Women's History Month

Join the Eastern family as it celebrates Women's History Month. One of the highlights, the 27th Annual Day for Women, takes place in Hurley Hall on March 19. The keynote speaker was Jane Roberts, well-known for starting “34 million friends of UNFPA,” a project she began when the U.S. government withheld $34 million from the United Nations Population Fund in 2002. Roberts began asking 34 million Americans for $1 each to offset the cutback. This has been her labor of love as she travels around the world, with Ted Turner paying her travel expenses.

Jane Roberts

Bowlathon a Huge Success

It was a snowy morning, but this year's bowlathon at Willi Bowl in North Windham was a tremendous success. The event attracted a record 144 bowlers and raised more than $14,000 for the ECSU Foundation Community Youth Scholarship, an increase of more than $2,000 over the previous year. The ECSU Foundation Community Youth Scholarship supports first-year Eastern students from 14 area high schools: Coventry, E.O. Smith, Killingly, Glastonbury, Lyman Memorial, Manchester, Middletown, Norwich Free Academy, Parish Hill, Putnam, RHAM, Tourtellotte, Windham and Woodstock Academy. Ten students received awards last September. “We had more sponsors this year than ever before,” said Development Officer Chris Carollo, coordinator of the event. “We are especially grateful to our lead sponsors, Windham Pepsi Bottling Company and WalMart.” Windham Pepsi Bottling Company and WalMart, the lead sponsors for this year’s bowlathon, donated $2,500 and $1,000 respectively.

The Wright Stuff!

Eastern’s Louise Wright has made history. Wright has earned her stripes to become the first detective in Eastern’s history! Wright is an 18-year veteran of Eastern’s Police Department. She
has progressed through the ranks to the position of sergeant. She served on the bicycle patrol and is trained in crisis management, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Wright is instrumental in the Police Department’s Annual Open Rec Night, and is an active member in her local church.

Also, the next time you see campus police officers Steve Schneider and Lawrence Botting, tip your hat to them. Both have been promoted to police sergeant. Schneider, who has been serving as acting sergeant since December 2002, is a 20-year veteran of the Hartford Police Department. His experience includes field training officer, community crisis, community policing, cultural diversity, and collaborative problem solving. He is active in his community where he has taught youth baseball and basketball and has served on the board of directors for a youth camp. Schneider will supervise the third shift, 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Sergeant Botting is a 20-year veteran of the Middletown Police Department. He is trained in community policing, motorcycle patrol, car seat technician, and as a member of special response teams. Botting served as a member of the Governor’s Foot Guard State Militia as a corporal. He has worked at Eastern since March 2004 and is responsible for the quartermaster system. He will supervise the second shift, 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 pm.

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### Eastern to Host Future Teachers Conference

Eastern Connecticut State University’s Department of Education will host its 8th Annual Future Teachers Conference on Tuesday, March 22 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. More than 700 students and their teachers from 40 middle and high schools throughout Connecticut are expected to attend.

According to David Stoloff, professor and chair of the Department of Education at Eastern, “The Future Teachers Conference offers a day of professional workshops on teaching and information on college admissions to middle and high school students who are planning to become teachers. Students have an opportunity to share learning with their peers from all over the state of Connecticut.”

Throughout the day, students will participate in sessions on storytelling, banned books, learning activities for the classroom, writing techniques, and mathematics and science. Eastern faculty, along with teachers from other universities, high schools, and educational agencies, and student groups, will serve as presenters at the conference. Students will be given the opportunity to attend a college fair, which will include Albertus Magnus College, Briarwood College, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Middlesex Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Quinebaug Valley Community College, University of Bridgeport, Norwalk Community College, Post University, Sacred Heart University, Three Rivers Community College, and Eastern, Southern and Central Connecticut State Universities.

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### Antwoine Key: A Very Special Student

The Eastern Connecticut State University community paid tribute on March 6 to Antwoine A. Key, a member of the men’s basketball program who collapsed and died on the court Jan. 20 in the opening moments of a game at Worcester State College. A crowd of 400 gathered to celebrate the
life of Key, a Boston resident who was in his second year at Eastern after transferring from Southern Connecticut State University. A talented and dedicated student, Key was scheduled to graduate this coming May with a B.S. degree in sport and leisure management.

University President David Carter noted that “the unique thing about Antwoine was that he was not just an athlete. He believed in doing his very best at any and every task. He had a unique way of inspiring everyone who came in contact with him. We are all very fortunate to have been touched by Antwoine.”

“Antwoine meant so much to so many people,” said head coach Bill Geitner. “He was a special person in so many ways.”

As part of the tribute, Key's uniform number 21 was formally retired — the first number to be retired in the 65-year history of the University's athletic program.
The Akus “Flower Show”
Marianne Therese Grønnow’s “Flower Show” is on exhibit at the Akus Gallery. The show opened with a reception on March 17. The exhibit features paintings, installation and work on paper, all products of a new working method for the artist.

Grønnow, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, is known throughout Europe and America as an artist who renews our concept of ornamental painting. “Grønnow’s burgeoning imagery begins in an elemental, mystical universe of natural creation and bursts into a nearly psychedelic, wildly colorful, and profusely ornamental world of simplified shapes,” says Marion Callis, Akus Gallery director.

“In ‘Flower Show,’ her new working method using painted backgrounds, hanging flower ‘curtains,’ large, fragile, paper cut-outs, and murals unites the spiritual and contemplative aspects of her work with rich, exuberant ornament, in a joyful atmosphere of growth and renewal.” The Akus Gallery is open from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1–7 p.m. Thursdays, and 2–5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. It is closed Mondays and Fridays. For more information, please contact the Akus Gallery at (860) 465-4659.

Fashion Show
The Betty Tipton Room looked like a Broadway boardwalk on Feb. 25. A Culture and Style Fashion Show featured 18 student models, the R&B singing group, 4U, and the dance team, Project Concern Hip Hop Dancers.

The show began with the models executing a dance routine from T. I.’s hit rap song, “Bring Em Out!” Throughout the night, models walked down the runway in urban clothing, office apparel, cultural clothing, prom wear, and bathing suits. Between segments, hosts Paul Bryant, dean of students, and Karl Green, assistant to the director of residential life, served as commentators. The night ended with the dancers repeating their routines, but this time, Dean Bryant was dancing on stage as well!

Enrollment Management Committee Salutes Department of Biology

On March 3 at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Enrollment Management Committee presented Carmen Cid, chair of the Biology Department, with a certificate and gift in recognition of the department’s commitment to recruiting and retaining students. In presenting the award, Kim Crone, director of admissions and enrollment management, cited the Biology faculty’s active participation in admissions events, the department’s “Meet the Faculty Days” in support of retention, the faculty’s longstanding support of the University’s Honors Program, the department’s website, and the Tri-Beta Honor Society as examples of how the Biology Department encourages students to attend Eastern and then supports their success while they are here.

The Story is Oratorical

Nineteen-year-old Fannie Braboy
'08 a biology major from Norwich, took home top honors at Eastern's Eleventh Annual Oratorical Contest, as part of Black History Month. With a powerful voice and poignant words, Braboy's selection of “It's Time to Dress Up” moved the audience and judges with a challenge to return to a strong sense of values, rather than a culture obsessed with materialism.

Seniors Jonathan Adams and Donelle DelPratt also had strong showings, placing second and third respectively. The winners received gift certificates from the bookstore and the admiration of the audience.

The Oratorical Contest is the brain-child of History Professor Stacey Close and was coordinated this year by Milton Jackson.

President Carter Inspires Inmates

President David Carter gave stirring speeches at Osborn and Brooklyn Prisons in February during Black History Month. At Osborn, he told the inmates, “Real freedom is inside your head. You may be inside this barbed wire fence and these prison walls, but your head can be on the outside, finding your purpose in life and pursuing it with a passion. Believe it or not, you can find you purpose right where you are.”

At Brooklyn Prison, he told inmates, “Yes, you’re doing time, but you don’t have to waste time. You can’t change yesterday, but you can change tomorrow.”

At both facilities, Carter challenged the inmates to read, saying he would read 40 books if they read 20. Last year, he challenged Brooklyn inmates to read 20 books. Some read 30 books. One read 80.

E-Recruiting!

Looking for an internship, co-op or full-time job? Then check out Eastern’s new on-line recruiting system at http://eastern.eRecruiting.com. You can also call Walter Diaz, director of Career Services at 860-465-5244 (diazw@easternct.edu) or visit the Career Service web page at: www.easternct.edu/depts/career/

University Hour Website Now Online

Madeleine Shapiro, internationally-acclaimed cellist and two-time winner of the Performance Incentive Award, performs “I’ll Have an Electric Mahabharata, Please,” a work by Anthony Corinello,
assistant professor of music at Eastern.

Shapiro’s performance was part of Eastern’s University Hour Series. If you’d like to learn more about this popular series, check out the new University Hour website.

For more information, call Kamil A. Konopka, Academic Affairs graduate assistant at (860) 465-0656, konopkak@easternct.edu.

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**By the Willow**

International guest puppeteers Andrea Rubenstein of Brazil and Faye Dupras of Canada joined French musician Yann-Gael Poncet to present By the Willow in the Harry Hope Theatre in February. By the Willow is a rendition of a Romanian folktale using music and puppets.