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Inauguration Theme: ‘Passion for Life and Learning’

Schedule of Inaugural Events

Wednesday, Feb. 27
- College of Justice & Safety Colloquium, “The Crime Crash of the 1990s: Real or Fiction?” 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Posey Auditorium, Straton Building. Featured speakers include Dr. Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, and Dr. Eli Silverman, City University of New York.
- EKU Staff Reception, 2:30-4 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building, all staff employees invited.
- “Business After Hours,” Richmond Chamber of Commerce Welcomes President Glasser, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Straton Cafeteria, co-hosted by College of Justice & Safety, Dept. of Criminal Justice Training, Chamber of Commerce and Training Resource Center.

Saturday, March 2
- “Baby,” musical presented by EKU Theatre, 8 p.m. nightly, Gillford Theatre, tickets $5, box office open weekdays Feb. 19-March 1, noon-4 p.m., call 622-1325.

Friday, March 1
- Annual “Arts Evening,” sponsored by EKU chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and EKU Friends of the Fine Arts. Attendance is by paid subscription through Phi and EKU Friends of the Fine Arts.
- “Mountain Soil: Ingredients for A New Sound,” 6 p.m., lecture by Dr. Ron Pen, director, John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, Grand Reading Room; 7-7:30 p.m., reception for Pen and Jean Ritchie, Grand Reading Room; 8:30 p.m., free performance by Jean Ritchie, Posey Auditorium, Straton Building. Sponsored by EKU Libraries, the EKU Center for Appalachian Studies, Friends of the EKU Libraries, the Kentucky Humanities Council and the American Library Association.

Monday, March 4-Thursday, March 7
- “The Art Faculty Collects,” a showcase of extra-studio interests of EKU art faculty, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. Opening reception Monday, March 4, 4-6:30 p.m. Other hours: Tuesday, March 5, noon-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, 2:30-5 p.m.; Thursday, March 7, noon-5 p.m.

Thursday, March 7
- Future Teacher Day, 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., beginning at Model Laboratory School and continuing at other campus locations.
- “The Sweet Tastes and Sounds of Kentucky,” Model Laboratory School, reception and desserts, 6-7 p.m., entertainment, 7-8:30 p.m., featuring groups from Model Lab, Daniel Boone Elementary, Madison Central and Carl Hurley.
- 11th Annual Employee Health Screening, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Powell Lobby, hosted by HEA 360 and 290 classes.

Wednesday, March 6
- Region 6 Future Business Leaders of America Conference, beginning 9 a.m. in Brock Auditorium, welcoming remarks by President Glasser at 9:25 a.m.
- Student Reception for President Glasser, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Powell Lobby, sponsored by Student Government Association, all students invited.
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- Ballroom Dance Workshop, 9 p.m., Weaver Dance Studio, instructor Dr. Marianne McDermott.

Friday, March 8
- Robing, 2-3:30 p.m., Alumni Coliseum.
- Inauguration Ceremonies, 3-4:30 p.m., Alumni Coliseum.
- Reception, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Concourse, Alumni Coliseum.
- Scholarship Reception and Dinner

Note: Classes will be canceled from 2:15 to 5 p.m. on the Richmond campus and 1-5 p.m. at all EKU extended campus centers.

Saturday, March 9
- Pops for Music Sake, 7-8:30 p.m., Brock Auditorium, tickets $10, $5 for students, proceeds to Department of Music Scholarship Fund, tickets may be purchased at door.
- President’s Ball, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Keen Johnson Building, open to University community and public. Students admitted free; make reservations in advance at Student Government Association office, Powell 132. Admission for non-students, $15 per person or $20 per couple. Tickets must be reserved in advance, call 622-1724 for reservations. Tuxedo rental available on campus at a discounted rate of $30-$40. Fitting Feb. 26, 5-8 p.m.; pickup March 5, 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12
- Reception, Gallery on Main, 5-30-8 p.m., Community Trust Bank Main Branch, 128 W. Main St., co-hosted by President Glasser and Harry Moberly, artists include Warren Brunner, Jeff Chapman Crane, Alfredo Escobar, Mitch Tolle, Anna Daniel Hall and Pat Banks. Sponsored in part by Community Trust Bank.

For updates, click on the Inauguration Schedule of Events link on the EKU home page.

Students Asked to Complete Survey

What makes for a good undergraduate experience?

Magazine rankings usually are based on what students were like when they entered college – entrance exam scores, high school class rank, etc. – and tangible institutional tools such as number of faculty, library books, computer terminals, etc.

Seven hundred EKU students will receive a survey soon that instead measures the college undergraduate experience by several categories related to learning and personal development: how and where students spend their time, the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty and peers, and what they have gained from their classes and other aspects of their college experience.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is distributing a short survey called “The
**Softball Returns**
Monday, Feb. 25
EKU vs. Louisville, doubleheader, 2 p.m.

**Musical Roots Explored**
"Transplanted Roots: Anglo-Celtic Origins," part of "Old Sounds in New Lands: A Celebration of Kentucky Appalachian Music" series. Lecture by members of Pale, Stout and Amber, 6:7 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbe Library; reception for group, 7:30 p.m., Grand Reading Room; performance by Pale, Stout and Amber, 8:9 p.m., Pearl Buchanan Theater, Keen Johnson Building.

**Arlington Trio Performs**
Wednesday, February 27
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Art Exhibit**
"Civil Rights," U.S. Department of Education, Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educational Institution and Does Not Discriminate on the Basis of Race, Color, Age, Sex, National-origin, Disability, National Origin or Vietnam Era Veteran Status, in the Programs and Activities. Participation in any Educational Program or Activity Which it Conducts, or Discriminates Against, Is Not Limited to, Or Participation in Any Educational Program or Activity Which it Conducts, or Discriminates Against, Is Not Limited to, Recruiters, Hiring, Promotion, and Compensation. This Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University does hereby reaffirm the University's commitment to providing educational opportunities to all qualified students regardless of economic or social status and ensuring that participation in all University sponsored activities will be administered in a way that furthers the principles of equal employment and educational opportunities. Any complaint arising by reason of alleged discrimination should be directed to the equal opportunity office of the University, Jones Building Room 405, CPO 374, 859-622-8002, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. The Board of Regents has adopted and supports an affirmative action plan. Copies of the plan are available for review in the President's office, the Equal Opportunity Office, the offices of all Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs, and Directors and in the Office for Human Resources.

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Participating employers represent a wide range of career fields. In addition, representatives from numerous graduate programs and professional schools will be on hand.

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A continuously updated list of employers and job opportunities is available at www.career.eku.edu and www.coop.eku.edu.

Employers may register for the event on-line and register to search EKU's student and alumni resume databases.

Parking will be available in the Statedland parking lot, located across the Eastern By-Pass from Roy Kidd Stadium. A shuttle service will provide transportation to and from the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

Spring Job Fair sponsors are the divisions of Career Services, Cooperative Education and Alumni Relations, The Graduate School, the offices of Multicultural Student Services and Services for Students with Disabilities, and the Eastern Progress. For more information, call 622-1290.

**Announcements**

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Students must be college graduates or current college students majoring in American history, political science or a closely related field.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, enrolled full-time in accredited post-secondary institutions.

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation will award one fellowship in 2002 to a college graduate.

**EKU To Host First Round of OVC Women's Basketball Tournament**
The EKU women’s basketball team will host the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on Thursday, Feb. 26, in McBrayer Arena. Time is set for 7 p.m. with the Lady Colonels’ opponent yet to be determined. EKU currently leads the OVC with a 9-5 overall record and an 11-2 mark in league play. Tickets are available for $10 for adults and $5 for students. A limited number of free student tickets are available in advance only. Contact the EKU Ticket Office at 622-2122 for details.

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**Events**

**Thursday, March 7-Sunday, March 10**
**First Weekend**
See www.firstweekend.eku.edu for listings.

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EKU graduate students employed as social studies teachers who wish to undertake graduate work on a part-time basis may qualify for the Senior Fellowship program. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degrees and are eligible to receive up to $24,000 over the course of their studies.

The application deadline is March 1, 2002. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Blanchard (paul.blanchard@eku.edu or 622-4380) or visit the Foundation's Web site at www.jamesmadison.com.
Professor Member of Ocean Drilling Research Project

An EKU earth sciences professor has been invited to participate in an international research project to investigate the presence of methane gas hydrates within sediments of the ocean floor.

For seven weeks this summer, Dr. Walter Borowski will serve as a geological chemist aboard the JOIDES Resolution, which will be stationed in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon shore. He will be joined on the 471-by-70-foot drill ship by about 30 other research scientists from many different countries.

The ship’s derrick rises 200 feet above the water line, and the ship’s drilling system can operate in water as deep as approximately 27,000 feet. This will be the third time Borowski, in his first year at EKU, has participated in an Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) project. The ODP is an international partnership of scientists and research institutions organized to explore the evolution and structure of the Earth, providing researchers around the world access to a vast repository of geological and environmental information recorded far below the ocean surface in seafloor sediments and rocks.

“One purpose of the expedition is to measure how much gas hydrate is present at this locale, so we can then extrapolate how much gas hydrate is likely present in oceans worldwide,” Borowski said. “Gas hydrate is methane because it contains methane, a greenhouse gas.”

The amount of methane released from oceans potentially impacts world climate patterns, he explained. “Methane can warm the atmosphere by a factor 10 to 20 times greater than carbon dioxide on a per molecule basis. “Our efforts represent some of the best research going on,” he added. “A great deal of what we know about the world’s past climate is through the ODP and its preceding drilling program.”

When there’s a decrease in sea level,” Borowski explained, “methane can be injected into the atmosphere and act as a greenhouse gas. With sea levels at their highest in about ten thousand years,” large methane releases are “probably not happening today.”

Borowski, who spent 10 years as a geologist with oil companies, said his undergraduate students benefit from class discussions stemming from his research. In addition, graduate students will have the opportunity to work on some of the samples generated from the project.

Students Create Models of Memorials to 9-11 Victims

During the early days of a senior interior design class project to create two models of suggested memorials to the victims of the Sept. 11 acts of terrorism, one of Professor Krista Atkins Nutter’s students at EKU reported that her research on the Internet was interrupted.

“She told me had to stop because she was crying,” Nutter said. “That was symbolic of what all the students were going through” as two teams of four students each poured their emotions, knowledge and skills into scaled monuments that would honor those who lost their lives in New York City, Washington, D.C. and rural Pennsylvania.

The models—one 5 feet by 5 feet the other 4 x 8—they will stay at EKU, but the project already served several valuable purposes.

For Ashley Rickert, Louisville, the project provided a “chance to show more of our creative side” while making her and fellow students even more aware—painfully at times—of world events.

For Laura Weddle, Danville, “it was a good release emotionally. It lets us better understand how we felt about the events of Sept. 11.”

A dome is the centerpiece of the model designed and constructed by Rickert and three classmates: Tabatha Mann, Salvisa; Magan Ferrell, Shelbyville; and Amy McVernon, Fort Mitchell. Three granite pathways lead to the main structure, representing the locations were lives were lost. Terrazo tiles made to represent flags of the countries represented among the victims line the entire base of the dome and a pool of water allows for reflection. The names of all the ground victims are engraved on the inside of the dome’s wall and the names of those who perished on the flights are engraved on tiles along the pathways.

When inside the dome, visitors also would notice a marable statue of the firemen placing the flag upright on Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. An eternal flame surrounds the statue to further honor the memory of the firemen, policemen and other emergency workers who sacrificed their lives to save others.

The other model, while not as visually elaborate, is elegant in its simplicity. A circle of steps surround the memorial’s center, marked by a sculpture of two standing triangles The red and blue quartzite triangles represent the two World Trade Center towers and, according to the model designers: faith, hope and charity; birth, life and death; mind, body and soul; father, mother and child; and past, present and future. Each victim of the terrorist acts is honored by a white granite star with names engraved.

The model is designed to be placed on an island near Lower Manhattan, so that visitors would be soothed by the surrounding water, yet the skyline of where the towers once stood still be visible.

“Everybody has a different range of emotions concerning Sept. 11, so we wanted to design our model so that everyone who visited would come away with a different experience,” said Weddle of the latter model, whose design/construction team also included Cara Glenn, Florence; Andrea Rutledge, Louisville; and Katrina Harris, Corbin.

Nutter acknowledged questions about the project’s fitness for an interior design class.

“Interior design,” she explained, “is everything but interior decoration. Interior design is the art of shaping an individual’s spatial experience.

“Even before the project was posed to the students, the design solutions were already happening inside of them. The existence and life-breath of these students have given them the only tools necessary for their contemplations, revelations, expressions and creations.”

Choral Group to Perform At Carnegie Hall in New York City

Twenty-seven EKU student and alumni vocalists will enjoy a “once-in-a-lifetime experience” Sunday, March 24 when they perform on the stage of world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.

They will be part of a 145-voice choir directed by Dr. David Greenlee, director of choral activities at EKU. It’s the second time Greenlee has conducted a choir on the Carnegie stage. Three years ago, he was invited to lead a 200-voice choir, including many from Eastern.

This year’s group will also include student singers from Columbia Union College, Tahoma Park, Md.; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.; and South Laurel High School, London, Ky. They will be accompanied by the New England Chamber Orchestra and four professional soloists in a 2 p.m. performance of Mozart’s “The Solemn Vespers.” Old Dominion’s choir is directed by EKU music alum Dr. Nancy Klein.

The complete University Singers and Concert Choir, totaling approximately 90 singers, will join forces to present the same concert for local audiences Sunday, April 7, at 5 p.m. in Brock Auditorium.

“An opportunity like this helps our students to realize how special it is to be a member of an outstanding college or university choir,” Greenlee said. “It’s also a great opportunity for those who have a professional career in mind. It gives them an opportunity to see what performing in New York City is like.”

In fact, several EKU graduates are performing professionally in New York City, including Verda Tudor, formerly of Richmond, who performs in the chorus of the New York City Opera.

In addition to the public performance, the students will have a chance to tour the Big Apple, enjoy a dinner cruise around the Statue of Liberty and take in some Broadway shows. They will stay at the Hyatt Hotel three blocks from Times Square.

Twenty-four current EKU students will make the trip: Chip Adams, Berry; Chad Adkins, Whitley City; Emily Barth, Fort Thomas; Amie Dunn, Frankfort; Alison Erwin, Harlinsburg; Jennifer King, Irvine; Corey Marcom, Burnsire; Debby McDonald, Somerset; Brooklyn Melton, Wendover; Diana Parrish, Erlanger; Ariana St. Clair, Rockford, Ill.; Senica Taylor, New Bedford, Mass; Brandon Owens, Cressands, York, Young, London; Lorin Franklin, Katie Jones, Ben Whitley, Livingston; Amy Fambrough, Lindsay Wenz, Mt. Sterling, Lydia Brown, Josh Koenig, Brandon Rose and Joey Van, Richmond.

They will be joined by three alumni: Kelly McBride, Richmond; Susan Garlock Mullinix, Kettering, Ohio, and Robyn Spangler Epschen, Dallas, Texas.

The experience will be a bit sweeter one for Greenlee, who’s retiring this spring after a 40-year career in teaching, the last 22 at EKU as director of choral activities.
Recent Grad Wins Master’s Thesis Award

Rebecca Blanton began her studies at EKU as a pre-med major. It wasn’t long, though, before the Harlan native decided “there were so many more fascinating creatures than humans” and changed her major to biology.

A prestigious award from the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) confirms that Blanton made a wise choice. The CSGS, an organization consisting of 200 graduate schools in 15 southern states, recently presented the 2002 Master’s Thesis Award to Blanton for her work on fantail darters in North Carolina.

Blanton, who earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from EKU in 1998 and a master’s degree in the same subject last year, now is pursuing a doctoral degree in ecology and evolutionary biology at Tulane University in New Orleans.

While at EKU, Blanton achieved a 3.8 GPA as an undergraduate, 4.0 in her graduate studies.

“Blanton credited many at EKU and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) for her success in acquiring the award,” said Rebecca Stamps, Foundation professor of biology at EKU and the recipient of the 1999 Outstanding College Teacher Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science.

Blanton, a 1994 graduate of Cumberland High School, said she has always been fascinated by biology, especially natural history and organismal biology.

“These darters are amazing, beautiful creatures,” she declared, “and they have their greatest diversity right here in the southeastern U.S., yet there remains so much we don’t know about them. They are a very important aspect of our freshwater ecosystems, which also makes them very interesting.”

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What is your favorite Web site?

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What book would you recommend to others?

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

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