

Three Kings Day at Eastern



Above, the camels captivate local children, who eagerly join in a parade to dance to beautiful music produced by a blend of bongos, guiros, trumpets, guitars and keyboards.

Eastern President Elsa M. Núñez greeted more than 600 enthusiastic area residents on Jan. 6 as they converged on the Francis J. Geissler Gymnasium to celebrate Three Kings Day. Three Kings Day is a major holiday in Latin American countries. Gifts are given to children on Three Kings Day to symbolize the gifts given to Jesus in the New Testament.

Area children received gifts, enjoyed pizza, sandwiches, punch and soda, watched a puppet show and danced to Latino music presented by the band, Arnaldo Rivera and Friends. Nunez told the audience she was very proud to host Three Kings Day at Eastern and thanked the event's organizers.

Math Students Shine in Regional Competition

Colton Alexander '11, Danny Arsenault '11 and Anthony Pizzoferrato '11, three students majoring in mathematics and computer science, recently helped Eastern place sixth in the Collegiate Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Math Association of America in Providence, RI. Prizes of \$150 were awarded to the top two teams; all the participants received student licenses for Mathematica.

Nineteen teams from colleges across New England, including Southern Connecticut State University, the University of Connecticut, Brown University and Yale University, participated in the contest. Contestants worked in teams and took a two-hour exam featuring problems in geometry, probability, combinatorics, number theory and other areas of mathematics.

Prior to the competition, Mizan Khan, professor of mathematics and mathematics department chair, and Christian Yankov, associate professor of mathematics, advised and prepared the students for the contest.

The Jack Lemmon Legacy

The Performing Arts Department is featuring the films of legendary actor Jack Lemmon in its first February Film Series. “The Jack Lemmon Legacy” will showcase comedic classics of the man affectionately known as “the extraordinary ordinary man.” Films will be presented on selected Saturdays in February with introductions and talks by guest film critics. The series is presented in partnership with The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at St. Joseph College, which will show four Lemmon films. For information, call the St. Joseph box office at (860) 231-5555.

Deborah Gaudet, curator of film and theater at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, will introduce “The Odd Couple” on Feb. 5. Robert Kagan, chair of the Communications Department at Manchester Community College, will introduce “The Out of Towners” on Feb. 12. On Feb. 26, Scott Higgins, associate professor of film studies at Wesleyan University, will introduce “The Front Page.” Each introduction and talk and film screenings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Student Center Theatre.

Admission is free for Eastern students; \$5 for Eastern faculty, staff, alumni, groups of 10 or more; and \$10 for the general public. For reservations, please call the box office at (860) 465-5123.

Staff and Faculty Recognized at University Meeting



David Cummings



Michael Dejarlais



Hector Tirado



Robert Jennette



Tara Hurt

During the Jan. 20 University Meeting, several individuals were recognized for their years of service to Eastern. David Cummings, general trades worker in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning, and Ann Fraton, secretary in the History, Philosophy and Political Science Department, were recognized for 25 years of service.

Nilka Lopez, custodian in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning; Michael Desjarlais, maintenance supervisor II, HVACR in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning; and Hector Tirado, police officer in the Department of Public Safety, were recognized for 20 years of service.

Cheryl LeBeau, secretary II in the Office of the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Robert Jennette, director of Student Health Services; Renee Theroux-Keech, associate director of engineering and design in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning; Jane Murack, library technician; and Tara Hurt, associate librarian, were recognized for 10 years of service.

Brian Ahern, associate counselor in the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, was honored as he retired from the University.

Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics



Eastern is seeking volunteers to help with the 32nd Annual Windham Invitational Special Olympics Swim Meet, to be held on March 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Windham High School. Volunteers must return the registration form before Feb. 28. To volunteer, contact Charles Wynn at wynnc@easternct.edu or (860) 465-5258.

Book Edited by Rhona Free Wins Top Honors

The American Library Association has selected a book edited by Academic Affairs Vice President Rhona Free and published this year by Sage Publishing as one of the top 13 reference books for the year. The book is titled “21st Century Economics A Reference Handbook.”

Health, Physical Education Student Wins Top State Honors

On Dec.14, Matthew Lance '11 was selected as Connecticut's Outstanding Future Teaching Professional in Physical Education. Lance will represent Connecticut on Feb. 17 at the Eastern District Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) at the Ocean Place Resort and Conference Center in Long Branch, NJ.

This prestigious honor entitles him to attend the conference and meet professionals from 11 eastern states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. Lance has a cumulative 3.96 grade point average. He is currently completing his student teaching at Two Rivers Magnate Middle School in East Hartford and will receive his teaching certification in health and physical education.



Nominations Sought for Ella T. Grasso Distinguished Service Award



Eastern is accepting nominations for the annual Ella T. Grasso Distinguished Service Awards. Nominees may be part of the University community or from the community. Nominations will be accepted through Feb. 25. The awards will be presented on March 30.

The Ella T. Grasso Distinguished Service Award recognizes members of the campus and local community whose actions demonstrate distinguished service in promoting Grasso's ideals to advance women's rights and gender equality.

To request a nomination form, please contact Starsheemar Byrum, coordinator of Eastern's Women Center, at (860) 465-4313, or byrums@easternct.edu.

CRIS Radio Broadcasts Professor Wynn's Show



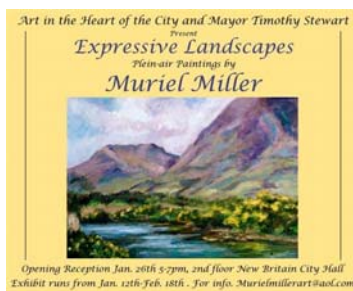
The Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS), a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the needs of the blind and print-handicapped, is now rebroadcasting "Books on Parade," a radio show created by Chemistry Professor Charles Wynn, on radio station WILI-AM. The show, a weekly 15-minute sampler of books on the New York Times Best Seller list, is heard every Friday morning at 9:45 a.m. The show also is available on WILI-AM's website. Wynn has served as a volunteer reader for CRIS for more than 12 years.

Leahy Honored with Energy Board Seat

William Leahy, associate executive director of Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (CTGBC) by its general membership of more than 600 people. Throughout the year, the CTGBC holds workshops on green building topics; networking opportunities; membership meetings; educational forums; seminars on green buildings; and periodic Connecticut-based LEED training in connection with the U.S. Green Building Council.



Miller Exhibit Runs Through Feb. 18



Muriel Miller, part-time professor of visual arts, has an exhibit of 34 paintings at City Hall in New Britain through Feb. 18.

Thanks for Adopting a Family!



Pam Starr, coordinator and associate counselor in Eastern's Office of Access/Ability, sends gratitude to all those who contributed to the annual Adopt a Family project. With more than \$700 in donations, Starr said Eastern was able to provide great cheer over the holidays to a family with a holiday meal, \$150 in Stop & Shop gift cards, a microwave, clothes for everyone and toys for the children.

Eastern Presents TV Series on Martin Luther King Jr.

As part of its celebration of the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Eastern presented a 12-part series looking back on the life and times of the man, widely considered as the greatest civil rights leader of the past century. The series, which contains a greeting by Eastern president Elsa Núñez, was researched, written and produced by Dwight Bachman, public relations officer. The series aired all day on Jan. 17, on Channel 22, Eastern's cable channel.



Urban Screen Project

From Feb. 11–21, Eastern Visual Arts Professor June Bisantz and Willimantic artist Harrison Judd team up to produce “Love in a Cold Climate,” the first event of Connecticut’s new Urban Screens Project. Bisantz and Judd will use the urban landscape of downtown Willimantic as a venue for this unusual and diverse art event to exhibit local, regional and national artists’ work as video projections in public space. Local artists will include exhibitions by members of the Eastern Design Group, a team of 10 talented young artists from Eastern’s Digital Art and Design program, who designed promotional materials and billboards for the event.

Eastern’s Schult Pre-Season D3baseball.Com All-America



Eastern senior pitcher/outfielder Jim Schult of Wappingers Falls, NY, represents the Warriors on the 2011 *D3baseball.com* Pre-Season All-America team. One of nine seniors on this year's team, Schultz was named first-team All-New England by the NEIBA and second-team All-New England by the ECAC and first-team All-Little East Conference as a junior.

A business and marketing major, Schult was named to the CoSIDA College Division Academic All-District second team last spring and earned additional academic honors by earning a spot on the LEC academic honor roll for the second time in as many years.

Vasil of Eastern Men’s Lacrosse Pre-Season All-America

Eastern senior faceoff specialist Eric Vasil of Southington has been named to the 2011 Face-Off Yearbook pre-season Division III All-America honorable mention men’s lacrosse team for the second straight year. Vasil was one of nine faceoff specialists named to the 80-man pre-season All-America team. Vasil was one of four faceoff specialists from New England institutions and one of only two pre-season All-America selections at any position from a Little East Conference institution.



Eastern Baseball No. 26 In DIII Pre-Season Rankings



The Eastern baseball team is ranked No. 26 nationally in the 2011 *ABCA/Collegiate Baseball* Division III national pre-season poll. A winner of 31 of 46 games last year, Eastern returns 13 letter winners from last year's team, which qualified for its 31st NCAA tournament in 35 years.

A 12-time NCAA regional champion since 1982 and four-time national champion, Eastern won regional titles five times in the first eight years of the past decade, last claiming a national championship in 2002 with an 8-0 shutout of Marietta College in the championship round at Grand Chute, WI.

Eastern in the News

- The Jan. 11 edition of Hartford Business.Com reported that Eastern's Dual Enrollment Program will be recognized in March by the New England Board of Education. The story also appeared in the Jan. 9 online edition of Newsday.com.
- The Jan. 10 edition of The Day.Com reported that from Sept. 29 through Oct. 3, Eastern students Ryan Henowitz, Matthew Grosjean and Jordan Lorrius attended Serbia's Third Age Olympiad in Soko Banja.
- The Jan. 7 edition of the Norwich Bulletin reported on the Three Kings Days celebration held at Eastern.
- The Jan. 15 edition of the Norwich Bulletin reported on Eastern's presentation of a 12-part television series on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The story also ran in the Jan. 15 edition of the Hartford Courant and the Jan. 13 edition of The (Willimantic) Chronicle.
- The Jan 5 edition of the West Hartford News.Com reported on work being done by Eastern's three-year, \$3.9 million early literacy grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- The January edition of The New Criterion reported on projects created by Visual Arts Professor Sharon Butler.
- The Dec. 30 edition of the Norwich Bulletin reported on Governor Dannel Malloy's selection of Eastern alumnus Robert Corona as Commander of the State Department of Public Safety's Field Operations Division.
- The Dec. 29 online publication Norwalk.com reported that Governor Dannel Malloy named Eastern alumnus Steven Reviczky as Commissioner of Agriculture. The story was also reported in the Connecticut Environmental Headlines and The Connecticut Mirror.
- The Dec. 26 edition of the Norwich Bulletin ran a story on Eastern students holding a benefit concert to raise money to help earthquake victims in Haiti.
- On Dec. 24, Visual Arts Professor June Bisantz, and part-time Music Professor Joe Tomenelli performed jazz-styled holiday music live on The Wayne Norman Show on WILL-AM radio.

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- The Dec. 19 edition of LancasterOnLine cited English Professor Lisa Fraustino in a feature story on how mothers are portrayed in storytelling and children books.
 - SimonStapleton.Com cited Career Services Director Nancy DeCrescenzo on how to find seasonal jobs.
 - Sociology Professor William Lugo was cited on Bloomberg.com news in a story on violent video games.
 - Jeffrey Trawick-Smith, endowed chair of early childhood education and director of Eastern's Center for Educational Excellence, was quoted in Campus Technology. Trawick-Smith also was quoted in Insider Higher Education.
 - Career Services Director Nancy DeCrescenzo was quoted in the San Francisco Examiner. DeCrescenzo also was quoted in the New York Times.