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THIS WEEK MARKS THE BEGINNING OF EKU’S EARTH DAYS IN THE CUMBERLANDS

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, Morehead Building
Wayne Davis is Environmental Section Chief, Fisheries Division, of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

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 23 to register. $50 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 622-3655 (campus students or groups) or 624-4709.

5K Race for the Planet
10 a.m., Stratton Building
Fees apply. (No charge for EKU students.) Call 622-1244 for more information.

Tuesday, April 10
Merkay Waldvogel
Public Presentation
‘Kentucky’s Quilt Fame (Scandal) of the 1930s’
3:30-5 p.m., Room 108, Crabbe Library
Merkay Waldvogel is a nationally known quilt authority and author, curator and lecturer focusing on quilts and women’s lives.

Wednesday, April 11
Appalshop Film & Discussion
3:30 p.m., Room 108, Crabbe Library
Filmmaker Mimi Pickering presents her new Appalshop film, “Hazel Dickens: It’s Hard to Tell the Singer from the Song.”

Thursday, April 12
Faculty Workshop
‘Sustainability in Your Syllabus’
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Kent 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.

Monday, April 16
Carol Browner
Public Presentation
‘Public Health and Environmental Protection: How Far Have We Come and Where Are We Going?’
11:15 a.m., Kent Johnson Building
Carol Browner is former head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

Saturday, April 21
Clays Ferry Clean Up with the Boonesboro Boat Club
10 a.m., Circle H Parking Lot, 9307 Old Richmond Road
Volunteer groups and individuals welcome.
Call 622-1644 or 661-5679 for more information.

Tuesday, April 24
Denise Giardina
Public Presentation
‘Mountaintop Removal and Our Appalachian Future’
7 p.m., GeoMuseum Room, Crabbe Library
Denise Giardina, author and activist, is one of the most popular contemporary writers in Appalachia.

Wednesday, April 25
Bluegrass Music Concert
7:9 p.m., Raver (rain site, Pearl Buchanan Theater)
Performance by Eastern Blend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
622-1644 or www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/earthdays

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Campus Hosts Groups of International Visitors

EKU was home to eight international visitors from seven different countries March 20. Right, two visitors from Kazakhstan watch a computer demonstration by Dr. Gene Kleppinger of the Teaching and Learning Center. Shnar Iskakova and Lazzat Zhazylbek were the guests of EKU economics professors Dr. Cynthia Harter and Dr. John Harter and were treated to a weeklong program focusing on economic education activities. Below, Desmond Malpass of Great Britain was one of six international visitors here as part of a project focusing on international crime issues. The College of Justice & Safety also hosted guests from Oman, Egypt, Ireland, Liberia and Senegal.

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Regents Begin Presidential Search Process

The Board of Regents has taken the first step in the process to find a successor to President Kustra.

Meeting March 27 in special session, the University’s 11-member governing body authorized Board Chair Fred Rice of Louisville to contact the A. T. Kearney Executive Search firm to begin the search process. A. T. Kearney, Alexandria, Va., is one of the nation’s oldest and most experienced executive search firms.

President Kustra, who has served EKU since July 2, 1998, announced in February his intention to leave the presidency when his contract expires on June 30, 2002.
Sultana Gets State Appointment
Dr. Qaisar Sultana, professor in the Department of Special Education, has been appointed to the Commission on the Educational Equity Council (CEEC) by Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wiltout. Major goals of the CEEC include promotion of high performance for all students, recruitment and retention of a diverse and strong teaching force and a strong and supportive environment for every child.

Golfing for Model
The 2001 Model Patriot Golf Scramble will be held Friday, April 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Gibson Bay Golf Course. The cost of $55 per player ($520 per foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, Oxford golf towel and first-, second-, third- and fourth-place awards. All proceeds go to the Runnin’ Patriot basketball program. If interested, call Wade Stanfield or Craig Pippen at Model Lab, 622-5766.

Greenwell Selected for Internship
Dr. Donald Greenwell, professor of mathematical sciences, has been selected as the summer faculty intern for the University Training Consortium. He will assist the multimedia unit with various child welfare training activities and the development of a calendar of events. The faculty internship is supported with funds from the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and the College of Justice & Safety Program of Distinction.

Retention Scholarship Available
EKU students have until April 15 to submit an application for the EKU Retention Scholarship. Applicants must have entered EKU in either the Summer 2000 or Fall 2000 semester as a first-time freshman and be returning for the Fall 2001 semester. They also must have successfully completed the Summer 2000 or Fall 2000 term with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and be degree-seeking students. Those applicants who have been enrolled in developmental courses must have earned at least a grade of ‘C’ or better. Applicants must submit the scholarship application (available from the Office of Scholarships in Coates 212, telephone 622-8032) along with one letter of recommendation from an EKU instructor and a one-page essay describing their educational and social experiences at Eastern. Recipients will be selected by the University Scholarship Committee and will be notified in writing.

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 offered 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 26, 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 assist advisers 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, 20-23, 25, 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 622-1024, visit Keith 129, or submit an application electronically at www.firstyear.eku.edu/orientationleader. The application deadline is March 28; interviews will be scheduled April 2-6.

Events

Continuing through Tuesday, April 17

**Annual Student Exhibition**
Student Art Exhibition, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, open afternoons Tuesday-Saturday.

Tuesday, April 3

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

CMENC Musicale
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 4

**‘Happy’ and Baseball**

Feminism and Teaching
“How Has Feminism Changed Teaching?” Dale Bauer, author of “Feminist Dialogues,” 3-5 p.m., Crabbe 201, part of Women’s Studies lecture series “How Has Feminism Changed Our Lives!”

Thursday, April 5

**Spring Fling**
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Powell Corner and Fountain Plaza.

**First-Year Teleconference**
“Strengthening First-Year Seminars: A Foundation for Student Success,” teleconference sponsored by Office of Enrollment Management, 1-4 p.m., Barrier 100. To register, call 622-3047.

**‘Have Humans Evolved?’**
Dr. Steven Savage, chair, Department of Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work, EKU, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua controversy, “The Creation, Evolution or Both Controversy,” Dr. Craig Nelson, Department of Biological Sciences, Indiana University, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua series, “Contemplating An Entangled Bank: Perspectives on the Idea of Evolution.”

**Softball Team at Home**
EKU vs. Tennessee Tech, 2-2 p.m.

Friday, April 6

**Saxophone Ensemble**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Mystery Anime Night**
6 p.m., Crabbe 108.

Saturday, April 7

**Clarinet Symposium Concert**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Sunday, April 8

**Woodwind Quintet Concert**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Monday, April 9

**Phi Mu Alpha Musicale**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 10

**Cross Cultural Mixer**
4-5:30 p.m., Baptist Student Union. Meet EKU international students. Sponsored by Madison County Homemakers and the International Office.

Wednesday, April 11

**Social Work Symposium**
“Economic Injustice: Focus on Appalachia,” 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Perkins Building. Sponsored by EKU’s Student Social Work Association and Social Work Program Faculty. For more information, contact Marta Miranda, 622-1568.

Thursday, April 12

**Big Macs and Creation**
“Big Mac Sandwiches, Rusty Hand Grenades and the ‘Creation, Evolution or Both’ controversy,” Dr. Craig Nelson, Department of Biological Sciences, Indiana University, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua series, “Contemplating An Entangled Bank: Perspectives on the Idea of Evolution.”

**EKU Bands Perform**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Friday, April 13

**Single Reed Concert**
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

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Campus Excited about Return of Governor’s Scholars

By Laura L. Koppes

Summer 2001 will be an exciting time on campus as approximately 320 of Kentucky’s best and brightest special high school students will make EKU their home for five weeks! EKU, along with Centre College and Northern Kentucky University, will host the 2001 Governor’s Scholars Program (GSP).

As the GSP Campus Director for the EKU campus, I am fortunate to work with two organizations with very similar missions; both have excellent faculty and provide the climate and culture for individuals to realize their potential. GSP is an intensive residential learning experience for outstanding Kentucky students who will complete their junior year in high school by the summer. Its mission is to provide models of educational excellence through outstanding faculty and staff and to enhance the next generation of civic and economic leaders. I have learned a great deal about EKU since I was selected as the campus director in January; I am proud and confident that EKU can be the best and most successful GSP campus. GSP is a great opportunity to show off to citizens of Kentucky the Campus Beautiful.

On June 10, 12 administrators and office staff will arrive on campus to establish the GSP Administrative Offices, which will be located on the first and second floors of Todd Hall. On June 17, 20 faculty and 17 TAs will arrive to begin the week of planning and preparation. The faculty and staff will live in Burnam Hall. The residential life staff and scholars will reside in Dupree and Todd Halls. Opening Day is June 24, when the scholars will arrive on campus to begin the five-week program (the last day is July 28). Let me know if you would like to volunteer in helping the parents and scholars move in.

The scholars take three courses: a focus area, a general studies class, and a seminar. This coursework takes about 25-30 hours per week and no grades or credits are earned from these courses. There are approximately 17 students in each course.

The focus area allows a student to pursue a topic in depth, emphasizing the development of ideas in the chosen discipline. The focus areas at EKU include: astronomy, biological issues, communications and social studies, engineering, music, visual arts, historical analysis, modes of mathematical thinking, philosophy, physical science, political and legal issues, psychology, film studies, and literary studies.

The general studies class emphasizes inquiry, service-learning, and community leadership, and the central component of this class is a community project. The seminar focuses on personal development, with an emphasis on concerns and problems faced by students such as values clarification, career choice, and interpersonal relationships. Teaching in the program is a tremendous opportunity for faculty, as they are encouraged and expected to use nontraditional and creative teaching approaches. Cross-disciplinary team teaching is also emphasized.

Dr. Pat Costello, associate professor of mathematics, who taught for GSP in 1986 and 1987, is teaching this summer for GSP faculty.

In addition to the coursework, much learning takes place outside the classroom. The entire program and community provides an intellectually stimulating environment.

Several enrichment activities and events are planned and will be implemented by the faculty and residential life staff.

An important event for both the scholars and EKU is Teacher Appreciation Day. Each scholar invites one teacher or counselor from his/her high school. The teachers are recognized during a ceremony on campus and then attend classes with their scholars.

Over 200 teachers/counselors will visit EKU on July 25, and I know EKU will help make the day special for the scholars and their teachers. I hope to arrange for GSP to take advantage of the many outstanding facilities on our campus throughout the entire program.

Preparing the EKU campus for GSP requires a community-wide effort, as the program pervades every aspect of the University community. I have been impressed with the enthusiastic response of the Eastern community. Many EKU faculty and staff have sons and daughters who are Scholars (once a Scholar, always a Scholar), and in every instance, I was told how the GSP changed their children’s lives. I am very appreciative of the campus work group that was formed before my involvement; in addition to their daily responsibilities, these dedicated individuals have taken on the responsibility to help GSP be a success. The work group members are Associate Vice President Dr. Libby Wachtel; Director Lucie Nelson, Mark Cross and Jill Price with Community and Workforce Education; Food Service Director David Freeland; Housing Director Kenna Middleton and Jeanette Cleveland of the Housing staff, and Jey Marks from Student Development.

If you have any ideas for showcasing EKU, don't hesitate to contact any member of the work group or me. I may be contacted in the Psychology Department at 622-1564 or Laura.Koppes@eku.edu. Laura Koppes is Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Governor’s Scholars Program at EKU.

First Weekend April 5-8 Includes Movies, Comedians


It’s all part of First Weekend, April 5-8, the final First Weekend of the academic year.

The highlights include an EKU Comic Review at 8 p.m. Friday, April 6 in the Ravine featuring comedians Andrew Kennedy and Shang. Both have been featured on television.

On Saturday, April 7, Roy Kidd Stadium and the Student Center will transform into a big-screen theater with a 7 p.m. showing of “Remember The Titans” and a 9 p.m. showing of “Proof of Life.”

Laser light shows featuring the music of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd will be held at 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., respectively, Friday and Saturday nights.

GETTING READY – Hummel Planetarium Director Dr. Jack Fletcher, left, discusses ways the facility can be used by Governor’s Scholars this summer with Dr. Ann Cedeno, academic chair of GSP, and Dr. Laura Koppes, associate professor of psychology and director of the Governor’s Scholars Program at EKU.

Grant Will Enhance Use of Technology by Teachers of Deaf, Hard of Hearing

Dilka Co-Director of $2.1 Million National Project

An EKU professor is playing a key role in a national effort to enhance the use of technology by teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Dr. Karen Dilka, a special education professor at Eastern, and Dr. Harold Johnson, a special education professor at Kent University, are co-directors of a $2.1 million federally-funded grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The three-year grant was awarded to the Association of College Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, of which Dilka is a past president.

EKU offers the Commonwealth’s only program, and one of only 72 nationwide, that prepares teachers for the deaf and hard of hearing.

“This grant will support efforts by teacher preparation programs to provide opportunities for pre-service teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing to develop and refine their skills in using modern learning technologies,” said Dilka, who also serves as president of the Council on Education of the Deaf. “Ultimately, this will improve education for deaf and hard-of-hearing children.”

As co-director, Dilka will coordinate the efforts of faculty members from colleges and universities nationwide to network together, determine best practices for infusing technology into their curricula, create technology-enhanced products to use in their classrooms, and give future teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing hands-on experience in the implementation of software and multimedia tools.

“The major problem of deafness,” Johnson said, “is not too little hearing, but too much inter-personal and informational isolation. The major problem of teacher preparation is not too little innovation, but too much of a gap or difference in the day-to-day instructional realities of college professors and their K-12 colleagues. This grant will help to bridge that divide through the use of collaborative, technologically intensive, pre-service teacher-centered course activities.”
Ford Receives New Four-Year Contract

EKU has given head men’s basketball coach Travis Ford a new, four-year contract, extending the original agreement through the 2004-05 season.

“The Eastern Kentucky University family is pleased with the excitement and direction that Travis Ford has brought to our men’s basketball program,” said Chip Smith, EKU director of athletics. “He is focused on rebuilding the program, and this new commitment underscores our faith and confidence in Ford’s leadership.”

EKU President Bob Kustra echoed Smith’s remarks.

“This is great news for EKU,” Kustra said. “I am confident that, with Travis at the helm, the men’s basketball program will return to the winning column.”

Ford was named EKU coach on April 4, 2000 after compiling a 67-31 record in three seasons as head men’s basketball coach at Campbellsville University. Average home attendance this past season at EKU increased 91 percent as Colonel fans responded favorably to Ford’s exciting, up-tempo style. His first Colonel squad, with only two returning lettermen from a 6-11 team, finished with a 7-19 overall mark, 1-15 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Eleven of those league losses, however, came by 15 points or less and five by seven points or less. The Colonels also lost road games at perennial powerhouses Xavier and the University of Kentucky by only 18 and 15 points, respectively.

“I really love EKU, the fans and the city of Richmond,” Ford said. “Everyone has been wonderful to me and my family. I look forward to continuing the process of rebuilding the men’s basketball program at Eastern.”

Web Administrator On Argentina Team

Ron Yoder, web administrator at EKU, has been selected to participate with a Kentucky Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that will visit Argentina March 17-April 15.

The other team members are team leader Linda Morgan, special events manager for the Lexington Herald-Leader; Stacy Huff, an attorney from Harlan; and Tom Hansell, an independent media producer for Appalshop Films in Whitesburg.

Each member of the team will study and share about their respective professions during the exchange.

“The purpose,” Yoder said, “is to grow goodwill and establish connections between Kentucky and Argentina.”

Yoder will interpret for the team and post photos and journal entries to the team’s web site, www.rotarygse.eku.edu, which will be updated as the study exchange unfolds.