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EKU HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL EARTH DAYS CELEBRATION

A rousing success in its debut last year, “Earth Days in the Cumberlands” is back with another round of well-known speakers, educational conferences, an art exhibit, exciting entertainment and hands-on activities.

Throughout April, the campus community and public will join in an observance designed to heighten awareness about environmental issues facing the Commonwealth and beyond.

One of the highlights will be a public presentation by Carol Browner, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Browner will address “Public Health and Environmental Protection: How Far Have We Come and Where Are We Going?” at 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 16 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

Noted author/environmental activist Denise Giardina will speak Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Events and dates are subject to change. For more information, call 622-1644 or visit the web site at www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/earthdays.

Wednesday, April 4
Wayne Davis
Public Presentation
‘Water Disasters in Kentucky: Kentucky River Bourbon Spill and Martin County Coal Slurry Spill’
11:15 a.m., Room 100, Moore Building
Wayne Davis is Environmental Section Chief, Fisheries Division, of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Friday, April 6
Workshop
‘Environmental Education’
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Room 100, Model Laboratory School Workshop for Teachers. Call 622-2581 by March 25 to register. $30 fee.

Saturday, April 7
‘First Weekend’ County Road Clean Up Day
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Volunteer groups and individuals welcome. Registration, Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot; to pre-register, call 622-3585 (campus students or groups) or 624-4709.

5K Race for the Planet
10 a.m., Stratton Building
Pre-register by March 50 in Blegy 202. A “First Weekend” event. Fees apply. (No charge for EKU students.) Call 622-1244 for more information.

Tuesday, April 10
Merikay Waldvogel
Public Presentation
‘Kentucky’s Quilt Fame (Scandal) of the 1930s’
3:30 p.m., Room 106, Crabb Library
Merikay Waldvogel is a nationally known quilt authority and author, curator and lecturer focusing on quilts and women’s lives.

Earth Days in the Cumberlands: Celebration of Regional Artists
5:30 p.m., Gallery on Main, Community Trust Banking Co-sponsored by the College of Justice & Safety and Center for Appalachian Studies.

Wednesday, April 11
Appalshop Film & Discussion
3:30 p.m., Room 106, Crabb Library
Film maker Mimi Piccolomini presents her new Appalshop film, “Hazel Dickens: It’s Hard to Tell the Singer from the Song.”

Thursday, April 12
Workshop
’Sustainability in Your Syllabus: A Faculty Workshop’
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Keen Johnson Building
David Orr, Second Nature Workshop. A one-day workshop designed to help faculty from all disciplines incorporate concepts of sustainability into existing coursework. Call 622-6517 to register. $30 fee for non-EKU faculty.

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Thursday, April 19
Naturalizing the Outdoor Classroom
Modell Laboratory School Call 622-2966.

Saturday, April 21
Clays Ferry Clean Up with the Boonesboro Boat Club
10 a.m., Girdle Hill Park Lot, 907 Old Richmond Road
Volunteer groups and individuals welcome. Call 622-1644 or 661-5679 for more information.

Monday, April 23
George Constantz
Public Presentation
‘Hollows, Peepers, and Highlanders: An Appalachian Mountain Eclogy’
7 p.m., Kemner Room, Powell Building
Author George Constantz, a biologist and naturalist, works with the Canaan Valley Institute in West Virginia, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Appalachian rivers through science and education.

Tuesday, April 24
Denise Giardina
Public Presentation
‘Unique Set of Talents’ to AD Post
7 p.m., Great Reading Room, Crabb Library
Denise Giardina, author and activist, is one of the most popular contemporary writers in Appalachia.

Wednesday, April 25
Bluegrass Music Concert
7:30 p.m., Raver (campus site, Pearl Buchanan Theater) Performance by Eastern Blend.

Smith Brings ‘Unique Set of Talents’ to AD Post

Joseph C. (Chip) Smith, associate athletics director for internal operations at EKU since July 1999 and interim athletics director since January, has been named director of athletics.

Smith, who has over 17 years experience in athletics administration and a broad background in the internal and external aspects of intercollegiate athletics, will be responsible for the leadership, management and supervision of the University’s 16 NCAA programs.

“Chip Smith brings to the job of athletics director a unique set of talents,” said President Kustra. “He has worked with coaches and programs successfully here at Eastern and at other institutions. Just as important, he is an accomplished fund-raiser with experience in marketing that I know will grow the athletic budget. I have been particularly impressed with the job he has done as interim athletics director. I know our entire athletics staff stands in support of his selection as athletics director.”

Smith succeeds Jeffrey P. Long, who announced his resignation in December to become senior associate director of athletics at the University of Oklahoma. His selection follows a nationwide search process that attracted 56 applicants.

At EKU, Smith has been responsible for 12 sports, including football, men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball, the sports information and athletic business offices, athletic facilities and game operations. He coordinated the development and implementation of EKU’Sports.com and supervised the completion of the athletics area at the new Harry Moherly Building, the development of the Bratzke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center, the renovation of the Alumni Coliseum basketball courts and other facilities improvements. He also supervised the development and implementation of the departmental operating budget and began the reorganization of budget procedures.

“I feel very honored to be given this opportunity,” Smith said. “I am excited to be athletic director at EKU because I know that what we can accomplish here. We have a strong coaching staff and a great group of student-athletes.”

Smith said he would work hard to build strong relationships with alumni, especially former student-athletes, and the public.

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**Events**

**Tuesday, March 20**

**Colonel Softball**
EKU vs. Western Kentucky, 2 p.m.

**Speakers on Domestic Violence**
Kelly Walker and Rebecca Gross, 7-8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**‘Take Back the Night’ March**
8 p.m., from Brock Auditorium to Ravine, candlelight vigil with various speakers on violence against women. Sponsored by Women’s Activist Group.

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Baseball Action**
EKU vs. Belmont, 5 p.m.

**Thursday, March 22**

**Harvey Arden on Campus**

**Chautauqua Series Resumes**
“The Deep Sacredness of Nature,” Dr. Ursula Goodenough, Department of Biological Sciences, Washington University, 7-30 p.m., Moore 116 (Black Room), part of year-long Chautauqua series.

**Women’s Leadership Banquet**
Barbara Grice, president, Community Trust Bank, speaker, 7 p.m., Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building. Sponsored by Student Affairs. Call 622-2626 for reservations or more information.

**Saturday, March 24**

**Campus Preview Day**
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Combs, Powell Buildings.

**Pops Spectacular**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, featuring EKU vocal and instrumental ensembles, admission $10, proceeds to Department of Music Scholarship Fund, call 622-3266 for tickets.

**Ballroom Dance**
EKU Dance Theatre and the Bluegrass USABDA will sponsor a ballroom dance in Weaver Gym. A merengue dance lesson (beginning/intermediate) will be held from 8 to 9 p.m., with general dancing to follow until midnight. Cost: $3 for students and $8 for non-students. For more information, call Marianne McAdam at 622-1901.

**Sunday, March 25**

**Annual Student Art Exhibition**
Opens with reception 2-4 p.m. March 25, continues through April 17, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. Gallery open afternoons Tuesday-Saturday.

**Tuesday, March 27**

**Simon Kenton Portrayed**
“Simon Kenton: Kentucky Frontiersman,” portrayed by Mel Hanks, educator and filmmaker/gunsmith, an EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics and Kentucky Chautauqua program presented under the auspices of the Kentucky Humanities Council and co-sponsored by the Madison County Historical Society, 7-30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, 399 W. Water St.

**What Does Feminism Mean? What Does Feminism Mean?” Discussion led by Karen Carey, director, institutional research; Dee Cockrell, vice president for student affairs; Bruce MacLaren, professor of earth sciences; Amy Johnson, EKU graduate; and Shalana Johnson, EKU student, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. Sponsored by Women’s Studies.

**Debate Spotlight**
“Should Individuals Be Able to See the State under ADA?” debate, 7:30 p.m., Adams Room, Wallace Building, open to public.

**Thursday, March 29**

**Sister Soulja on Campus**
“Defining Ourselves through Reality,” Sister Soulja, 7 p.m., Herndon Lounge, Powell Building, sponsored by Office of Student Affairs and Multicultural Student Services.

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Mary Roark Women’s Expo**
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Powell Building. (See separate story, p. 4.)

**Colonels Host Cincinnati**
EKU vs. Cincinnati, baseball, 3 p.m.

**Faculty Brass Recital**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Chautauqua Lecture**
“Mergers in Evolution and the Need for Religion,” Dr. Lynn Margulis, Department of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts, 7-30 p.m., Moore 116 (Black Room), part of year-long Chautauqua lecture series.

**Saturday, March 31**

**Let’s Play Two**
EKU vs. Morehead, baseball, 2, noon.

**Sunday, April 1**

**EKU Choral Classic**
3 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Announcements**

**Ready to Run?**
Dr. Vickie Sanchez, a faculty member in the Department of Health Promotion and Administration, wants to organize a faculty/staff running group. Anyone – veteran or novice – interested in joining the group should call Sanchez at 622-4697.

**Teleconference Series**
The Office of Enrollment Management invites faculty and staff to participate in a teleconference series. The series includes “Strengthening First-Year Seminars: A Foundation for Student Success,” April 5, 1-4 p.m., Burrier 100, and “Engaging Commuter Students: Redesigning Campuses for the Majority of America’s College Students,” April 26, 1-4 p.m., Burrier 100. To register, or for more information, call the Enrollment Management Office, 622-3047.

**Summer Jobs Available**
Applications are being taken for several summer jobs in EKU’s Office of First-Year Programs: Orientation leader, New Student Days leader, advising assistant and student office workers. Students may apply for more than one position and may be selected to be an Orientation leader and New Student Days leader. Orientation leaders, who serve as student mentors and guides for first-year students and transfers, are paid for eight days of training and 11 Orientation days and must be available April 28, June 11-15, June 18-28 and July 26-Aug 1. New Student Days leaders also serve as personal mentors for new students, receive two days of training and must be available Aug. 9-19. Students serving in these positions will receive a stipend. Co-op credit also may be available. Advising assistants advise students in helping new students to select class schedules during summer registration. Advising assistants, who are paid an hourly wage, need to be available June 19, 20-21, 23, and 26-28, July 28 and 31 and Aug. 1. Training will be held during the first week of summer session. Student office workers will help with a variety of tasks from June 11 through Aug. 19 and also are paid an hourly wage. For more information, or to obtain an application, call 622-1626, visit Dr. Cynthia, or submit an application electronically at www.firstyear.eku.edu/orientationleader. The application deadline is March 28; interviews will be scheduled April 2-6.

**Tourney Honors McChesney**
The Department of Leisure Studies will sponsor a golf tournament Saturday, April 7 that raises money for the Dr. James McChesney Scholarship Fund. The Dr. James McChesney Memorial Golf Classic, a four-person team best-ball scramble, will be begin with registration at 11-30 and a shotgun start at noon. Entry fees are $250 per four-person team, $125 per two-person team and $65 per individual. The cost includes greens and cart fees, trophies, dinner, door prizes and a $22 tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund. Registration deadline is Monday, April 2. For more information, call Dr. Jon McChesney, 622-1835 or jon.mcchesney@eku.edu.

**Taking Classes Elsewhere**
Students who plan on taking general education courses at another institution this summer should see Melanie Staffer, transfer coordinator. Students should bring the transfer institution’s schedule book and catalog, along with their current CARS Report to Keith 125. Major and support course requirements must be approved by the administrative assistant of the student’s major prior to enrollment. Once the summer courses are completed, official transcripts must be sent from the institution to EKU’s Admissions Office, Jones 203.

**Exercise and Multiple Sclerosis**
EKU’s Division of Continuing Education will present workshops, “Exercise and Multiple Sclerosis: Improving Mobility and Independence,” Saturday, March 24, 9-11 a.m., Perkins Building. The presenter will be Dr. Louis S. Defillot. All occupational therapists, physical therapists, TBS, nursing majors and adults with multiple sclerosis are invited. The workshop will focus on the benefits of exercise for adults with MS and will show participants how to perform exercises that have shown to improve mobility without increasing MS fatigue. For more information, or to register, call 622-2145 or e-mail Jackie.king@eku.edu. The fee is $30, and faculty scholarships may be used.

**Want to Be a Legislative Intern?**
Applications are now being accepted for the 2002 Kentucky Legislative Internship Program. Students from all academic majors are invited to apply. To qualify, students must be a junior (or senior) by January 2002, and have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.8. Students selected will work in Frankfort from late December, 2001 to early May, 2002, will receive a monthly stipend of $1,000, and will be eligible to receive 12-15 hours of academic credit. The application deadline is April 2. For application material, contact Dr. Paul Blanchard, McCarney 117, 622-4380 or paul.blanchard@eku.edu.
Robertson Named to Head Teaching & Learning Center

Dr. Douglas Reimondo Robertson has been named the first full-time director of EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center.

Robertson, whose career in higher education spans 28 years, has served as a professor of educational leadership and director of the University Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas the past two years. He will join EKU later this year.

“We are delighted to be able to welcome Dr. Douglas Robertson to the Eastern Kentucky University family,” said Dr. Michael Marsden, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“Dr. Robertson brings to his new position almost a quarter century of experience in higher education as a faculty member and administrator at three different institutions and as the founding director of the University Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. “Building upon the superb leadership of Dr. Hal Blythe and Dr. William Jones this year in getting Eastern Kentucky University’s Center for Teaching and Learning operational, Dr. Robertson will, with the counsel and support of the Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee, lead the Center to its full potential as a centerpiece of academic life here at Eastern Kentucky University.”

EKU established the Teaching and Learning Center last year to serve as the focal point for the ongoing professional development of faculty and innovative teaching and learning strategies. Dr. Hal Blythe and Dr. Bill Jones, both long-time EKU faculty members, have served as co-interim directors of the Center since its inception.

Before joining the UNLV faculty in 1989, Robertson taught in the School of Education at Portland State University from 1987 to 1999. While at Marylhurst College in Oregon from 1977 to 1989, he held numerous positions, including chair of the Department of Social Science, director of the Human Studies Program and campus coordinator of the National Project on Quality Undergraduate Education.

He is the author of “Self-Directed Growth” and has published numerous journal articles and made many presentations at colleges and universities nationwide.

“My wife, Sue, and I are very excited about our move to Richmond and my work at Eastern Kentucky University,” Robertson said. “We were attracted to EKU for many reasons, not the least of which is its reputation for fine teaching and exceptional faculty. All of the EKU communities have impressed us deeply — faculty, students, administration, staff, alumni, Richmond and the surrounding region — with their sophistication, graciousness, and commitment to EKU. Clearly, something special is happening at EKU, and we want to be a part of it. My work as director of the Teaching and Learning Center will build on the groundbreaking efforts of the interim directors, Dr. Hal Blythe and Dr. Bill Jones, two individuals whose work to get the center off the ground and running has been monumental.

“In addition, I have been delighted by the amount of supporting infrastructure that already exists for the center in the form of strong relationships with other pertinent units within the university,” Robertson continued. “The University leadership definitely values teaching and faculty development. I have plenty of ideas and experience with teaching and learning centers and faculty development in general, but my first order of business will be to get out and meet people across the University in order to learn about EKU and how folks think that EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center can best help them.”

Robertson earned a bachelor’s degree in cultural geography from the University of Oregon in 1973, a master’s degree in environmental perception from Syracuse University in 1975 and a doctoral degree in geography from Syracuse in 1978.

His wife, Dr. Sue Robertson Reimondo, is interim dean of the Honors College at UNLV.

Go Down Under, Elsewhere For ‘Educational Adventure’

EKU’s Office of Student Affairs is organizing a two-week “educational adventure” in Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

The trip, scheduled to begin May 13, 2002, might include an extension to visit the Fiji Islands.

“This adventure will open the door to the world’s global classroom,” said Dr. Dee Cockerill, vice president for student affairs. “Our desire in organizing the trip is to give students a new perspective on the world: one that comes from learning on location.”

The trip, part of EF Educational Tours South Pacific Adventure, will include:

- Guided sightseeing in Honolulu, a Hawaiian luau and a canoeing trip through the Polynesian Cultural Center.
- A tour of Australia, a cruise on Sydney Harbor, a tour of the city’s Opera House, a ride up Sydney Tower for a panoramic view of the city, a trip to the Australian Wildlife Park and an optional excursion to the spectacular Blue Mountains.
- A Maori feast in Auckland, New Zealand, a tour of the region’s geothermal wonders, a gondola ride up Mount Ngongotaha, a tour of Waitomo Caves and the famous Glowworm Grotto.
- The tour fee for those under 25 is $2,195 (without the Fiji extension) and $2,240 with the trip to Fiji. Payment plans are available through EF Tours.
- All student travelers automatically are insured.

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Other highlights include a Symphonic Band performance of “When the Saints Go Marching In,” selections by the Orchestra from “South Pacific,” and selections from “Oklahoma” by the University Singers and Concert Choir combined.

All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund; last year’s Spectacular netted $2,700 for the Fund. Donations to the Fund also are welcome. Any donors will be listed in the event program.

Pops Spectacular Raises Money for Scholarships

EKU’s Department of Music will present its 15th annual Pops Spectacular Saturday, March 24 to raise money for its scholarship fund.

About 200 student musicians and some faculty members will perform at the 8 p.m. event in Brock Auditorium. Tickets are $10 each ($5 for students) and can be reserved by calling 622-3286. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door the night of the performance.

Performers will include the University Singers, Concert Choir, EKU Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Steel Drum Band, the African Drum & Dance Ensemble, the Trumpet Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Faculty Brass Quintet and Faculty Jazz Quintet. The selections will be of the popular variety, new and old.

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An EKU chemistry professor’s NASA-funded research experiment in protein crystallization eventually could lead to more effective treatment of various diseases.

NASA awarded Dr. Lori Wilson a $377,000 grant in 1997 to develop protein solutions that could be carried in a “microgravity test tube” aboard a yet-to-be-determined space shuttle flight in 2002 or 2003. Protein crystals have been grown aboard space shuttles since 1986; Wilson hopes her experiment, a largely automated process that can be started and stopped by the astronauts, will shed new light on why higher-quality crystals with fewer defects can be produced in microgravity.

Crystallization allows researchers to examine the molecular structure of proteins, but requires near perfect crystals, according to Wilson. On earth, crystals grow in clumps, but a single crystal is needed in order to analyze the structure.

“The first step in rational drug design is to crystallize the protein, then solve its structure by x-ray defraction,” she explained “but some proteins are difficult to crystallize. If we can understand why microgravity gives us an improvement in the crystals, perhaps we can change what we’re doing on the ground.”

Wilson received the grant while a faculty member at East Tennessee State University. Her project attracted the attention of U.S. Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tennessee, a physician who also chairs the Senate subcommittee that oversees funding for NASA.

“This is basic science that translated into drugs for the treatment of such things as brain cancer,” Frist told the Johnson City Press in 1998. “To be able to develop certain protein crystals and target them in a specific way, we could have the potential to cure cancer.”

One of the proteins in the experiment – human serum transferrin – transfers iron in the blood to the cells and has been shown to stimulate prostate cancer cells and has been used as a delivery agent for drugs to the brain. “That’s just one protein, though,” Wilson cautioned. “You can see how that could lead to many drugs.”

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, during the 1998 visit to the ETSU campus with Frist, said Wilson’s findings also could prove beneficial in any future exploration of Mars.

“We have to figure out how we can live and work safely in space,” Goldin told the Press. “To do that, one area we will be looking at is biotechnology like that Dr. Wilson is working on.”

Wilson, who joined the EKU faculty as an associate professor of chemistry last fall after seven years at ETSI, first became interested in space-related research during postdoctoral studies at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. “I learned that NASA was involved in more than just exploration of space,” she said, “that they also are interested in using microgravity as another variable in scientific research.”

Dr. Lori Wilson, left, works with forensic science major Patricia Orr.

Forum Will Feature Freed Inmate Gregory

After serving eight years in prison on a rape conviction, William Gregory walked out a free man July 5, 2000, thanks to a DNA test that proved his innocence. Today, he is back at work at Sears in Louisville – in the same job he held before his conviction.

On Tuesday, April 3, Gregory will tell his story at the annual EKU Law and Justice Forum. He is one of three nationally known speakers for “Convicting the Innocent,” which will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Posey Auditorium of the Stratton Building. The event, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the College of Justice & Safety Program of Distinction and the Department of Government in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Other speakers/panels include David Stengel, who as Commonwealth’s Attorney for Jefferson County, filed the motion to dismiss Gregory’s conviction; and Bennett Gershman, a professor at Pace University Law School, a former New York prosecutor and defense attorney and a recognized authority on prosecutorial ethics and misconduct that can lead to wrongful convictions.

The first Kentucky inmate to be freed by DNA evidence, Gregory has become a national figure and frequent talk-show guest, and a movie about his life may be in the works. And he’s far from alone. From 1973 to 1995, two-thirds of all death penalty cases had significant errors and were overturned on appeal. DNA testing has exonerated approximately 70 death row inmates of the crimes for which they were convicted. “The questions for this forum are how does this happen and what can be done about it,” said Dr. Jim McCoy, director of the paralegal program in EKU’s Department of Government.

The Kentucky Innocence Project was launched about a year ago by a group of University of Kentucky law students. A similar project in New York has cleared dozens of wrongfully convicted inmates.

Each of the three speakers will address the audience for about 25 minutes, according to McCoy, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Women’s History Month Includes Banquet, Expo

Women’s History Month activities at EKU continue the next two weeks with a “Take Back the Night” march, a talk by rap artist/author Sister Soulja, a Women’s Leadership Banquet and a day-long Women’s Expo.

The events are sponsored by several campus offices and programs, including the Office of Student Affairs, The Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Women’s Studies Program and the Women’s Activist Group.

The first Mary Roark Women’s Expo, named in honor of the woman who served Eastern as acting president 1909-10, will be held Wednes- day, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Powell Building. The Expo will include breakout sessions on “Assertiveness for Women” and “Superwoman Syndrome” at 11 and 1 a.m., respectively, a dramatic vignette on famous women throughout history at 1:15 p.m. and a How-to-Fix-It Clinic at 2. A Woman of Vision and Courage Mentoring Luncheon will feature Dr. Pam Remer on “Different Perspectives on Mentoring.” Entertainment will be provided by the Sheridan Trio.

The day also will include a display of handmade quilts from the Cumberland County Quilters Guild and free haircuts, manicures and massages.

The remaining Women’s History Month events follow:

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• Thursday, March 22 – Women’s Leadership Banquet, 7 p.m., Faculty Dining Room, featuring Barbara Gricc, president of Community Trust Bank. Call 622-2642 for reservations.
• Tuesday, March 27 – “Let’s Talk about the F-Word: What Does Feminism Mean?” Discussion, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., in the Faculty Dining Room, will be led by Karen Carey, director of institutional research, EKU; Dee Cockrell, vice president for student affairs, EKU; Bruce MacCaren, professor of earth sciences, EKU; Amy Johnson, EKU graduate; and Shalana Johnson, EKU student.
• Tuesday, March 27 – Sister Soulja, “Defining Ourselves through Reality,” 7 p.m., Herndon Lounge.

In addition, the Grand Reading Room of Crabbe Library is hosting a display of books. For more information, call 622-2642.

Now she passes along that interest to her own undergraduate students. “This will allow our undergraduates to be involved in important research,” said Wilson, who will take students to the shuttle launch and landing to help with the loading and unloading of the project. Students also will assist Wilson in laboratory analysis.

Kathy Kustra Named Ky. Medicaid Adviser

Kathy Kustra has been appointed by Gov. Paul Patton as a special adviser to coordinate an Executive Steering Committee on Medicaid.

“Ms. Kustra has an excellent background in the area of Medicaid as a former director of the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the equivalent of our former Cabinet for Human Resources, and I look forward to working with her on this difficult and challenging issue,” Patton said. “We recognize the critical importance of Medicaid and the challenges the program is facing so I’m elevating this issue to give it the full resources of the Governor’s Office for Policy and Management.”

Besides Ms. Kustra, members of the Executive Steering Committee for Medicaid will include Budget Director Jim Ramsey, Secretary of the Cabinet Grit Luallen, Chief of Staff Skipper Martin, Interim Health Services Secretary CRCa Morgan, Secretary Viola Miller of the Cabinet for Families and Children and outside consultants with national expertise.

The governor charged the Executive Committee to implement short-term strategies to address current-year budget problems, review and evaluate the entire Medicaid program and how Kentucky compares to other states, and work on long-term solutions with continuing input from provider groups and advocates.

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Chemistry Prof’s Research Project Set for Shuttle Ride