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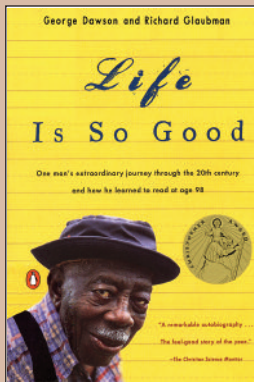
THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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Eastfield's Common Book 2011-12: "Life is So Good"



Eastfield has chosen "Life is So Good" by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman as its 2011 Common Book.

The Common Book Project is a college-wide, interdisciplinary project that aims to enrich the college

experience of students, faculty, and staff in a common intellectual experience – the reading and discussing of a common book. The book will be integrated into more than 175 sections of classes in an array of disciplines, discussed in a variety of programs, and forms the basis for exhibits and performances (listed below).

October 3 Guest Speaker: Richard Glaubman, Co-Author of "Life Is So Good," 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Performance Hall

October 5 Café Conversation: "Lynching," Brett Wilkinson, History Professor NW Vista CC, San Antonio, 12:30 p.m., S101

October 13 Film & Discussion: "Driving Miss Daisy," Barbara Carr, 12:30 p.m., C135

October 18 Café Conversation: Erin Tierney Kramp: Courage in the Face of Adversity Erin Tierney Kramp Foundation & ETK Scholars 11 a.m., S101

November 8 Film & Discussion: "Freedom Writers," Pebble Barbero, Biology Faculty, 7 p.m., C135

November 16 Café Conversation: History of Science, Larry Stern, Psychology Professor, Collin CC, 12 p.m., S101



Chancellor Wright Lassiter, Jr., and Board of Trustees members Jerry Prater and Bill

Metzger hosted a community reception for Eastfield's eighth President **Dr. Jean Conway** on August 18 at the Mesquite Convention Center. Over 100 dignitaries and business leaders from Mesquite, Garland and east Dallas communities officially welcomed Conway into the community.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs paid a visit to Eastfield on September 15 to present college officials a



\$147,098 state JET (Jobs and Education for Texans) grant to help train students for jobs in the growing wind energy industry. The grant money, along with matching funds from the college, will help pay for a recently installed 50-foot, 3.5 kw wind turbine on the Eastfield campus and other cutting-edge technology that will provide hands-on training for



students. The turbine is tied into the college's electrical system through a connection at the Technology (T) Building. When the turbine is not being used for instruction the electricity produced (3.5kW) will flow back into the Eastfield system and help power the T Building. Students will be able to view its real time electrical generation by viewing the meter on the south side of the T Building. The turbine was purchased from Imperial Electric based in Balch Springs. The Alternative/ Sustainable Energy programs feature both an associate degree and a certificate. As of this August, Eastfield

became one of two community colleges in North Central Texas to offer courses in Alternative/ Sustainable Energy.

Dr. Jean Conway, Eastfield President, attended the fall League for Innovation meeting as the Dallas County Community College District representative. The meeting was held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from September 14-16. Nineteen League colleges were represented at this meeting where issues affecting community colleges across the United States were discussed and innovative practices were shared. Representatives and Board members were housed in Kirkwood's new hotel and conference center located on the campus grounds. They were also given a tour of the campus facilities and shown their innovative programs.

Eastfield College was a community partner sponsor for the 19th Annual NAACP Garland Branch Freedom Fund Brunch on September 17. Joining the celebration was Dr. Jean Conway, Eastfield President; Lt. Timothy Ellington, PSSA President; Duane Evans, PSSA Vice President; Ro Castillo, Director of Upward Bound; and Sharon Cook, Director of College Communications and Community Relations.

Eastfield's "EFC 411" (informational table staffed by volunteers) was a huge success again this year. Eastfield staff connected with over 3,000 students the first two days of classes by offering a friendly welcome and directional assistance. The Office of Student Life wishes to thank all of you for your continued support of this project.

Eastfield welcomed a team from the Center for Community College Student Engagement on September 14-15. The visit was connected with Eastfield's participation in the Center's "Student Success BY THE NUMBERS" initiative and was funded by the Greater Texas

Eastfield College Awarded Military Friendly School Title from G.I. Jobs

G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has awarded Eastfield College the designation of Military Friendly School. The 2012 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20% of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students.

Service members and veterans can also meet individual student veterans from the various schools virtually on the G.I. Jobs website to learn more about personal school decisions and the transition from the military to an academic environment.

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

ABOUT G.I. Jobs

G.I. Jobs (www.gijobs.com) is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business which also publishes The Guide to Military Friendly Schools, Military Spouse and Vetpreneur magazines and annually rates the nation's "Military Friendly Employers," "Military Spouse Friendly Employers" and "Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses."

Foundation. The visit focused on enhancing the College's capacity for using institutional research to bolster student success.

Congressman Jeb Hensarling (Texas 5th District) visited Eastfield on August 25 for a Roundtable Discussion with his constituents in the area. This event was hosted by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce but open to the public. About 40 citizens attended and the main topic of discussion was the debt ceiling (Hensarling is a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction – a 12- member bipartisan, bicameral panel tasked with finding at least \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade). Health care was also a big topic. **Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr.**, Vice Chancellor for Public & Governmental Affairs **Justin Lonon** and Trustee **Bill Metzger** were in attendance.



The Eastfield **Arts, Language & Literature Division** enjoyed refreshments on September 9 in celebration of winning the Common Book contest, having 98 sections using this year's selection "Life is So Good" by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman. Faculty in 235 credit sections are utilizing the book in their curriculum and are anxiously awaiting Mr. Glaubman's presentation scheduled for October 3 in the Performance Hall.

Three **New Student Orientations** were held July 30, August 4, and August 6 at Eastfield. Approximately 500 new students attended. Students enjoyed classroom presentations that focused on student success and campus resources. College administrators and faculty were also present to encourage and motivate students. Feedback from new students indicated they enjoyed the orientations, especially the scavenger hunt campus tour. Orientation leaders called HarveSTARS played a pivotal role in the success of the program.

The **Criminal Justice Program** at Eastfield held a training program on August 25 for 25 law enforcement officers in Forensic Computer Investigation. A second class for 20 law enforcement officers to train them as first responders to Digital Evidence Recovery was held on August 26.

The **Eastfield Rotaract Club** presented Phillip Mongeau, President of the Mesquite Rotary Club, a check for \$600 for the Rotary Foundation on August 23. Presenting on behalf of the Rotaract Club were 2011 President Edwin Romero, 2010 President Nicolas Hernandez and Rotaract Members Wendy Balderas, and Beatriz Balderas. The Rotaract Club participated in a number of fund-raisers such as car washes, and chocolate and donuts sales this past year to achieve that total. Edwin Romero and Wendy Balderas also participated in the Sharing Life Back to School Fair on August 20 providing information about Eastfield College to the approximately 400 families and 1200 students who attended. They were joined by **John Emery**, club sponsor and Associate Dean of Science and PE.

Eastfield former Digital Imaging student **Jonathan Ramirez** art work is currently being shown in a London gallery. Ramirez was also interviewed on a local news station KSTR-DT (digital channel 48), a Spanish-language general entertainment television station based in Irving. Spanish interview click here.

Seventy-two year old **Elaine McAfee**, a student at Eastfield, was featured in an article about senior adults returning to college. The article appeared in the September 2 edition of Dallas Morning News Neighbors Mesquite Edition. Click here to view.



More than 650 students attended the Welcome Back Party featuring Limelight sponsored by the Eastfield **Office of Student Life** on September 1. Not only were the students treated to live music, they also received a free lunch and information about upcoming student events and the Club Fair.



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Coming soon to Eastfield...

Join the **Eastfield History Department** next week as they present Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series which include the following events (to be held in C295):

- Monday, September 26, 10:10 a.m. Heavy Metal in Mexico and Latin America with Peter Reggie
- Tuesday, September 27, 11 a.m. JFK in Mexico with Courtney Kennedy
- Wednesday, September 28, 11:15 a.m. The Hunt for Nazis in Latin America with Michael Noble
- Thursday, September 27, 9:30 a.m. The American GI Forum with Katherine Cloer
- Friday, September 28, 9:05 a.m. Social Media and the Drug War with Toni Salazar Loftin

Eastfield Theatre Department

presents "Dracula" by John Matterna Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the lower courtyard. This is a family-friendly show, with fall-themed activities held prior to show. Ticket prices are: adults – \$7; students and children over 12 – \$5; 5-12 year-olds – \$3 and 4 year-olds and under – free.

This Harvesters Theatre Company production of "Dracula" is directed by Dusty Reasons with a set designed by Lori Honeycutt. Lights and special effects by Lucas Barnes. A special family and friends preview on Thursday, October 20, to raise money for drama scholarships.



everyday in may, 2010, paper, graphite

Gallery 219 presents Christine Bisetto: "Forever Becomes Everyday" from October 6 – November 4; artist reception: Thursday, October 6, 6 – 8 pm

Christine Bisetto transforms everyday materials, objects and memories into moments that instill a sense of the sublime. In her newest body of work, Bisetto explores the aspect of time as it relates to her everyday existence and the practice of art. Days, Months and Years are recorded poetically on folded paper, mirrors, and in song lyrics. Mere dates to us, these records of time

Join the **Arts, Language and Literature Division** as they present the following events:

- Monday, October 10, 12 p.m. Deadline to enter Hispanic Heritage Writing Contest
- Monday, October 10 – Friday, October 28 Benito Huerta's Art Exhibit, Library
- Thursday, October 13, 11 a.m., C135 Women of Many Backgrounds, Latina Women Panel Discussion
- Wednesday, October 19, 12:45 p.m. Performance Hall Trio Montuno Latin Jazz Performance
- Thursday, October 20, 11 a.m., C135 Maria Theresa Pedroche Lecture, DMA Director and local artist
- Tuesday, October 25, 11 a.m., G101 Hispanic Heritage Month Read-In
- Wednesday, October 26, 10:10 a.m., G101 Benito Huerta Lecture, Art professor and local artist
- Friday, October 28, 10 a.m., Library Library Art & Literature Exhibit Reception

become a romantic reflection of Bisetto's daily life.

Bisetto was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, but has called Texas home for the past 16 years. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Dallas in Irving. Her work has been shown in group exhibitions such as "Temporary Occupants," Eastfield College in 2010, "Freeriding," by Subtext Projects at Texas Women's University in 2011 and "Small Ideas and Other Stories" a collaboration with Avery Powell and Jamie Christenson at 500X Gallery earlier this year. Christine is a member of 500X Gallery in Dallas and one of the founders of brand 10 art space in Fort Worth.

The Et Cetera News

Eastfield College would like to congratulate former editor of the student newspaper *The Et Cetera* Braulio Tellez, current editor Elizabeth Webb, and the rest of the newspaper staff. It was announced on September 1 the newspaper was named a finalist for the prestigious Pacemaker Award given by the Associated Collegiate Press. This national contest, co-sponsored by the Newspaper Association of America Foundation, has recognized general excellence in college journalism for 84 years.

This means that *The Et Cetera* was judged to be one of the top 10 student newspapers in the country among two-year colleges for the 2009-10 school year. Our newspaper is the only one in the state of Texas to make the list of finalists in any category. *The Et Cetera* has been nominated for a Pacemaker two other times, in 1998-99 and 1999-2000. This year's entries were judged by professional journalists in the Washington, D.C., area. Winners will be announced at the 90th annual ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in Orlando on October 29.

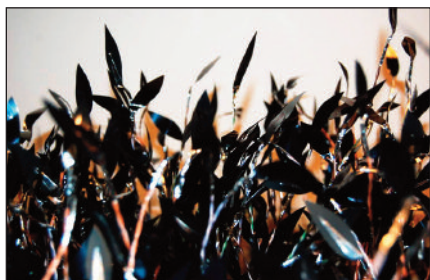
Eastfield College's *The Et Cetera* (student newspaper) cartoonist Cody Richeson has done it again. For the second consecutive year, Cody has been named a finalist for the Associated Collegiate Press National Cartooning Award for his comic strip "College!"

The ACP announced five finalists and five runners-up from a field of 212 entries submitted by colleges and universities of all sizes. First through fifth-place winners will be announced at the 90th ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in Orlando on October 29. Last year, Cody took home second place at the convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Cody is taking this semester off and is not on campus. We will certainly miss his contributions to *The Et Cetera*, and we hope he returns soon.

Calendar at a glance...

9	24	9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Pit	Service Saturday: in conjunction with Keep Mesquite Beautiful
9	24			Student Government Association Elections begin!
9	24	11 a.m.	Gym	Women's Volleyball Quad-match
9	26	7 p.m.	Gym	Women's Volleyball vs Richland College
9	27	4:45-6:30 p.m.	Pit	Evening Popcorn: Enjoy a snack before heading off to class!
9	28			Student Government Association Elections end at midnight
9	28	11 a.m.-2:20 p.m.	C139	Chair Massages 15 mins/\$15 (by appointment 972-860-7190)
9	29	12:30-2:00 p.m.	G101/102	Student Leadership Academy
9	29	8 p.m.	Gym	Women's Volleyball vs Cedar Valley College
9	30	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Pit	Student Government Election Results
9	30	5 p.m.	Soccer Fields	Women's Soccer vs Mountain View
10	1	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	PGC	Harvest Fest Health Fair
10	3	12:30 p.m.	G101	Lunch with Common Book Author Richard Glaubman: First-come, first-served; Limit of 50 students
10	3	11 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Perf. Hall	Guest Speaker: Richard Glaubman
10	4	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	E/2A Parking Lot	FREE STD Tests
10	4	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	C139	Flu Shots (\$18)
10	5	11 a.m.	G101	An Inside Look at Radio featuring the Producers of the Tom Joyner Morning Show
10	5	4 - 7 p.m.	C139	Flu Shots (\$18)
10	6	12 - 2:00 p.m.	G101/102	Student Leadership Academy: "Cultural and Human Diversity" presented by Professor Philip Ortiz
10	6	9 p.m.	Gym	Women's Volleyball vs North Lake College
10	7	12 - 2:00 p.m.	G101/102	Student Government Association Meeting: Everyone welcome!
10	10	10 p.m.	Gym	Women's Volleyball vs Brookhaven College
10	12	2 - 6 p.m.	PGC	Flu Shots (\$18)
10	13	12:30 p.m.	C_135	"Driving Miss Daisy" Common Book Event
10	14	7 p.m.	Soccer Fields	Women's Soccer vs Brookhaven
10	15	TBA	Pit	Service Saturday: Stop by Student Life to pick up a schedule
10	17	4:45 - 6:30 p.m.	Pit	Evening Popcorn: Enjoy a snack before heading off to class!
10	18	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	C139	FREE HIV Testing (by appointment 972-860-7190)
10	18	11 a.m.	S101	Cafe Conversation: Erin Tierney Kramp: Courage in the Face of Adversity
10	18	11:30 a.m.	C118	Food For Thought Session: Mind Your Financial Business
10	20	12 - 2 p.m.	G101	Student Leadership Academy: Dr. Jean Conway, President of Eastfield will share leadership experiences

Gallery 219 presents...



Jennifer Pepper, "Stilt Grass," magnetic tape, wire and text, 2011

Gallery 219 at Eastfield College presents "Itch," an exhibition of new work by Jennifer Pepper, on display until September 30.

Former Dallas artist and 500X gallery member, Jennifer Pepper left the city life six years ago for the green hills of rural Tennessee. Immersion in the quieter life of the lush forest surrounding her studio has influenced Pepper's newest body of work. Days spent outside exploring with her two young boys provide fodder for works that embellish and obsess over mundane natural phenomenon. As she draws from elements of the surrounding landscape – the rapid growth of invasive plants, loss of honey bees, and the weather – Pepper retains the concerns in her previous work – that of the detritus of technology. Utilizing the obsolete

technology of magnetic tape as material for her work, Pepper translates poison ivy and Japanese stilt grass into paintings and sculptures that speak to the parallel between manmade and natural systems that can easily shift beyond control.

Jennifer Pepper holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas in Denton and recently exhibited her newest work at Beth Haley Designs in Nashville, TN in May.