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CEDET Wins 2001 Governor’s Award

For pulling “rabbits out of hats,” EKU’s Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Technology (CEDET) has been selected to receive a 2001 Governor’s Award in the Arts in the Government category.

No, the Center is not in the magic business, at least in the usual sense. But Berea craftsman Ken Gastineau has seen CEDET Director Cheryl Stone and staff work miracles in the delicate task of facilitating cooperation between among a variety of interests: local and state government, public and private associations, area artists and craftsmen and postsecondary education.

Stone is quick to say that all the involved parties deserve a share of the credit and that the Center’s role in boosting regional arts and tourism has mainly been to play facilitator, “but that is no small thing,” said Gastineau, who nominated CEDET for the award. “To accomplish anything, you have to pull people together, but that’s easier said than done. I’ve seen her (Stone) pull rabbits out of hats.

“I can’t think of anyone in the whole state of Kentucky that is more deserving of this award,” said Gastineau, whose jewelry studio is of Kentucky that is more deserving of this award. “To accomplish anything, you have to pull people together, but that’s easier said than done. I’ve seen her (Stone) pull rabbits out of hats.

“CEDET has been a valuable community development partner and has gone far and beyond the call of duty to help artists and craftsmen.”

CEDET and other award recipients (in folk heritage, education, community arts, media and business, among other categories) will be recognized at a public ceremony and reception on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

The awards “celebrate Kentuckians whose involvement in the arts covers a wide range of arts creation and support for the arts,” said Gov. Paul Patton. “Recipients … share one thing in common — they each have the spirit of enriching the lives of Kentuckians through the arts.”

Stone said she viewed the honor as a “lifetime achievement award” of sorts, “given for our body of work that has assisted the artisans community.”

That work stretches across central and southeastern Kentucky, from Berea to Pine Knot in Knott County to Hindman in Knott County.

CEDET garnered a national award two years ago for its efforts to assist Gastineau and other artists and craftsmen in the Old Town section of Berea after a tornado swept through the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky, and visitors were slow to return, and for its efforts toward establishing the Kentucky artisans Center at Berea.

The visitors are back, and construction on the 23,000-square-foot Artisans Center is scheduled in spring or early summer 2002. The Center, to be located off I-75 at Exit 77, could open as early as summer 2003.

“Our early work for the Artisans Center was incubating a partnership, doing preliminary planning and securing funds,” Stone said. “And we provided interim management until a director was hired.”

Earlier this year, CEDET developed and launched the Kentucky Artisan Trails Project, a Web-based guide (www.kaht.net) to cultural heritage attractions in Madison, Estill, Jackson and Rockcastle counties.

CEDET also has provided technical and grant-writing assistance to Kentucky Hills Industries, Pine Knot, the oldest crafts cooperative in Kentucky, and assisted the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman and wrote a grant that allowed the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen to hire an executive director.

Army Vice Chief of Staff to Speak at Commencement Dec. 15

The vice chief of staff with the U.S. Army will speak at EKU’s fall commencement Saturday, Dec. 15.

Gen. John M. Keane will address 913 degree candidates in a campus-wide ceremony at 10 a.m. in Alumni Coliseum. That number includes 673 bachelor’s degree candidates, 141 master’s degree candidates, 97 associate degree candidates and two specialist degree candidates.

Degree candidates will be recognized by name and receive their diploma covers as they walk across the stage.

Gen. Keane, an infantry officer who has commanded at every level, was named the 29th vice chief of staff for the Army in 1999. Prior to assuming the position, he spent the past 20 years in command and staff assignments in support of operational and joint forces.

His commands have included the 18th Airborne Corps, the Army’s largest war-fighting organization; the 101st Airborne Division; the Joint Readiness Training Center; the 1st Infantry Division; the 10th Mountain Division; and the 82nd and 82nd Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. Most recently, he served as deputy commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic Command.

Keane’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, five Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and three Meritorious Service Medals, among others.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Fordham University and a master’s degree from Western Kentucky University.

Keane will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree during the ceremony.

Jody Corben King, an English major from Richmond, will speak on behalf of the graduating seniors.

And business, among other categories) will be...
KTLN Teaching Orientation

Those who anticipate teaching on EKU’s two-way interactive video services (KTLN) in upcoming semesters should plan to attend “Teaching on KTLN,” an orientation session for full- and part-time faculty, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 in Crabb Library 110.

The session’s topics will include: course design and development, hands-on practice of using the equipment orientation with hands-on practice and the use of computers and the Web with KTLN.

To register for the workshop, sponsored by the Division of Media Services, call Dr. Fred Kolloff at 622-1658 or e-mail fred.kolloff@eku.edu.

Judges Needed for FBLA Event

Judges will be needed when the College of Business & Technology hosts the Region VI competition for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Spring Conference Wednesday, March 6. About 1,000 high school students from throughout the area will participate in over 25 events, including Public Speaking, Job Interview, Talent Show, Mr. and Ms. FBLA and others. Faculty, staff and students can serve as judges. Interested individuals should call Kathy Williams at 622-1412 or e-mail kathy.williams@eku.edu.

Faculty among KAHPERD Leaders

Four faculty members in EKU’s Department of Exercise and Sports Science have been elected by their peers to serve in leadership roles in the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Dr. Jack Rutherford is the president-elect, Dr. Heather Adams-Blair the vice president for physical education, Dr. Lisa DeBolt chair of the adapted section and Dr. Jim Larkin chair of the research section.

Also, the Spring 2001 issue of the KAHPERD Journal featured articles by four EKU faculty members — Rutherford, Wayne Major, Randall Cret and John Ferguson.

Coach Kidd to Return to Sidelines

Before Football Coach Roy Kidd says that he will be back on the sidelines for the 2002 season. “I enjoy what I do, and I am looking forward to next season,” said Kidd, who completed his 38th season as Eastern’s head coach.

Kidd’s Colonels finished the 2001 season with seven straight victories, a 5-1 league mark and an 8-2 overall record, yet were denied a spot in the 16-team NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Kidd joined an elite coaching circle earlier this season, becoming just the eighth coach in NCAA football history to eclipse the 500-win plateau. His collegiate coaching record now stands at 307-119-8, all accomplished at EKU.

Udall Scholarship for Native Americans

Scholarships in the amount of $5,000 are available for sophomores and juniors interested in public policy and/or health care. For applications, call 622-1585 or e-mail Charles.Elliot@eku.edu. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is Feb. 1, 2002.
Special Motor Fitness Clinic Helps Local Children

EKU’s Department of Exercise and Sport Science is offering a Special Motor Fitness Clinic for children ages 3-11 with disabilities.

The clinic began last spring and has become a regular program for Eastern students and the community. The program runs for 10 weeks each semester and is held each Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Telford YMCA.

Students are paired one on one with a child with a disability. Each child receives individualized educational programs that emphasize physical and motor skills along with aquatic skills. A screening process determines the individualized programs. Graduate students are directly involved in the organization and planning of the activities along with the assessment and evaluation of the participants.

While students work one on one with the children, they also get the opportunity to teach a lesson to the entire group. The students learn to apply all principles in sports science. Activities include throwing, kicking, catching, dance and rhythm. Each session includes 45 minutes in the gym and 45 minutes in the pool. Included in aquatics are flotation devices such as aqua-joggers and swimming noodles.

Program Director Dr. Luisa DeBolt said this is often the first time that many of the students get the opportunity to work with children with disabilities. It allows them to develop relationships and gives them experience teaching before they student teach.

“The program is a tremendous benefit to the children,” DeBolt said. “The social benefit is the most important. The children look forward to clinic all week and it raises their self esteem and confidence.”

The children increase their strength, flexibility, endurance, balance and overall health. The program also allows them to interact with other children that have similar disabilities.

The next 10-week session begins Feb. 1. The cost of the program is $35. A sliding pay scale is also available. The clinic is first-come, first-serve for up to 25 children. EKU students are welcome to volunteer. For information, contact DeBolt at 622-1891.

Ellis’ History of EKU Due Out in 2004

As he interviews alumni for his upcoming comprehensive history of EKU, Dr. William Ellis hears a common refrain: how the institution “redirected” students’ lives.

“Alumni all seem to have a belief that Eastern did something good for them,” the professor emeritus of history and University Historian said. “Eastern provided us (Ellis earned a master’s degree in history) the opportunity to prove ourselves in the classroom and as alumni. It has been a place where people who weren’t totally confident of their abilities or didn’t have the money to go to Harvard or Yale could get a solid educational footing.

“And Eastern alumni have proven that we’re as good as anyone else,” he said. “You can’t help but be impressed by the doctors, lawyers, professors and others who’ve done well.”

But Ellis’ book, due out in 2004, two years before Eastern celebrates its centennial, is a “warts and all” look at the institution’s history.

“I am a trained historian who practices the craft as best I can,” said Ellis, a Foundation Professor who retired in 1999 after a 29-year teaching career at EKU. “I will give praise where and when it is due while discussing our few missteps.”

While Eastern’s history has been relatively free from internal strife and instability, it has not been without dissension.

“There has been a lot of controversy right from the founding of Eastern as a normal school in 1906. We were founded in political conflict. Why shouldn’t we expect it today? There have always been internal turf battles over general education, institutional funds and so forth. These are part of the warp and woof of this place.”

Ellis said he wants to “describe the totality of our history. My task is to put it all together in a readable package with an interpretive scheme.”

Using the “wonderful records” in EKU Special Collections and Archives, hundreds of oral interviews and other secondary sources, Ellis is “about halfway” through the book, writing chapters as his research progresses. The book will be organized chronologically, primarily by presidential administrations, and eras will be discussed within the context of regional, state, national and international events.

For instance, the book will discuss how Eastern weathered the Great Depression years.

“One surprising thing is how well Eastern came out of the ’30s,” Ellis said. “I probably interviewed more graduates from that era than any other. Eastern survived because of hard work, people working for low salaries and students making great sacrifices.”

The book will be filled with funny stories and personal anecdotes, but that’s no guarantee you’ll find your favorite tale about former President Robert R. Martin, for example.

“Some readers might be disappointed by what is left out and some of the interpretations that I give to a particular event or time period,” Ellis said. “I cannot include all the things that have happened at Eastern, only what is salient in explaining the history of this place.”

Many of the stories illustrate the personal care and attention many students have received at Eastern. One tells of a faculty member who filled the empty refrigerator of a student and her young son with food when they were evading an abusive husband and father.

Ellis still welcomes contributions and tips. You can reach him by mail at Department of History, Keith 323, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky., 40475 or by e-mail at hisell@acs.eku.edu.

Pre-Requisite Checking System Undergoes Testing, Refinement

EKU is refining a new, “student-friendly” automated system for checking course pre-requisites for students who will register this spring for the intersession, summer and fall terms.

The new system was implemented this fall with promising results. However, University officials have decided to suspend the system for several months to provide for additional software testing and refinement.

“Course pre-requisite checking is designed to ensure that students have the necessary background to be successful in their course of study,” according to Dr. Michael Marsden, EKU provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“Pre-requisite checking will become a routine, automated process when this facet of our new student records management software, Banner, is refined and fully implemented this spring,” Marsden said.

“Until then, students should continue to work closely with their advisers during the registration process to ensure they have the approved pre-requisites for courses they plan to take in the spring semester,” he said.

Fister Named Director of Billings and Collections

Mary Fister, CPA, has been named director for EKU’s Division of Billings and Collections.

Fister brings to EKU more than a decade of accounting experience, most recently as fiscal planning manager for the University of Kentucky Hospital where, during her six-year employment, she also served as manager and financial analyst.

The Lexington native, who received a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1988 and a master’s degree in business administration in 1995 from UK, has been licensed by the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy since 1993. Previously, she held positions at Central Baptist Hospital and Cincinnati’s Arthur Andersen & Company.

Fister notes that, while “an accountant by nature, my customer service skills and problem-solving techniques are the strongest attributes I bring to this position.”

The desire to use those skills at the university level has been a long-held dream for Fister, who also has taught part-time in EKU’s Department of Accounting.

“Everyone I came into contact with at EKU was very student-oriented and that is one of the biggest motivators in my move to Eastern,” she explained. “I love being able to help a student solve a problem and make their educational experience smoother.”

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Name: Linda Kenley

Current Position at EKU: EKU Bookstore manager.

How long have you been in this position? Since July 30, 2001.

What’s the most rewarding part of your job? The end result of a semester book rush. When the preparation, planning and work that my staff and I do result in a successful rush, it makes the effort worthwhile.

What did you do before coming to EKU? I began as a cashier at Radford University Bookstore in Radford, Va., and worked my way up the ladder to assistant manager in 1998, where I stayed until this past July. My specialty was mainly textbooks.

Tell me about your family. I have a wonderful husband named Rick and a 14-year-old son named Aaron. As a result of heart problems my husband is recently retired. Rick’s hobbies include collecting and playing around on eBay. My son Aaron attends Madison Southern High School, where he participates in the ROTC program and is assistant manager of the basketball team. He enjoys video games and reading. We recently moved to Berea. We’re still adjusting to the move but we are all very happy there.

What are your interests and hobbies? My favorite hobby would be collecting ... I collect just about anything! In the past I’ve collected unicorns and beanie babies. Right now I’m into Precious Moments figurines. My interests include softball, yard sales, horseback riding and taking long walks with my family and our two dogs.

Do you have a guilty pleasure? Shopping! I love to shop. However, occasionally I go home feeling guilty from spending more than what I intended to.

What is your favorite food? I enjoy various kinds of pasta. My favorite is spaghetti. I could eat pasta all day.

What is your favorite TV show? “I Love Lucy”! That show always makes me laugh no matter how many times I’ve seen it.

What is your favorite movie? I have two, “The Green Mile” and “To Kill a Mockingbird.” These movies represent the lesson of trying not to be judgmental of the way people look. They teach people to try to look beyond that and find out what a person is truly like.

What is in your CD or tape player at home right now? Kenny Rogers! I love all of his music. He has such a soothing voice and I’ve been a long time fan. Kenny is still as good today as he ever was.

Can you recall your most embarrassing moment? This happened when I first started in the bookstore business at Radford University. My office was in the middle of the sales room and I had a very old rickety office chair at my desk. One day I decided to lean back in my chair and flipped backwards. All my co-workers saw me leg dangling in the air. I got teased for a while over that.

What’s the best advice you’ve ever received? Stay in school! When I started a Radford they had a program that allowed me to take classes while I worked. In the beginning I took a few and I wasn’t very serious about sticking with it. I soon realized that I enjoyed taking classes. However, it was hard working, raising a family and going to school. Fortunately I had support from my family, my co-workers and my friends. They all told me the same thing. Don’t quit. Stay in school. Now, I’m just a semester away from graduating I’m so glad I listened to them.

What makes you happy? The sense of accomplishment I feel when I’ve done a job well. I feel I’ve done that by my recent promotion. I have worked hard for 13 years and went from a cashier to a store manager. Looking back, I feel a huge sense of accomplishment for that.

What is one thing about you that people might be surprised to know? That I am a very artistic person! I like to paint ceramics, draw and do other work from time to time.

What issue concerns you most about today’s world? The recent terrorist acts and the fact that I don’t feel they are over. I feel that there is more to come from the September 11 event. However, I have noticed that America has been extremely united in this fight and I know that we will prevail.

Who or what has influenced you the most? My husband Rick for all his support. No matter what I’ve done, he’s been there to encourage me. He made a huge sacrifice for me by leaving Virginia, the state he was born and raised in to follow my recent promotion in Kentucky. All the accomplishments he’s made have given me great respect and admiration for him. I’m so pleased to call him my husband.

Publications & Presentations


Publications Submissions Procedures

Two copies of publications and presentations by faculty and staff, including appropriate creative activities should be sent to University Archives, Library 126. A citation for each item will be prepared by Archives staff for inclusion in EKU Update.

One copy of the presentation or publication/creative activity will be placed in the University Archives and the other copy will be used for displays of faculty and staff work in the Library and outside the Provost’s Office. In cases where a faculty or staff member would experience considerable personal expense in providing two copies of their work, the Office of the Provost will provide reimbursement if requested in advance.

Papers also can be sent by e-mail to debbie.whalen@eku.edu. For more information, call 622-1792.

Inclement Weather Class/Event Cancellation Information

At EKU class/event cancellation and delay announcements are posted on EKU’s home page (www.eku.edu), broadcast on WEKU-FM (88.9 FM) and Lexington television stations WLEX-TV (Channel 18), WKYT-TV (Channel 27) and WTVC-TV (Channel 36), and given to other regional media outlets. Generally, the information is available to listeners/viewers by 6 a.m.

Call 622-2239 for Up-To-Date Announcements

On some occasions, the University will be open but will follow its Inclement Weather (Two-Hour Delay) Plan. In that event, see the following schedule for class times.

Inclement Weather Plan (Two-Hour Delay)

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Normal class periods for Monday/Wednesday/Friday allow for a 75-minute class period and a 15-minute break. Class periods for snow days will be 40 minutes with a 10-minute break.

Normal class periods for Tuesday/Thursday allow for a 75-minute class period and a 15-minute break. Class periods for snow days will be 60 minutes with a 10-minute break.

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