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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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Eastfield Common Book Project



Sept. 21: Guest Speaker: Chris Rose
"Author of 1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina"
11 a.m.–12:20 p.m. & 6–7 p.m. | Performance Hall

"1 Dead in Attic" is a collection of stories by New Orleans *Times-Picayune* columnist Chris Rose recounting the first harrowing year and a half of life in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Celebrated as a local treasure and heaped with national praise, Rose provides a rollercoaster ride of observation, commentary, emotion, tragedy, and even humor — in a way that only he could find in a devastated wasteland. They are stories of the dead and the living, stories of survivors and believers, stories of hope and despair, and stories about refrigerators. 1 Dead in Attic freeze-frames New Orleans caught between an old era and a new during its most desperate time as it struggles out of the floodwaters and wills itself back to life.

Upcoming events:

Sept. 23: Café Conversation: Disaster Preparedness for Your Car By Kevin Giles, Automotive Faculty; & Students 9:30–10:50 a.m. | S100

Sept. 30: Café Conversation: Effects of Disaster on Marriage & Family By Sunne Hogan, Nexus 11 a.m.–12:20 p.m. | S100

Oct. 7: Film "When the Levees Broke" Facilitated by Dr. Liz Nichols 11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. PG Campus

Oct. 12: Café Conversation: Katrina Survivors' Stories- By Wenona Russ, Rhonda Miller, Gloria Johnson 11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. S101

For more information, visit the Common Book web page.

Welcome New Harvesters!

Adhikari, Prem – S & PE Div
Brazile, Courtney – A, L & L Div
Castaneda, Cindy – SS & HS Div
Dang, Nguyen – PG Accounting
Falloon, Sheneika – ELLA Center
Glaser, Erika – CR & M Div
Graham, Stephanie – CAAT Div
Hinckley, Matthew – SS & HS Div
Kisunzu, Cheryl – CE
McNeely, Tesha – CE
Reasons, Dustina – A, L & L Div
Stanford, Caitlin – CR & M Div
Starr, Vanessa – S & PE Div
Watanabe, Shizuko – S & PE Div

John Emery, Eastfield Associate Dean, Science & PE, represented Eastfield at the Sharing Life Back to School Fair Aug. 21 at Lakepointe Church in Mesquite. Sharing Life provided school supplies to approximately 1,200 Mesquite ISD students with financial need. More than 300 participants of all ages received information about Eastfield's admission requirements, financial aid, ESL/ESOL programs, GED, and Spanish language workforce courses.

Teaming with the Texas Municipal League and the Mesquite Police Department, the **Eastfield Police Academy** hosted and presented a one day (8 hr.) seminar to over 280 law enforcement officials and their wives. Fifty four different law enforcement and criminal justice departments were represented on Aug. 20 in the Performance Hall. Michael Gutierrez, Vice President Teaching and Learning and Mesquite Mayor John Monaco welcomed the participants to the college and city. The program, "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement," was given by Dr. Kevin Gilmartin, retired police officer and clinical psychologist. The major topics of the program were the stress and stressors confronted by police officers in the day to day activity of the performance on the job. Participating in the event from Eastfield were **Neal Wilson, Janet Loper,**

Beth Vance, David McDonald and Dr. Richard Cinclair.

Mary Ann Fitzsimmons, Program Director for Workforce & Continuing Education, represented Eastfield at the kick-off meeting for the Rockwall HEAR (Home Education Association Resources) Aug. 16 at the Rockwall ISD Admin. Building Gymnasium. Fitzsimmons was able to connect with 100 homeschoolers and their parents and introduce them to services at Eastfield that could enhance their homeschool day through outside classes or extracurricular activities.

As part of Eastfield's Common Book Project, history professor **Mike Walker** opened the semester-long event with an engaging presentation about New Orleans history. He spoke to a packed room about the unique elements that created New Orleans. Steeped in historical paradoxes and a rich culture of food, music, politics, and geography, Professor Walker emphasized the city's important strategic location for a burgeoning nation. He asserted, centuries later, New Orleans still captivates our imagination and the impact of hurricane Katrina offers opportunities to ponder the themes of disaster, diaspora, and renewal.

Eastfield Interim President **Dr. Jean Conway** spoke to the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting on Sept. 9. She shared college's 2009-10 accomplishments and construction update from the 2004 Dallas County Bond Package.

Sharon Cook, Eastfield Director of College Communications, participated in the Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association's "Night Out Against Crime" annual event at Everglade Park in east Dallas on Aug. 31. Eastfield joined over 10 community organizations in sharing information about their services to the large residential community.

Employee of the Quarter



Congratulations Ruth, It gives me great pleasure to announce your selection as Eastfield's Employee of the Quarter. Your receiving this award means you are a model of Eastfield's high standards and student-centered values.

Here are some of the comments made about you:

Ruth has been instrumental in reviewing and making improvements to the room request process for EFC. She is positive, helpful, and a team player. Ruth effectively implements processes, holds herself accountable and ensures that others follow processes without being negative.

Ruth has always attended to her duties without complaint. She works diligently to complete all her tasks and does so with a sense of urgency.

Ruth effectively seeks solutions that will best serve students and faculty. For example, additional classrooms were needed for instruction during the summer semester and she worked collaboratively and quickly with all vested work groups to seek a solution.

Ruth has attended additional training in order to effectively deploy her job as room coordinator.

Ruth, you embody the Eastfield spirit of dedication, innovation, and collaboration. As this quarter's awardee, please accept these small tokens of our appreciation: a balloon bouquet, a gift card, a personal parking permit for the quarter, and your name placed on the wall on the Employee of the Quarter plaque.

Sincerely,
Jean Conway, Ed.D.
Interim President

Congratulations to *Et Cetera* cartoonist and Graphic Design student **Cody Richeson**, who has been selected as a finalist for a national cartooning award. One of Richeson's comic strips published in Eastfield's student newspaper during the spring 2010 semester is among the six finalists for the Associated Collegiate Press' Best Cartoon Panel/Strip award. Richeson was competing against artists from schools of all sizes throughout the country. Richeson is a regular winner in state journalism contests, but this is his first national recognition. Cartoon entries in the contest were judged based on reader impact, community importance, artistic quality and originality and clarity of message. Winners will be announced at the 89th annual Associated Collegiate Press/ College Media Advisers national convention in Louisville, KY on Oct. 30.

Eighteen students and two community members attended the Eastfield Career Services Workshop "How to Choose a Major." **Patsy Caropresi**, Career Services Director, began by defining the term major and other terms such as electives, minors, and double majors. The students completed a short career interest inventory to learn about their personality type and career interests. They discovered how personality types tend to cluster in similar occupations. Caropresi provided each student with lists of occupations that people with their career interests and personality types often go into and enjoy. They were also given websites to research careers in which they were interested.

Eastfield **Office of Student Life** sponsored another successful event Sept. 1 with Welcome-Palooza 2010. From serving chicken to volunteering for the Dunk Tank, students saw the Eastfield family pull together to welcome them. Many of the evaluations indicated they heard of the event and were encouraged to attend by faculty. Student Life estimates that throughout the two hour event, there were around 1,000 students in the courtyard.

Neal Wilson, Eastfield Police Academy/ Criminal Justice, made a presentation to the Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Wednesday, August 25. The issues surrounding the assassination of John Kennedy, the aftermath and the conspiracy theories were discussed. There were approximately 25 people at the event held at Martinez Mexican Restaurant in Mesquite.

The new Dallas County Vet Center, located at 502 W. Kearney Street in Mesquite, held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 18. A reception and tour of the new facility followed the ribbon cutting. **Dina Sosa-Hegarty**, Outreach and Student Development, **Judy Schwartz**, Student Life, and **Sharon Cook**, College Communications, represented Eastfield. The Vet Center is part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; they welcome home war veterans with honor by providing quality readjustment services in a caring manner.

Judith DuMont, Eastfield Gateway to College staff member, represented the college at the Re-Sync event for middle & high school students Aug. 20 at the Jubilee Center in east Dallas. There were 50 students present from around the Dallas area--most were from DISD schools. Sync is a leadership program produced by the TEEN Contact Crisis Line; they are a community resource for youth in crisis; they also provide leadership training for at risk youth populations and have a teen board to help them.

Eastfield held New Student Orientation sessions Aug. 17 & 21. Over 400 new students were in attendance. Using a social media theme, "Get Connected with Eastfield," students were introduced to the structure of the college by meeting in a classroom with a HarveSTAR Orientation Leader and faculty member, attending a lecture and panel discussion in the Performance Hall lead by Dr. Jean Conway, Interim President, Michael Gutierrez, Vice President of Teaching and Learning, and the Division Deans, and taking an informative tour lead by the HarveSTARS. Demonstrating excellent leadership and school spirit, the Eastfield HarveSTARS Orientation Leaders participated in training sessions during the summer that gave them the skills needed to facilitate the small classroom discussions and conduct the campus tours. Because of the work of the Orientation Planning team, student and staff volunteers, campus administration, and college support services new students were given access to important information and resources vital to their success as new Eastfield students, thus helping building those connections so necessary to achieving their goals.

Calendar at a glance...

Sept 21	11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Performance Hall	"1 Dead in Attic" author Chris Rose
Sept 22	12:45 p.m.	F117	Recital Series: Mark Shelton, solo percussionist
Sept 22	1 p.m.	Baseball Field	EFC vs. Murray State
Sept 23	9:30-10:50 a.m.	TBA	Preparing Your Car for a Disaster
Sept 23	12:30-3:00 pm	C135	Club Orientation
Sept 24	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit	FREE Popcorn
Sept 24	4 p.m.	Soccer Field	EFC vs. Brookhaven
Sept 25	1 p.m.	Gym	Eastfield Tri-match- EFC vs. Vernon College
Sept 25	5 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs. Paris Junior College
Sept 27	5-7 p.m.	Pit	"Got the Mondays?" Evening Social
Sept 27	7 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs. Cedar Valley College
Sept 28	12:30-1:30 p.m.	C-135	Food for Thought "Manage your money: Manage your life!"
Sept 28	2 p.m.	Baseball Field	EFC vs. Paris Junior College
Sept 29	12:30-1:30 p.m.	C-135	Food for Thought "Manage your money: Manage your life!"
Sept 29	12:45 p.m.	F117	Recital Series: Faculty Recital: Robert Harding, guitar
Sept 30	11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	TBA	Common Book: Effects of Disaster on Marriage and Family
Sept 30	12:30-2 p.m.	TBA	Student Leadership Academy - Leadership Principles workshop
Oct 1	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Pit	SGA Election Results
Oct 1	4 p.m.	Soccer Field	EFC vs. Cedar Valley
Oct 1	7-8:30 p.m.	Performance Hall	Dallas Childrens' Theater Presentation: "Giggle, Giggle, Quack"
Oct 1	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit	FREE Popcorn
Oct 2	1 p.m.	Soccer Field	EFC vs. Dallas Christian College
Oct 4	7 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs. Mountain View College
Oct 7	7 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs Southwestern Adventist University
Oct 6	12:45 p.m.	F117	Recital Series: Two Piano Music with Pierrette Mouledous & Eunice Tavaglione
Oct 8	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit	FREE Popcorn
Oct 8	4 p.m.	Soccer Field	EFC vs. Richland
Oct 11	7 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs. North Lake College
Oct 12	11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	TBA	Katrina Survivors' Stories
Oct 12	2 p.m.	Baseball Field	EFC vs. Weatherford College
Oct 13	12:45 p.m.	F117	Recital Series: Jason Bell Street Four, Trombone Ensemble
Oct 14	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pit	Fall Job Fair
Oct 14	7 p.m.	Gym	EFC vs. Richland College (DIG PINK MATCH)
Oct 15	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit	FREE Popcorn
Oct 15	4 p.m.	Soccer Field	EFC vs. North Lake
Oct 16	12 p.m.	Baseball Field	EFC vs. Northeast CC
Oct 20	12:45 p.m.	F117	Garland ISD Mariachi Estrellas (Hispanic Heritage Week)

Gallery 219 Presents...



Image: *Untitled groundless thread drawing* by Rebecca Carter
Photograph by Stephen Lapthisophon

Gallery 219 presents: Stephen Lapthisophon: "Specificity— photographs in situ and seasonal fruit" September 13 - October 8.

Stephen Lapthisophon is a multimedia artist and writer whose work addresses questions

of language, history and cultural memory. Recent projects include exhibitions in Berlin at Zagreus Projekt and in Barcelona at El Escaparate. Lapthisophon presented "Quotation as Gesture" at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth in 2009 and is represented at Conduit Gallery in Dallas Texas. Upcoming in early 2011 there will be solo exhibitions at Conduit Gallery and Hyde Park Art Center in Chicago.

He teaches at The University of Texas at Arlington. Lapthisophon is also represented in the permanent collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. Lapthisophon holds an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Stephen will present a lecture on his work at 6 p.m. on September 17 in F201.

Gallery 219 is located on the upper floor of the Fine Arts building (Bldg F) in Room 219C. The lecture will take place in F201, directly across the hall from the gallery. Park and enter at the Performance Hall entrance on the west side of the campus.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends by appointment. Contact Iris Bechtol at 972-860-7329 or irisbechtol@dccc.edu for additional information.