Delegation visits China

A delegation of five persons representing Southeastern visited China during Spring Break. The purpose of the trip was to further contacts made with China as part of the Steger Cultural exchange Institute. Southeastern hopes to establish more formal ties with high schools in China and to encourage interest in study at Southeastern among Chinese students.

Taking the trip were Dr. James Wintle, Mrs. Betty Wintle, Dean Liz McCraw, Dr. Shannon McCraw and Dean Lucretia Scoufos.

The delegation visited Shanghai, Nanjing, Linyungang and Guangzhou.

Dr. Scoufos signed agreements with two high schools promoting cultural and academic exchange.

“I feel our trip was successful in creating among those we met in China an awareness of and appreciation for the opportunities for a quality education at Southeastern,” Dr. Wintle said.

Rice book published

Dr. Stanley Rice, Associate Professor in the Biological Sciences Department, has just had his second book published.

“Green Planet: How Plants Keep the Earth Alive,” was released by Rutgers University Press.

In this book, Rice answers the question “Of what use are plants, to humans and to the world?” Rice explains that plants are not just a pretty part of the landscape. He devotes a chapter to each of the things that plants do to keep the world alive.

According to Rice, the plants produce oxygen; they absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to limit the greenhouse effect. They create cool shade, prevent floods and recharge groundwater. Plants create soil, create and reclaim habitats and are the source of all food. The genetic diversity of plants is essential to the human economy.

The first chapter is an overview of how much destruction of wild plants has occurred during human history. The final chapter is a proposal for what mankind can do about the problems we have created.


A book signing was scheduled at the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore May 5.

Scoufos named Dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Lucretia Scoufos has been appointed as the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Scoufos served as Interim Dean since last July and has also served as department chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre since 2003. She joined the Southeastern faculty in 2001.

Dr. Scoufos earned her bachelor’s degree at East Central University and her master’s and Ph. D. in Communication at the University of Oklahoma.

She replaces Dr. C.W. Mangrum, who retired in 2008.
School of Arts and Sciences Awards

Southeastern honored a number of faculty and staff members at the 9th annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Banquet, held in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. The event was sponsored by the Sherman Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

- Service - Chris Bradshaw, Assistant Professor, Occupational Safety & Health
- Service – Dr. Lisa Coleman, Professor, English, Humanities, & Languages; Honors Program Director
- Scholarship – Dr. Timothy Patton, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Scholarship – Dr. Lisa Coleman, Professor, English, Humanities, & Languages; Honors Program Director
- Teaching – Dr. Gordon Eggleton, Professor, Chemistry, Computer. & Physical Sciences
- Teaching – Dr. Daniel Althoff, Associate Professor, English, Humanities, & Languages

Jones receives Outstanding Safety Educator award

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) has named Dr. Wayne D. Jones of Southeastern as the 2009 recipient of the Dr. William E. Tarrants ASSE Outstanding Safety Educator award.

“This is a tremendous honor for Dr. Jones and for the University,” said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. “Our occupational safety and health program is one of the premier programs of its kind in the entire country. It is also a program that continues to experience growth, while equipping students with the tools they need in the high demand job market.”

The Outstanding Safety Educator award was established in 2002 in honor of Dr. William E. Tarrants. The award was established in 2002 in honor of Dr. William E. Tarrants, of Crownsville, Maryland, a past ASSE president and safety educator. Recipients of the award are recognized for their work with education in the occupational safety, health and environmental field, the Society and the safety profession. It is the highest award presented to an academic by the society.

Jones has been a full-time member of the Southeastern faculty since 1997, and has served as chair of the Department of Occupational Safety & Health since 2001. He has served as president of the Southeastern faculty senate for the past two years.

Jones is a five-time recipient of the Southeastern faculty senate award for service and teaching.

Students honored at choir concert

Three Southeastern students were chosen to conduct at the Oklahoma All-Collegiate Choir concert in Tulsa.

Students selected to conduct during the master class were Wesleye Vance, Denton, Texas, Cheri Conway, Lone Grove and Sara Hudson, Allen, Texas. Dr. Stacy Weger is director of choral activities at SE.

Each year, the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association sponsors the Choir, which is made up of selected singers from Oklahoma universities and colleges. In conjunction with the event, a master class is held to encourage young conductors. Students are selected through an audition process to conduct the All-Collegiate Choir in the master class while working with the top choral conductors in the nation.

This year’s clinician, Jo-Michael Scheibe, is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Southern California.

Southeastern also had students participating in the Oklahoma All-Collegiate Choir.

Southeastern singers are Sara Hudson, Chari Jo Haggard, Jocelyn Batts, Essie Jefferson, Clifford Cox, Matt Rizzo, Hunter Sitz, Wesleye Vance and Kirk Prucha.

Barnes discusses “Watchmen”

Associate Professor Dave Barnes presented a paper at the 2009 Joint Conference of the National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Barnes’ paper, “Time in the Gutter: Sequential Art Structures in Gibbon’s Watchmen,” explored the formal style and narrative devices used by Allan Moore and Dave Gibbons in their groundbreaking graphic novel, “Watchmen.”

The paper presentation was supported by a Southeastern Faculty Research Grant.

Barnes, Canterbury Se and the Visual Arts and Ceramics Organization sponsored a “watch” night party in March, prior to the opening of the cinematic release of “Watchmen.”

SE hosts Computing Conference

Computer Science professors from throughout Oklahoma and Texas attended the third annual Oklahoma Computing Conference, held recently in the Southeastern Student Union.

“This is the first time that Southeastern has hosted this particular event,” said Southeastern assistant professor Mike Morris. “We were pleased with the turnout and we had a number of outstanding presentations on a variety of topics.”

The keynote speaker was Henry Neeman, director of the University of Oklahoma Supercomputing Center for Education and Research.

The Oklahoma Computing Consortium (OCC) was formed three years ago by Bill Walker, a Computer Science professor at East Central University. The purpose of the consortium is to provide a forum for professors in the computing fields to discuss current trends, problems, issues and objectives for the higher educational environment.
Graphic Design Student wins Logo Contest

Anthony Huerta, SE Graphic Design Senior, won the Circus City logo design contest for Hugo, Oklahoma’s Circus City Museum and Park.

Jim Royal, General Manager of the Kelly Miller Circus, contacted Jack Ousey to see if his Graphic Design students would be interested in designing a logo for Hugo’s new museum and park. Ousey made the logo a community service assignment for his advanced graphics class.

McFadden recipient of music award

Dr. Robert McFadden, professor of music at Southeastern, is the recipient of a national award presented at the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) conference in Atlanta.

McFadden was nominated by members of the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association (OMTA) board “because he has made an impact on the music profession through OMTA and MTNA membership and service, has had an exemplary career that has shaped and inspired others, and is held in high esteem by peers.”

McFadden’s nomination as Oklahoma’s 2009 MTNA Foundation Fellow was supported by contributions totaling at least $1,000 from OMTA members. He will be the eighth MTNA Foundation Fellow from Oklahoma.

He has served OMTA in a number of state-level offices, including Vice President for Local Associations and Student Chapters, Vice President for Membership and Certification, and President Elect. He served as president in 2006-08.

In addition, he has written a column continuously since 2002 in the “Oklahoma Music Teacher.” He has lectured, adjudicated, and appeared in solo recitals, duo piano recitals, and as a collaborative musician throughout the United States and abroad, notably Hong Kong, the UK, and Mexico.

Summer Symposium

From June 23 through June 27, Southeastern will host the Summer Symposium in Real Analysis XXXIII. Real analysis is a branch of mathematics that is concerned primarily with ideas and mathematical objects that arise in calculus.

The Symposium is held annually at various universities in North America and Europe, and this year is expected to attract an international audience of about 60 mathematicians.

The conference is being organized by Dr. Patrick Reardon. He received a $12,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to help support the conference.

Free Computer Clinics

“Why cry over a broken computer? We are here to help for free,” is the mission of the SE Tech Squad under the leadership of Dr. Ming-Shan Su, professor of computer science at Southeastern.

On the first Tuesday of each month, starting July 7, from 4-8 p.m. the Tech Squad will provide simple computer repairs and service at no charge to the general public. This service will be provided on a first come, first serve basis in the foyer of the Russell Building (east entrance). In addition, the Tech Squad will provide some monthly “How-To” computer tutorial lectures for free.

Topics such as simple computer repairs, password, maintenance, networking, virus removal and protection, and web page design will be covered.

Heroes come in different sizes and shapes and the SE Tech Squad is no different. They describe themselves as a “team of computer nerds” specializing in information technology, webpage authoring, and networking.

Beach curates two Art Exhibits

Dr. Gleny Beach, Associate Professor of Art, curated two separate gallery art exhibits entitled “First Nations: Art Selections from the Americas.”

Gallery One featured Jereldine RedCorn, Traditional Caddo Potter. Gallery Two showcased Art Objects from the Amazon on loan from the Museum of the Red River, Idabel. The show was sponsored by SOSU, Red River Arts Council, Oklahoma Arts Council, and the Oklahoma Arts Council with some funds originating with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Featured guest speakers at opening receptions were Cecile Elkins Carter, renowned Caddo scholar and author; Jereldine RedCorn, Caddo ceramic artist and Daniel Vick, curator for the Museum of the Red River. Over 100 people attended the presentations.

In addition, Dr. Beach conducted an educational program with the sixth grade art students from Durant Intermediate School. The students visited the exhibit, then participated in a classroom art activity taught by Dr. Beach.
Southeastern took first place in a research competition held in Oklahoma City in February. Senior Dale Daniel of Tushka took top honors in the Regional University/Community College competition at Research Day at the State Capitol. Authors of Southeastern’s research project were presenter Daniel, Tucker Harrison, Kati Crawford, Michael C. Pilkington and project mentor Dr. Nancy Paiva, associate professor of chemistry at Southeastern.

“This is a tremendous achievement,” said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. “The competition included some of the top students in the entire state of Oklahoma. Dale Daniel and Dr. Paiva are to be commended for their efforts in representing Southeastern on this project.”

Daniel’s presentation was entitled, “Centaurea Americana as a Potential Biodiesel Crop.” His research topic was Biofuels. The Tushka High School graduate is a wildlife biology major.

“This award is just one more example of the dedicated students and faculty we have at Southeastern,” said Dr. Bryon Clark, Dean of Graduate and University Studies at Southeastern. “I would like to congratulate Dale Daniel on his award and also thank his faculty advisor, Dr. Nancy Paiva, for providing the guidance, leadership, and resources necessary to conduct this research.”

Dr. Clark coordinated the Research Day efforts for Southeastern.

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Theatre at Southeastern opened its first ever New York City production in mid-town Manhattan. “The Time Is Out Of Joint: A Study of Hamlet” was performed April 15-17 at the Blackbird Theatre.

Created by the late SE Director of Theatre Dr. Molly Risso, the one act version of Shakespeare’s classic was produced with a cast of Southeastern alumni living and working in the Big Apple.

SE Director of Theatre Dell McLain, who was on sabbatical in New York since August, directed as well as acted in the production.

“We have a number of alumni in the city,” said McLain, “Every year we host a December alumni event in the theatre district with former students and invited industry leaders for a mixer.”

Only those alumni who are not yet members of the actor’s union Actor’s Equity Association were cast in this production. McLain, who is a member of the national union, received an educational waiver from the organization to participate.

In addition to McClain, the cast included SE graduates Dustin Eastwood, Alice Onco, Sherri Quaid, Nathan Riley and Chris Canker.

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RedCorn’s artwork has been selected to be displayed at the White House in Washington D.C.

Special Presentations

6:00 pm - Caddo Scholar and author Cecile Carter
Artist Talk by Caddo Potter Jereldine RedCorn

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