 4:00pm

Women's Basketball

ECU vs. Texas A&M - Commerce, Ada, 2:00pm

Jan 21

Martin Luther King Day - Campus Closed

Jan 22

Workshop: On Being a Scientist
6:30 p.m. in Estep

Jan 24

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture
7:30 p.m. in Estep

Jan 26

Men's Basketball

ECU vs. UCO, Ada, 4:00pm

Women's Basketball

ECU vs. Central, Ada, 2:00pm

Jan 27

Scissortail Art Services – Hugues Leclere
7:30 p.m. in Dorothy Summers Theatre