EHL supports troops through ‘Cookie Challenge’

The Department of English, Humanities and Languages recently contributed five cases of Girl Scout Cookies to the Durant component of the 45th Division of the National Guard.

The drive to collect the money to purchase cookies was titled the “Great EHL Cookie Challenge” and was held during the Girl Scout Cookie Campaign this spring.

The Durant group of the 45th Division left for Camp Shelby in Mississippi the first week of April for training preliminary to their deployment to Afghanistan in June. This is the third and fourth deployment for some troops.

The five cases of Dosido cookies were purchased by EHL through GS Brownie Troop 312, who added a sixth case by collecting money at their cookie booth sales.

The Choctaw Nation volunteered to send the six cases of cookies at their own expense, making it possible for all donations to go toward cookies for the troops.

The cookies were received and distributed among local guardsmen by SSG Chad Young, whose daughter Charlie is a Daisy Scout and formerly a member of Troop 312.
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Dr. Jeri Walker in front of a sculpture in Breman, Germany.

Walker moderates panel at symposium in Germany

Dr. Jeri Walker, Donna Massey Professor in Music Education, moderated a panel discussion at the Third International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education. The symposium, "Music Assessment across Cultures and Continents: The Culture of Shared Practice," was held in Bremen, Germany March 8-11. The purpose of the panel discussion, titled "The Culture of the Small University," was to focus on the unique position small universities and colleges have in the area of student assessment in music education. The desired outcome of this discussion was to examine different approaches to assessment given the challenges and benefits of the small university culture and to strengthen our current response. In doing this, student achievement can be measured and evaluated more accurately in a streamlined and well-designed manner.

Three Southeastern undergraduate music students, Colton Absher, Jedediah Hensley and Taylor Hunt, served as research assistants on this project. The Symposium included presenters from 17 different nations representing six continents. Walker has been invited to submit further research at the International Society for Research in Music Education in Thessaloniki, Greece in the summer of 2013 and at the ISAME in 2013 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Southeastern freshman Dustin "the Dubious" Curry will be taking a new one-man magic show to the Kansas City Fringe Festival this July. The KC Fringe is one of many American and international fringe festivals, which showcase new "un-censored, un-filtered art." Curry is an acting/directing and theatre management major from Russellville, Ark. He has performed comedy magic and physical theatre (clown and mime) regularly since 2007.

Curry's new show, "Mister Gremory's Cabinet of Curiosities," follows the format of classic spookshows, which were popular in the late 1800s as the spiritualist movement took hold and had a reemergence in the 1960s as a midnight attraction for teenage thrill-seekers.

The show also lets the audience into the world of the sideshow, where human curiosities are explored. It is during this section of the show that Dustin performs one of his signature stunts—shoving a 4-inch box nail up his nose in a century-old sideshow stunt known as "The Human Blockhead." Explanations have been given for why this stunt is named what it is, but as far as Curry can surmise, it is "because you have to be an absolute blockhead to want to do something this dangerous to yourself."

Southeastern students attend industrial hygiene conference

Students from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health recently attended the annual American Industrial Hygiene Association Spring Conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Section of the AIHA. The day-long conference addressed the establishment and evaluation of occupational exposure limits by the AIHA Workplace Exposure Effect Limits committee and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist Threshold Limit Value committee. The conference gave students the opportunity to meet and network with occupational health and safety professionals from academia, industry and government.

The conference was held at the Moore-Norman Technology Center in Moore on April 14. Those attending included Chris Bradshaw as sponsor, undergraduates Corey Darr, Ahmed Wani, Michael Pennington, Scott Christian and Stevie Henry and graduate students Michael Claborn and Les O’Riley. The student conference fees were paid by James Folsom and Associates with Dr. Charles Marshall donating the fee for scholarship winners.
Student film writers present modified Readers’ Theatre

Student film writers in English 4403 showcased their talents in a modified Readers’ Theatre final exam titled “The Game Is On” on May 10. Writers presented selected scenes from their first draft full-length screenplays. Readers were the writers themselves as they took turns reading their colleagues’ work.

During the course, students were afforded the opportunity to visit with Brian Grimsley, who graduated with a degree in English from Southeastern. Currently, Grimsley is involved in independent filmmaking and is CEO of his own company, Roof6 Productions.

“The Game Is On” proved successful with a wonderful group of student writers and their selected scenes and a diverse and interesting “movie theatre” audience consisting of family members of the student writers, fellow students and classmates, several SE faculty members and special guest Grimsley.

Dr. Virginia Parrish with Brian Grimsley, a graduate in English from Southeastern, filmmaker and CEO of Roof 6 Productions. Grimsley was a guest speaker for the English 4403 class, Writing and Visual Media.

SE student wins award from Society of Professional Journalists

SE student Brandi Bunch was recently recognized at the Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists Awards Banquet where she was awarded second place in headline writing.

The banquet, which took place April 30 in Tulsa, recognized winners from the annual SPJ contest in which journalists from across the state compete in a variety of categories.

Bunch, a senior English with a writing emphasis major, has been on the staff of The Southeastern newspaper since fall 2008 and has served as the managing editor since the spring 2010 semester.

Bunch was accompanied to the event by two other Student Publications staff members, Lornna Bates and Alisha Loyd, as well as the group’s sponsor, Jeni Maple.

Dr. Charles Matthews and South-eastern mathematics students Mi- chael Tilles, Jen Fowler and Tracy Sanders attended the annual meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkan-sas section of the Mathematical Association of America April 1-2.

This year the meeting was held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. In total, Southeastern students attended over 50 mathematical presentations at the meeting.

Math students attend conference at UCO

Student writers showcase work in creative nonfiction course

Student writers in English 4203: Writing Creative Nonfiction showcased their writing and semester projects during the final exam titled “In the Field: Experiencing Creative Nonfiction.”

In this course, students read, studied and discussed works of nonfiction and completed a number of writing assignments. Those assignments included writing five essays, keeping a writing notebook, maintaining a field journal (FJ) and participating in the FJ blog.

Students were also given the opportunity to visit with guest speaker K.M. McGeehee, author of Small Town Grocery: Memories of Simple Folk in a Simpler Time.

Students enrolled in the course hailed from a variety of major fields of study, including conservation, psychology, aviation, English education and English with a writing emphasis.

For the final exam on Dec. 7, 2010, students read excerpts from a selected assignment and presented their field journals, FJ blogs and portfolios of the field journal experience.

SE student Brandi Bunch, Alisha Loyd and Lornna Bates, three SE students who attended the Society of Professional Journalists Award Banquet on April 30.

From left to right: Sare Dani Norton, Jessica Rushing, Travis Thank, Galilea Martinez, Joe Pierce, John Webb, Sarah Lowe, Jen Krumrine, Sarah Kirby, Ken (Barnette) Weant, Rebecca K. Weant, Sedonia Dalton, Karin Hicks, and Christopher Baroody.

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Student newspaper, yerdisc recognized at media contest

Staff members of SE’s Student Publications attended the annual Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association conference on March 31, where both the student newspaper and yeardisc won multiple awards.

The conference, held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, featured educational sessions as well as an awards luncheon.

The Southeastern newspaper received the Award of Merit in the category of overall newspaper, as well as an Honorable Mention for interior page design.

The Savage Storm yeardisc was recognized in every category of the yearbook competition, receiving Award of Merit in the theme, content and coverage and photography categories as well as Honorable Mention in the layout and design and overall yearbook categories.

Two students were also recognized with awards in the individual categories. Loronna Bates, a senior occupational safety and health major, won second place in news writing, and Alisha Loyd, a senior journalism major, received third place in news photography.

The five students who represented SE at the conference were Bates, Loyd, Samantha Perera, Chissy Dill and Jerreck McWilliams. Dr. Shannon McCraw served as the group’s sponsor.

Music alum featured in guest recital

SE alumna Megan Hamm returned to SE this spring, performing in a guest recital on April 29.

Hamm, a soprano in the Cleveland area, has been praised for her “gleaming” and “affecting” performances by Cleveland’s Plain Dealer.

Hamm recently completed her Professional Studies Certification at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She was selected to perform for the commencement program at CIM, a distinct and unique honor.

During her time at CIM, she has performed the roles of Romilda in Handel’s Serse, Violetta in La Traviata and Suor Genevieve in Suor Angelica.

In her native Oklahoma, Hamm also performed the Dew Fairy in Hänsel und Gretel and Pamina in Die Zauberflöte at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

She is a frequent concert soloist, having appeared at such venues as the Kennedy Center and Severance Hall.

Safety students attend leadership conference

Three students from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health attended the American Society of Safety Engineers Region III Student Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City April 16-17.

The students met with industry professionals and participated in seminars over issues such as ethics, certification, networking, resumes and interviewing, as well as positive personal performance.

The students attending were Shane Kepley, Brian Lauer and Christopher Moore. The group was sponsored and accompanied by Dr. Wayne Jones.

SE graphic design major shows off photography

Katlyn Dodds, a graphic Design major has a display of her photography at Hot Shots Coffee in Durant.

“I am excited and glad to have an opportunity like this to get my work out to the public,” said Dodds.

An artist reception was held July 14, where patrons were able to view the artwork and meet the artist.

Dodds’ exhibition is on display from July 10 to August 21.

Dodds’ exhibition is part of an ongoing series of art shows by SE art majors being displayed at Hot Shots Coffee.

Other artists who have previously exhibited at Hot Shots have been Brittany Gammon, Laurissa Wilson, Brittni Echols, Chance Mobbs, Patsy Ozbek and Ethan Prus. These exhibits are arranged and co-ordinated by SE Art and Graphic Design Professor Jack Oussey.

SE safety students awarded national scholarships

Four students from SE’s Occupational Safety and Health Department were recently awarded national scholarships from the American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation.

Curtis Lusk received a $2,500 scholarship from the Applications International Corporation.

Three other SE students were awarded national scholarships, all for the amount of $1,000. Cory J. Willingham of Coleman was named recipient of the ISNetworld Scholarship. The Permian Basin Chapter Endowment scholarship was awarded to Stacy Williams, and Blake Gentry received the Southwest Chapter Roy Kinslow Scholarship.

Walker completes doctorate

Brian Walker, instructor in the Department of Music, was recently awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

During his studies at North Texas, Walker was a teaching fellow and performed in many of the top ensembles in the College of Music, including the Grammy-nominated One O’Clock Lab Band.
Percussionists pack spring semester with performances

Percussionists at Southeastern have enjoyed a busy spring semester. From percussion ensemble performances, student recitals and symphonic band activities to state performances and high school tours, Southeastern Percussion continues to make new strides in the flourishing world of percussion.

The SOSU Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Marc M. White, performed for the Oklahoma Percussive Arts Society Festival at Bartlesville, made tours to Kingston and Noble high schools and performed before an enthusiastic audience at their spring 2011 concert.

The Percussion Ensemble also performed for the Center for Rhetoric and Professional Development ceremony on April 28, and music education major Derek Fleeman presented a solo recital on May 4.

Spring 2011 Percussion Ensemble members include: Jessica Brown, Patrick Cox, Chris Dickson, Ryan Emrick, Fleeman, Eddie Harmon, Rebecca Little, Madison Perkins, William Walker and Dylan Wright.

Other recent percussion performances have included a special appearance by the professional percussion ensemble D’Drum from Dallas. The world music performed by the group entertained, enlightened and inspired percussionists and non-percussionists alike.

Where are they now?

**Traci Martin** (2005, art) is a professional artist and photographer in Ardmore and co-owner of Studio 107, a fine art gallery and studio for the vocal and visual arts.

**Jason McHenry** (1997, biology/interdisciplinary medical sciences) is a physician assistant at McCurtain Family Medical in Broken Bow.

**Anton Pavlovsky** (2001, occupational safety and health) is plant manager at Alcon Labs in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**Sarah Boatner** (2007, biotechnology) is attending optometry school at Northeastern State University.

**Mary Mauer** (1998, art) is a kindergarten teacher in Calera.

**Jason Squires** (1995, biology/interdisciplinary medical sciences) is a physician assistant for a urologist in Sherman, Texas.

**Sara Moore** (2009, biotechnology) is in the Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences at OU-HSC in Oklahoma City.

**Russ Thomason** (2002, occupational safety and health) is safety manager at Toyota Motor Company in Princeton, IN.

**Andrew Speers** (2000, art) is the Photoshop and photography (film and digital) teacher at Evergreen High School in Evergreen, Colo.

**Kinnion Whittington** (1994, biology/interdisciplinary medical sciences) is an OB/GYN physician in Durant.

**Josh Flesher** (2003, occupational safety and health) is OSHA assistant area director for NE Texas in Dallas.

**Tucker Harrison** (2008, biotechnology) is attending medical school at OSU-Tulsa.

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