Chorale goes on tour

The Southeastern Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Stacy Weger, has completed a busy performance schedule to begin 2010. The Chorale started January with a tour of the southeastern United States which included 13 performances in schools and churches. Concert highlights included performing at St. Mark’s Cathedral in Shreveport, La., historic Holy Trinity in Vicksburg, Miss., and the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.

Freshman music education student Marissa Musgrove, said, “The concert at the Children’s Home (Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home) was my favorite. The children seemed so happy we were there, and totally engaged with our singing. I enjoyed feeling the connection between us.” Weger’s favorite performance was at the Broadmeadow United Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss. “My Southeastern students made me so proud that night. I thought they responded so incredibly to the emotion of the evening, and gave what I think is their best performance on tour. The positive response from those in attendance was overwhelming,” Weger said.

The Chorale was joined on tour by Dr. Jeri Bonnin, Donna Massey Professor for Music Education, and Jeremy Blackwood, voice teacher and accompanist.

The Chorale also recently appeared as a featured performer at the annual convention of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association in Tulsa.

Musical Theatre coach wins first prize

So Young Cho, staff accompanist/coach in Musical Theatre has been chosen as a first prize winner of the American Protégé 2010 International Piano and Strings Competition.

The Winners’ Recital is in March at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Miss Cho has recently been accepted into the Doctoral Program in Piano Performance at the University of North Texas.
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Math students attend conference

Dr. Brett Elliot, professor of Mathematics, took several mathematics students from Southeastern to the sixth annual TORUS (Texas/Oklahoma Regional Undergraduate Symposium) conference in Wichita Falls, Texas.

TORUS gives undergraduates in mathematics an opportunity to make presentations to other students on topics they have been studying and researching. The most popular part of the event was the Math Jeopardy competition. Southeastern was the defending champion. Abilene Christian University came out on top this year. SE will host the event in 2011.

Biological Sciences book gets recognition

Green Planet: How Plants Keep the Earth Alive, a book published last year by Stanley Rice, professor of Biological Sciences at Southeastern, has been listed by Choice magazine as one of its Outstanding Academic Titles for 2009. Choice is the publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Libraries Association. According to the publication, works are selected for “their excellence in scholarship and presentation, the significance of their contribution to the field, and their value as an important—often the first-treatment of their subject.”

Forensics team wins awards

The Southeastern Forensics Team kicked off the spring semester with a speech and debate tournament at Oklahoma City University. Team members Elizabeth Dillow, Lindsay Gray and Clinton Harders competed. Dillow took sixth place in Poetry Interpretation, fifth in Program of Oral Interpretation, and second in Impromptu Speaking. Harders placed fifth in Communication Analysis. The team, led by Director of Forensics Lacinda Brese, will attend Pi Kappa Delta Nationals in the spring. SE finished up the fall semester with a tournament at Cameron University, where Dillow took sixth in Impromptu, and was named second in Debate speaking awards. The team took third in Oklahoma school sweepstakes.

ASSE students attend Dallas conference

Southeastern students recently attended the Southwest American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference in Dallas. They heard presentations on homeland security, workplace safety, OSHA inspections and public relations.

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Dr. Mo visits university in Morocco

Dr. Mo Chehbouni, assistant professor of Chemistry, was the invited speaker at a conference at the University Hassan II Mohammedia in Casablanca, Morocco. His host, Dr. Jamal Bennazha, a chemistry professor, organized a one week event for Dr. Chehbouni to present his research work, meet with faculty members, administration and students. “During my visit in Morocco, I received a very warm welcome from the students, faculty and staff. It was a very enjoyable experience” said Dr. Chehbouni.

Honors director publishes book

Dr. Lisa L. Coleman and her co-editor, Jon Kotinek of Texas A&M University, will publish Setting the Table for Diversity, a monograph for the National Collegiate Honor Council, this spring. Their book argues that diversity in honors education must be coupled with equity and inclusion to be just.

Dr. Coleman, professor of English and Director of the Committee on Diversity Issues for the National Collegiate Honors Council, has planned and coordinated the Diversity Forum at the national conference since 2005. In addition to her work in honors education, Dr. Coleman is a Virginia Woolf scholar. Her chapter, “Writing as Unraveling: Woolf’s Gendered Deconstruction of War,” will be published in 2010.

OSF appoints McLain to artistic position

The Oklahoma Shakespearian Festival Board of Directors has named Dell McLain as associate artistic director of the annual summer festival. McLain is chair of the Art, Communication and Theatre Department. The OSF will celebrate its 31st season this year. McLain said, “I began my career working in OSF with Dr. Molly Risso, founder of the Oklahoma Shakespearian Festival. I am looking forward to working in tandem with Riley Risso Coker.”

OSH field trip to Seattle

Dr. Nick Nichols and senior student William Robertson were recently awarded an all-expense-paid two-day construction safety field trip to Seattle, Wa. Robertson’s award resulted from his winning a recent construction safety essay contest held by the OSH department and Kiewit, Inc., a construction company.

Students participating in the contest were asked specific questions regarding their desires to be in the fields of both occupational safety and health and construction management.

The field trip was co-sponsored by Kiewit and Ms. Becca Bass, a SOSU/OSH graduate. Ms. Bass, the project safety manager and environmental lead for Kiewit’s SR-519 project, which is currently widening and improving a Seattle highway interchange, escorted the two on an in-depth tour of the site. The trip also included a visit to two sites where work was being completed by a fellow construction company, Conco Concrete Pumping.

Dr. Teresa Golden, Richard Taylor and Rebekah Ritchie presented a grant of industrial hygiene sampling and personal protective equipment valued at $7,650 from Kiewit for the SOSU/OSH department use.

SE Participates in Research Day

Posters describing scientific research were presented by Chemistry, Biology and Biotechnology students and faculty at Oklahoma Research Day on the NSU-Broken Arrow campus.

SE students Daniel Pardue and Anthony Banks were two of the Chemistry presenters. They were escorted by Dr. Nancy Paiva. Chemistry presenters also included Dr. Mo Chehbouni and Dr. Nancy Paiva.

Biological Sciences presenters included Dr. Teresa Golden, Dr. Stanley Rice, Aris Villamil, Randi Sue Sewell, Richard Taylor and Rebekah Ritchie. Also presenting were Dr. Ming-Shan Su and Dr. Lie Qian from Computer Sciences.
Students tour Kennedy Space Center

Southeastern sent 10 undergraduates on a VIP tour of NASA’s Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida in mid-January. They were taken to parts of the base which are off-limits to the general public, such as the shuttle launch pad, and they met with NASA personnel to hear about employment opportunities and NASA’s future.
SE students included Mike James Perry, Alfred Starrett, Bernard L. Burris, Travis Levon Wilson, Adam Tyler Bartholomew, Rebekah Lynn Ritchie, Heather J. Knowles, Anthony L. Banks, Billy Robertson and John Joseph Stanson.

Flippen to speak at Nixon Library event

The National Archives and Records Administration, together with the Richard M. Nixon Foundation, have invited Dr. Brooks Flippen to speak in Los Angeles at the new Nixon Library.
Dr. Flippen will moderate a panel on environmental policy that includes former Nixon administration officials, including EPA administrator William Ruckelshaus and presidential advisors John Whitaker and Christopher DeMuth. Flippen is the author of two books on environmental policy during the Nixon era.

Theatre alums making mark in Tulsa

Two “Theatre at Southeastern” Alumni are making news in Tulsa. The Tulsa Urban Weekly has named SE graduates Starr Hardgrove and Chad Oliverson to its “Hot 100 for 2010” list.
Hardgrove is founder of Enchanted Grove Films and Tulsa Creative Network. He has been a long-time staple of the film community. His latest film product is “Why I Love Tulsa.”
Oliverson has been entertaining Tulsa theater crowds with his portrayal of Dr. Frank N. Furter in a stage production of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.” He is a 1992 graduate of Southeastern. He studied under the direction of the late Dr. Molly Risso. He is the marketing and public relations director for the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust.

Music Educators chapter represented at conferences

The Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC) chapter at Southeastern has attended two state music education conferences during the spring semester. The Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OMEA) conference was held in Tulsa in January and the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) conference was in San Antonio in February.
The students were accompanied by CMENC Faculty Advisor Dr. Jeri Bonnin, Director of Bands Dr. Jacob Wallace and Assistant Director of Bands Dr. Marc White.
Dr. Stacy Weger, Director of Choral Activities, and Department of Music Chair Dr. Steven Emge accompanied the Southeastern Chorale as they performed at OMEA in Tulsa. The Chorale was chosen as an Honor Choir.
SE Art Major installs sculptures at new TMC

SE Visual Art studio major, Chance Dunlap was commissioned by the interior design firm InDesign of Boca Raton, Florida to create five sculptures for the main lobby of the new Texoma Medical Center in Denison, TX.

His sculptures are prominently displayed in the lobby of the new hospital.

Dunlap stated, “I have been creating artwork for about six years now, and am finding that hard work really does pay off. What a great opportunity it was to work with an internationally known interior design firm. These opportunities do not come easily for young artists, and I feel very privileged to have caught their eye with my artwork.”

As well as being an outstanding Art Studio major, Dunlap is represented by Katy Glassworks Gallery in Denison, TX.

The Great Plains Regional Juried Art Show is open to all artists without restrictions. All media are acceptable so long as each entry is an original and unaided work of the artist.

The exhibition will be curated by Barbara Elam. Elam is Professor Emeritus from Rockford College in Rockford Illinois. She is a gallery owner and promoter of the arts in downtown Denison, Texas. She is also a printmaker of international reputation.

This exhibition is supported by funding from the Red River Arts Council, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

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