



The Village Window

THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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Longevity Awards 2011-2012



40 years

Pierrette Mouledous
Allan Schmitt
Jane Penney



35 years

Jim Bowers
Laura Carr
Ken Balvin



25 years

Sandra Saucedo Scott
Kathy Cott



20 years

Gretchen Riehl
Ron Rollinson
Selena Stewart-Alexander



15 years

Judy Schwartz, Joan Dotson (Ruth Hale and Velora Mann not pictured)



10 years

Fran Metoyer, George Bush, Cinda Perry, Janet Loper, Cecilia Flores, Kathy Bayne, Tim Ellington, Michael Martin, Elias Alba, David Danforth, William Milam, Terri Frias, Karan Marshall and Everett Whittle



5 years

Simon Ozuna, Daymi Pardo, Ronda Grandberry-Jackson, Pat McGowan, Regina Brown, Kevin Giles, Don Hellstern, Rufel Ramos, Ricardo Rodriguez, Sherlyn Fulkerson, Michael Santiago, Adriana Vega (Tammy Sherman, Michele Svatos, Schneil Dunn and Don Cornwell not pictured)



Retirees

Karan Marshall, Veda Little and Larry Howard (Chief Tyler Moore not pictured)

On Saturday, November 19, several Eastfield ceramics instructors including **Linda Gossett** (Continuing Education instructor), **Mickey Bruce** (Instructional Specialist & CE Ceramics Instructor) and **James Watral** (former Ceramics Faculty), participated in the 9th Annual Cedars Open Studios Tour. The Tour is a wonderful chance to see 60 working artists in their studios and experience the vibrant community that is the "Cedars," south of downtown Dallas.

Nancy Beaver, Eastfield Program Administrator for Child Development/Teacher Preparation, was voted President Elect of Associate Degree Early Childhood Teacher Educators (ACCESS). Beaver is very excited about the position and proud to be representing Eastfield College! She takes office this month; it is a four year commitment. Beaver has previously served as ACCESS Vice President for Collaboration.

Eastfield's **Rotaract Club** wrapped up their month-long toy drive on December 15 and were able to donate 123 toys and 10 books to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program; this is more than double what the group collected last year. Rotaract members including Favi Garcia, Community Service Chair, and three others plus one non-member also helped the Marines sort toys at the collection location. Rotaract would especially like to recognize Biology Professor **Jeff Hughes** for having collected 71 toys

Gallery 219 presents:
"In(k)dependent: Comic and
Zine Art"



Everything Dies #6 by Box Brown

Gallery 219 at Eastfield College's most recent exhibit "In(k)dependent: Comic and Zine Art" opened on Monday, January 9 – February 3. A special artist talk featuring Esther Pearl Watson and Mark Todd will be held on Friday, January 27 from 6 – 7 p.m. The closing reception will also be on Friday, January 27 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Ever walk into a comic book shop and wonder if there are other kinds of comics out there? -- Ones that don't involve a scantily clad Wonder Woman or a do-gooder superhero? This exhibition highlights the often overlooked world of indie comics and takes comic writing to a whole other level with beautifully drawn, smartly written tales of a mysterious Virginia beast, a crime fighting duo of Victorian mathematicians, and yes, even beer can hunting.

Curated by Iris Bechtol and Josh Rose, In(k)dependent examines the work of self published and indie comic artists, their relationship to fine art, and the blurring between the two through references in pop culture. The exhibit features mini comics, zines, digital comics and original artwork by Box Brown, Ryan Claytor, Alexis Frederick Frost, Colleen Frakes, Sydney Padua, John Porcellino, Diana Tamblyn, Mark Todd and Esther Pearl Watson.

Upcoming exhibit:
"Looking At Animals" from February 13- March 9

from his classes! The remainder of the toys were donated by student clubs and Eastfield employees.

Ray Dittrick, a 2000 graduate of the Eastfield Police Academy and licensed Texas Peace Officer, returned to the campus on November 30 to present a class. Dittrick, who worked for the Commerce Police Department and is currently employed by the Texas Municipal Police Association, instructed about 30 local peace officers on the latest techniques of Standard Field Sobriety Testing. This course qualifies officers to better detect DWI drivers.

Eastfield New Student Orientation was held on Saturday, January 7; approximately 75 students and their parents/ guests attended. Sessions were conducted by specially trained Orientation Leaders called HarveSTARS (these students attended two days of intense training in order to facilitate the programs). In addition, students were greeted by President **Dr. Jean Conway**, Vice President for Teaching and Learning **Michael Gutierrez** and Dean of Science, P.E. and Athletics **Gretchen Riehl** during a session in the Performance Hall. Attendees were pleased with the program and indicated how friendly everyone was, how knowledgeable the student leaders were, and they left with their questions answered and prepared for the first day of class. Special thanks to the Office of Student Life staff for coordinating the event, the faculty who assisted with the student facilitated session, volunteers from other departments such as Outreach, Upward Bound, Admissions, the Computer Lab, facilities, media, and Administration.

Congratulations to **Dr. Karen Holder**, Director of Eastfield Children's Lab School and **all the CLS staff** for an excellent report after an unannounced visit from National Association for the Education of Young Children! Based on this verification visit, the program has maintained its accreditation by the NAEYC. The administration and teaching staff of Eastfield Children's Lab School are all to be congratulated for the continuing efforts to provide a high-quality early childhood program for young children and their families.

On January 6 special guests from Samuell High School visited Eastfield in preparation for plans to begin an early college high school program in conjunction with the Pleasant Grove Campus. President **Dr. Jean Conway** and which included the

principal, associate principal, assistant principal, two assistant principal interns and a guidance counselor were shown around the campus by Et Cetera Editor **Elizabeth Webb** and Student Government Association Senator/ HarveSTAR **Mitch Bassett**. Our guests were impressed with the services our main campus provides for students as well as enjoyed meeting these two outstanding students.

Mesquite AMBUCS (American Business Clubs; a non-profit service organization consisting of a diverse group of men and women who are dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities) were treated to two speakers from Eastfield in December. Many of the members have businesses in Pleasant Grove so they were delighted to hear of the progress of the new community campus. **Javier Olguin**, Pleasant Grove Campus Executive Director, discussed aligning ESL and GED to short careers, building a prepared and diverse labor market for the City of Mesquite and Pleasant Grove area, as well as providing training assistance to small businesses in the areas. **John Emery**, Associate Dean for Science and Physical Education and Evening Dean, specifically addressed research opportunities for Eastfield students at the Big Thicket, the prestigious National Science Foundation Grant, the newest scanning electron microscope providing students and the newest DNA sequencer. Emery highlighted the success of the college's athletic programs, including the recent NJCAA Division III National Baseball Championship.



The Kids Project Coordinator from Rowlett Home Depot

and a fellow employee came to Eastfield on January 13 to do a Fire Rescue Boat construction project with the children in the Children's Laboratory School Multi-Age Room. Rowlett Home Depot donated a box of 24 boats to be put together and painted along with 15 aprons, pins and certificates to be given upon completion of the project. Home Depot holds a free kid's project with a different wood-working theme each time at all stores on the first Saturday of every month. Children of all ages can take part in this program.

Slade Young, former Eastfield basketball player, will be inducted into the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Sports Hall of Fame on January 28. Originally from Garland, Young earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Northwestern in 1995. He played point guard for the Rangers men's basketball team from 1991 to 1992. Prior to attending Northwestern, Young played at Eastfield, where 11 of his basketball records still stand, including three-point field goals (238), seventh best all-time in the National Junior College Athletic Association. A basketball coach, Young has previously worked for Higgins Independent School District, Mesquite High School and Haskell Independent School District, as well as his alma mater, South Garland High School.

During finals week, December 12-16, a group of Eastfield College drama students and their instructor, Dusty Reasons, visited with over 600 middle school-aged students in the Mesquite Independent School District Quest Gifted and Talented Program. The Eastfield group lead 10 two-hour workshops on theatre and improvisational acting, followed by a question-answer session about Eastfield and college life. Students who participated include Lucas Hauptert, Stephanie Owen, Brandy Townshend, Blayze Carter and Ron Good. The group will return this spring to do more sessions with the Quest students.

Calendar at a glance...

1	25	7 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Richland
1	28	12 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. Ranger College
1	28	8 am- 4 pm	E2A Park Lot	Mobile Mammograms {Saturday} Open to the Public 214-645-2560
1	31	11 am	Atrium	Welcome Back Party and Club Fair – To welcome all students and for students to get to know the clubs and join them
1	31	9:30 am- 4:30 pm	G101	Carter Blood Drive (Open to the Public)
2	1	4:45 pm	Atrium	Evening Social – To give the evening students an opportunity to meet other students and to enjoy some free refreshments
2	1	11 am	G101	AAHM: A Taste of Heritage – Local food entrepreneurs will prepare meals made popular in the Caribbean, Africa and North America. * RSVP will be required
2	2	12:30 pm	G101	Student Leadership Academy – “Owning Your Presentation”
2	4	2- 4 pm	Perf. Hall	AAHM: Stop, Drop & Dance! An evolution of Movement – Highlights ballet, jazz, and hip hop
2	6	11 am & 12:30 pm	C135	AAHM: African-American Film Festival
2	7	11 am- 12:20 pm	C135	AAHM: Hip Hop Language & Culture: The Truth Behind The Message
2	7	12 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. Bossier Parish
2	8	7 p.m.	Gym	Basketball vs. Brookhaven
2	9	10:30 am- 12:30 pm	PGC	Valentine's Party
2	10	12:30 pm	TBA	SGA Meeting
2	11	2 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Cedar Valley
2	11	12 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. Lon Morris College
2	13	8 am	Atrium	Student Club Fundraiser with a Valentine's theme
2	13	11 am	C135	AAHM: African-American Film Festival
2	14	8 am	Atrium	Student Club Fundraiser with a Valentine's theme
2	14	11:30 a.m.	C135	“Once You Go Black – Interracial Love” A celebration of social acceptance, personal relationship choices, and a growing population of people who are bi-racial and multi-racial. Are we finally colorless? Or Tolerant?
2	14	9 am- 2:30 pm	C139	FREE HIV Tests- Limited to EFC Students & Employees ONLY (972-860-7190)
2	15	11:28 am	S100	AAHM: “African-American Read-In” Special Tribute to the Harlem Renaissance
2	15	12:45 pm	Perf. Hall	AAHM: All That's Jazz: Musical Trio
2	16	12:30 pm	TBA	Student Leadership Academy – Student Leadership Seminar Series
2	18	2 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. North Lake
2	20	2 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. North Central Texas
2	23	11 am- 12 pm	Library	The ART of Living Black (Library Exhibit)
2	27	11 am	C135	AAHM: African-American Film Festival
2	29	11 am- 12:30 pm	C135	AAHM: “Who Cares What Black People Think Anyway?” A discussion of issues facing black people in American Culture