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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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October 2010

Eastfield Common Book Project



Oct. 26: "When the Levees Broke," A Spike Lee Documentary Facilitated by Dr. Liz Nichols, 9:30-10:50 a.m. S100/S101

Nov. 3: "A Streetcar Named Desire"

Facilitated by Prof. Michael Gaines, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. C135

Nov. 17: New Orleans Music: Music students and faculty will feature music from New Orleans. Facilitated by Prof. Oscar Passley, 12:30-1:30 p.m. F117

Nov. 22: A Dallas Disaster? Facilitated by Dr. David Preston, 10:10-11 a.m. S101

For more information, visit the Common Book web page.

Our first Common Book series has been underway this fall semester and our tremendous success is attributed to the planning and dedication by the Common Book committee and the energetic enthusiasm from faculty and staff.

The process for selecting a book is also crucial to the project's success. Its time for you to assist in choosing the book for Fall 2011. Please click here to go to the Suggest a Book link. I encourage everyone to submit a book for consideration by the deadline: Nov. 19.

Faculty please share this information with your students so they can participate in the selection process.

Thank you for supporting excellence in teaching and learning.

Liz Nichols
Dean of Academic Enrichment



As part of the Common Book Project, **Student Life** presented "1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina"

author Chris Rose, who addressed over 850 faculty, staff, students, and community members at two presentations in the Performance Hall. Rose framed his talk by showing the audience a video montage of stirring images from the Katrina disaster. He effectively used humor to illustrate the fragility of humanity and how people survive and rebuild in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. Immediately following the morning presentation Rose signed each copy of his book despite the very long line. Afterwards, he enjoyed a luncheon comprised of 20 students and 20 faculty/staff which was graciously donated by Alligator Cafe, a Cajun restaurant owned by Ivan Pugh.

Eastfield Police Academy presented a two day (16 hr) training program for 23 Dallas County Sheriff's Department Reserve Officers Sept. 11-12. These officers were involved in classroom lectures on the techniques of Active Shooter. Active shooter is primarily a training program introduced after the Columbine school incident designed to train officers how to respond to such emergencies. Additionally, the students were required to participate in problem solving situations and to interact with scenarios on the Judgment Training Simulator. Scenarios used on the simulator were simulated school incidents wherein the officer had to make decisions within split seconds for proper reaction.

Mesquite Independent School District held their annual College Night at **Eastfield** on Sept. 20. All MISD high school juniors and seniors and their parents were invited to attend. Over 100 colleges and universities from Texas and

across the US were in attendance to speak to prospective students. Eastfield also had several of their career and tech departments attend to share information with students about their programs. Financial Aid sessions in English and Spanish were available for the students and parents to attend as well. Over 2,000 students and parents participated in this year's event.

The **Department of Visual Arts** at Eastfield is currently presenting "Painting the Common Book." Eastfield Art Professor Kathy Windrow began integrating the common book "1 Dead in Attic" in her painting courses last semester. After reading and discussing the common book, Windrow's students made paintings based on their psychological responses to it. Paintings by Richard Lewis, Colton Ocanas, Antony Sarelli, and Kathryn Zaldivar are now on temporary display in the Performance Hall foyer as well as on a wall adjacent to the windows of F219.

Matt Hinkley, Eastfield History Professor, was an in-studio guest on the Dave Kenoly Show (1190AM) from 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 23. The scheduled topics were the U.S. intervention in Afghanistan in the 1980s and the Suez Canal Crisis of 1956. Kenoly's overall theme for the week was "America's Worst Moments." As an historian, Hinkley tried to place these events in the larger Cold War context.

The National Science Foundation Guest Lecture Series at Eastfield hosted Deborah Hempel-Medina on Sept. 29. Her topic, "What's Over A Mile Beneath Your Feet" an in-depth look at the Barnett Shale, was presented to approximately 50 staff and students. Hempel-Medina shared much of her knowledge about her company's work on the Shale and the exciting and technology-driven oil/gas industry during her presentation. As an employee for The Williams Companies, an operator in the Barnett Shale, she helps residents

Career Technology Center Dedication



Eastfield College hosted a dedication ceremony for the completed expansion

of the Career Technology Center on Oct. 19. Dignitaries from local businesses, organizations and area school districts, as well as the community attended.

These new facilities enhance the automotive technology and auto body programs as they have expanded to address the demands of the industry for additional trained personnel. This expansion adds approximately 35,000 square feet to the current Career Technology building doubling its current size. In addition to the new automotive technology and auto body programs the new Career Technology Center now houses a custom auto design and construction program, a new welding lab, and new heating, air conditioning and ventilation labs.

Eastfield began a new CNC (Computer Numeric Control) Automated Manufacturing program and this new lab along with two special emerging technology labs were designed to support the industrial-manufacturing needs of the Dallas Metroplex area. These labs were created so multiple training needs can be addressed without extensive renovation as the focus of the needs of business and industry change to address new technology needs.



better understand the Barnett Shale and what that means to them. On a daily basis she works with engineers, geologist, regulatory experts, safety experts, mayors, landowners, mineral owners and communications colleagues at Williams and other operators.



Eastfield Career Services presented its annual Fall Job Fair on Oct. 14. Twenty four

organizations with forty seven recruiters participated in the event. An estimated 600 job seekers were present to talk with recruiters about employment opportunities with their organizations. Groups of students from Terrell ISD, Dallas ISD, and McKinney Job Corps came very well-prepared for the job fair and learned a great deal. Many interviews were scheduled, resumes accepted, and applications completed at the event. Door prizes were given away to job seekers, including two \$300 Eastfield scholarships funded by previous Job Fair sponsors. Twenty four volunteers assisted with the event--thirteen students, ten staff and faculty members, and one staffer from State Rep. Robert Miklos' office. Employers were delighted with the friendliness and helpfulness of volunteers. A door prize drawing allowed several job seekers to win prizes, including two \$300 Eastfield College scholarships. The winners were Unique Price, a Job Corps student, and Jairo Aguilar, a current Eastfield student and Graphic Design major from Dallas.



Jairo Aguilar

Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus hosted the first annual Harvest Fest Health Fair on Oct. 9. The event had something for every member of the family-- entertainment, information, vision exams and health screenings including glucose, blood pressure and HIV/STD screenings. There were also exercise demonstrations and other social services available throughout the day. The host committee created the Harvest Fest to create a general awareness in the Pleasant Grove area of the health services available through Dallas public and private agencies. Harvest Fest Health Fair will be an annual event hosted by the Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus and health

services partners delivering on-site health screenings. The sponsors were: Brentwood Health Care, Evercare by United Healthcare, All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics, Amerigroup Community Care, Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, DART, Dallas County Health & Human Services, Mi Familia Medical, Pleasant Grove Lions Club, TLC Ambulance and Walgreens.

Way to go Eastfield! The 2010 SECC Carnival raised a total of \$3,565.60. It will be used to purchase textbooks for the Library. Thanks to all for the support and patronage, and special thanks to all who helped make it happen!

"La Voz de la Raza" or "The Voice of the Race" Read-in continued the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month at Eastfield. Faculty, staff and students read works from Mexican and Mexican-American authors such as Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, Octavio Paz and Josefina Lopez on Oct. 11 in the Eastfield Performance Hall. Sixty five people were in attendance including community guests. The Read-in was followed by a mini-fiesta that included refreshments and a Latin jazz set played by the Eastfield Jazz Ensemble led by Professor Oscar Passley.



Eastfield celebrated Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos early with a presentation delivered by art

professor Kathy Windrow on Oct. 5. Windrow presented personal photographs from her trips to Oaxaca, Mexico, other artwork and stories with almost 100 faculty, staff and students. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to honor the memory of deceased loved ones. Traditional refreshments such as pan de muerto, pan dulce and horchata were served.

The Dallas Children's Theater on tour performed the childrens' play "Giggle, Giggle, Quack" on Friday evening, Oct. 1 in the Performance Hall. James E. Grote adapted the original book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Levin. Over 300 people attended this event which was free to the community, staff and students. This event was sponsored by **Student Life**. Several Eastfield students volunteered with the production.

Student news...

Eastfield's student newspaper, **The Et Cetera**, received eight state awards at the Texas Community College Journalism Association convention tonight in Arlington, including second place in the coveted General Excellence category. The school's literary magazine, **The Alternative**, won four awards, including an honorable mention in the General Excellence competition. The General Excellence award is particularly impressive because it takes into account all facets of newspaper production and therefore involves every member of our staff. Other Alternative awards included: Third Place- Best Cover Design by Dianelly Ovalles; Honorable Mention- Photography by Kate Murphree and Honorable Mention- Best non-journalism Story by Kathlin Miller.

The following is a list of awards won by The Et Cetera:

Second places- Best Advertisement by Kim Diggs and Jack Williams; Best Headline by Staff

Third place- Best Picture Page by Kim Diggs

Honorable Mentions- Best Picture Page by Cody Richeson; Best Editorial Cartoon by Cody Richeson; Best Editorial by Kimberly Ansley; and Best Website

Congratulations to **Eastfield Lady Harvester Ashley Kay** for being named the Division III National Junior College Athletic Association Volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 3-9! Click here to view her profile.

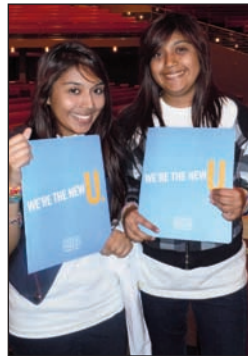
Eastfield's **Gateway to College (GTC)** program for students to 16 to 24 years old held its first service project Oct. 2. Fifteen GTC students from Mesquite and Garland sponsored a Family Fun Night and Book Drive to benefit the Early Head Start program at Mesquite Day School. Activities were held from

5-8 p.m. in Eastfield's Lower Courtyard. The Gateway students collected approximately 100 new and slightly used books to be used with infants through five year olds.



senior Amayrany Rosas

On Sept. 18, Eastfield **Educational Talent Search** staff and students attended the Think Big College and Financial Aid Rally provided by the University of North Texas at Dallas at The Potter's House Church. Students enjoyed motivational speakers and sessions such as College Admissions 101, Show Me the Money: Financial Aid, Scholarships and other Gift Aid, and visited with a host of college representatives from in- and out-of-state colleges and universities, including Eastfield College. Students also enjoyed performances from Greek organizations. Samuell High School sophomore Ashley Warren was the recipient of the T-mobile phone accessories and Skyline High School senior, Amayrany Rosas was the recipient of a T-mobile cell phone and accessories. Talent Search is extremely excited to announce that siblings, Lina and Fanny Vargus of Skyline High School, both won four-year scholarships to UNT- Dallas. These scholarships will range from a total of \$4,000 to approximately \$24,000 based on current UNT tuition and fees. Fanny is a Senior at Skyline High School and Lina is a Junior, also at Skyline.



Fanny & Lina Vargus

Eastfield Arts, Language and Literature Division is sponsoring a **Student Art Sale** Nov.1-2 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in C135. The Art Sale is a fund raiser for the Fine Arts Scholarship and an opportunity for students to experience selling their works publicly. Items for sale include paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures, mixed media, etc.

There will be a reception on Nov. 1 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will provide food, beverages, music and great art. A raffle will be held for donated pieces by faculty, staff and students: tickets are \$1 or 6/\$5 and 15/\$10. This event is free to attend and open to the public. For more information contact Mickey Bruce at 972-860-7334 or michaelbruce@dcccd.edu.

Food for Thought Program

On Sept. 28-29 Eastfield held the first sessions of the "Food for Thought" program entitled Money Management 101, which was conducted by representatives of Texas Guaranteed Bank. A total of 59 students attended the sessions and gained invaluable knowledge and skills on finance management which they need to achieve their financial goals at Eastfield and over their life span. The Food for Thought program is presented at the main campus in two tracks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30-1 p.m. Similar sessions/formats will be presented by the Enrollment Services Representatives at the Pleasant Grove campus.

In an effort to positively impact the persistence and retention of students, the Student Success and Enrollment Management division created the Food for Thought program, which was piloted during the Spring 2010 semester. The program provides effective and on-going communication to students so that they can identify and access support services while achieving their academic goals. First Timer in College (FTIC) students and students taking developmental courses are specifically encouraged to participate but the program is open to all students.

Information presented during the sessions will have broad appeal to new, continuing and transfer students. Faculty members are asked to encourage their students to participate by incorporating this learning opportunity into their curriculum or by offering additional credit to students who attend the sessions.

The next Food for Thought Session will be held Nov. 2 and 3 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in S101.

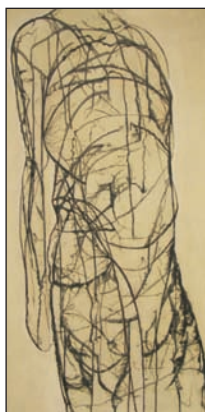
Topics will include-

- Navigating through eConnect
- Understanding the process of Financial Aid
- What exactly is a program of study?

Calendar at a glance...

10/26 Common Book: Film "When the Levees Broke" Facilitated by Dr. Liz Nichols	9:30-10:50 a.m.	S100
10/28 Halloween Club Fundraisers	5-7 p.m.	Pit
10/27 A Jazz Concert with John Adams, bass; Mike Drake, drums, Kent Ellingson & Pierrette Mouledous, piano	12:45 p.m.	F117
10/29 Halloween Costume/Pumpkin Carving Contest	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pit
10/29 FREE Popcorn	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit
10/29 Hispanic Heritage Month Library Exhibit and Reception: works from Maria Teresa Pedroche and Jesus Chairez	10-11:30 a.m.	Library
11/1 & 11/2 Student Art Sale to Raise Scholarship Funds	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	C135
11/1 Student Art Sale Reception	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library
11/1 Basketball vs. Dallas Christian College	6 p.m.	Gym
11/3 Eastfield Piano Department Recital	12:45 p.m.	F117
11/3 Common Book: Film "A Streetcar Named Desire" Facilitated by Prof. Michael Gaines	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	C135
11/5 SGA Meeting-Club Funding Mtg.	1-2:30 p.m.	TBA
11/5 FREE Popcorn	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit
11/6 Basketball vs. El Centro CC	2 p.m.	Gym
11/8 Basketball vs. Southwest Adventist Univ.	7:30 p.m.	Gym
11/10 Eastfield Voice Department Recital Teresa Ciemensi, Director	12:45 p.m.	F117
11/10 Basketball vs. Southwestern Christian CC	7 p.m.	Gym
11/11 Veterans' Day	TBA	C135
11/12 FREE Popcorn	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Pit
11/12 Basketball vs. Wiley College JV	6 p.m.	Gym
11/17 Common Book: New Orleans Music: Facilitated by Prof. Oscar Passley	12:30-1:30 p.m.	F117
11/17 Eastfield Guitar Ensemble: Directors Eddy Healy & Robert Harding	12:45 p.m.	F117
11/17 Polka Dot Evening Social	5-7 p.m.	Pit
11/18 Student Leadership Academy (SLA) Creating and Sharing a Vision workshop	12:30-2 p.m.	TBA
11/18 Dining Etiquette Banquet Sponsored by Student Life and Campus Activities Board	6:30 p.m.	Off Campus
11/19 SGA Meeting-Club Funding Mtg	1-2:30 p.m.	TBA
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Gallery 219 Presents...

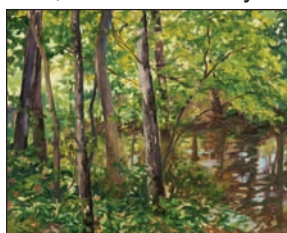


Michael O'Keefe, *From An Ink Stand of Ashes*, ink and oil on canvas

Gallery 219 at presents "Objects, Representations, and Discourse" work by Eastfield College Art Faculty from Oct. 18 – Nov. 11. A reception was held Oct. 21 from 6-8 p.m.

The exhibition features a diverse selection of work by art faculty including ceramics, drawing, installation, jewelry, painting, photography, and small sculpture each with a differing approach to the practice of art resulting in everything from objects to conceptually driven work.

Faculty exhibiting: Iris Bechtol, Mickey Bruce, Rebecca Carter, Suzanne Kelley-Clark, Ben Espey, Anne Jones, Peter Ligon, Ian O'Brien, Michael O'Keefe, James Watral, David Willburn, and Kathy Windrow.



Suzanne Kelley Clark, *May Pond Reflections*, 24 x 30, oil on canvas

Several faculty will give informal gallery talks during the month long exhibition to engage viewers in a dialogue about their work.

Each talk will last approximately 30 minutes.

Lecture Schedule:

~~Michael O'Keefe: October 19, 10:30-11 a.m.~~

~~Kathy Windrow: October 20, 12-12:30 p.m.~~

Ian O'Brien: October 26, 9:30-10 a.m.

Suzanne Clark: October 27, 2-2:30 p.m.

James Watral: November 2, 2:15-2:45 p.m.

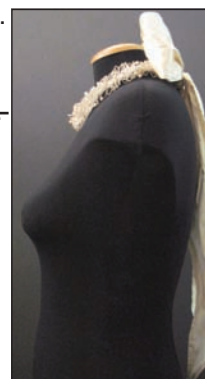
David Willburn: November 4, 11-11:30 a.m.

Ben Espey: November 9, 11-11:30 am

Gallery 219 is located on the upper floor of the Fine Arts building (F) in room 219C. Park and enter at the Performance Hall entrance on the west side of the campus.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Iris Bechtol at 972-860-7329 or irisbechtol@dcccd.edu for additional information.

Coming soon: "So fresh: Annual Eastfield Art Student Exhibition" Nov. 22 - Dec. 3
Reception will be Dec. 2 from 6-8 p.m.



Anne Jones, *Champagne*