Drum Camp a Big Success

The sixth annual Red River Drum and Auxiliary Camp drew more than 300 participants from 70 schools across Oklahoma and Texas. The camp was directed by Dr. Marc White, Southeastern music professor.

The camp, which was held at Lake Murray State Park near Ardmore, provided instruction for drumline, colorguard and drum major students, grades 6-12.

According to White, “The camp began in 2003 with an enrollment of 65 members and has grown to over 300 participants.” The camp developed out of the need for quality percussion and auxiliary instruction in Southern Oklahoma.

Speech and Debate Team Travels to Texas A&M

The Southeastern Speech and Debate Team competed at Texas A&M University in November.

“The tournament was quite large, with over 400 individual event entries and 30 plus debate teams,” remarked Dr. Lacinda Brese, director of Forensics.

Members Trent Castleberry and Keith Watkins debated against teams from several universities, including The University of Oklahoma. Castleberry and Watkins also participated in Impromptu Speaking and interpretive events. Elizabeth Dillow and Cole Newton competed in several individual events, with Dillow advancing to semi-finals in Impromptu Speaking.

Dillow was named Top Novice Speaker in Prose Interpretation and Program of Oral Interpretation.

“We look forward to building upon our successes during the remainder of our season,” noted Dr. Brese. The team will attend further tournaments in the spring semester, including the Marks Invitational hosted by University of West Florida, in January.

Santa Fe Guitar Quartet to Perform at Southeastern

The Santa Fe Guitar Quartet (SFG4), from Santa Fe, Argentina, is an innovative guitar ensemble whose repertoire ranges from Baroque works to modern tangos. The group performs Latin American music and has presented exciting new works to large audiences worldwide.

Fine Arts Theater: January 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm.
Two undergraduate students won awards for best oral presentations at the fall Oklahoma Academy of Sciences meeting.

Sara Moore won first place in the Botany section for “Seasonal Pattern of Tannin Production in Post Oaks: Wet vs. Dry Years,” based on research she conducted with Stan Rice and L. Lyday on “Ecological Succession in the Context of Convergence in the Context of Tannin Production in Post Oaks: Wet vs. Dry Years,” based on research he conducted with Tim Patton.

Southeastern students have consistently won awards at the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences annual gatherings.

In other news from Biological Sciences, Rice was one of the instructors for the third annual Evolution Workshop at the OU Biological Station. The department submitted five posters for Research Day.

In November the Math Club, the Department of Mathematics and the Dean of Students were pleased to bring in Southeastern gradu- ate Jason Martin for an invited lecture.

Martin achieved the Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Mathematics and Computer Science in 2001 and had a 3.98 GPA. He is currently finishing a Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Oklahoma.

Patton Involved in Several Scholarly Works

Tim Patton, associate professor of Biological Sciences, is co-author of a recent paper which is currently “in press.” Patton teamed with C. L. Lyday on “Ecological Succession and Fragmentation in a Reservoir: Effects of Sedimentation on Habitats and Fish Communities.” Patton is the lead author or co-author of four other papers which are in various stages of preparation or review. The titles are:

1. “Influence of Rare Species on Electrofishing Distance: Species Richness Relationships at Stream Sites.”
3. “Patterns of Mortality and Fish Community Recolonization following a Golden Algae Prymnesium Parvum Toxicity Event.”
4. “Herpetofaunal Survey of The Nature Conservancy’s Boehler Seeps Preserve, with Notes on Range Extensions and Rare Species Occurrences.”

Charles Matthews reports that The Math Club sponsored an event called “Math Jeopardy” in November. South- eastern students formed teams to compete in the game show based on the popular television show “Jeopardy,” except that almost all of the questions involved mathematics.

Dr. Chris Moretti wrote an impressive program to display all the categories and the questions on a projector, and he hosted the event, playing the part of Alex Trebek.

Dr. Brett Elliott acted as the referee and scorekeeper. The three teams were called SAS (Sarah Miller, Ali Mahdy and Sadira Abu-Arja), WWF (Sam West, John Wesner and Kevin Faulk), and BBC (Tamara Buck, Jonathan Beller and Jay Clark).

Team WWF was ahead throughout the whole game, but then decided to wager all their winnings on the final jeopardy question. Team SAS came from behind to pick up the win.

Dr. Moretti’s “Math Jeopardy” has become somewhat famous in the university mathematics community of Oklahoma. Interested persons can contact anyone in the Mathematics Department for more information.

Native American Symposium Event

Southeastern celebrated the Native American Symposium in November with an event which featured Choctaw speaker and author Tim Tingle. Tingle is an award-winning author of Native American fiction and folklore. The event was chaired by Dr. Mark Spencer, associate professor of English and Humanities.

Math Jeopardy

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**Keith Watkins Wins Brad Henry Scholarship**

History major Keith Daniel Watkins of Ardmore has landed a prestigious scholarship. Watkins, who is set to graduate next summer, is the recipient of a Brad Henry International Scholarship. The State Board of Regents awards a total of seven Brad Henry scholarships annually to students in universities across the state. Southeastern's Liz McCraw recommended Watkins for the award.

The scholarship provides money for study in Wales. Watkins will serve as a research intern for the Welsh National Assembly in Cardiff. He will be in Cardiff from early January until mid-April. Watkins traveled to Great Britain last year after winning a radio contest for a trip to London to a reunion concert featuring the rock group Led Zeppelin. Following graduation, Watkins plans to pursue a master's degree in History.

**Field Trip to OKC and Norman**

Staff members of the student newspaper, "The Southeastern," took a field trip to Oklahoma City and Norman in November, where they toured "The Oklahoman," the press facilities at the state capitol and the Gaylord Journalism School at OU.

**McFadden Receives Honors**

Robert McFadden, professor of music, was recently chosen 2009 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Foundation Fellow from Oklahoma. McFadden was chosen by secret ballot at the 2008 winter board meeting of the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association. Nominations were received for those who have made an impact on the music profession through OMTA and MTNA membership and service. It is only the eighth MTNA Foundation Fellow from Oklahoma to be awarded in its 80-year history.

**Best Paper Award**

Dr. Mo. Chehbouni, Southeastern Assistant Professor of Chemistry, in collaboration with Dr. Allen Apblett, a chemistry professor at Oklahoma State University, won the "Best Paper Award" for a presentation and a manuscript submitted to the Nuclear and Environmental Division of the American Ceramic Society in Detroit.

The title of the manuscript is "Green Alternative for the Preparation of Transition Metal Molybdates." A novel environmentally-friendly method to synthesize transition metal molybdates from molybdite and solutions of various metals was developed. The compounds synthesized can be used for industrially-important catalysts, pigments, flame retardants and corrosion inhibitors. The technique was further extended to remove contaminants, such as lead, copper and uranium from drinking water without generating large quantities of waste. Amazingly, the material can absorb a quantity of heavy metals that exceeds its own weight. Dr. Chehbouni was the leading author of the manuscript and the invited speaker.

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Southeastern will be represented on the board of directors of the Broadcast Education Association (BEA).

Dr. John Allen Hendricks has been notified of his selection to the BEA board. He was elected by university broadcast educators in a far-reaching region which includes Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Mexico, Central America, South America and Australia.

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**SE Student Wins National Essay Contest**

David Reed, a senior Communication and History major, won a National Communication Association essay contest during the fall semester. Reed’s essay will be published in an upcoming issue of “Spectra,” the National Communication Association publication. Contest participants argued whether a recent University of Illinois policy prohibiting faculty and staff from attending political rallies on campus or showing support for political candidates via bumper stickers and campaign buttons infringed those individuals’ right to freedom of speech. After deciding that the policy was indeed an infringement, Reed determined that he should look beyond the First Amendment to the Illinois state Constitution for additional support. “I knew everyone else would write about the First Amendment, and I wanted to write something different,” said Reed. “I am not typically interested in law and politics, but I enjoyed this project, and it has piqued my interest,” Reed noted. Reed learned about the contest opportunity through Dr. Lacinda Brese, director of Forensics and Communication instructor. “As both an attorney and instructor I was pleased to find a student so concerned about free speech rights in our nation,” said Dr. Brese. “It was a pleasure to assist such a thoughtful student as he worked through the writing process,” Brese concluded. Department Chair and Interim Dean for the School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Lucretia Scoufos expressed her congratulatory remarks for both David Reed and Dr. Brese. “David Reed is yet another excellent example that SE students can successfully compete on a national level and win. Dr. Brese is yet another excellent example that SE faculty is highly qualified and willing to guide our students to success both academically and professionally,” Scoufos said.

**Tomáseen Foley’s Celtic Christmas**

Tomáseen Foley’s A Celtic Christmas played to a standing room only Montgomery Auditorium on December 6. Tomáseen Foley was born on a small farm in the remote parish of Teamall an Gheanntáin in the West of Ireland. He is a master of the Irish narrative and a keeper of the flame for a priceless piece of Irish culture. The show was part of SE’s 2008 - 2009 Musical Arts Series and proved to be a delightful start to the holiday season.

**Barnes Presents at Arts Festival**

Associate Professor Dave Barnes was the featured presenter for the 2008 Sacred Arts Festival: Earth Blessings in St. Paul Minnesota, November 11 - 16. The Sacred Arts Festival is an annual event sponsored by the University of St. Thomas and the city of St. Paul. The festival included performances by the Minnesota Boychoir, poetry readings by poet Jude Nutter, a theatrical competition, and a film festival. Barnes curated a short film festival and moderated discussions concerning several films including Baraka by Ron Fricke and Martin Scorsese’s bio-pic about Bob Dylan “Don’t Look Back.”

**Adair Serves as Guest Editor**

Dr. Aaron Adair recently served as guest editor for the “Mensa Research Journal” fall issue. The topic was “Artistic Intelligence.” Dr. Adair has been a member of Mensa since 2003 and currently serves as moderator of “Bardolatry,” a special interest group that focuses on the life and works of William Shakespeare.

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