Shafer Brings ‘Big-Time Experience’ as New A.D.

John Shafer, who has 25 years of experience in sports administration at four Southeastern Conference schools, is EKU’s new director of athletics.

Shafer, 56, comes to Eastern from the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, where he had been executive director the past seven months. He had served the previous four years as athletics director at the University of Mississippi.

“John Shafer brings impeccable credentials, an impressive breadth of big-time experience to EKU,” said President Glasser. “His passion for success is matched only by his commitment to doing it the right way.

“He will be an outstanding addition to Eastern Kentucky University and the athletic department and will provide the excellent leadership to continue to build on our great athletic tradition.”

Shafer also served at the University of Georgia, Vanderbilt University and Auburn University.

“When (wife) Dianne and I left Ole Miss last April, it was our intent to pursue opportunities closer to our families,” Shafer said. “It became obvious early that I was missing my old life. I enjoy the interacting with student-athletes, coaches, faculty and staff very much, and that was not part of my job at the Hall.

“I wanted to get back into intercollegiate athletics, but not just anywhere. I wanted a place that had a chance to be successful. I believe that the athletics program at Eastern Kentucky University could fill my void.”

At the news conference where he was introduced, Shafer said EKU is “at the point where we can really take off. We’ve got great coaches, great staff and a great administration. I wouldn’t be here if I didn’t think that five to 10 years that we’d be winning championships in a lot of sports consistently.”

His intuition was reinforced after meeting with President Glasser.

“Seeing the fire in her eyes, listening to her vision and feeling her energy, it was obvious that this was the place for me. I’m looking forward to being a part of her team.”

While at Ole Miss, Shafer raised contributions from $5 million in 1998 to more than $6 million before he left, and he began a $60 million capital campaign for expansion and renovations to the university’s athletic facilities.

He also was involved in planning construction of a $255 million multi-sport indoor practice facility and an $8 million administrative building. He also constructed a $1 million golf house for men’s and women’s golf and completed a $2 million renovation of the Ole Miss basketball arena.

“John Shafer brings a wealth of athletic experience as a student-athlete, coach and administrator at the NCAA Division I-A level,” said Jack Lengyel, EKU’s interim director of athletics.

During his four years as A.D. at Ole Miss, 50 Rebel teams advanced to post-season play and 244 student-athletes were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Following his collegiate baseball career at Auburn, he played professional baseball in the Kansas City Royals’ organization from 1969 to 1971.

He received his master’s degree in physical education from Auburn in 1976.

Shafer is married to the former Dianne Deavours, and they have one son, Michael, a 1994 graduate of William and Mary, where he played varsity basketball. Michael Shafer is currently an assistant coach with the University of Georgia women’s basketball team.

Students to Take Research to Johnson Space Center

When the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded over the Texas skies the morning of Feb. 1, seven EKU students felt like they had lost members of their own families.

And, in a very real sense, they had.

A group of seven Eastern chemistry majors joined the NASA family when it learned in December that its proposed research project had been accepted as part of NASA’s Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program.

EKU’s Space Technology Research Team, under the supervision of Dr. Lori Wilson, will take its Multiplanar Microgravity Mixing project into the skies near the Johnson Space Center in Houston July 24-Aug. 2.

Members of the team are Amanda Brown, senior, Herndon; John Clemens, senior, Elizabethtown; Clayton Hall, graduate student, Lexington; Kena Lanham, junior, Owensboro; Greg Myers, senior, London; Sid Norwitz, freshman, North Kingstown, R.I.; and Wesley Penn, junior, Lexington. Dr. Carolyn Harvey, a faculty member in EKU’s Department of Environmental Health, will assist with the project, and a Boeing engineer will serve as technical adviser.

Nationwide, 71 teams were chosen from 160 applicants. EKU was selected for Flight Group 6, along with 11 other institutions, including Arizona State, California Institute of Technology, Harvard, Oregon State, the University of Washington and West Virginia University.

“This is what I call active learning,” Wilson said. “They came up with the idea and had to figure out how to do it. The project has integrated and broadened their education.”

The team has been split into fliers and ground crew. After several days of preparation at the Johnson Space Center, the fliers will board a KC-135A research plane for two flights over the Gulf of Mexico that each provide approximately 25 seconds of zero-gravity conditions in which to conduct the experiment.

“If we’re studying chemical reactions in microgravity situations, we need to be sure the results are due to the microgravity environment and not how it was mixed,” said Hall.

In order study and use chemical reactions in microgravity, Wilson explained, understanding and facilitating mixing is essential.

The agitation device developed by the team uses centrifugal force in two planes.

“Our general hypothesis is that multiplanar mixing in microgravity … evenly disperses chemical reagents throughout a sealed fluid vessel,” Wilson said.

The students agreed that the project calls them to apply knowledge from several subject areas, including physics, chemistry and math.

“And we’re learning how to work as a group,” Brown said, “how to strategize, plan, research and delegate.”

The fliers are Brown, Clemens, Lanham and Myers, with Norwitz as an alternate. Hall, Penn and Harvey comprise the ground crew.

The final component of the project calls for the team to talk about its research in presentations to campus and local K-12 school groups.
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Calitri Wins Honor Award

Dr. Don Calitri, chair of EKU’s Department of Health and associate dean of the College of Health Sciences, has received an Honor Award from the Southern District of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Calitri has served as president, executive director, vice president of health education and newsletter editor in the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. He also has served as president of the Kentucky School Health Association. In the national association, he has served on the AHEE/SOPHE Credential of Health Educators Task Force, AHEE/NACE folio reviewer and as a Project Alert trainer.

He has received numerous awards recognizing his professional contributions, including Union College Hall of Fame, the Herman S. Bush Award for Outstanding Professional Contribution from the Kentucky Association for School Health, and Outstanding Health Education Administrator from the Southern District of AAHPERD.

Writing Workshops Scheduled

Stephen King’s first editor/publisher will conduct a series of writing workshops at EKU March 7-9.

Five non-credit courses taught by Michael Garrett are available: A Guide to Self-Publication, March 7, 1-4 p.m., $42; Screenwriting for the Movies, March 7, 6-9 p.m., $42; Creating Your Novel, March 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., $64; Short Story and Novel Feedback, March 8, 6-9 p.m., $42; and How to Sell Your Novel, March 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., $64.

All the workshops will be held in the Perkins Building.

Garrett is co-editor of the award-winning “Hot Blood” anthology series, editorial associate of the Writer’s Digest School, author of the movie-optioned suspense novel “Keeper,” and instructor of writing workshops at numerous colleges and universities.

To register, call 622-1228.

KCI Travel Grants Available

Kentucky Council for International Education is now accepting applications for $200-$500 travel grants from faculty or staff in support of international travel that will help develop exchange or study abroad opportunities, or will increase cooperation and affiliation between Kentucky institutions and institutions abroad.

The application deadline is March 5. To obtain an application or more information, call 622-1478 or contact the International Office in Case Annex 181.

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Showcase Celebrates Collaborative Works

The Second Annual Undergraduate Scholarly and Creative Activities showcase is a celebration of undergraduate student-faculty collaborative works in all disciplines, from the creative arts to the discovery sciences.

“A unique aspect of EKU is the opportunity for undergraduate students to work with faculty members on original projects, including music, dance and empirical research,” said Dr. Rose Perrine, professor of psychology. “The showcase is an opportunity for students to share their work with the campus and community.”

Students will prepare posters of their work and display them in the Powell Building lobby April 10-13. On April 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., students will be available to discuss their projects, while creative arts students will perform original music and dance performances. Refreshments will be served.

The event is part of Scholars’ Weekend. A reception for all participating students will be held Sunday, April 13. Friends and family are welcome at all events.

Faculty mentors should submit completed abstracts via e-mail by March 7 to rose.perrine@eku.edu (Microsoft Word, 200-word limit). The names of the student and faculty mentor should be noted, along with title and description of work.

Open Ears

Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson and City Commissioner Rev. Robert Blythe listened to a question posed during a recent event that spotlighted opportunities for the University and city to work together. The event was sponsored by EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

Events

Continuing through March 5

Art Exhibit
“Graphic Design Invitational, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, for Gallery hours, call 622-8315.

Tuesday, March 4

Softball Returns
EKU vs. Wright State, 2:30 p.m., Bood Field.

Percussion Recital
Andy Miller, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Philosophy Club Debate
“When May a Nation Use Military Force Against Other Countries,” presented by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, 7-30 p.m., Adams Room, Wallace Building.

World War II Reflections
“Reflections of a World War II Veteran,” Bill Adams, CPA and World War II veteran from Richmond, 7-30 p.m., Room 212, Perkins Building, sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

Thursday, March 6

‘Is It Love?’
“Is It Love or Is It Addiction?” Chautauqua lecture by Dr. Merita Thompson, SSB Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., part of year-long series on love.

Clarinet Recital
Jessica Lovelace, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

First Weekend
For more information, visit www.firstweekend.eku.edu.

Saturday, March 8

Pops Spectacular
Fundraiser for Department of Music Scholarship Fund, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, tickets only available at the door, $5 for students, $10, non-students.

Sunday, March 9

Regional High School Art Exhibit
Opening reception, 2-4 p.m., exhibit continues through April 4, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, for Gallery hours, call 622-8135.

Monday, March 10

Symphony Orchestra Concert
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 11

Concert Band Performs
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 12

Delta Omicron Musical
8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Thursday, March 13

Graduate Trumpet Recital
James Young, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Wednesday, March 14

Navy Band Concert
8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.
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**Ecuadorian Potters to Demonstrate Craft at EKU March 5**

On more than 10 occasions, Eastern Kentucky University art professor Joe Molinaro has ventured deep into the Amazon jungles of Ecuador to document the work of Indian potters.

Now, central Kentuckians will have a unique opportunity to see for themselves what has intrigued Molinaro for decades. A Quichua Indian mother and daughter from Ecuador will demonstrate their craft at EKU on Wednesday, March 5, from noon to 5 p.m. in Room 101 of the Campbell Building. The public is welcome.

The free demonstration is linked to a large exhibit of Ecuadorian pottery in the Headley- Whitney Museum in Lexington that continues through June 8. The public is invited to view the firing of the pottery Saturday, March 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at the museum.

“The pottery of the Amazon is very unusual,” Molinaro said. “Many of the designs are representative of things in their environment – the patterns on a boa or turtle or figures from their mythology.”

“All the pottery is made using jungle materials,” Molinaro explained. “They have devised a way to extract sap from the trees that they then paint onto the pots when hot.”

Molinaro, a two-time Fulbright Scholarship recipient and the 2000 recipient of the Rude Osolnik Award for contributions to the Kentucky craft community, is putting the finishing touches on a documentary about Ecuadorian potters. This film, his second on the subject, will debut at an international conference in March at the Museum of Man in San Diego.

In addition, he has authored numerous journal articles and is working on a book.

“I’m really excited about the demonstration, Molinaro said. “The mother is one of the best potters in that part of the jungle region and has trained a lot of girls, including her own daughter.”

Some of the Ecuadorian pottery will be for sale at the EKU demonstration and at the museum.

Molinaro at 622-1634.

The Ecuadorian potters also will demonstrate their craft at Midway College, the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman, Ball State University, Brescia Community College, Owensboro Community College, Kentucky Wesleyan University, and the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts.

For more information, call the Headley-Whitney Museum, 859-255-6653.

**HAVING A BALL**

A packed house danced the night away in the Keen Johnson Ballroom at the second annual President’s Ball on Feb. 21. The dance was sponsored by the Student Activities Council. Clockwise from upper left: Among those enjoying the festivities were students Alicia Fuller, left, and Leah Ward; Ben Stephens demonstrated his disco moves; President Glasser took to the floor for “Shout”; a collection of shoes abandoned by the end of the evening; Brooke Fergerson, left, and Britnee Morton enjoyed the music.

**UNIQUE ARTISTRY** — Quichua Indian potter Esthela Dagua employed the coiling technique.
The Honors Program has grown from 36 students at its inception to 325 students today. Typically, at regional and national conferences, EKU ranks highest in level of participation. Wilson joined the EKU faculty in 1997. Her responsibilities have included teaching a junior-level elective course and supervising honors panels and senior thesis projects. She also teaches courses on Child and Adolescent Development, Physiological Psychology, and a course to help psychology majors learn about their career options following graduation.

“Already, EKU has one of the premier honors programs in the country,” said President Glasser. “Now the program can reach even greater heights.”

EKU’s Honors Program is designed for intellectually promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major.

Service-Learning Expert to Visit

Dr. Edward Zlotkowski, a nationally recognized expert on service learning, will present a lecture and workshop on a two-day visit to the EKU campus March 5-6.

Zlotkowski, a senior associate at the American Association for Higher Education and a senior faculty fellow at Campus Compact, will speak on “The Engaged Campus and the Future of Higher Education” at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in Pearl Buchanan Theatre. All full-time EKU faculty who attend the lecture will receive a free book: either Zlotkowski’s “Service Learning and the First-Year Experience” or “Preparing Students for Personal Success and Civic Responsibility.” A reception will follow at 4:30.

The next morning, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge in the Keen Johnson Building, he will conduct a “Service-Learning Course Conversion” workshop where professors are invited to bring their syllabi and discover how to infuse service learning into specific courses. Pre-registration is required for the March 6 workshop; call the EKU Teaching and Learning Center at 622-6517.

Zlotkowski, a professor of English at Bentley College, has served as general editor of a monograph series exploring the relationship between service-learning and academic disciplinary areas since 1995. Since 1999 he has worked with the Compact to create professional development opportunities in service learning for provosts and deans, as well as a series of summer institutes for engaged academic departments. He has written and spoken extensively on a range of service-learning topics, and regularly uses service learning in his own teaching.

“Dr. Zlotkowski will be tapping into a strong tradition here because many EKU faculty have been doing service learning for a long time without calling it that,” said Dr. Douglas Robertson, director of EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center, which is sponsoring Zlotkowski’s visit. “We’re out there doing nationally significant work and serving our region at the same time.”

For more information, call the TLC at 622-6517 or contact the TLC at gail.hackworth@eku.edu.

Faculty Attend Conferences

Thirty-one EKU faculty participated in the Lilly Conference on College Teaching late last fall, and 40 faculty participated in a conference on Classroom Assessment Techniques at Berea College on Feb. 14. Their participation was facilitated by EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center.

Several faculty members attended both events: Center Director Dr. Douglas Robertson, Dr. Qaisar Sultana, Dr. Vigyan Chandra, Dr. Anisa Al-Khatab, Dr. Fred Koloff, Dr. Mary Ann Koloff, Dr. Neil Wright, Dr. Paula Kopacz, Dr. Valerie Simeone, Dr. Richard Sambrook, Dr. Lisa Day, Dr. Marjorie Pappas, Dr. Todd Gooch, Dr. Christine Delea, Dr. Frank Shaw, Kari Lyons, Julie George, Dr. Dorothy Bowen, Dr. Karen Petronio, Dr. Chad Orloff, Meg Matheny, Mary Slater, Jane Violette, Dr. Esther Leung, Dr. John Wernegreen, Dr. Jane Hecht, and Dr. Danita LaSage.

First EDFs Distributed to Employees

During the past weeks all EKU employees have received their initial Employee Data Form, or EDF. These forms have been designed to show the employee the most current information that is being maintained on the Banner HR/Payroll system.

The information on the EDF includes such items as addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts and a detailed listing of elective active benefits. Employees are asked to review and verify the information printed on the form. If an item is incorrect or the correct information has not been noted in red ink directly on the EDF and the form returned to Human Resources.

When Human Resources has made the corrections a new Employee Data Form will be printed and sent to the employee. The employee should retain the correct form for their records and can use the form to notify HR of future changes.

“Any time a change is made to one of the data fields on the EDF we have the ability to produce a new EDF for the employee,” said Gary Barksdale, director of Human Resources. Some minor changes or system-generated changes may not be sent to avoid flooding employees with forms, however changes that affect the employee directly will be sent for information and verification.

A request to change an employee name or benefits must be made in person in the HR Office. All name changes will be made only after review of a new Social Security card when the new name has been completed. Employees also cannot change their title, pay rates, or other information requiring supervisory approval, by utilizing the EDF. Questions regarding the use of the new Employee Data Forms should be directed to the Human Resources office.

Publications & Presentations


**Myers, Marshall.** “Mr. Grasso, Olilte School, and Eternity,” Back Home in Kentucky, January/February 2003, pp. 25, 32.


**Sultana, Qaisar.** “A Study to Examine the Problem of Teacher Shortage and Solutions,” Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) Conference, Nov. 5-8, 2002.


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

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by Gary Barksdale,
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