EKU has received a $1,341,668 grant from the National Science Foundation, its largest ever from NSF, to improve inquiry-based instruction of science, technology and mathematics in six area middle schools.

Project Director Dr. Tom Otieno, an associate professor of chemistry, said the three-year project will lead to enriched learning by middle school students, additional professional development opportunities for middle school teachers, improved communication and teaching skills for 12 EKU graduate and undergraduate students involved in the project, and stronger partnerships between EKU and the middle schools.

Schools participating in the project are Clark-Moores Middle School and Madison Middle School in Richmond, Foley Middle School in Berea, Rockcastle County Middle School, Jackson County Middle School and Estill County Middle School.

The 12 student fellows will be matched with a middle school teacher at one of the participating schools and an EKU faculty mentor. Once needs are identified, beginning in August, the fellows will spend approximately 10 hours a week for 36 weeks in middle school classrooms implementing inquiry-based activities designed to meet Kentucky and national education standards. The teams will be matched with schools based on the expertise of the team members and the schools’ specific needs.

“This project is the result of a strong collaborative effort between two academic colleges (College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education) and seven academic departments,” Otieno said, citing Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Curriculum and Instruction, Earth Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, and Mathematics and Statistics.

“Many students lose interest in these disciplines in the middle school years,” Otieno said, “and student achievement in state or national exams in these disciplines is generally not high.

Most such programs target teachers,” Otieno added. “This project is different because it targets more directly the students.”

The results of the activities at the six participating schools will be distributed widely to ensure broader impact.

Dr. James Conneely has been named vice president for student affairs at EKU.

Conneely, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas since 2000, will bring 20 years of experience in student affairs administration to the position. He will join the EKU leadership team Feb. 17.

“His selection is the culmination of a national search to find the very best person available for this important position on our campus,” said President Glasser. “I am confident we have been successful.

“His reputation as an energetic, student-centered professional who empowers young people and embraces diversity was confirmed by his two-year tour of our campus,” Glasser added. “He will bring to us a wealth of well-rounded experience in student affairs … and I am convinced that he shares our passion for students and will be an excellent member of our leadership team.”

Conneely said he was “thrilled to be part of a leadership team at EKU that is committed to the growth of the students.”

As assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas, Conneely was responsible for senior leadership in the Division of Student Affairs on a campus serving 15,200 undergraduate and graduate students. He joined Arkansas in 1993 and served seven years as director of residence life and dining services.

Glasser praised the work of the search committee chaired by Dr. Judy Spain and the interim leadership provided in Student Affairs by Dr. Rita Davis.

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Conneely New VP for Student Affairs

Coach Kidd Tribute Dinner is Feb. 8

On Saturday, Feb. 8, EKU and the National Alumni Association will host a tribute dinner for Coach Roy Kidd with net proceeds benefiting the Roy and Sue Kidd Scholarship Endowment.

Tickets for the 7:15 dinner at the Keen Johnson Building, which will be preceded by a 6 p.m. reception, are still available at a cost of $50.

“The dinner is a tribute to Coach Kidd’s service and contributions to the University and to intercollegiate athletics,” said Dr. Skip Daugherty, executive director of the National Alumni Association, who is co-chairing the event with Dwight Merritt, assistant athletics director.

Daugherty added that Kidd’s 39-year coaching tenure at one institution is unusual and should be celebrated. “This is a way to honor him and give everyone an opportunity to participate,” he said.

It also offers a chance to contribute to an endowed scholarship at EKU in Coach Kidd’s name.

Invitations are not required. Anyone can join Coach Kidd’s friends, colleagues, current and former student athletes in this celebration of his career by purchasing a ticket before Jan. 31. For additional information, contact Daugherty at 622-1200 or skip.daugherty@eku.edu.
Counseling Center Accredited

EKU’s Counseling Center recently earned accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services.

IACS has developed standards that define professional quality with accreditation criteria which reflect these standards. The IACS accrediting team commended the Counseling Center for its highly qualified professional staff, its career counseling course and the positive impact this course has on the retention of its career counseling course and the positive impact this course has on the retention of its students, and its training functions as well as the substance abuse services provided. There are only two accredited counseling centers in the state of Kentucky.

Melius Recognized by SACE

Laura Melius, director of career services at EKU, has received the Star Award from the Southern Association of Colleges and Employers, an organization of human resources, college relations and career services professionals from 10 states. The award is presented annually in recognition of significant and outstanding contributions to the profession or the SACE organization.

Melius, an active member of SACE since 1986, has been in the career services profession for more than 20 years. She serves on the board of SACE includes terms as president, secretary/treasurer and director. She co-chaired the annual conference in 1995. “I’m passionate about this profession and the impact we have on the lives of our students,” Melius said. “The rewards in helping our students develop both personally and professionally are limitless.”

Melius, earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from EKU, where she has been member of the staff since 1979. An active member of the community, Melius currently serves on the board of directors of Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center and is a member of Citizens for a Better Madison County and the 4-H Advisory Council. She also serves as treasurer of her church and on several Chamber of Commerce committees and was named Richmond Business and Professional Women’s Club Woman of the Year in 1995.

Judges Needed for FBLA Contest

On Wednesday, March 5, the College of Business and Technology will host the Region VI competition for the Future Business Leaders of America Spring Conference. Nearly 1,000 high school students from throughout the service region will be involved in more than 40 events including: Public Speaking, Job Interview, Talent Show, and Mr. and Ms. FBLA. Faculty, staff, and students are needed to serve as judges. Besides providing service to the community, this is a great way to support the efforts of these future business leaders. Interested individuals should contact Kathy Williams at 622-1412 or kathy.williams@eku.edu.

NOVA Awards Scholarships

The NOVA Program, a federally funded, Student Support Services/TRIO project, awarded the following scholarships for the 2002/2003 academic year.

The Ethel Stewart endowed scholarship fund, established by the previous NOVA director, Nancy S. Hindman, funded two scholarships at $500 each to Lenora Young and Jessica Trammell, actively participating NOVA learners. The U.S. Department of Education provided an additional $35,550 in federal grant money specifically for students in the program who do not have their full financial aid met in order to help reduce students’ loan debt and/or need to work. Sixty-one NOVA learners received $550 each from this supplemental grant aid.

In addition, Jessica Trammell applied for and won the SAEOPP Scholarship, specifically designated for TRIO participants.

NJAVA is pleased to announce these scholarship recipients, who were honored as a direct result of their involvement in the NOVA/Student Support Services/TRIO project.

Grants Available for Spring Faculty Learning Community

Grants are available to support faculty participation in a Faculty Learning Community focused on integrating diversity into the curriculum. The only prerequisite is that participants come with open minds, a willingness to work and a sincere interest in the scholarship of teaching.

Full-time, tenure-track teaching faculty are eligible to participate. The Community will meet weekly and only faculty who participate fully and complete syllabus projects will receive the grants. Grant money will be deposited at the end of the Spring 2003 semester and may be used on any professional activity. Carole Garrison, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, will serve as facilitator. Funding and support is provided by the Teaching and Learning Center.

To join the Community: submit a vita to Carole Garrison at carole.garrison@eku.edu or via campus mail to her in Stratton #67. Space is limited to seven participants.

Events

Continuing through Friday, Feb. 7

Art Exhibit
Julie Gavve, mixed media, and Lampa Leong, painting, Gifford Gallery, Building 22, 622-8135 for Gallery hours.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Senior Vocal Recital
Alison Erwin and Gisnem Putnam, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Love and Dance
Love and Dance in American Culture: Fantasy and Reality,” Marianne McAdam and Mark Shale, 7:30 p.m., Student Services Building.

Piano Studio Night
8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Sunday, Jan. 26

Senior Percussion Recital
Jeremiah Fowler and Brad Stewart, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Four Hands Piano Concert
Featuring Teresa Tedder and Joanna Ximenes, sponsored by Richmond Area Arts Commission, Ucon, Pickett and Shannon law firm, 3 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, Water Street and Lancaster Avenue, admission $6, call 624-4242 for more information. Reception hosted by Martha and John Davidson will follow.

History & Politics Lectures Announced

A presentation by Sylvia Lovely, executive director of the Kentucky League of Cities, will kick off the spring semester lecture series sponsored by EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

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The remaining spring lecture schedule is:

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Tuesday, April 15, “Beyond Simplicity: The Pleasant Hill Shakers,” Susan L. Hughes, interpretation and education manager, Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, 7:30 p.m., Kenmmer Room, Powell Building.

Wednesday, April 30, “Writing History as a Collaborative Enterprise: An Editor’s Perspective,” Dr. Nelson Dawson, noted Kentucky historian, 7:30 p.m., Quad D, Perkins Building. The lecture was postponed in December because of inclement weather. Dawson will receive the Center’s Thomas D. Clark Award for Outstanding Contributions to Kentucky History. All lectures are free and open to the public.

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The torch has been passed. And just as he predicted more than two decades ago, it is now Danny Hope's turn to carry the football flame at EKU.

Hope, an offensive lineman on the first of retired Coach Roy Kidd's two I-AA championship teams in 1979, was named Dec. 6 to succeed his former mentor as Colonel head coach.

"The day I graduated (in 1981) and went into coaching, I told my wife Sally we'd be back," Hope said. "I'm not expecting to fill (Kidd's) shoes. I came here to follow in his footsteps."

That's not to say those steps won't lead in a somewhat different direction, at least on the offensive side of the ball. Hope said he plans to recruit passing quarterbacks, spread the offense and throw the ball more.

If Hope was ecstatic to be coming home, his predecessor seemed equally happy that the coaching reins were turned over to someone already in the Eastern family.

"It was good to see one of my ex-players get the job," Kidd told The Lexington Herald-Leader. "I had high hopes either a player or someone on my staff would get it."

Hope came to EKU from the University of Louisville, where he was assistant head coach and offensive line coach. It was his second stint at the University of Louisville, where he also served 1988-94 under Coach Howard Schnellenberger. Prior to serving at U of L for the 2002 season, Hope was an assistant coach at Purdue University (1997-2001), the University of Wyoming (1998) and the University of Oklahoma (1995).

President Glasser called Hope "a perfect match" for EKU. "Wherever Danny Hope has been in his career and whatever he has done in life, he has been a winner. And I have no doubt he will do the same at EKU."

The president cited Hope's experience under "some of the finest coaches in the game" and his proven recruiting ability (he was twice named one of the nation's top college football recruiters by ESPN).

"But, most importantly, Danny Hope bleeds maroon," Glasser said, "and he'd like nothing better than to give something back to the University that gave him a chance some 25 years ago. He burns to win a national championship as head coach to match the one he won as a Colonel player."

Hope, a Miami native who began his coaching career at the high school level in Bradenton, Fla., said he would rely heavily on his strong recruiting ties in the Sunshine State and all across the South. He also plans to recruit heavily in Kentucky.

Interim Director of Athletics Jack Lengel said Hope "is tremendously organized and has a plan for the continued success of EKU football. Having played on our national championship teams and graduated from EKU, it is like the line in 'The Music Man': 'he knows the territory.'"

Hope recruited Atlanta Falcons defensive back Raymond Buchanan to U of L in the late 1980s and has coached other NFL stars such as Bruce Armstrong, New England Patriots; Matt Light, New England Patriots; Roman Oben, Cleveland Browns; Mark Fischer, Washington Redskins; and Chucko Okobi, Pittsburgh Steelers.

Now he takes over a Colonel team that just missed the I-AA playoffs after an up-and-down 8-4 campaign. (Hope) knows the tradition and our motto, 'A Matter of Pride,'" guard Larry Turner told the Herald-Leader. "He knows the words to 'Cabin on the Hill,' so we'll definitely be singing it. Let's get the train rolling."

Like so many great Eastern players through the years, Hope was not heavily recruited during high school. In fact, the only train that rolled by his door was EKU.

"I grew up in the inner-city of Miami," Hope said. "This was such a contrast … the rolling hills and horse farms. It was God's country."

And now he's back home to lead his alma mater's storied football program back to the promised land.

"It's not a steppingstone job," Hope said. "We're coming here to commit the rest of our working lives."

## Community Education: Something for Everyone

EKU’s Division of Continuing Education and Outreach will offer more than 110 community education courses this 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, 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, where parking is plentiful.

Costs generally range from $10 to $99, with some exceptions. Pre-registration is urged for all courses. O’Donnell Scholarships are available for those over age 65. To register, for more information or to obtain a brochure, call 622-1228 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday.

Computer training courses cover many major software programs, such as Windows 2000, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office, and its separate applications, and include several classes for the computer novice and for senior citizens.


Professional development opportunities include classes leading to certification in human resources, ergonomics management, manufac-

turing maintenance and first line supervision. Also, continuing real estate education and AutoCAD courses are available.

Dozens of arts and craft classes are scheduled. They include Keepsake Box, Rug Hooking, Wood Dying, Quilt As You Go, Knitting, Beginning Sewing-Tote Bag, Painting with Linda Caudill, Garden Gate Rock, Watercolors, Oil Painting, Natural Soap and Bodycare, Beginning Wood Carving, and a variety of basketweaving and "bakeshop" options. Music classes include Piano Lessons for Busy People, Play Piano by Ear, Bluegrass Style 5-String Banjo, Bluegrass Guitar and Bluegrass Mandolin.

Recreation and exercise courses run the gamut of activities, ages and skills. They include Basics of Belly Dance, Social Dance, Dance for Children, Adult Tennis, Tai Chi Chuan for Beginners, “Cardio” Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi Chuan Golden Years, Yoga, Children’s Chess (ages 5-7), Golf Academy, Karate for Kids, Karate for All Ages, Golf Academy, Horseback Riding Lessons, Body Recall, Gymnastics, Exercise for Adults with Multiple Sclerosis, Fencing, and the usual array of children’s and adult swimming and dining courses and lessons. Also offered this spring is the National Council of Strength and Fitness Personal Trainer Certification Workshop.
Committee, Assessment Committee, Institutional faculty, staff and students. Toward that end the Committee with the goal of creating a climate at the University Diversity Office. The Diversity Office is committed to achieving a climate that respects and celebrates diversity within its community that includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, and cultural or national backgrounds, in a pursuit of common unity.

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