SE Forensics Team competes in Texas Tournament

The Southeastern Forensics Team kicked off its 2008-2009 competition season September 27-28 with a speech and debate tournament jointly hosted by Rice University and Lonestar College. The event was held in Kingwood, Texas.

Among other participating teams were The University of Texas and The University of Oklahoma.

Members making the trip were Elizabeth Dillow, Trent Castleberry and Cole Newton. They competed in Impromptu Speaking and various interpretive events, with Newton placing fourth in Dramatic Interpretation.

Southeastern competes regularly against speech and debate teams from division one schools. The team, led by Director of Forensics Lacinda Brese, will attend several more tournaments this semester, including Texas A&M University and McNesse State University, scheduled in November.

Journalism Graduate Joins Durant Democrat Staff

Jamie Carrick, a spring 2008 Communication graduate with a journalism emphasis, has joined the Durant Democrat as a full-time employee.

Carrick worked part-time for The Democrat while completing her degree at Southeastern, where she was a four-year staff member of the student newspaper, The Southeastern.

Carrick was also yearbook editor. “Working at the college newspaper helped me gain more teamwork, leadership and management skills,” Carrick said. “I also learned a lot more about journalism and fell even more in love with the profession.”

During her years at Southeastern Carrick was also actively involved in choir, the Honors Program and several additional honor societies.

Art Major Receives Scholarship

Kimber Bosse, recipient of the School of Arts and Sciences Presidential Partners Scholarship for 2008-09, poses with Dr. Gleny Beach, Associate Professor of Art, at the Presidential Partners Dinner on Friday September 12, 2008.

Graduate receives highly coveted award

Stephanie D. Lowry, a History graduate in 2001, has received a $24,000 James Madison fellowship grant for graduate education. Only one is awarded in each state every year. Stephanie is chair of the Department of Social Studies at Durant High School.
Reardon Publishes Research Paper

Dr. Patrick Reardon published a mathematical research paper that will appear this semester in the Journal of Applied Analysis. The title of the paper is “Uniform algebras in Cantor and Baire space.” The paper was written with Dr. Andrzej Nowik of Gdansk University in Poland. This is the second paper that Drs. Reardon and Nowik have published together and the fourth paper published by Dr. Reardon. The two mathematicians are currently working on their third joint project and they have achieved some preliminary results.

Dr. Reardon had the opportunity to take a sabbatical a few years ago to travel to Poland to conduct research in person with Dr. Nowik, but the vast majority of their communication has been via email.

Dr. Reardon is a professor of mathematics and has worked at Southeastern since 1991. He received his Ph.D. from Auburn University.

Math Department Success is Far-Reaching

Dr. Brett Elliott, Southeastern Professor of Mathematics, has made a hobby of researching the accomplishments of SE’s math and math education graduates. He mostly finds his information from word of mouth or by searching on Google for terms like SOSU, mathematics, math, Southeastern Oklahoma, or some combination of those.

He sometimes finds interesting information about graduates with other majors, but there is so much information that he mostly keeps track only of math and math education graduates.

Over the years, graduates from Southeastern’s Mathematics Department have gone on to do some pretty impressive things. They have collectively received at least 77 graduate degrees including at least 22 doctorates in fields such as Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Education, Law, Biology, Psychology, Engineering, and Computer Science.

These graduate degrees came from universities all over the country, such as Florida State, University of Illinois, University of Texas, University of Iowa, University of Virginia and dozens of others.

In addition to furthering their education, Southeastern graduates have also had some extraordinary professional careers. A 1939 graduate became a professor of Botany at Columbia University and was a pioneer in the study of DNA. Graduates from the 1960’s have gone on to become the Associate Provost at the University of North Carolina, the director of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Texas, a Professor of Statistics at Virginia Tech, the Chair of Mathematics at Texas Christian, and a Professor of Mathematics at Oregon State. A 1972 graduate became President of Rogers State University.

Dozens of others have become professors and chairs at smaller universities such as Southeastern Oklahoma, Tennessee at Martin, Laredo Community College, Southeastern Louisiana, East L.A. College, and many others.

Math and math education graduates have gone on to teach high school mathematics in all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. At least a dozen or so have become high school or middle school superintendents, principals or vice-principals.

In addition to academia, graduates have made names for themselves in other areas. One 1990 graduate is a Development Team Leader for Microsoft and is high enough up the chain to have had lunch with Bill Gates. Others are engineers at Microsoft, Raytheon, International Quantum Epitaxy and Sandia Labs in Albuquerque. One 1965 graduate is doing cancer research at the Noble Foundation.
Jack Ousey, SE Asst. Professor of Visual Arts, was one of three jurors invited to select the winning entries in the 5th Annual Choctaw Indian Art Show this past Labor Day Weekend. This Art Show and Festival annually attracts over 30,000 people.

Jack also demonstrated his wheel throwing skills at the Black Gold Festival in Ardmore this past September.

He and several Visual Art Major students will be demonstrating the fine art of Raku firing at the 2nd Annual Raku Rumble during Denison’s Fall Art Tour, Saturday November 1.

**Beach Exhibits Artwork**

Dr. Gleny Beach is currently showing artwork at Artplace Gallery (located at 413 W. Main Street, Denison, TX) in an exhibit called “Color Trends: Traditional & Contemporary Water Media”.

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Flippen publishes articles, presents paper

An article by Dr. Brooks Flippen, “The Birth of Modern Environmental Diplomacy” was published in the September edition of the journal Diplomatic History, the leading journal in the field.

Flippen presented a paper on gay and lesbian politics during the administration of Jimmy Carter at the Mid-America Conference on History, held in late September at Missouri State University.

Adams Showing in Several Exhibitions

Dr. Donna Finch Adams, Fine Arts adjunct faculty member, has been and will be involved in several exhibitions this month.

Thirteen of her “LaPera” encaustic series are currently on display at Cerulean Gallery in Dallas, she was invited to show a sculpture at the Buddy Holly Gallery in Lubbock.

Thirty-two paintings in her “Hommage” series will open at the Goodrich Gallery just south of the Dallas Museum on November 9.

Dr. Adams will be doing encaustics lecture/demonstrations on November 1 at her studio/gallery on Main Street during Denison’s Artwalk.

Her acrylic paintings may be seen at SE’s own gallery space, the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC), as part of the faculty Exhibition starting in early November.

James Wintle Participates in International Conference

Three works by Dr. James Wintle were presented recently in international performances. “Fantasie Brillante” was premiered in Nancy, France by pianist Adam Wodnicki. “Balletto” was performed in China at the Shanghai Conservatory by pianist James Giles.

Wodnicki is on the Artist Faculty of the College of Music at University of North Texas. Dr. Giles is a member of the faculty of the School of Music at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

“Justesse de L’Oreille” for harp and bassoon was performed in Helsinki, Finland by members of the faculty of the Sibelius Academy.

The History honors society Phi Alpha Theta will hold its annual reception and initiation in mid-November.
Dr. Karl Frinkle is in the process of completing a mathematics textbook that he will be using in one of his classes in the spring semester. Frinkle is writing the text “Linear Algebra with Maple” with his undergraduate advisor, Ken Shiskowski of Eastern Michigan University. Maple is a computer algebra system that is helpful in visualizing and solving complicated math problems. The text emphasizes applied problems in linear algebra like finding the volume of an object bounded by particular points given in an MRI scan.

Dr. Frinkle’s text will be used in Spring 2009 for Math 4133: Linear Algebra.

New Telescope for Star Gazing

The Department of Chemistry, Computer, and Physical Sciences purchased a 14 inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope over the summer.

According to Dr. Jerry Polson, the telescope will produce spectacular images of the planets and Moon and should also be quite good for viewing nebulae and galaxies.

“We are working on a permanent mounting for it outside of town and will use it in our astronomy and physical sciences classes,” Polson said. “We plan on coupling a charge-coupled device (CCD) camera with a computer interface so that we can show real-time images on a computer screen,” Polson added.

Young Democrats Meet

The Young Democrats held their first fall meeting on Wednesday, Aug 27. At a meeting on Sept. 3 the group had a guest speaker. Keith Watkins, a political science major, spoke on the topic of China’s human rights policies.

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From the Department of Biological Sciences

This past summer Drs. Brad Ludrick, Josie Mendenall, Tim Patton and Margaret Avard were involved in a No Child Left Behind grant in collaboration with Dickson Public Schools. The grant was funded for $250,000. Our SE professors provided instruction for part of a workshop for public school teachers to aid them in incorporating math and science into the curriculum.

Dr. Diane Dixon, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, reported that the SE Science Education program is nationally accredited by NSTA and NCATE.

Stan Rice presented a research paper (from our oak project) at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America in Vancouver BC in July. Rice also submitted final revisions for a new book (Green Planet) that will be published this fall by Rutgers University Press.

Rice is submitting revisions for the biology entries for Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (Facts on File) to be published whenever the other authors finish their entries. Also, Rice began working on Encyclopedia of Biodiversity, to be published by Facts on File about 2010.

Kennedy Center Recognition for SE

Drs. James G. Cunningham and Aaron Adair have been asked by the State Chair of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival to act as respondents/Critics of four Associate Level Productions around the state of Oklahoma this season.

Dr. Cunningham will be responding to Neil Simon’s “The Odd Couple” at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and David Lindsay-Abaire’s “Fuddy Meers” at Tulsa Community College.

Dr. Adair has been asked to respond to East Central University’s production of “The Foreigner” by Larry Shue, as well as “Scenes from Classical America” at Tulsa Community College.

Theatre Performs The Heidi Chronicles


The production was directed by Riley Coker and featured an all-star cast of Southeastern student performers. Emily Mitchell portrayed the lead character Heidi Holland.

This is the 80th season for Theatre at Southeastern.

Adaskin String Trio with oboist, Tom Gallant

The Adaskin String Trio, renowned for their wide variety of repertoire performed at the Fine Arts Recital Hall, October 13, 2008 @ 7:30 pm
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Funding for this event provided by the Cultural and Scholastic Leadership Committee
In May 2008, Communication majors with an emphasis in Broadcasting toured WFAA television and K-104 radio station studios in Dallas, Texas, which is the fifth largest media market in the nation.


Dr. Hendricks also has a chapter being published this fall titled, “Radio in the Digital Age” in Robert Sickels’ (Ed.), The Business of Entertainment: Movies, Music, & Television. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Dr. Hendricks is serving this year (2008-2009) as President of the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association.

Dr. Aaron Adair reminds listeners to tune in to KSSU-FM 91.9 at 8 a.m. on Sundays for the best of Broadway.