EKU, CDC Establish Nationally Unique Partnership

The Centers for Disease Control official who managed CDC investigations into recent disease outbreaks on international cruise ships will teach for the next four years at EKU, thanks to a nationally unique partnership between the University and the CDC. Capt. Dan Harper, deputy chief and senior environmental health officer for the CDC’s Vessel Sanitation Program since 1996, is a special faculty member in EKU’s Department of Environmental Health, the nation’s largest baccalaureate-degree program.

“This is the only agreement of its type in the United States and another step in the placement of EKU’s Environmental Health Program in the national forefront of undergraduate programs in the field,” said Dr. Darryl Barnett, chair of EKU’s Department of Environmental Health. “We’re extremely pleased with the assignment of Captain Harper. EKU, the CDC and the National Institutes of Environmental Health intend for it to serve as a model for duplication by other academic programs.”

Barnett said the purpose of the partnership is to:
1. Increase the visibility of the U.S. Public Health Service and attract more students into the commissioned officer component of the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Increase the number of minority applicants to the program.
3. Reduce the time for applying current information and research findings from CDC and field practice to the classroom.
4. Establish a model for academic/professional practice collaboration.
5. Develop models for applied research collaboration between students, faculty and federal institutions.

- Develop a leadership institute for environmental health.
- Harper joined the Public Health Service in 1976. Other assignments have included the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., and eight years with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).
- A sister agency of CDC, ATSDR was created by Congress to provide health advice and assistance to the Environmental Protection Agency and state and local health and environmental authorities responsible for cleaning up more than 900 hazardous waste sites nationwide.

While graduates of EKU’s environmental health program are employed in both the private and public sectors of environmental health, many are selected each year for commissioning by the U.S. Public Health Service. The students then are assigned environmental health responsibilities in several branches of the federal government, including the Indian Health Service, Coast Guard, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Federal Food and Drug Administration, the Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Prisons.

“Since 9/11, the need for environmental health graduates has accelerated to the point that most employers will not be able to find qualified individuals with academic credentials matching the job responsibilities,” Barnett said. “There are an estimated 150,000 vacancies in the private sector and an estimated 30,000 federal and state openings.

“Environmental health is best defined as protecting people and populations from chemical, biological and physical threats to their health and sense of well-being,” he added. “Because of our increased awareness of radiological, biological and chemical risk, the demand for professionals for the war on terrorism means new and challenging work opportunities for our graduates.”

EKU also offers a new executive-style master’s degree program in public health that features an extensive environmental health option.

Justice & Safety Receives $15 Million Federal Grant to Assist Profession

EKU’s Justice & Safety Center has received a $15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to work closely with the Center for Rural Development to address issues of interoperability between law enforcement, public safety and “first responder” agencies in Eastern Kentucky and to test prototypes of emerging safety and security technologies for the national justice and safety community.

Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers, whose efforts were primarily responsible for the grant, formally announced the “interoperability” grant at a news conference Monday, Feb. 3 at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

“This grant was awarded to EKU because of its international and national reputation in the area of law enforcement and the ongoing work that the Justice and Safety Center has been doing with the Department of Justice on safety- and security-related technology projects,” said Dr. Pam Collins, director of EKU’s Justice & Safety Center, which is housed in EKU’s College of Justice & Safety. “This pilot project will serve as a model with national implications. More importantly, it has the potential to save lives by improving the communications between first responders.”

Rogers secured funding for the programs through his role as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. Recently, he was selected to head the new Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. As chairman, Rogers is responsible for funding and overseeing the 22 agencies that comprise the new Homeland Security Department, including FEMA, the Transportation Security Administration, Customs Service, and the Coast Guard.

“One of the biggest challenges we face in protecting our people is the inability of law enforcement and other public safety officers to communicate and share information,” Rogers said. “This project seeks to tackle that very problem. Once complete, Kentucky State Police and Kentuck Vehicle Enforcement officers in our region will be able to talk directly with each other and access criminal justice data on one common system.”

The Center for Rural Development, in Somerset, already had received $22.5 million in federal funding to create a region-wide wireless computer system that provides sheriffs and local police officers with instant access to criminal justice data. The Center already has placed office-based equipment — including desktop computers, printers, scanners and digital cameras — in.

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**Events**

**Monday, Feb. 17**

**Men’s Basketball**  
EKU vs. Tennessee Tech, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**

**Jazz Performance/Lecture**  
“Bebop and Beyond,” Ron Jones with the Ron Jones Quartet, lecture, Crabbe Library Reading Room, 6:30 p.m., performance in Keen Johnson Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**

**Graphic Art Invitational**  
Opening reception 7-9 p.m., exhibit continues through March 5, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, for Gallery hours, call 622-8135.

**Viola Recital**  
Andrew Noble, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**EKUpdate**

**February 18, 2003**  
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**Announcements**

**James Madison Fellowships Available**  
EKU seniors who are committed to teaching American history, American government, or social studies full-time in grades 7-12 are eligible to apply for the James Madison Fellowship program. Madison fellowships provide up to $12,000 per year for up to two years of graduate study leading to a master’s degree in American history, political science, or a closely related field. Fellowships are awarded to students who are about to complete, or have recently completed, their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work on a full-time basis.

EKU students who are employed as social studies teachers may qualify for the Senior Fellowship program. These fellowships are awarded to experienced teachers who wish to undertake work for a graduate degree on a part-time basis through summer and evening classes. 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. As part of the James Madison Fellowship program, each fellow will attend a four-week summer institute on the Constitution held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Applicants are evaluated on their demonstrated commitment to a career teaching American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level; demonstrated intent to pursue and complete a program of graduate study that emphasizes the Constitution and offers classroom instruction in that subject; demonstrated devotion to civic responsibility; demonstrated capacity for graduate study and performance as classroom teachers, and their proposed courses of graduate study. Applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence.

The application deadline is March 1, 2003. For more information and for application materials, contact the James Madison Fellowship Program coordinator, Dr. Paul Blanchard, Director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics (859-430-4605, McChesney 117). paul.blanchard@eku.edu The Foundation’s Web site is www.jamesmadison.com.

**February 28 is Career Day for College of Health Sciences**  
The College of Health Sciences will hold its Spring Career Day on Friday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Building Ballroom. Representatives from various organizations will be present to recruit EKU students for employment opportunities available in the region. Some facilities have scholarship monies available to students still completing their degrees, if agreeing to work for a dedicated amount of time at that agency.

During the 2002 Fall Career Day held in September 194 students were in attendance with 50 agencies recruiting EKU CIBS students. Business representatives were excited about the opportunity to visit with and recruit students for a number of different positions. For more information about agencies that will be participating, visit www.ced.eku.edu/careerday.html.

**Hummel Station Part of Weatherbug Network**  
In response to numerous calls received each year concerning weather, the Hummel Planetarium now has a weather station high atop the planetarium. This weather station is part of the Weatherbug network and realtime data from Eastern's campus is now available to anyone who visits the website. The Hummel Planetarium is part of the College of Health Sciences.

**POSTERS-AT-THE-CAPITOL**

A recent exhibit at the State Capitol showcased the4 scholarlty, creative and research accomplishments of eight EKU students. Picturesd with President Glasser, from left, in Frankfort Feb. 6 were, first row, left to right, Kathrynn Takacs, Kristen Krenn, Mandit Barson, Stuning Sah; middle row, left to right, Kelli Harris, Sara Pace, Jordan Hall, JoAnn Sturgill; and back row, left to right, faculty sponsors Dave Marden, Jon McChesney, Frank Shaw, and Bill Farrar.

**EKU Theatre presents classic Neil Simon**  
EKU Theatre presents classic Neil Simon‘ Brighton Beach Memoirs’ play, 8 p.m. nightly, Gifford Theatre, tickets $4 for students and senior citizens, $5 for other adults, Gifford Box Office open weekdays noon-5 p.m., call 622-1323.

**Symphonic Band Concert**  
7:30 p.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom.

**Violin Recital**  
June Lee, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Baseball Doubleheader**  
EKU vs. Western Illinois, noon, Turkey Hughes Field.

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**

**Arlington Trio Concert**  
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Winter Weather Station**  
Eastern’s campus is now available to anyone who visits the weather station. The Hummel Planetarium is part of the College of Health Sciences.

**Thursday, Feb. 20**

**Colonels Host Racers**  
EKU vs. Murray State, men’s basketball, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

**Love and Autonomy**  
“Romantic Love and Personal Autonomy,” Marilyn Friedman, 7:30 p.m., Student Services Auditorium, part of year-long Chautauqua series on love.

**Friday, Feb. 21**

**President’s Ball**  
8 p.m. midnight, Keen Johnson Ballroom, tickets free for EKU students and one guest, $15 per non-student or $25 per couple. For reservations or additional information, contact SGA in Powell 132 or at 622-1724.

**Saturday, Feb. 22**

**Baseball Twinbill**  
EKU vs. Akron, noon, Turkey Hughes Field.

**Basketball Doubleheader**  
EKU vs. UT-Martin, women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30, McBrayer Arena.

**Honors Band Concert**  
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Sunday, Feb. 23**

**Baseball Homestand Continues**  
EKU vs. Akron, 1 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**Senior Vocal Recital**  
Brian Williams, 5 p.m., Posey Auditorium.

**Monday, Feb. 24**

**Women’s Basketball**  
EKU vs. Murray State, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**

**Jazz Performance/Lecture**  
“Development Toward the End of the 20th Century,” lecture by Richard Bromley and performance by Bromley and Friends, 6:30 p.m., Crabbe Library Reading Room.

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If you are interested in access to this realtime data, simply do the following:

- Go to www.weatherbug.com and download the free program
- Once the Weatherbug program is installed on your computer, click on options (toward the bottom of a list on the right hand side) and type in our zip code
- Select the second station on the list.
News

EKU, COMMUNITY HONOR A LEGEND

The Roy Kidd Tribute Dinner attracted a capacity crowd of about 600 to the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Attendees enjoyed a lively, sometimes raucous, night of storytelling, roasting and verbal bouquets. Clockwise from upper left: As his image was projected on a large screen behind him, Coach Kidd surveyed the banquet crowd prior to the beginning of the program; Roy and Sue Kidd, flanked by President Glasser and Interim Athletics Director Jack Lengyel, displayed the $22,000 check that kicked off the Roy and Sue Kidd Scholarship Endowment; following seven former players and a former coaching rival, Kidd addressed the crowd; young Nicholas Kuhl read a touching tribute to his grandfather.

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110 law enforcement agencies throughout the 42-county Fifth Congressional District. Additionally, more than 500 laptop computers and equipment have been installed in police vehicles across the region.

“This project will leverage off of the work that has already been completed by developing a system where law enforcement, public safety agencies and first responders can communicate with one another and share information and data,” Collins said. “Our role will be to coordinate and oversee program evaluation and work closely with the Center for Rural Development in the creation of an information analysis and fusion center.”

Another product of the grant will be the creation of The Public Safety and Security Institute for Technology (PSI TEC), which will be housed in EKU’s Justice & Safety Center. The new institute will serve as a national leader for a proof-of-concept and prototype testing of emerging safety and security technologies.

“By establishing a center of excellence that supports the full life cycle of technology, the Institute can engage in the research and development of new and innovative public safety and security technology through testing, evaluation and, ultimately, commercialization,” Collins said.

The Institute will:
• Maintain a comprehensive database on public safety and security technology.
• Serve as a clearinghouse for buyers and sellers of existing public safety and security technology.
• Create the infrastructure through its Web-based concept for the introduction and transfer of new public safety and security technologies.
• Match homeland security requirements with existing technologies.
• Serve as a one-stop shop for information on public safety and security technologies.

Both projects will “draw on the strengths” of EKU faculty in several academic disciplines, Collins said, adding that additional opportunities will be generated for graduate assistantships and student employment.

“We take very seriously our mission to serve the region and the Commonwealth,” President Glasser said, “so we’re very excited about this grant as well as future opportunities to partner with Congressman Rogers, the Center for Rural Development and others on important quality-of-life projects.”

EKU’s Justice and Safety Center, established when the University’s College of Justice & Safety was designated as a state “Program of Distinction,” supports the justice and safety profession through information dissemination, research and evaluation, and technical support.

JSC activities include pilot program evaluation and the identification of commercial off-the-shelf technology for its applicability to law enforcement. The JSC also is the corporate host for the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center, Hazard, which is a specialty center within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center system. The Hazard center provides technical assistance and information to small and rural law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Since its inception in 1998, the Justice and Safety Center has now received more than $25 million in federal and state funding for various programs and projects that benefit the state and national justice and safety community.

“Coach Kidd will not stretch the truth. You do it his way, and it’s the right way.”
— John Jackson, former player and NFL star

“This is the first time I can honestly say I’ve enjoyed coming to Richmond, Kentucky.”
— Boon Donnelly, former Middle Tennessee coach

“(Coach Kidd) is a hard guy to roast. He’s not very funny.”
— Larry Marmie, former player and assistant

“He was more like a grandfather (figure) to me.”
— Scooter Axel, former player

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Two Hogeschool Students Study at EKU

Two business students from The Hogeschool Brabant in the Netherlands are studying at EKU this semester, thanks to a student/faculty exchange agreement between the two institutions.

Sabine Reijnders and Ilse Goorman will spend this semester and the fall semester at EKU. Also, Chris Sterling, a senior economics major at Eastern, has returned to campus after studying international business management for two semesters at The Hogeschool, and two more EKU business students, Justin Sears and Melissa Wimsatt, left recently for The Netherlands.

“All the stereotypes I had before I went to Europe just melted away,” said Sterling, who had never been outside the U.S. “I got to see so many different cultures and different perspectives. It was just a great experience.”

Sterling, who was one of just a few Americans at the school, said he was “pleasantly surprised by how accepting people were. Being able to interact with students from all over the world was a big benefit.”

All the EKU and Hogeschool students will receive dual baccalaureate degrees—one from each institution.

The Hogeschool students said they appreciated the opportunity to learn first-hand about American business and were enjoying their first few weeks on the Richmond campus.

Hogeschool Brabant is the top-rated international business school among the 18 Dutch hogeschools. The international business program there draws students worldwide and is taught in English. Under the agreement, the EKU students pay tuition to EKU but attend the Hogeschool Brabant with full student privileges.

Dr. John Wade, chair of EKU’s Department of Management, Marketing and Administrative Communication, called the agreement a “win-win situation.”

“We win because the Hogeschool students bring to us a different perspective and give us the opportunity to understand a little of other cultures,” Elbert said. “And, hopefully, we can provide them an education they can be proud of, with a perspective they might not otherwise get.”

Cultural Exchange—EKU’s agreement with The Hogeschool Brabant has involved, left to right, Sabine Reijnders, Dr. Chris Sterling and Ilse Goorman.

Inclement Weather Pay Guidelines

With the recent bouts of snow, many questions have arisen about employee compensation during inclement weather. The following guidelines are utilized in assisting management in making proper payment to employees.

During these periods of inclement weather, it is understood that occurrences of tardiness and potential absences may occur. While it is an expectation that employees will make every effort to report to work on time and as scheduled, employees should use their best judgment before exposing themselves to safety risks while traveling during hazardous weather conditions. In any event, employees are required to notify his/her supervisor of their reporting to work status.

Employees who are unable to arrive at work as scheduled may choose one of three options.

1. Receive no pay for the period of absence or tardiness.
2. Utilize accumulated vacation time to cover the period of absence or tardiness.
3. Make up lost time during the same workweek as approved by his/her supervisor.

From time to time the President may declare a “weather emergency,” resulting in late opening, early closure or complete closure of the University. During the period of “declared” weather emergency, employees who are scheduled to work will be compensated in the following manner. There is no comp time provided to employees who are not scheduled to work during the period of the declared weather emergency.

• If in a period of late opening, early closure or complete closure, employees are granted paid administrative leave with no loss of pay or charge to vacation accrual.
• Employees are discouraged from reporting to work during periods of late opening or staying past an early closure. However, if such should occur, either at the employee’s own initiative or at the request of a supervisor, the employee will not receive additional compensation but will be allowed to take an equivalent amount of time off during the same workweek as approved by his/her supervisor.

• Some work is considered to be “essential” and certain designated employees are required to work during the period of the declared weather emergency. These employees, if nonexempt (paid on an hourly basis), will be paid at their normal hourly rate and will earn comp time (for the hours worked during the “declared” emergency) to be utilized at a later date, and as approved by his/her supervisor. Supervisors should note the worked hours that are eligible for comp time in the departmental personnel file. These employees will also be eligible for overtime pay if worked hours exceed 40 during the workweek.

• Any employee on approved vacation or medical (sick) leave shall not be required to use accumulated leave for any hours when the University President has placed the University on a late opening, early closure or complete closure due to inclement weather conditions.