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Alumni Weekend a Success



Classmates of '74 and '69 enjoy the All-Alumni Cabaret Night.

Five hundred Eastern alumni reunited with old friends and teachers on Alumni Weekend May 1 and 2. More than 200 people attended the math/computer science and baseball alumni reunion dinner and dance hosted by Professor Steve Kenton and Coach Bill Holowaty. More than 60 alumni from the classes of 1969 and 1974 hosted an All-Alumni Cabaret Night in the J. Eugene Smith Library. Eastern alumni spent the weekend reminiscing about their days as Eastern students. "Running down the fire escape at Burr Hall" was an entertaining story! Every single alumnus who returned remarked on the amazing transformation of the campus.

Protecting Mother Earth

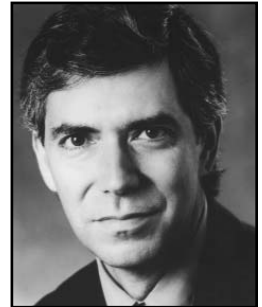
Eastern's Earth Day project focused on the University's arboretum. Student volunteers cleaned up this natural, on-campus habitat that preserves nineteen acres of woodland. Bill Leahy, associate executive director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy, who works with the University to implement sustainability initiatives, remarked, "It's a good area to preserve the wetlands and a natural habitat for the wildlife there."



Nicole Villandry '06 (right/foreground) and Brenna Traver '06 (left/background).

John R. MacArthur Speaks at Commencement

John R. MacArthur, president and publisher of *Harper's Magazine*, delivered the keynote address at Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 23. *Harper's Magazine* is the nation's oldest continuously published monthly. MacArthur also is an award-winning journalist and author. The MacArthur Foundation gives millions of dollars in grants to improve human rights, the environment, and health care, and to promote peace around the world.



Connecticut Supreme Court Recognizes African American Leaders



Doris Powell Glass sits with President David Carter.

On May 3, the Connecticut Supreme Court in its Law Day ceremony observed the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision that resulted in nationwide school desegregation.

Twenty Connecticut African Americans who are pioneers in their fields and have many outstanding accomplishments were honored that day, among them Eastern President David Carter, the first African American to be named head of a four-year institution of higher learning in Connecticut.

Doris Powell Glass, Eastern Class of 1948, accepted a posthumous award for her husband, the Hon. Robert D. Glass, who was named an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court in 1987. He was the first African American to be appointed to Connecticut's highest court.

Mrs. Glass, in her own right, has made a difference in the field of education. She is a retired elementary school principal, having led the Bunker Hill Elementary School in Waterbury from 1977 to 1987. Mrs. Glass will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Eastern* magazine.

Eastern Students Expand their Horizons

Thirteen Eastern students will enhance their college experience by taking classes at colleges across the country and in Hawaii during the 2004-05 academic year as part of the National Student Exchange program.

Sarah Hanink (Ashford)	University of Georgia
Allison Smith (Wallingford)	University of Florida
Jason Boucher (Burlington)	University of West Florida
Tyler Herman (Fairfield)	University of West Florida
Paul DePippo (Mamaroneck, NY)	University of South Carolina
Trisha Martin (Bristol)	Hunter College, City University of New York
Darissa Monroe (Hartford)	Virginia State University
Stephen Ruef (Columbia)	Western State College of Colorado
LaToya Smith (Waterbury)	Tennessee State University
Lindsay Vigue (Bristol)	San Jose State University
Heather Weber (Danielson)	Washington State University
Robert Arpin (North Haven)	University of South Carolina
Christina Echard (Vernon/Rockville)	University of Hawaii at Manoa

Christiana Thomas, coordinator of international programs in the Office of Student Affairs, stated, "The National Student Exchange program provides students with the opportunity to grow personally, academically, socially, and culturally. We are thrilled that these students have been placed and look forward to hearing about their experiences."

Brighten up Your Garden!

The entire Eastern community is invited to attend a Plant Sale sponsored by the ECSU Foundation to benefit the students and programs of the university. The sale is Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will take place on the Admissions Building Lawn near Eastern's High Street entrance. The event takes place rain or shine.

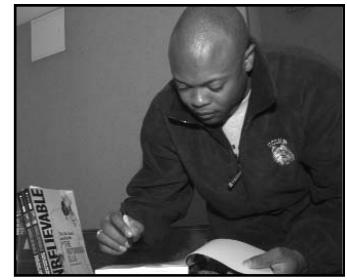
A wonderful selection of more than 1,000 perennials, herbs, roses, shrubs, trees, annuals and hanging baskets will be available for your personal choice. There will also be a lemonade stand for refreshments and door prizes drawn hourly. Cash, checks, and Visa, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards will be accepted.

You can complete your outing with a free, guided tour of the Grant House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the Sixth Annual Victorian Willimantic Home Tour.

For more information call Joy Goff, Institutional Advancement, at 55531.

Author Cheo Hodari Coker Visits Campus

Cheo Hodari Coker, author of *Unbelievable: The Life, Death and Afterlife of the Notorious B.I.G.* was on campus on May 6. Coker met for a public book signing of his biography of Christopher Wallace, a.k.a Biggie Smalls and The Notorious B.I.G.



Cheo Hodari Coker

Welcome to Eastern!



Marsha Cwikla

Marsha Cwikla, of Willimantic, joins the Office of Admissions as a secretary. Her interests range from playing in a pool league to the great outdoors. She is especially interested in nature and wildlife conservation. "Eastern is an impressive university," Cwikla remarked. "Since I've been on board, I've been warmly welcomed. Everyone is courteous and willing to assist when needed."



Rob Jost

Rob Jost is serving as the interim Crandall Hall director for the remainder of the academic year. He is excited about this opportunity to serve as a professional staff member on the Eastern housing staff. He has served as a resident assistant in Mead Hall since August 2002. (Rob received his bachelor's degree on May 23.)



Larry Botting

Larry Botting is a valuable addition to the Eastern Police Department and community. Officer Botting provides security on campus on the night shift. He recently retired with twenty years of service from the Middletown Police Department. He has an associate's degree in law enforcement from Manchester Community College and also serves his community as a corporal in the First Company - Governor's - Foot Guard.

Students and Faculty Receive Honors

English Department Honors its Own



Dr. Elena Tapia, Wendy Kalinoski, Jennifer Whinnem, Allison Fish

Five awards were presented during the Annual Award Ceremony of the Department of English on April 29. Jonathan Dunlap of Tolland won the Academic Excellence award; Wendy Kalinoski of Ledyard received the Commitment to Teaching Award; Jennifer Whinnem of Rockville won the Contribution to the Cultural Life of the Campus Award; and Alison Fish of Lisbon and Sister Catarina Tang of St. Joseph's Convent in Willimantic were named recipients of the Lifelong Learning Award.

Math Students Recognized



On May 1, nine mathematics majors were inducted into Kappa Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society: Amy Bedner; Robert Bowers; Shanielle Danner; Olinda Labeef; Keira Mazy; Marlena Scialla; Chrystal Urbani; Laura Waz; and Brian Whitehead.

Economics Department Honors Students

Twelve students were inducted into the Zeta Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics on April 22. Rhona Free, professor of economics at Eastern, was inducted as an honorary member during the ceremonies.

"Economics is viewed as one of our most difficult majors," said Patricia Kleine, dean of Eastern's School of Education. She added that only 25 of the 790 students graduating on



May 23 are economics majors. "You are truly members of an elite group," she told the seniors.

Inductees included Victor Fedaseyev; Julie Forthofer; Monika Florah; Stefanie Fraser; Lindsay Gripp; Kate Hackney; Kimberly Kolpak; Ryan Mecca; Nathan Seney; Laura Waz; Daniel Wessell; Mark Yeomans; and Honorary Inductee, professor Rhona Free.

Computer Science Department Honors Students

Students inducted into Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the computer science honor society, include Jason A. Hayden; Kristin J. Miller; John Kamau Njuguna; Joseph A. Nuss; Linda J. Thibeault; and James M. Tkaczyk.

New members of Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society



Education Honor Society inductees include Kathryn Balkan, Melissa Barone, Rebecca Bleeker, Cayla Anne Brayton, Danielle Charette, Amanda Connors, Lindsay Crawford, Nancy Dziki, Salvatore Emanuele, Jennifer Giambra, Melissa Goodman, Randie Leigh Haggerty, Heather Johnson, Sarah Livingston, Jennifer Lizee, Megan Loehfelm, Michael Mackie, Melissa Meikle, Christine Mengel, Maureen Morse, Lori Myers, April-Anne Norman, Danielle Polchinski, Traci Resler, Sarah Richard, Kelley Roberts, Melissa Rosario, Jennifer Ross, Donna Sandshaw, Jennifer Sanquedolce, Michelle Santerre, Sonia Veilleux, Meghan Zavory, and Heather Zimmer.



Business Honor Society Inductees

Twenty-six Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) students majoring in business were inducted into the Delta Omega Chapter of Delta Mu Delta Honor Society on May 7. Eastern President David G. Carter congratulated the students for their hard work and achievements, and commented on the importance of family and faculty support. The honored students were also congratulated by Dimitrios Pachis, vice president for academic affairs; Tuesday Cooper, associate dean, School of Education and Professional Studies; and Branko Cavarkapa, chair of the Department of Business Administration.

The honored students are:

Matthew Axtell, Benice Martin, Stefanie Blackwell, Deborah Milvae, Kathleen Boilard, Jeannine Phillips, Barbara Bollins, LeAndrea Elizabeth Potak, Sandra Boone, Justine Marie Quinn, Pamela Butterfield, Evan Sacks, Michelle Dudley, Melanie Savino, James Fusco, Dawn Renee Shane, Nissa Gliha, Sara Smith, Kristi Guffey, Matthew Soucy, Rachel Hany, Victoria Susan Straub, Robin Ives, Sandra Woznicki, Kimberly Jeffers, and Huina Zheng.

Eastern's Students Win Student Government Association Awards

18 students at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) and one university student organization have been named recipients of Eastern's Student Government Association (SGA) awards for 2003-2004. They were honored for their outstanding service to SGA and other SGA committees including Vocalizing Outstanding Issues Concerning ECSU (VOICES), Budget and Management (BAM); Residence

Outreach Council (ROC) and the Campus Activity Board (CAB).

The following is the list of awards and the recipients:

Kevin Brown: SGA Graduating Senior Award, Outstanding Service to SGA

Christina Martinez: SGA Graduating Senior Award, Outstanding Service to SGA

David Jones: SGA Graduating Senior Award, Senior of the Year

Fred Gordon: SGA Graduating Senior Award

Darren Hargrove: SGA Graduating Senior Award

James Allan: SGA Graduating Senior Award, Outstanding Service to BAM

Jessica Bonafine: SGA Graduating Senior Award

Rachel White: Outstanding Service to VOICES

OLAS (Organization of Latin American Students), BAM Club of the Year

Karl Green: BAM Club Advisor of the Year

Jenna Castle: Outstanding Service to ROC

Crystal Grenier: Outstanding Service to CAB

Stephanie Skiba: Outstanding Service to CAB

Tom Spirito: Athletic Leadership Awards

Christopher Morgan: Athletic Leadership Award

Kathleen Burdelski: Athletic Leadership Award

Rachel Albino: Athletic Leadership Award

Erika Blozie: Athletic Leadership Award

Yinka Kuye: Outstanding Service to Department of Student Affairs

Students Excel in Chemistry and Physics

The Department of Physical Sciences has presented two senior biology students with the 2004 Outstanding Student Award. The recipients are Summer Paradise of Windham and Poyan Shajaiyan, an international student from Sweden. The students were recognized for their exceptional work in chemistry and physics.



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