SE Teacher Education Program Retains NCATE Accreditation

On March 31, 2010 a visiting team of examiners from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the State of Oklahoma gathered on Southeastern’s campus to review SE’s teacher preparation program. Based on their work, the Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) formally approved Southeastern’s continuing NCATE accreditation on October 22, 2010.

The visiting team was co-chaired by Drs. Linda Bradley (from the national visiting team) and Sue Diel (from the Oklahoma Team).

Southeastern met or exceeded all six required standards. These standards address areas such as student learning, assessment of learning, field experiences, diversity, faculty qualification, and governance. Southeastern received particularly high marks for its partnership with area public schools. According to the UAB, “Interviews with building administrators indicate a strong feeling of joint decision-making in the specific placements of student teachers and candidates for other professional role to maximize the learning experience for candidates and P-12 students.” The UAB also agreed that Southeastern had satisfied all three areas for growth that were identified in SE’s last NCATE visit.

Committees comprised of faculty members, staff, and area school teachers and administrators worked for several years to prepare for the NCATE visit. Thanks go to Dr. Vivian Guarnera, Director of Teacher Education, for her leadership in bringing about a very successful NCATE reaccreditation visit.

NCATE has recently merged with TEAC (Teacher Education Accreditation Council) to form the new, unified agency CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation).

Southeastern and TAPSI Host 2nd Annual Technology Fair

Southeastern Oklahoma State University hosted the second-annual Educational Technology Fair on March 10, 2011 in Bloomer Sullivan Arena. The fair was co-sponsored by the Texoma Association for Public School Improvement (TAPSI), and the SE Center for Regional Economic Development. Twenty-six vendors participated. The event was designed to present the latest educational technology innovations to teachers, administrators, library/media specialists, technology directors and other school personnel. More than 80 school district and university personnel participated in the fair. Each participant received a gift, and several won door prizes that were valued up to $2000. Sixteen training sessions were offered including one conducted by Dr. Barbara McClanahan, assistant professor of elementary education, on using iPads in the classroom. Her session drew a standing-room-only crowd.

See More Technology Fair Pictures on page 3.
The Southeastern Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi recently completed phase one of a "Literacy Alive!" activity at Robert E. Lee Elementary in Durant. On Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011, more than 40 Southeastern students spent the day with Robert E. Lee's PK – 3rd graders reading and doing art activities.

Jan Chaffin, R. E. Lee principal, said, "It was a fantastic day! We really appreciated the students from Southeastern coming to spend time and share their love of reading with our students. Our children were thrilled with the big kids! And some of the football players were really big! All the Southeastern students were great. I think every member of the girls' tennis team was here."

Kappa Delta Pi is the international honor society in education. Dr. John Love, Southeastern faculty sponsor, said that Literacy Alive! is a national KDP initiative to encourage lifelong learning through literacy. "I particularly want to acknowledge Cassie Kleiber who is a Southeastern student, tennis player, and KDP member and who serves as Project Coordinator for Literacy Alive! She has worked tirelessly this semester to pull this together."

The second phase of Literacy Alive! was to purchase personal books for all first-grade students at REL. This was accomplished with the support of Nate Morrison, First Texoma National Bank and Jeff Hammock, Vision Bank. The third phase will happen in May when all Kindergarten students and their families will be invited to a Family Library Night. Dr. Love added, "Literacy is an essential skill for participation in American society."

Dr. William Fridley Participates in Art Show; Makes Presentation

Dr. William Fridley, associate professor in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership recently had two paintings accepted for the 7th Annual Great Plains Juried Art Show. The show is held at the Centre Art Gallery located in the Visual and Performing Arts Center on the Southeastern campus. Dr. Fridley’s paintings, entitled “3 Sisters” and “2 x 4 = See How That Works?” were juried by Alan Burris, Art Director for Murray State College. The show runs through April 8, 2011.

Dr. Fridley also recently gave a presentation for the annual meeting of the Norman Chapter of the Oklahoma Educational Studies Association on March 5 of this year. His presentation, “Senator Brecheen’s Campaign Against Teaching Evolution: A Solution in Search of a Problem,” examined Senator Brecheen’s proposed legislation and the senator’s two editorials in which he explained the purpose of his legislation.

Senator Brecheen’s proposed legislation was enrolled as SB 554.

Dr. Muhammad Betz named “Honorary Coach” by SE Athletics

Last fall, Dr. Muhammad K. Betz, professor in the EIL department was honored by the SE department of athletics as an "honorary coach" for Savage Storm student athletes.

The award is decided by a vote of student athletes. Dr. Betz’s award was presented by Southeastern President Larry Minks and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Keith Baxter. The presentation occurred at halftime of the Southeastern versus Angelo State football game.

We congratulate Dr. Betz on receiving such a prestigious honor!
2011 Technology Fair (continued)

Dr. Sheila Barnes and Students Make Presentations

Dr. Sheila Barnes, Professor of Education and Program Coordinator for the undergraduate and graduate Special Education Programs presented three papers about Project S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Project S.E.R.V.I.C.E. links scholarship, service-learning, education, reflection, volunteerism, and civic engagement within assessment projects in order to prepare teachers through academically relevant work that simultaneously fulfills SE’s service mission. Currently, all service learning projects are directly related to the need. Currently, related to the need to institute a “response to intervention” (RTI) model in Oklahoma and Texas K-12 schools. Public school educators desperately need trained “interventionists” who are available to provide intensive interventions to small groups or individual children with academic and/or behavior problems that threaten to derail their educational progress and even lead to their eventual dropping out of school.

Dr. Barnes presented the first paper on Project S.E.R.V.I.C.E. at the 33rd Annual Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children CONFERENCE in St. Louis, Missouri, November 3-6, 2010 and presented a paper titled “Project S.E.R.V.I.C.E.: The Impact of Service Learning on Candidates’ Reflection.” Dr. Barnes also presented the paper, “Project S.E.R.V.I.C.E.: Making a Difference in the Lives of Teacher Candidates and Students with Disabilities” at the Fourth Annual Oklahoma Service Learning Conference on February 25, 2011. Co-presenting with Dr. Barnes was undergraduate special education teacher candidate Morgan Ellisor.

Undergraduate students Loraine DeSivo, Sherry Cross, and Melissa Hutchens presented two posters with Dr. Barnes at the Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference in Oklahoma City February 28 and March 1, 2011.

ELED majors assist Santa on the McCurtain County Campus

Representatives from Eastern Oklahoma State College and a group of SE’s elementary education majors gave Santa an assist last December.

Hosted on SE’s McCurtain County Campus, the Christmas Crafts Fair drew about 100 children and their families to campus to enjoy a variety of crafts and the opportunity for photographs with the Big Jolly Guy himself.

The Fair was conceived to be both a community outreach activity as well as a community service project. The possibility of hooking up with Santa again this year is in the works.

The man who doesn’t read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.

-Mark Twain
We’re on the web: homepages.se.edu/eil/

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April

20 Student Teacher Return Day and Education Job Fair, Dr. Glen D. Johnson Student Union Building

May

9-13 Finals Week

11 Graduation Practice

14 Graduation

June

6 Summer classes begin

8 Last Day to Add a Class

30 Last Day to Apply for Summer Graduation

July

4 Independence Day Holiday, No Classes.

14 Last Day to Drop a Class

August

15 Fall Semester Classes Begin

19 Last Day to Add a Class (16 week classes)

October

20-21 Fall Break

November

15 Last Day to Drop a class for the Fall Semester

December

5-9 Finals Week

10 Commencement

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