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Glasser Inauguration Will Be Held March 8

The inauguration of Joanne Glasser as EKU's 10th president will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 8 in Alumni Coliseum.

A reception for the University community and special guests will follow the formal ceremonies in Alumni Coliseum. A Scholarship Dinner will be held that evening. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 for students). The event has been underwritten by friends of the University, and all revenue will go to establish an endowed diversity scholarship fund.

A Steering Committee and several subcommittees formed in December are planning many other events in the days and weeks before and after the inauguration ceremonies. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by Dr. Michael Marsden (michael.marsden@eku.edu) and Dr. Skip Daugherty (skip.daugherty@eku.edu).

More information on the dinner and other inauguration-related events will be announced soon and posted on EKU's Web site.

All classes on the Richmond campus will be cancelled Friday, March 8 from 2:15 to 5 p.m. so that students and faculty may attend the day's events. Classes at the University's extended centers will be cancelled from 1 to 5 p.m.



FUN IN THE SNOW

Clay Hall residents Amanda Laskey of Winchester and Lee Caswell of Bowling Green were among the many campus residents who enjoyed the benefits of the Jan. 19 snowfall.



CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

President Joanne Glasser continued what she hopes will be "a long, productive series of long conversations about the future of our University" with two campus-wide forums on Jan. 16. Following her prepared comments, she responded to questions from members of the EKU community, including Jim McCord, above, professor of government and director of the paralegal program. The full text of President Glasser's remarks is available at www.eku.edu by clicking on "Conversation with the President."

Summer School Offers Students Flexibility

Students taking summer classes at Eastern Kentucky University this year may have more time available for work or play outside the classroom.

Offerings for the 2002 EKU Summer School will include four-, six-, eight- and 12-week sessions within the 12-week summer term, scheduled May 13-Aug. 2.

In addition to the 12-week offerings, eight-week sessions will be scheduled May 12-July 5 and June 10-Aug. 2; six-week sessions will be offered May 13-June 21 and June 24-Aug. 2, and four-week sessions will be held May 13-June 7, June 10-July 5 and July 8-Aug. 2. Each session will offer a variety of full-credit courses.

"Since some high schools do not get out until June, there are many first-year students at EKU who want to start in the summer, but who are unable to begin classes by May 13," explained Dr. Aaron Thompson, acting associate vice president for enrollment management at EKU. "There are also many teachers who come to our institution in the summer for other kinds of certifications and graduate programs who can not come at that time either because they are still in school.

"After examining these issues and others

that existed for potential students, as well as students who are currently enrolled, we knew we needed to make some significant changes to better serve them. That's why we decided to offer such a wide range of summer sessions this year."

Among the concerns cited by Thompson, in addition to K-12 conflicts, are students who need to stay on track for graduation, limited course offerings due to limited options for students, and Eastern's large non-traditional population.

The majority of classes offered during the summer session will be clearly transferable, according to Thompson, in an effort to "service students who may be elsewhere during the regular year, but return to this area for the summer and want to take a course."

The flexible scheduling also allows a wider range of faculty to be available for the sessions, giving the students a better chance to see the full scope of EKU's teaching faculty.

Schedule books will be available in late March and pre-registration for all summer sessions will begin April 8. Current students should contact their academic adviser to begin the process. For more information, contact the Registration Center at 622-2320 or in Room 218 of the Combs Building.

Those interested in enrolling in summer classes at EKU who are not yet admitted should call the Admissions Office at 622-2106.

Events

Monday, Jan. 28

Sportscaster Robert Speaks

“Women and Sports,” ESPN sportscaster Robin Roberts, 7 p.m., Brock Auditorium, part of EKU Women’s Studies Series on Women and Sports. Sponsored by Student Affairs and Women’s Studies.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

‘The Changing Face of Kentucky’

Ron Crouch, director, Kentucky State Data Center, looks at changing demographics in Kentucky and expected impact, 7:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building.

Faculty Trombone Recital

Ken Haddix, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 30-Sunday, Feb. 3

Touchstone Energy Tournament

All “A” Classic Basketball Tournament, McBrayer Arena. Event parking will be in Alumni Coliseum, Ashland, Carter and Perkins lots; staff and students may want to consider alternative parking during the tournament.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Chautauqua Series Resumes

“The Dilemma of Declaring Rights,” Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Rakove, professor of history, American studies and political science, Stanford University, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116.

Faculty Vocal Recital

Hunter Hensley, 8 p.m., Pearl Buchanan Theatre.

TAG Program

“Hypnotic Intoxication,” 9 p.m., Gifford Theatre, part of Thursday Alternative Getaway program.

Thursday, Jan. 31-Saturday, Feb. 2

First Weekend

Check out www.firstweekend.eku.edu for the schedule of events and details.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Basketball Doubleheader

EKU vs. Eastern Illinois: women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Basketball Doubleheader

EKU vs. Southeast Missouri, women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

Community Education Available

EKU’s Division of Community and Workforce Education will offer more than 120 community education courses during the spring semester.

The classes meet a wide variety of needs and interests among all ages and skill levels. Courses are scheduled in computer training, personal and professional development, do-it-yourself, arts and crafts and recreation. Many of the classes meet only once, while others meet over a period of several weeks. Most are held in the Perkins Building, located on Kit Carson Drive. Parking is free.

Costs generally range from \$10 to \$99, with some exceptions. Pre-registration is urged for all classes. O’Donnell Scholarships are available for those over age 65. To register, for more information or to obtain a brochure, call 622-1228.

Shuttle Bus Routes Expanded

Campus shuttle bus schedules have been expanded to better meet student needs. Two campus routes will now be offered—one from Alumni Coliseum to the Stratton Building and back to Alumni Coliseum and a second from Keene Hall to the Keen Johnson and Wallace Buildings and back to Keene Hall. The shuttle service will be evaluated throughout the semester; riders can e-mail suggestions to mark.jozefowicz@eku.edu.

The complete schedule, with departure times, is as follows:

Alumni Coliseum/Stratton Building
(buses leave from both Alumni and Stratton)

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. Departure Times		
7:45 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:05 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
2:20 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

Tues.-Thurs. Departure Times		
7:45 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	3:20 p.m.

Keene Hall

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. Departure Times		
8 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
11:20 a.m.	12:25 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
2:35 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	

Tues.-Thurs. Departure Times		
8 a.m.	9:35 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
12:35 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	

Keen Johnson Building

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. Departure Times		
8:15 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
11:35 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
2:50 p.m.	4 p.m.	

Tues.-Thurs. Departure Times		
8:15 a.m.	9:50 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
12:50 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	

Wallace Building

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. Departure Times		
8:20 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
11:40 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
2:55 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	

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Announcements

Essay Submissions Sought

The EKU Women’s Studies Program invites submissions for its fourth annual essay contest. The essays should have women’s issues or women’s history or literature as their subject. Essays may have been written for a class or specifically for the contest. The winner will receive \$100 and will be recognized at Honors Day. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 15. For more information, call Women’s Studies, 622-2913.

Progress Celebrates Anniversary

EKU’s award-winning student newspaper, The Eastern Progress, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. All former Progress editors, staffers and advisers are invited to a reunion Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Arlington House. The event will begin at 6 p.m. For reservations and more information about the reunion, call Progress Adviser Dr. Libby Fraas, 622-1880.

Students Enjoy Projects

Michelle Gerken, an assistant professor in the Department of Leisure Studies, provided two service-learning opportunities for her REC 311 and REC 411 students last semester. Her REC 311 class planned a carnival with individual activities followed by team-building activities in the Weaver Building for Bellevue School students. The event was such a success that Bellevue plans to bring dozens of teenagers to the next such event. The REC 411 students delivered recreation activities, twice a week for 10 weeks, to local senior citizens. The activities addressed three areas of need for the elderly: fine motor, cognitive and physical skills.

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Second 4-week Partial Session	June 10-July 5
Third 4-week Partial Session	July 8-August 2

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For Blythe & Sweet, 'Collabowriting' Success Is No Mystery

Rodgers and Hammerstein. Abbott and Costello. Woodward and Bernstein. Rowan and Martin. Watson and Crick. Batman and Robin.

And, now, Blythe and Sweet. Or, as countless mystery readers know them, Hal Charles.

Like so many great partnerships before them, ECU English professors Dr. Hal Blythe and Dr. Charlie Sweet bring disparate strengths to the creative process, submerging their own egos to produce a sum of work greater than the parts.

Since 1974, the prolific pair has "collabowritten" on four books, over 200 pedagogical publications, 60 scholarly articles, 50 short stories, 12 interactive mysteries, several television scripts and a play. Their most recent work, published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation in late 2001, is "Bloody Ground: Stories of Mystery and Intrigue from Kentucky," a collection of fiction from the past quarter of a century.

It's no mystery why the book has sold so well locally. It wasn't planned, but Blythe and Sweet have the Kentucky-based mystery niche mostly to themselves. Also, many readers of the local and campus community will recognize the settings and characters — though the names were changed to protect the guilty.

For a time about 20 years ago, Blythe and Sweet served as the "ghost" for Brett Halliday, writing each month's lead novella for *Mike Shayne Mystery Magazine*. In fact, neither has written solo in the past 28 years. Whether it's a scholarly treatise on teaching techniques or one of the many pieces they've written for *Shayne* or *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, they are inseparable.

How many authors have been memorialized with a handsome plaque and large framed portrait over their favorite booth at a local McDonald's? For years, that's where Blythe and Sweet, over an extended lunch hour, fleshed out the intriguing storylines and colorful characters

who kept mystery enthusiasts hungering for more.

They've since left the busy burger joint for the relative solitude of Case Annex 389 on the ECU campus, and the plaque and portrait are gathering dust in their "library" across the hall. But only the scenery has changed. The creative process is much the same as it was when the two first merged their considerable individual talents.

Their work is the result of true collaboration, not a matter of one writing one chapter, the other the next. Because they collaborate along every step of the creative process, to their knowledge, they are unique in the literary world. Blythe and Sweet talk about their creative partnership in terms that a long-time married couple might. They even finish each other's sentences.

"We've been working together for 28 years and we've never had a critical argument," Blythe said.

"No egos here," Sweet noted. "You can't have an ego if you write as a team."

"It's a left-brain, right-brain thing," Blythe explained. "Charlie is the more creative one. He comes up with 99 percent of the ideas. I'm more the technician, putting things together."

In their younger years, it was much the same on the tennis court, where the two beat most takers in doubles but — should we be surprised? — showed little interest in singles tennis. "I was always the defensive player," Blythe said, "and Charlie was always the aggressive player who scored points with the kills."

Their writing obviously scores big points with students — even if they've never read much, if any, of their profs' work.

"When they look at us and see we've done it," Sweet said, "they know there's a good chance they can succeed."



Dr. Hal Blythe (L) and Dr. Charlie Sweet

Just as importantly, because of their extensive writing background, the two ECU Foundation Professors (the University's highest honor for teaching excellence) are successful in getting their proteges to look at literature "from the inside out rather than outside in," Blythe said. "We're even incorporating creative writing in our literature courses."

The "Bloody Ground" mysteries and ECU graduate Silas House's highly acclaimed debut ("Clay's Quilt") notwithstanding, not many fiction writers are basing their works in Kentucky. Blythe, a Louisville native, and Sweet, a Connecticut Yankee, agree that readers — and not just Kentuckians — are eager for more.

"Kentucky is such a rich area for fiction, and the rest of the country and the world is fascinated with our state," Blythe said. "People are tired of reading about New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago."

"There's a yearning," Sweet added, "to see what people are like between the coasts."

As ECU's Department of English expands its creative writing curriculum, the professors believe the remedy may lie within the shadow of their classroom lectern.

"There's tremendous talent here in our service region," Sweet said, noting the exposure to oral storytelling traditions that many Eastern students have enjoyed.

In some academic circles, creative writing, let alone mysteries for a mass audience, is despised, even ridiculed. "You couldn't mention that you want to write popular stories," Sweet said. "It's opened up a little, but not much."

As the academic community at large has warmed somewhat to the merits of creative writing, so have Blythe and Sweet evolved to "mix what popular writers tend to do with more serious writing," Sweet said. "We like to reach a popular audience, but we use some serious literary techniques to give them something they can sink their teeth into."

"Who's to say it's not going to last?"

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Pulitzer Winner to Speak on Rights

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Jack Rakove will speak about "The Dilemma of Declaring Rights" when he visits ECU Thursday, Jan. 31. His talk, part of the year-long Chautauqua lecture series on human rights, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Moore 116.

Rakove, a history, American studies and political science professor at Stanford University, won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1997 for his book "Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution."

His "Declaring Rights: A Brief History with Documents," published in 1997, details the conception and development of the Bill of Rights as it examines the Federalists' and Anti-Federalists struggle over amending the Constitution while highlighting the relevance their debates have today.

Rakove observes in the book that the debate over current social issues is often characterized by individuals and groups appealing to their rights while claiming that their adversaries' interests abridge their own. What Rakove calls our penchant for "rights-talk" shows the differences between modern conceptions of rights and those of the Revolutionary era.

James Risser, a member of the Pulitzer Prize Board, called "Original Meanings" an "important book in the interpretation of early American history."

In saluting his Stanford colleague, David Kennedy said Rakove has three gifts. "First, he can take a familiar subject and make us understand it afresh. Second, he has the ability to relate apparently distant historical concerns to the present without belaboring the point or being didactic. And his third gift is his exceptional ability to not get mesmerized by the grand conceptualizing and high theorizing that sometimes distorts historical writings."

Eastern Family Portrait

Name: Dreidre Adams

Current Position at EKU:

Administrative assistant to the president.

Job Description:

A brief description of my job includes handling different travel events for the president, scheduling appointments, sending out mass e-mails, and creating Web pages and various databases, along with the many other various tasks that each day brings.

How long have you been in this position?

I've been in this position since December 3, 2001.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

I find the most rewarding part of my job to be the day-to-day contact I have with different people. I really enjoy helping people and being involved in solving problems.

If you weren't doing this job, what would you like to be doing?

I love children! If I were not doing this job I'm sure I'd like to be in a job working with kids.

What did you do before coming to EKU?

I worked for the Appalachian Computer Service (ACS) in Berea.

Tell me about your family.

My husband and I have been married for 19 years. We share two wonderful daughters named Michel and Laura and I have a beautiful grandson named Dominick.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I love to play softball. I like to read when I have the time. I indulge in television from time to time. My favorite programs are game shows. I'm somewhat of a game show fanatic.



Do you have a guilty pleasure?

Yes! I'm addicted to chocolate.

What is your favorite food?

Of course, my first would be anything with chocolate; however, when I'm not eating that, I love roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy.

What is your favorite TV show?

I like the show "Providence."

What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?

My husband claims the CD player at home, but in my car right now is a country CD by Keith Whitley. I like country and soft rock.

What book would you recommend to others?

I would recommend the Bible, because the Scriptures are what help me make it through life's trials along with prayer.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

I haven't traveled many places, but when I was 16 my Spanish

class in high school went to Mexico. My favorite place to visit was Acapulco. It was gorgeous there and it sticks out most in my mind.

Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?

Well, while I was on my trip to Mexico, we had to ride in a bus up through a winding mountainside. Being the chocoholic that I am, I was eating (a lot of) tootsie rolls. I got so sick from those tootsie rolls, the winding, curving road of the mountainside, along with the bus fumes, that I threw up all over myself and in front of my classmates. Needless to say, I was extremely embarrassed.

What person do you admire most?

My grandmother, who has passed away now. She was a wonderful person who raised five children and then raised five grandchildren. Her strength and character was inspiring for me.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

To always believe in myself.

What is one thing about you that people might be surprised to know?

I'm not a daredevil so there's not a lot of unpredictability in my life. I'd have to say one surprising thing is that I'm a grandmother.

What issue concerns you most about today's world?

It concerns me greatly that many people have a "don't care" attitude. I fear that this same perspective on life is being passed on to our children.

Who or what has influenced you the most?

I feel that it's the people that I've worked with over the years, especially at EKU. These people have taught me to believe in myself and encouraged my success.

If you could have dinner tonight with one historical figure from the 20th century, who would it be?

That would be Mother Teresa! The way she cared about people and helped people gives me even greater spiritual motivation.

State Capitol Display Showcases Student Work

A recent exhibit at the State Capitol showcased the scholarly, creative and research accomplishments of 22 EKU students.

Posters-at-the-Capitol was held on the second floor of the Capitol Building Thursday, Jan. 10, the day of Governor Patton's State of the Commonwealth address.

The Eastern students were among 86 students from the Commonwealth's regional universities who participated in the event.

Participants from EKU, the title of their work, department and faculty mentor were:

Norma James, Children's Rights: National and International Law and Practice, Honors Program, Dr. Bankole Thompson; Kimberlee Neff, Character Education, Foreign Languages, Dr. Un-chol Shin; Marisol Ziemba, Analysis of Gold-Cyanide Model Compounds to Develop Force Field Parameters for the Study of Anti-Arthritic Gold Drug Metabolites, Chemistry, Dr. Frank Shaw; Amanda Brown, Characterization of Supersaturated Protein Solution in Microgravity, Chemistry, Dr. Lori Wilson; Michael Thomas, Martin and Perry County Project,

Sociology, Dr. Stephanie McSpirit; Alisa Craig and Sara Pace, Proteomics: Metal-Induced Folding of Metallothionein (MT), Chemistry, Dr. Frank Shaw; Jaime Moore and Jason Chadwell, Moving Beyond Tourism in State Parks, Leisure Studies, Dr. Jon McChesney; Krista Baldwin, Rob Elliott, Jessica Kellough, Stephanie Primm and Jennifer Rogers, The Bloodbath in Your Living Room: Media Coverage of Sensational National Events, English, Dr. Joe Pellegrino; and Jennifer Ashurst, Brandy Givan, Amber Devine, Leigh Ann Dunn, Kim Klein, Sarah Koger, Paige Lankster and Shelley McWilliams, Promoting Pre-Literacy with PEAP, Special Education, Dr. Kathryn Polmanteer.



Multicultural Student Services Expands Staff and Mission

With the New Year comes a renewed focus for Multicultural Student Services.

With two new employees – Karen McClain, coordinator of retention, and Interim Director John Perego – the office is getting a fresh outlook on its future.

"We want to serve as an advocate for all students of color," Perego, who joined the EKU staff in November, said. "While the primary emphasis in the past has been African-American students, we want to expand the target groups and be a safe zone for all students."

Perego, a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana (Flathead Nation), noted that while Multicultural Student Services will continue to offer social and personal guidance for students, it also hopes "to start a dialogue on campus about diversity" with cultural and ethnic celebrations and by working with faculty "to infuse diversity into the everyday classroom."

An increased emphasis on retaining students at the University is reflected by the addition of McClain to the Multicultural Student Services staff as coordinator of retention.

"I can't express how excited I am about this

new role," said McClain, who first joined EKU in February, 2001 as a staff member of the Equal Opportunity Office. "I want to help our students feel more connected to the University and to be more successful academically."

A 2000 EKU graduate, McClain notes returning to college later in life gives her a unique perspective.

"My experience makes me realize I have a lot to offer the students," she explained. "I know the University very well as both a student and a staff member. Their problems are very real to me."

Perego, who previously was assistant professor of educational psychology-counselor education at the University of Utah, agreed that improving student success is an important goal for Eastern's Multicultural Student Services.

"We hope to set up more study groups and offer targeted assistance to help the students in their academic endeavors," he explained, citing lower ACT scores as an area of concern. "We want to serve as a resource in any way possible."

A native of California, Perego previously has taught at the University of Denver, Metropolitan State College (Denver) and Syracuse (N.Y.) University. He also has served as a counselor for Syracuse's Counseling and Career Planning Center and as assistant and acting directors for SUNY-Potsdam College's Office of Special Programs.

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