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ESU to celebrate 145th birthday Friday

By JENIFFER SANTIAGO

Emporia State will celebrate its 145th birthday beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday at the annual Founders' Day luncheon. The event will take place in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Feb. 15. The program will commence at 12:05 p.m. immediately following lunch.

"There are really some neat things planned," said Roy Mann, alumni relations director and chair of the ESU Founders' Day Committee.

The program agenda consists of a number of speakers, including ESU President Michael Lane

and Associated Student Government President Courtney George, among others.

The featured speakers for the afternoon represent three separate generations of John Breukelman's family. Breukelman was a renowned biology professor at ESU from 1929 to 1968, and the science building carries his name for his contribution to the university. The Breukelman family received the 2003 Hornet Heritage award for its multiple generations of ESU alumni.

Breukelman's daughter, Neysa Eberhard, is the eldest of the family

and graduated in 1944. Eberhard plans to speak about representing the oldest living generation, what



campus was like during World War II, and the things that have

remained unchanged throughout the years. After having attended ESU, Eberhard feels a strong connection to the school.

"The campus was our home," Eberhard said. "Our educational home and our social home."

Carol Warkentine is Breukelman's granddaughter and graduated from ESU in 1971. Warkentine plans to speak about what it was like visiting ESU as a child, later attending the university, and living in the residence halls.

"Our family ties [to the university] are really strong," Warkentine said. "We've been a part of it for so

many years, it's a part of the family."

The youngest of the three is Shana Meyer, who received her Bachelor's from ESU in 1995. Meyer will speak about her relationship with other ESU alumni family members, her

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Just the Facts...

What: Founder's Day Luncheon

Where: Skyline Dining

When: 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15

Cost: \$7

E-Unit to raise funds for audition

By KELSEY RYAN

This semester, E-Unit, Emporia State's hip-hop dance team, will be submitting a video audition for the show Wild Out Wednesday on Black Entertainment Television (BET). If they have a successful audition, E-unit will compete against two other dance teams on television, where, if they win, they will be allowed to compete against even more dance teams on national television.

"We're really excited to audition for the TV competition," said Dorthia Martin, senior social science education major, E-Unit team captain and coach. "The other people auditioning are from other schools and the surrounding areas in New York. Those that make it go back in the summertime to compete more."

E-Unit members are excited about the opportunity to travel to New York.

"It's such a huge opportunity to get our name out there to a wider audience," said Jackie Lund, sophomore psychology major. "We're pretty well known around here, so it would be pretty cool to go to the Big Apple."

Members of E-Unit also want to prove that talent can exist anywhere, not just in large cities.

"People might think that we're not very good because we're from little, old Emporia, but we've got a lot of talent on our team," said Jalessa Cooper, sophomore elementary education major.

To help raise money for the potential trip, members set up a booth in Memorial Union to sell items.

"We're doing balloon and raffle baskets for Valentine's Day," Martin said. "We're also brainstorming for more fundraising ideas in the future."

E-Unit raises money by having several fundraisers every semester, including a Worlds of Fun fundraiser that they put on almost every year.

"The funds will be used for traveling expenses, uniforms, team shirts and things of that nature," said Shabre' Maples, sophomore biology major, E-Unit co-captain. "We really do not have a set amount of money we plan to raise. We just try to keep enough money in our account to be able to travel and perform and also to help out with outfits for the girls and guys."

Although the group raises money through fundraisers, some members would like to see money for scholarships or from sponsors.

"I think that we should be able

See E-Unit, Page 3.

Saudi House to display culture

By MATT BULICZ

The Saudi Club will host Saudi Day festivities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 21 on the Memorial Union Main Street. The event will present many aspects of Saudi culture to Emporia State students, and will allow students to meet members and officers of the Saudi club.

"We do it for people to learn," said Quassim Almkhitar, Saudi Club president and sophomore computer science major. "We want to get out of the classroom. We don't want people to attend expecting a lecture - we do it in a fun way. It's all about showing people more about Saudi Arabia."

The Saudi Club, which is just shy of one year old on the ESU campus, will present a wide array of topics in Saudi Arabian culture; including religion, history, politics, and culture. Students may stop by at any time during the event and enjoy different parts of the festivities.

The event has drawn wide community interest, and speakers include Emporia mayor Julia Johnson, President Michael Lane, and a special guest speaker from the Saudi Arabian embassy in Washington, D.C. The event will

bring a taste of Saudi culture to students in a very unique way.

"It's going to be about many things," said Abdulla Abdulkareem, Saudi Club vice president and freshman computer information systems major. "We're going to start with a speech from the mayor of Emporia, and then a speech from the president of the university. The Saudi women... will show people how the women dress in my country, and also answer some questions."

In addition to the rest of the festivities, the club will also have food, dessert, and examples of traditional Saudi dress, as well as speakers with first-hand knowledge of Saudi Arabian culture.

"We also have some people who have been to Saudi Arabia who will talk about their experience," Abdulkareem said.

The club will also show pictures of Saudi Arabia and a short movie about the country and its culture.

The Saudi Club has worked to create a hospitable atmosphere for all of the students who attend the event.

"We had different groups ... for the kitchen, language, displays, Arabic coffee and reception," said

See Saudi Page 5.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HUNTER

Graduate student Turk Alzaharni talks with Dean of Graduate Studies Gary Bleeker and Vice President of Academic Affairs John Schwenn about Saudi Arabian coffee on Saudi Day last fall.

New assessment demands could mean more testing

By MAGGIE RASMUSSEN

The General Education Council meeting on Wednesday discussed a possible change in assessment practices at Emporia State. The change could result in an increase in the testing of students, both in general education classes as well as in external assessment.

The debate on

assessment came down to internal versus external testing. The committee had heard suggestions for a two pronged approach to the assessment issue. First, an internal assessment would have to be devised to determine the overall effectiveness of general education courses. It would require an increase in pre and post testing as well as a policy change to allow such testing to occur.

The council voiced concerns over the potential increase in testing, saying that many students would not take such testing seriously or find a way around it.

"Students may sign up for a summer class which does not require the test," said Alexis Downs, associate

professor of accounting.

Another concern is that the amount of testing required would legitimize the testing itself in the eyes of the students.

"It is one thing to demand the students take the test," said Barbara

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-Barbara Bleeker Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Bleeker, a professor of early childhood and elementary teacher education. "It's another to demand they take it seriously."

The internal assessment also offers the chance for teachers to analyze and assess the overall course.

"Teachers would benefit more from the internal tests," said Dennis Schmitt, associate professor of business. "Then they are seeing what the students are actually learning and what is not getting through."

The issue of external assessment was also discussed. External assessments are used primarily to satisfy outside authorities but are not as helpful to teachers.

"I can appreciate the need for external test," said Jonathon Rivers, a freshman social science secondary education major. "But if it isn't flexible we will just be teaching for the test, which is the problem in high schools."

Other council members also voiced reservations concerning the use of external assessments.

"Any external assessment has to fit our general education needs and goals," said Ellen Hansen, associate professor of geography. She also stressed the importance of flex-

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PHOTO BY JEYOUNG SUK

Anthony Ambrosio, the director of assessment and teaching, attends the general education meeting.

Thursday's Forecast

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HIGH: 32	LOW: 21

Extended Forecast

Friday HIGH: 39 LOW: 11

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Officer reported chalk graffiti at Plumb Hall, WAW Library, Memorial Student Union and Twin Towers Complex. Building Services will clean the walls.

Officer stopped KS WMR814 at 12th and State. Verbal warning for failure to display current tag at 12th and State.

Officer stopped MO 487NYM at 15th and Wooster Dr. Citation for stop sign violation at 15th and Merchant.

Officer arrested Whitney Lyons in Sector 7 on a Lyon County warrant. Subject was transported to Lyon County jail.

Officer contacted Andrew Troyer in reference to campus graffiti.

Lorene Booth reported Carbon Monoxide detector going off at ESU Apt A-4 1201 Triplet Dr. Emporia Fire Dept cleared apartment. Batteries were changed.

Southeast Morse Hall Resident staff reported suspicious odor in Room 322. Officers detected the smell of marijuana but no one was present in the room.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Sprint Nextel to return corporate headquarters to Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sprint Nextel Corp., the nation's third-largest wireless carrier, said Wednesday it plans to move its corporate headquarters back to Overland Park, Kan.

Dan Hesse, the company's chief executive officer, said in a release that the company will move only a small number of senior executives from its current headquarters in Reston, Va., and will keep a "significant employee presence" in the Washington, D.C., suburb, where it employs about 4,400.

"After a thorough review, we determined that this change is necessary now so that our leadership team can concentrate on improving our company's operations and create a single, performance-based culture," Hesse said.

Sprint moved to Reston in 2005, after buying Reston-based Nextel Communications Inc. But it kept the bulk of its operations at its sprawling campus in the Kansas City, Mo., suburb, where it has 13,300 workers.

Since that time, the wireless provider has struggled and fallen far behind rivals AT&T and Verizon Wireless for attracting and retaining subscribers.

Hesse was hired in December to turn the company around. He has since announced that the company will lay off 4,000 employees and close 125 retail locations. The company also said last month that it may have to write off some or all of \$31 billion in goodwill — the remaining value of its acquisition of Nextel and several affiliates.

Sprint spokesman James Fisher said the company hasn't determined when the move will take place and likely will wait until Hesse has completed an internal review of the company's operations before setting a date.

"We think that having all senior management in one place close to operations is a good solution to a lot of the issues we face today," he said.

Fisher added that the move is not expected to significantly change employment numbers in either city and is independent of the job cuts announced last month.

Company shares, which have traded in a 52-week range of \$8.07 to \$23.42, gained 14 cents to close at \$10.13 in trading Wednesday.

Iran introduces uranium gas in centrifuges

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran's new generation of advanced centrifuges have begun processing small quantities of the gas that can be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The diplomats emphasized that the centrifuges were working with minute amounts of uranium gas. One diplomat said Tehran has set up only 10 of the machines — far too few to make enriched uranium in the quantities needed for an industrial-scale energy or weapons program.

Still, the information revealed details of the state of Iran's experiments with its domestically developed IR-2 centrifuges, which can churn out enriched uranium at more than double the rate of the machines that now form the backbone of the Iranian nuclear project.

The existence of the IR-2 was made known only last week by diplomats accredited to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, which is investigating Iran's nuclear program for any evidence that it might have been designed to make weapons.

Diplomats told AP last week that the new centrifuges appeared to be running empty and they could not quantify the number of machines that had been set up at the experimental facility linked to Iran's growing underground enrichment plant at Natanz.

Fleshing out previous information, a diplomat said Wednesday that the IR-2 centrifuges were set up Jan. 20 and began processing minute amounts of uranium gas soon afterward as part of testing the machines.

He and other diplomats who discussed the latest details of Iran's program agreed to do so only if granted anonymity because they were not supposed to be releasing the confidential information.

Iran is under two sets of U.N. sanctions for ignoring Security Council demands that it suspend uranium enrichment, which Tehran started developing during nearly two decades of covert nuclear activity built on illicit purchases on the nuclear black market.

Iran insists the program is meant only to produce fuel for atomic reactors that will generate electricity, but the revelation five years ago of the secret work heightened suspicions by the U.S. and others that the Iranians want to develop nuclear arms.

In rejecting U.N. demands that enrichment be halted until suspicions are cleared up, Iranian leaders have argued their country has a right to a peaceful nuclear program and insisted they would expand the project rather than freeze it.

Until last week's revelations that Iran had developed its own advanced centrifuge, Tehran had publicly focused on working with P1 centrifuges, outmoded machines acquired on the black market in the 1980s. More than 3,000 of the older centrifuges are processing uranium gas near Natanz, a city about 300 miles south of Tehran.

An IAEA report in November said Iran has stockpiled nearly 300 tons of the precursor gas used in enrichment. That would be enough to make about 40 nuclear bombs were it spun to weapons grade concentrations, experts have said.

Diplomats described the IR-2 as a hybrid of the P-2 centrifuge once peddled on the black market by A.Q. Khan, the scientist who oversaw Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons.

The P-2 can enrich uranium gas up to three times faster than a P-1, but it is made from maraged steel — a high-nickel, low-carbon steel that is difficult to manufacture and hard to smuggle through international controls.

Diplomats said last week the Iranians had circumvented that problem by making the new centrifuge's rotor tubes out of carbon fiber, presumably working with machines and technology developed for Tehran's missile sector and using a German version as a model.

Former U.N. nuclear inspector David Albright, whose Washington-

based Institute for Science and International Security tracks countries under nuclear suspicion, said 1,200 of the more advanced machines could produce enough material for a single nuclear warhead in a year, compared to 3,000 of the older model.

He also said 10 centrifuges already processing uranium gas indicated they have been linked to each other in a "cascade" — a configuration used in industrial-size operations and an indication of a fairly advanced stage of testing.

"Here's a centrifuge largely developed at a secret site, and it appears they have gotten further along than people have anticipated," he said.

Iran has stonewalled the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency for years on details of its centrifuge development, but in recent months has shown more cooperation under a plan agreed to last year that commits Tehran to lifting secrecy on all past nuclear activities.

Last month, the International Atomic Energy Agency's chief, Mohamed ElBaradei, was given new information on Iran's "new generation of centrifuges" during talks in Tehran — a priority as the agency tries to establish how far along Iran is in developing the technology.

ElBaradei is to report on the progress of his probe next month to the 35-nation IAEA board.22

Mo. House members say Kansans should pay lower taxes

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri House members acted Tuesday to forestall a flare-up in an ongoing rivalry with Kansas by passing a bill that would lower taxes for many people who work in Missouri but live elsewhere.

The measure, which was approved 145-0, now goes to the Senate. The bill would allow those who live in another state but work in Missouri to subtract what they pay in property taxes in

their home state from the income on which they are taxed in Missouri. It applies only if the other state allows Missourians to do the same.

Last year, Missouri lawmakers repealed the nonresident tax deduction as part of a larger bill that cut state taxes on some retirement benefits. That move prompted threats from Kansas lawmakers to raise taxes on Missourians who work across state lines.

A bill doing that has already cleared the Kansas House, but Missouri lawmakers said that if they pass their legislation, they have been promised that the retail-

atory bill won't clear the Kansas Senate.

If Missouri's nonresident tax break is reinstated, most of the benefit likely would go to the state of Kansas instead of directly to residents. That's because most Kansas residents who would have had to pay higher income taxes in Missouri would — as a result — have paid less in Kansas.

Minority Leader Paul LeVota, who handled the Missouri legislation, said it's important for the two states to work together to improve the entire region.

"We can fight on the basketball court and football field, but when

it comes to economic activity and taxes, we need to work together," said LeVota, D-Independence.

The rivalry between Missouri and Kansas dates to the Civil War. Since then, the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Columbia have been athletic rivals.

Most of Missouri's neighbors let residents who cross their borders for jobs deduct Missouri property taxes from that state's income taxes. Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma allow the deductions. Illinois and Nebraska do not. Tennessee has no state income tax.

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Bush seeks to block property of Syrian government officials

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush, stepping up pressure on Syria, ordered new sanctions Wednesday to punish officials in Damascus for alleged efforts to undermine stability in Iraq and meddle in Lebanon's sovereignty and democracy.

Bush, in an executive order, said he was expanding penalties against senior government officials in Syria and their associates deemed to be responsible for — or to have benefited from — public corruption. The order did not specifically name any officials.

Bush signed the order a day after Imad Mughniyeh, one of the world's most wanted and elusive terrorists, was killed in a car bombing in Syria nearly 15 years after dropping from sight. The

one-time Hezbollah security chief was the suspected mastermind of attacks that killed hundreds of Americans in Lebanon and of the brutal kidnappings of Westerners.

The White House said Wednesday's executive order built on one Bush issued in May 2004 that banned all U.S. exports to Syria except for food and medicine. His earlier action followed long-standing complaints that the Middle Eastern nation was supporting terrorism and undermining U.S. efforts in Iraq.

The 2004 order also banned flights to and from the United States; authorized the Treasury Department to freeze assets of Syrian nationals and entities involved in terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, occupation of Lebanon or

terrorism in Iraq; and restricted banking relations between U.S. banks and the Syrian national bank.

The U.S. had complained that Syria was supporting militant groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah and failing to stop guerrillas from crossing the border into Iraq.

A White House statement on Wednesday said Syria was undermining efforts to stabilize Iraq and allowing Syrian territory to be used for that purpose.

Syria's government "continues to pursue other activities that deny the Syrian people the political freedoms and economic prosperity they deserve, and that undercut the peace and stability of the region," according to the statement.

the department of Technology and Computing Services, will ceremoniously cut a birthday cake to represent those employees.

Mann said that there will also be a birthday cake in the cafeteria for all those who cannot make it to the luncheon but would like to take part in the celebration.

Two particular groups of friends and alumni have been invited to join the celebration as guests. The first is the Lyman B. Kellogg Society,

which consists of individuals who have included the university in their estate plans. The second is the Black and Gold Society, a new presidential membership organization that has made a contribution to ESU.

"I always look forward to the celebration," Mann said. "I am especially pleased to have members of the Breukelman family coming."

The buffet is \$7 per person and is open to students, employees and members of the community.

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experience at the university, and what the campus was like during the '90s.

The program will also recognize ESU's classified and unclassified employees who have put in the most years on campus. Tom Eddy, professor of biological sciences, and Jeanne Just, research analyst in

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to get scholarships for our dance team because, for all of the performances that we do, we have to pay out of pocket for it," Cooper said. "Sometimes we don't always have the money to travel because we have to buy our own gas and buy our own uniforms. It would be so much easier if we had scholarships to do that."

E-Unit's upcoming performances include the Big 12 Step Show in Stillwater, Okla. this coming weekend, Emporia High School on Feb. 26, an upcoming ESU home basketball game and the Kansas City Kansas Community College Talent Show in April.

"We're looking for a lot of support, not just on campus but in the community," Martin said. "With our performance at Emporia High School, we're attracting

more students to come to ESU. We need all the support we can get right now."

Members of E-unit perform and volunteer in the Emporia community. They also enjoy working out and studying together.

"There are times when we spend too much time with each other," Maples said. "We sometimes have two a day practices, meetings, study hall, and gatherings all in one week. So there can be a lot of bonding time. My favorite part is getting to know these girls on the team...one of my best friends I have right now is a girl I met from being a part of E-Unit. Also, E-Unit keeps me motivated about my school and health."

Some members feel that the bond between them is as strong as sisterhood.

"I love my girls," Martin said. "It's like a big group of sisters to me. I don't have sisters. We're no different than sororities because we're sisters, too."

E-Unit was created in 2003 by

Me'Kel Johnson. Since then, auditions have been held during the fall semester each year. After making the team, members must pay a \$50 fee. Members practice at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday at the Student Recreation Center. Requirements for being a member include hip-hop dance experience, at least a C grade point average and a team mentality.

"E-Unit is a very diverse group of dancers," Maples said. "We have members from all different kinds of backgrounds and we still all come together to share our love for dance. Also, we don't receive any scholarships or anything for being a member of this team, which can make it hard sometimes because we do a lot around campus and off campus. We all enjoy the feeling that dance brings to us, so at the end of the day, it's worth all the hard work."

Speaker to discuss habits of successful people

BY SARAH KIRBY

A leadership workshop is being offered to Emporia State students and the community as a whole. The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

"At the workshop, a certified Franklin Cubby speaker who was the author of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens", will go over the seven habits in a very interactive and lively way," said Mary Shivley, assistant director of student involvement-leadership. "There will be handouts and information that will be given at the workshop for all that attend."

Carla Cooper, the speaker for the event, mentioned that it will be an overview of the seven habits. Attendees will gain an idea of some of the habits that professional business individuals have found to be helpful, and that these tips are applicable to business owners, students and teachers.

"I hear people say that they

wished they had known this stuff 20 years ago," Cooper said. "It is applicable to so many individuals and it not only gives you ideas but we show you how to apply them to where you are right now in your life or career and how to effectively take them with you once you leave the workshop."

The workshop is being hosted by Live Learn Lead and is set up to help individuals learn the main aspects that help them recognize how to take responsibility and seize opportunities. The workshop will also cover how to solve problems and attain improved results.

"I look forward to attending the event," said Elissa Hadley, junior English major. "I think it will be a great opportunity to hone my leadership skills and create a new understanding of how they can be used."

The seven habits are divided into two sections; the habits in the first section deal with private victory because an individual would work on those habits on their own. However, the habits in the second section deal with public victory because they show and test how an individual works and plays with others.

"I personally think the most

important habit is the first one which is being proactive," Cooper said. "Being proactive means taking responsibility for your choices. In college you are making choices that will have an impact on you for the next 50 years. Understanding what those choices are is important."

Cooper said that it the workshop will combine table discussion, videos, live demonstrations and activities. There will also be a time for individuals to reflect on their own thoughts.

"It is a really fast-paced workshop," Cooper said. "It is not a lecture. I don't do lectures and quite honestly its fun. It's really a great way to gain leadership skills and is a combination of personal reflection."

The event will last the majority of the day with a pizza buffet and salad served for lunch. Currently, around 65 people have registered to attend and the attendee limit is 80 people.

The event is free to students and faculty. However, while community members are highly encouraged to attend, they must pay \$30 per person. All those interested should call (620) 341-5481.

Profile: Jorge Ballester

BY KATE GARRETT

Growing up in household that was focused on mathematics and education was a pivotal reason that Jorge Ballester became a physics professor at Emporia State.

Ballester was born in Mayaguez, a city located on the western coast of Puerto Rico. His mother worked as an academic advisor and his father taught math for many years. It was early in his education that Ballester discovered his true passion; math.

"I remember being interested in math puzzles in elementary and middle school," Ballester said. "That and my parents' careers probably had something to do with encouraging me in the future."

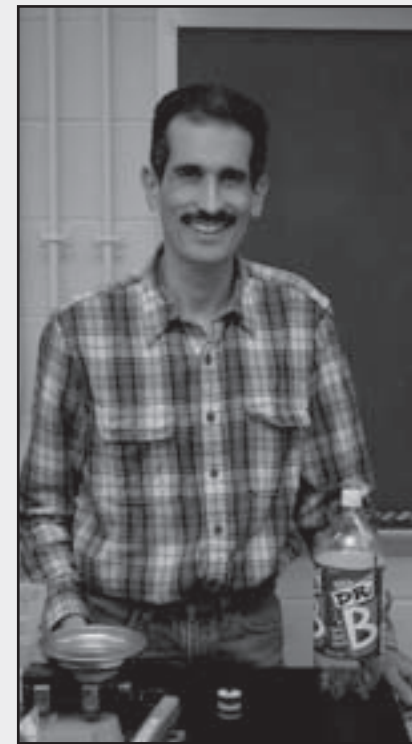
When he was in sixth grade, Ballester's family chose to move to the United States permanently and live in Miami, Florida. He and his two older brothers quickly became acclimated to the United States. Ballester continued to do well throughout school and graduated from a high school in Miami, where he discovered his strong interest in physics.

"In my senior year of high school I took physics and liked the application of math to solve physics problems," Ballester said. "When I was an undergraduate student I was offered some physics scholarship money, and that pretty much sealed the deal in favor of physics over math."

Ballester went on to attend Miami-Dade Community College, and later transferred to Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. It was there that he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in physics. Wishing to further pursue his passion for physics, Ballester went on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

Because of his parents' impact on

his education and his plans for the future, Ballester decided to pursue a teaching career. Ballester wanted to spend his life doing what he loved;



Ballester

tant for all students, even those who believe they have no future in the sciences. He believes that science is vital in understanding many of the world's current problems and working toward solutions for these problems. Studying science will also allow students to have an open mind concerning scientific research and the scientific method.

"Society also needs to be willing to support some amount of legitimate scientific investigation just for the sake of learning something new, without necessarily expecting any other benefit," Ballester said.

Ballester has been teaching at ESU since 1990, where he has found many good friendships in his colleagues, and his co-workers respect him and his teaching style very much.

"He is a very pleasant fellow," said Charles Pheatt, professor of computer science and economics. "He is a very good professor and extremely effective."

Outside of teaching, Ballester is very involved in family activities, especially those of his nine-year-old daughter. He is also active in music activities and plays the conga drums and a few other percussion instruments. Ballester also enjoys cooking frequently and would like to find the time to go to cooking school to learn how to cook like a professional.

Throughout his years at ESU, Ballester has become very close to many of his students and loves the time he spends interacting with them in the classroom.

"I also like giving science presentations to schoolchildren, something I have been doing on and off for years," Ballester said. "I like interacting with students, talking about physics, solving problems together and occasionally doing some innocent physics mischief."

physics, and to spread this knowledge on to others. It was for this reason that he decided to teach at ESU.

"I came to Emporia for two main reasons," Ballester said. "I came here because ESU is a small university with

an undergraduate degree program physics and that there is an emphasis on teaching."

This semester, Ballester is instructing an introductory physics laboratory as well as an advanced course in quantum mechanics. Generally, he teaches classes for physics majors and pre-engineering students.

Ballester feels that taking a wide range of science courses is impor-

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-Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



On Our Mind: Increased political involvement

Hundreds of voters showed up for district caucuses earlier this month to show support for their chosen candidates and to select delegates to represent them in the next step toward the election of the 44th president of the United States.

The turnout for these events were much higher than originally expected which shows that voters are truly taking the initiative in this election year and letting their voices be heard.

Attendees at these events also included a much higher number of college students and young adults than in previous years, showing that the stereotype of political apathy in young Americans is being disproved more and more.

We believe this is a positive sign for the future of our country and its citizens. It is important for all citizens to make their opinions known in a democracy and voting is one of the most important parts

of this process.

This is why we want to encourage all readers to continue in the election process. If you participated in a caucus, make sure you also vote in the primary elections and the general elections. Don't let your opinion be known once, but over and over again.

If you didn't participate in the caucuses it's not too late to get involved in the election process. Make sure you are registered or get registered before the proper deadlines and be sure to make time to vote on election day.

For those who have decided on a candidate, we encourage you to continue researching not only that candidate, but other candidates as well. Know what your candidate stands for and what the other candidates stand for also. Candidates often change their opinions throughout the campaign process and it's important to keep

up to date on their stances.

In a world full of information and information resources there is no excuse not to know the opinions of candidates.

Many people complain that elections are pointless due to the fact that citizens do not directly elect officials in a presidential race. But the truth is, your vote really does count. Your vote is an opinion on who you believe can lead the country properly. So, while your vote may not directly elect the president, it does send a strong signal to both the electoral college and to Congress on what the citizens of this country believe and can evoke change in other ways.

To conclude, we strongly encourage citizens to vote, vote wisely, and to remember that your vote does count. Otherwise, please don't complain if things don't go the way you think they should.

Alcohol not an excuse for bad behavior

In a small college town like Emporia, many students find themselves searching for entertainment in crowded bars and clubs. The bar scene is a popular social spot for students of all ages, and can be a good setting in which people can socialize and meet new friends or even dating prospects.

However, anyone who has spent even one night in a bar has probably come in contact with someone who has had just a bit too much to drink and has seemingly forgotten a few



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basic rules of socialization in a public place. Such behavior can be verbal, physical, or sexual in nature, and all too often encompasses charming little missteps in more than one of these

categories.

Furthermore, chronic bar abusers tend to use their level of intoxication as a weapon against the criticism or prosecution they receive in response to their less than tactful actions. Where did people get the idea that alcohol is a weapon that has any sort of validity when attempting to fend off well founded complaints?

The really unfair part is that the reputation that results from a small percentage of the student population tends to be spread across everyone within this age group. So, when one

college student drinks too much and sees this as an opportunity to behave as though consequences do not actually exist, other college students are seen as irresponsible and unable to control themselves because of the behavior of that one individual.

And what else are onlookers supposed to believe, when so many times a young person can cross the line after a few beers, and their peers simply stand by and do nothing to stop it? Perhaps it is time we start holding one another accountable for these types of behaviors.

When it comes to certain actions, blood alcohol content should not play a role in

determining the level of correctness in committing that action. Most reasonable people acknowledge that it isn't acceptable to commit rape simply because one has had a few too many. So why, then, do we allow other forms of unwanted physical contact when we know that someone has been drinking? Isn't the rape wrong because it inherently violates the freedom of another person to choose with whom they come in physical or sexual contact? The same is, and should be true, for someone who fondles another person in the local bar.

We also know that, whether drunk or not, it's socially

unacceptable to threaten others, especially unprovoked. Yet, in a bar, it is suddenly not so frowned-upon when someone threatens the life of another person because they are drunk and therefore the threat becomes somehow less serious or worrisome.

The bottom line is that there is nothing that happens within the four walls of a bar that makes certain behaviors magically acceptable or less punishable. Whether someone has had a beer, seven beers, or not a single drop, everyone should be held accountable for his or her own actions; period.

Those who inflict self harm may simply need a friend to help

Everyone in the world knows that pain, loneliness, sorrow, and hardship are very real. Whether the pain comes from a life of rejection, a bad break-up, or a mental disorder there are hundreds of ways people deal with these emotions. One of the many times when this need to heal the pain inside becomes something to worry about is when it causes the person to inflict self harm.

Self harm includes cutting, burning, hitting oneself, pulling



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out hair, drinking heavily or overdosing. It is necessary for people who are trying to help those who inflict self harm to

know how to do so. Nearly everyone has heard the generic phrases "I know," and "It's all going to be OK." These phrases are nothing more than empty promises that can at times lead to horrible consequences.

To understand self harm, one must understand where the people are coming from. Those who inflict self harm are experiencing horrible pain, and often feel excluded or unwanted. These feelings can come from any source, but it is

important to remember to listen.

Those who inflict self harm generally want three things, or a combination of the three things, to be in their life. They need someone to listen, someone to care, and a person they are able to trust. The tricky part is that they want all that in a person who will not preach to them or interrogate them. More than anything, they don't want to feel alone.

According to self-injury.net, the brain releases endorphins that work as pain killers when you hurt yourself. Endorphins can also cause a pleasant physical

sensation and can become addictive.

Holidays like Valentine's Day, increase feelings of seclusion in many people. Awareness of self harm is rising and this is a good thing. There are countless organizations that deal with those who inflict self harm, to help them feel their worth once again, and to help them get over this addiction. This is not enough. It is the average person's job to get involved. One can really make an amazing difference just by showing they care.

The greatest results will not be seen until the average person

gets involved, and looks out for others. Self harm knows no race, gender, sexual orientation, age, or any other barrier. It affects all types of people. If you are concerned that someone you know is inflicting self harm, talk to them. Listen to what they have to say, offer only small pieces of advice, and show them why they matter. If that does not work, call the authorities.

It is everyone's responsibility to do so. Saving one life may change a thousand. Everyone here is in college, and no one knows for sure where they are going, or whose life they will touch.

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-Could someone please tell me when global warming is gonna kick in because I'm tired of this freezing weather.

-I think it's really rockin' that the Democratic caucus had such a good turnout; we had more than 200 more than the Republican one. But really, it's good to see involvement at all. Keep active, kids! Politics affect you, too.

-I think you're super cute too!

-Could someone please tell me when global warming is gonna kick in because I'm tired of this cold.

-I really enjoyed Maggie's column the other day. Finally, a well-written piece with some humor. How about she writes all of them?

-So, why doesn't The Bulletin cover faculty senate meetings and such? I sure would like to read about important changes to the

Gen Ed programs in the STUDENT paper, rather than surfing the ESU website and reading minutes that just dance around the matter.

-So, the Democrat caucus is obviously front page news where as there is apparently no coverage of the Lyon County GOP caucus. I see The Bulletin doesn't subscribe to the Fox News standard of fair and balanced coverage.

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Kovalevsky Day to celebrate math pioneer's legacy

By MAGGIE RASMUSSEN

A group of 60 young women who have shown a particular aptitude for mathematics will participate in Thursday's 10th annual Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics Day at Emporia State.

The day will feature numerous mathematic-themed events and presentations about the life of Kovalevsky and women with careers in the field of mathematics.

According to the university's mathematics department, "the day begins with a welcome and a first person narrative performance of Sonia by an Emporia State theatre student and ends with a reception



Kovalevsky

in which participants receive certificates of recognition."

The overall goal of the day is to

promote and reward girls for interest in mathematics. The events at ESU are just part of the many national events occurring.

The day is named for Sonia Kovalevsky, a famous female mathematician and woman's rights activist. According to Association of Women in Mathematics, Kovalevsky was born in 1850. Her experience with mathematics started before she could even speak, as her childhood room was papered in her father's old calculus notes due to a lack of actual wallpaper.

Kovalevsky began to take an earnest interest in math due to her uncle, who made a point to discuss mathematical concepts with her. It was he who convinced her father to

allow her to attend school.

Upon completion of secondary school, Kovalevsky wanted to attend university but found that the nearest college open to women was in Switzerland. At the time, unmarried women were unable to travel alone so Kovalevsky entered into marriage with Vladimir Kovalevsky.

According to AWM, in 1870, Kovalevsky began to study under Karl Weierstrass, a leading mathematician of the time. His initial reaction to Kovalevsky was to ignore her. When he actually analyzed her work, however, Weierstrass recognized her brilliance, tutored her for four years before she was granted a Ph.D. from the University of Gottingen in Germany.

According to womenshistory.com, Kovalevsky was the first woman to hold a university chair in Europe. She was also the first woman on the editorial staff of a mathematical journal.

Kovalevsky went on to publish 10 papers on mathematics and mathematical physics before her death in 1891, many of which held groundbreaking theories and aided in legitimizing women as academic figures.

The day of celebration at ESU was created to celebrate the legacy Kovalevsky left behind as well as the paths she opened for future generations.

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cerning the use of external assessments.

"Any external assessment has to fit our general education needs and goals," said Ellen Hansen, associate professor of geography. She also stressed the importance of flexibility in the assessments to better fit the needs of ESU.

The cost of external assessment was also an issue debated by the council. The cost of external assessment tests, such as the CAAP test, does not give the university a profit: something the board will continue to discuss.

"I don't want to see cost passed onto the students," said Paul Bland, associate professor of school leadership and secondary teacher education. "I'd hate to see the cost passed onto them."

Council members asked if more testing would be an effective form of analyzing a given student's academic abilities.

"Is the test diagnostic enough?" asked Tony Ambrosio, director of the assessment and teaching enhancement center. Ambrosio also stated that, in the end, one of the most important aspects of the results of such testing would be the image of the university, saying "we have to look good once it's done."

The council also discussed a failed proposal for changes to current general education requirements. The proposal would have demanded elementary education majors to take introductory psychology, PY100, in addition to a political science course. Secondary education majors would be required to take PY100 in addition to another course from social and behavioral sciences.

The program changes were presented to academic affairs, who did not pass the proposal. The 2-3 vote with a total of 5 abstentions placed the proposal.

Jim Roach, associate professor of chemistry and a representative of academic affairs present at the council's meeting, said that the proposal failed to pass for a number of reasons.

"The majority felt the proposal was too similar to what we already have," Roach said. "Why change it?"

Roach also stated that several members declined to vote due to lack of feedback from the respective departments they represent.

The General Education Council meets twice a month to discuss any issues pertinent to the general education requirements and programs at the university. Duties of the council include the evaluation of the university's general education programs, the establishment of policies pertaining to classes for transfer credit as well as the evaluation of competency testing programs.

According to the council's constitution, "All formal actions of the Council shall be considered recommendations to the Director of General Education and to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences."

The council is also responsible for any changes or alterations made to the university's general education program requirements.

The council is comprised of the director of General Education, two faculty members representing schools or colleges that offer general education courses, the director of Teaching Enhancement and one student selected by ASG.

Council members are chosen by the faculty of the school or college they represent or are appointed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Open Mic Night cancelled due to low number of participants

By KELSEY RYAN

Open Mic Night, an event hosted by the Black Student Union, was cancelled on Wednesday night. Members of BSU hope to have the event rescheduled sometime in the near future.

Until they reschedule, there will be a table in the Memorial Union where students can sign up to participate. Open Mics are times for students to express their feelings about current issues through songs, poetry or simply speaking.

The event was cancelled because of a lack of student participants. Around five students, in addition to students who were planning the event, showed up, and BSU was hoping for at least 50 students to participate.

"We would love participants to come sign up to do Open Mic," said CJ Bruner, sophomore business management major. "You can do anything from poetry to just open word, if you want to sing a song or if you just want to come up and say a couple of words anything is welcome. [Open Mic Night] has an emphasis on Black History Month, but anything is welcome."

Members decided that the event needed more publicity and said that they believed the lack of publicity was the reason why so few people showed up.

"We started publicity a little late," Bruner said. "We were there

and people came by and signed up but a lot of people didn't know if it was their forte to go and talk in front of people."

Rosie Sauls, sophomore undecided major and member of BSU, has never been to an Open Mic before, but was looking forward to going to it.

"We're sorry it was cancelled," Sauls said. "We hope to have a great turn out next week with a lot of speakers."

Barbara Baker, the Director of Multicultural Affairs and the adviser for the Black Student Union, has not attended any Open Mics at ESU, but has seen them at other schools.

"I've seen really great, phenomenal work with Open Mics because it just gives the person the chance to interact with their audience, it gets the audience responding and lead into some great dialogues and discussions," Baker said. "I think they can be very, very successful."

Students in the Black Student Union often discuss current events that address all types of students and



PHOTO BY CHRIS HUNTER

The Hornet's Nest sits empty last night as Open Mic Night was cancelled due to a low number of attendees. Open Mic Night will be rescheduled to a later date.

cultures.

"[Black Student Union] is a leadership group to help us come together," Sauls said. "It's not just for black people, it's for anyone just to network with your fellow students."

In addition to Open Mic Night, BSU is also hosting community member Earl Williams, the co-chairman for the MLK planning committee, at 6 p.m. next Monday in Science Hall 72. Darius Carter, an ESU alum, will also be speaking on Feb. 21. Ask a Black Dude will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Kansa Room. Baker believes these events are great

opportunities for stereotypical thinking to be changed.

"I think that when people hear Black History Month, they tend to think that's only for black students," Baker said. "But this is a wonderful learning opportunity for all students here at ESU if they come and partake and listen to the dialogue, everybody can learn something from these programs. So it's not just a black student event, everybody should come participate and learn."

ATTENTION FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS Call for Posters

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research is sponsoring the annual research and creativity forum on **Thursday, April 10th**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Colonial Ballroom. The poster session will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 with the award ceremony beginning at 3:15. Posters will be judged by three faculty members - criteria is listed below. Awards, in the form of travel funds, will be given for the best faculty poster, the best student poster and the best collaborative poster (\$500 for individual poster awards and \$300 for each author of collaborative posters). If you would like to exhibit a poster, **please send the information below, along with a brief abstract, to Pam Fillmore at pfillmor@emporia.edu, by Friday, March 14**. The abstracts will appear in the printed program. The poster session has been a popular event in the past and we encourage your participation.

- Name, academic department, e-mail address, telephone number
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 - **If there is more than one author, department and rank/titles for each individual**
 - Title of poster
 - Equipment needed (room divider, easel, VCR/monitor, display board [tri-fold], other [specify])
- Note: Tables will be provided to all participants. Room dividers are carpeted and can be used as bulletin boards. There are a limited number of room dividers and display boards, so they will be assigned as requests are received.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR POSTERS

Note: All posters are welcome. The criteria are offered for those who wish to submit a competitive poster for the monetary awards. Posters do NOT have to meet specific criteria in order to be included in the research forum. Also, all posters must be set up by 12:00 on April 10th. The judges will begin their evaluations at noon. Individual interviews will begin at 1:00, so exhibitors who wish for their poster to be considered for an award must be present at that time. Posters will be judged on a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being poor and 4 being excellent.

- Scholarly Merit** - Does it convey the project's significance to others in the field and to the general public?
- Originality** - Is the research or scholarly/creative work original?
- Presentation** - Does the poster present the work clearly? Does it invite the viewer to look at it and ask about it? How interesting is the manner of presentation? How neatly is the poster put together?
- Comprehension** - How knowledgeable and conversant is the author with the materials presented in the poster?

ATTENTION FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS Poster Workshop

We are offering a poster workshop for anyone interested in participating in this poster session. The workshop will be held on March 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Flint Hills Room of the Memorial Union. Professor Rebecca Dobbs, department of Social Sciences, will conduct the workshop. Although faculty and students who are new to poster presentations are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, 'veteran' poster presenters may also benefit from the information that will be offered. Additional details will be announced later. For more information look at the ad to the left.

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ESU art student to display work in Gilson Gallery

BY ERIC SONNAKOLB

For the past few months, senior art major Mikelle Russell has been working at the Eppink and Gilson galleries in King Hall helping set up and take down the work of other artists. Monday she will be displaying her own work in an exhibition titled "Biomorphic Explorations."

Russell feels the title she chose represents her unique style of art.

"I like to experiment a lot in my work, different textures, mediums and processes," Russell said. "I like the surprises that come along with experimenting."

Russell is including work done in a variety of mediums including ceramic sculpture, monotype prints and paintings.



MIKELLE RUSSELL

"I'm mainly focused on sculpture but I wanted to include some wall pieces that relate to the sculptures," Russell said.

Although this is her first solo show, Mikelle has had her work up in galleries before. In the fall of 2005, she displayed her work alongside her father and grandfather at the Emporia Arts Council.

"My dad's a sculptor and my grandfather's a painter," Russell said. "So we had three generations in one gallery."

According to Russell, she is currently applying to graduate schools and hopes to get her masters and later teach at a university.

"I've always been attracted to sculptural stuff," Russell said. "I gravitated to working with my hands rather than sitting at a desk."

Russell describes her work as "organic and natural forms that remind

you of nature but not representational of anything in particular."

"For me, it's more about the process than the end result," Russell said.

Instead of the typical opening reception, Russell will be hosting a closing reception on February 29th.

"My birthday's on the 28th so I'm having a closing party," Russell said. "I wanted

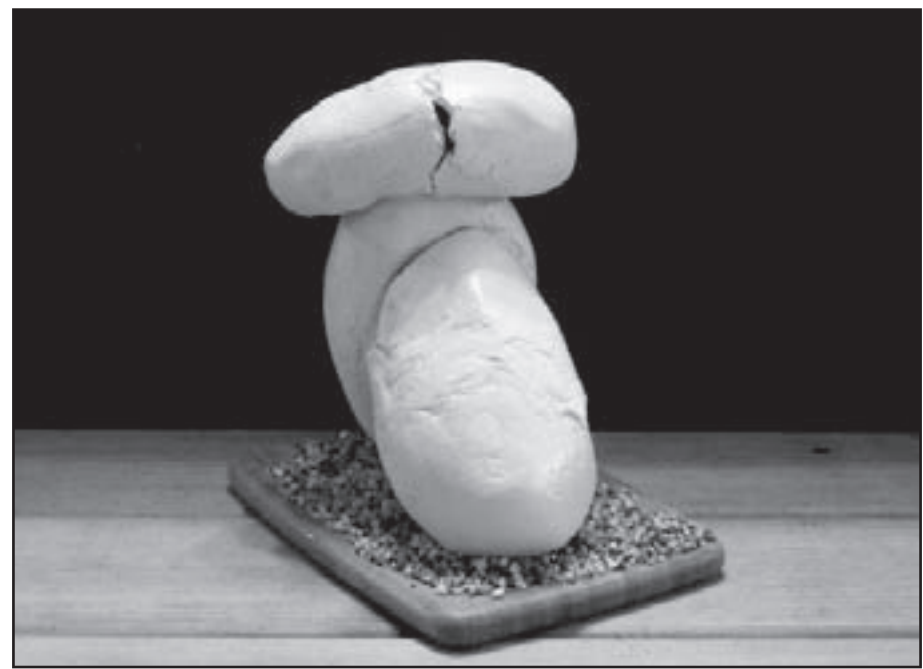
to have more time to set it up and just be a little different."

Russell hopes that people who view her work will share their opinions with her at the closing reception.

"I really enjoy getting people's feedback," Russell said. "My work isn't really representational so

people's comments often lead me to do new things."

Russell's closing reception will be on February 29th at 7 p.m. in the Gilson Memorial Gallery in King Hall.



PIECES BY MIKELLE RUSSELL

Two sculptures by senior art major Mikelle Russell. Russell will be displaying a variety of work starting on Monday in the Gilson Memorial Gallery located in King Hall.

Q. and A. with Tall Cotton String Band

BY ERIC SONNAKOLB

The Oklahoma City-based Tall Cotton String Band are one of a number of bands from the Midwest embracing bluegrass and folk music, yet putting their own unique spin on it.

With Joshua Pitt on upright bass, Sheridan Marquardt III on mandolin, Jake Massey on guitar, Christopher Robinson on banjo, the band brings their diverse influences together to create a sound all their own.

The band recently put out a self-titled EP and will be playing with some local favorites, Elexa and The Hitchhikers.

How did you get started playing music together?

Robinson: Sheridan and I own a bicycle shop in Oklahoma City. We decided that we wanted to learn to play bluegrass so I bought a banjo and he bought a mandolin and got together with an old friend who was learning to flatpick. This was the beginning of Tall Cotton. Well, the guitar player moved to Colorado and left us high and dry until Jake came along. Then Joshua met Jake through his sister, and we all got together.

How have your different backgrounds contributed to your sound?

Robinson: In all kinds of ways. Jake brings a lot of jazz, blues and swing to the table. I like the traditional banjo-driven Scruggs-style bluegrass. Sheridan's musical taste is all over the place and that really adds a lot to his song writing. Joshua sang opera as a child.

Marquardt: It keeps us fighting long enough that we challenge each other competitively to jump to the next level.

What drew you to old timey bluegrass music?

Robinson: Fast music that I can dance to and the lack of quality music being put out today.

Marquardt: Going to Branson, MO with my grandfather as a kid predisposed me to this life.

Massey: I play so I don't hear the crickets in my head. Seriously.

Pitt: The harmonies, of course.

When did you release your EP?

Robinson: It just came out a week or two ago.

Where can we get it?

Robinson: At one of our shows, of course. It can also be downloaded at www.digstation.com. You can get it there by the track or the whole E.P. with artwork.

What do you hope to accomplish as a band?

Robinson: We'd like to put out a few albums, hit the road and tour, and make some people smile and dance. Oh, and have a great time picking along the way of course.

Future plans?

Robinson: Well, I guess getting

Anything else you'd like my readers to know?

Robinson: Bluegrass and old-timey music is alive and kicking. Come see our show and you'll be a believer, too.

To listen to the band's new EP check out their MySpace page at <http://www.myspace.com/tall-cottonstringband>

The Tall Cotton String Band will be performing at Wheat State Grille on Friday at 8 p.m.



COURTESY OF TALL COTTON STRING BAND

Joshua Philip Pitt, Sheridan Arthur Marquardt III, Jake Lynn Massey and Christopher P. Robinson make up the bluegrass quartet known as the Tall Cotton String Band. The band will be playing with Elexa & The Hitchhikers at Wheat State Grille on Friday.

Local Event Calendar

THURSDAY Feb. 14

UAC presents: Comedian Kyle Cease + Zoiks! @ Albert Taylor Hall 8 p.m.

FRIDAY Feb. 15

Brass Day Concert @ Heath Recital Hall 5:30 p.m.
Tall Cotton String Band + Elexa & the Hitchhikers @ Wheat State Grille 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Feb. 16

Guest Artist: Dean Sommerville @ Heath Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.
The High Life @ Wheat State Grille 10 p.m.

MONDAY Feb. 18

Work by Mikelle Russel @ Gilson Memorial Gallery in King Hall

WEDNESDAY Feb. 19

Zoiks! @ Bruder Theater in King Hall 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Feb. 21

Jazz Ensemble Concert @ Albert Taylor Hall 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY Feb. 22

NO SCHOOL @ ESU
Terry Quiet Band @ Natasha's 9:30 p.m.
Between the Lines @ Wheat State Grille 10 p.m.

SATURDAY Feb. 23

Watching the Coroner + Portrait of Malice + Hester Prynne @ Wagon Wheel 8 p.m.
The Co-Dependents @ Wheat State Grille 10 p.m.

SUNDAY Feb. 24

Martin Cuellar & Friends @ Heath Recital Hall 3 p.m.

TUESDAY Feb. 26

Wind Ensemble Concert @ Albert Taylor Hall 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 27

ESU Theatre: "The Woman In Black" @ Bruder Theater in King Hall 7:30 p.m.
UAC presents: Actor Danny Trejo @ Albert Taylor Hall 7 p.m.
Joon Seok Park @ Inner Bean 8 p.m.

THURSDAY Feb. 28

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FRIDAY Feb. 29

Mikelle Russell (Closing Reception) @ Gilson Gallery King Hall 7 p.m.
Take The Forgotten + Repentance @ Victory Fellowship Church 7 p.m.
ESU Theatre: "The Woman In Black" @ Bruder Theater in King Hall 7:30 p.m.
Gaelic Storm @ Albert Taylor Hall 7:30 p.m.
Steven Kyle @ Wheat State Grille 10 p.m.

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ESU Theatre: "The Woman In Black" @ Bruder Theater in King Hall 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY Mar. 3

Art by Katie Gleason @ Gilson Memorial Gallery in King Hall 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Mar. 5

Author Eloise Klein Healy @ Sauder Alumni Center 3 p.m.

FRIDAY Mar. 7

The Dewayn Brothers + Oakhurst @ Wheat State Grille 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Mar. 8

Buffalofitz @ Wheat State Grille 10 p.m.
Confined in Flesh + At the Left Hand of God + M-Theory @ The Wagon Wheel 9 p.m.

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Women take down Missouri Southern

BY ELLIE MEINEN

The Lady Hornets basketball team came out aggressive and was able to avenge a loss against Missouri Southern from earlier in the season. ESU trailed only once on the way to a 79-46 win Wednesday night.

The teams met Jan. 23 in Joplin, Mo., which resulted in a 71-90 ESU loss. The MSSU out rebounded the Hornets 46-24 in the match up and made its last 20 free throw attempts.

Senior forward Michelle Stueve thought the team learned from the first matchup and used it to make adjustments in their favor.

"I think we had a lot better mind set and we were ready," Stueve said. "We knew what they were about, I thought we just played harder."

ESU came out very assertive on both offense and defense as it was able build an 11-2 lead with 16:07 left in the first half. MSSU fought back with a run of its own to tie the game at 11 at the 13:24 mark. The Hornets were able to take back the lead and also extend it thanks to a string of defensive stops while continuing convert on offense. ESU finished the first half on a 27-6 run to take a 38-17 lead into the break.

Head Coach Brandon Schneider said defensive tactics were changed from the last outing against MSSU.

"We chose to apply more pressure and I thought we did a good job of defending their initial entry pass," Schneider said.

The Hornets was outrebounded by MSSU 19-14 in the first half. ESU shot 53.6 percent from the floor and



had only eight turnovers while holding MSSU to 25.0 shooting and forcing 14 MSSU turnovers.

Stueve said the team has been focusing on limiting turnovers and has been stressing taking care of the ball.

"I think we made smarter decisions and watched our passes," Stueve said.

ESU continued to play solid defense and scoring on offense to build up a lead as big as 37 in the second half. Junior Ida Edwards was able to take advantage of the MSSU defense and took lobs over the top early and often. Edwards said part of the reason was harder posting up and the defense fueling the offense.

"I think we're a better team since we played them (the last time)," Edwards said. "I think we ran the floor in transition and wore them out."

ESU had 10 players score on the night with Stueve and Edwards leading the way with 22 and 20 points, respectively. Stueve also had four rebounds and three assists while Edwards pulled down six rebounds and

sophomore guard Lacy Corker had five points with seven assists. ESU shot 55.6 percent from the field for the game and 92.3 percent from the free throw line. The Hornets were able to force 25 turnovers and held MSSU to 29.1 percent from the floor and 10.0 percent from the three-point line.

With the win, ESU now stands at 17-5 overall and 10-3 in MIAA play. With Washburn defeating Southern Baptist earlier in the evening, ESU is now tied with WU atop the MIAA standings. The two will meet on Feb. 23 in Topeka.

The Hornets will host Central Missouri in the second to last home game of the season. ESU was able to pull off a 10 point win at UCM earlier in the year. As UCM has recently become a hot team, Schneider knows the game is important and that the team will need to be on top of its game.

"We're going to have to have two good days of preparation and play well on Saturday," Schneider said.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HUNTER

Above: Senior forward Michelle Stueve drives past a Missouri Southern defender last night at White Auditorium. The Lady Hornets defeated the Lions 79-46 to avenge an earlier loss in Joplin, Mo.

Above Left: Lady Hornets' coach Brandon Schneider yells instruction to his team last night at home.

Up Next for Women's Basketball

Feb. 16: Central Missouri
White Auditorium
5:30 p.m.

Feb. 20: at Pittsburg State
Pittsburg, KS
5:30 p.m.

Hornets fall to Lions at home

BY CODY BURNS

The Emporia State basketball squads welcomed conference rival Missouri Southern to W.L. White Auditorium on Wednesday night. For the second time this season, the Hornets men were unable to defeat the Missouri Southern Lions. The Hornets fell 69-80 in a game that was closer than the box score shows. With the loss, the Hornets fall to 11-11 on the season and 6-7 in conference play.

Earlier in the season, the Hornets lost by a much wider margin, 66-85, to the Lions. The ESU squad fell apart in the second half, allowing an 18-3 run by their opponents.

This collapse didn't happen the second time around, and the Hornets were within three points with just four minutes remaining in the game. Due to the Southern fast-paced offense and an early foul-out by senior Caleb Tegtmeyer, the Hornets ran out of gas in the final minutes.

The Hornets started the game slowly, allowing the Lions to build a 16 point lead in the first half. After a timeout, the Hornets came out ready to make a comeback. For the rest of the first half, the home team cut

into the lead. A few minutes into the second half found the Hornets to be within two points of the Lions. 39-41. The Hornets were unable to close this gap, and failed to take the lead anytime during the second half.

Head Coach David Moe was optimistic about his team's effort against the 16-6 conference foe.

"I think we played well," Moe said. "When I say well, I mean we played with energy, with enthusiasm. We made some good defensive plays without breakdowns."

Moe did say that his team could have improved in the first half and late into the second.

"We made some mistakes in the first half that we didn't make in the second half. We were worn down; Southern makes you expend a lot of energy to compete with them," Moe said. "Also I may have not used the bench as well as I could have, maybe we should have had more substitutions for tired players."

The Hornets were led by the usual cast of senior starters. Marvin Lee led the team in points with 17, along with nine rebounds. Jordan Fithian pulled

off a double-double, with 12 points and a game high 13 boards. Guard DeAndre Townsend contributed 12 points and six assists on the night. As a team, the Hornets shot 70 percent from the free-throw line, and a season low 10 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

Jordan Fithian said he thinks the team needs to have fun to get the energy and momentum to play well.

"My mindset is that we need to go out and play. We need to go out and play and have fun. When we get tense we don't make the shots, we have turnovers," Fithian said. "I could tell when we were having fun and when we were tense."

The Hornets only chance to avenge the losses the Lions have handed them won't come until the MIAA tournament in March. Until then, the Hornets have five more games on the schedule. The next is on Saturday, here in Emporia against the Central Missouri Mules. The last time these two teams matched up the Hornets came out on top 84-75.



PHOTO BY KELLEN JENKINS

Senior guard Marvin Lee looks to pass as he fights off a defender from Missouri Southern last night at White Auditorium. Lee had 17 points as ESU lost 80-69.

Up Next for Men's Basketball

Feb. 16: Central Missouri
White Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 20: at Pittsburg State
Pittsburg, KS
7:30 p.m.