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A Celtic Celebration: Story, Song and Dance

Get into the Celtic spirit at Eastfield's Celtic Celebration: Story, Song & Dance March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Performance Hall.

We'll kick off our celebration with master story teller Dan Gibson. Everyone will participate in Dan's stories and songs, as he stirs your imagination and makes you laugh out loud. Then get ready to tap your toes; Brothers 3 have grown from a trio of siblings to a unique seven-member group playing traditional celtic songs and tunes in styles ranging from folk, country and jazz to World Beat. Clever arrangements, strong vocals, and terrific instrumentation honor the old tunes while placing them squarely in the 21st century. To round off the evening, you will be mesmerized by an exhibition of Irish dancing featuring World Champion River Dancer Jason Hays and other wonderful dancers from the McTeggart School of Irish dance.

Free admission; general seating available (no tickets needed). For more information please contact SPAR at ext. 7185.



Faculty & Staff Notes

Eastfield's Auto Body and Electronics programs participated in the annual Dallas Auto Rama at Market Hall on Feb. 16-18. Each year over 50,000 spectators attend the three day event and Eastfield faculty recruit students for their programs.

Representing their respective programs were: **Carlos Ojeda, Frank Milsap, Jeff Mitchell and Ricardo Gutierrez** (Auto Body) and **Chuck Dale and Arch Dye** (Electronics).

Mesquite ISD's annual PTA Banquet on Feb. 16 featured Eastfield President **Carol Brown**. "It All Begins Here" was the topic of her presentation to the 400 guests at Poteet High School. Eastfield enjoys a wonderful partnership with MISD and Brown's presentation was another way of telling the Eastfield College story to parents of future students.

Dr. Elizabeth Huston, (Professor of English) presented a paper, "Eloquent Oratory: William Morris's 'Art and Socialism,'" at the Rhetoric Symposium of the Federation of North Texas Colleges and Universities. The conference was held Feb. 23 at Texas A&M - Commerce. Huston, 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner, was one of 60 presenters at the annual symposium in Rhetoric. The symposium has a long, prestigious history of bringing prominent rhetoricians before college and university professors from across the state.

Eastfield and the Dallas Association for Parent Education co-sponsored the Health and Safety Conference on Feb. 3. Over

200 child care professionals from the metroplex were in attendance. Eastfield Child Dev. full-time faculty **Susan Wyatt** and **Karan Marshall**, and adjuncts **Denise Collins and Dawn Hallman** all presented sessions.

DISD's Area One General PTA meeting on Feb. 11 included an update on the Pleasant Grove Center- Eastfield College South Campus by President **Dr. Carol Brown** and Interim VPI **Dr. Allatia Harris**. Area One encompasses schools in Pleasant Grove, Balch Springs and Seagoville. Over 100 parents, community members and DISD staff were joined by DISD Board Members Nancy Bingham and Ron Price.

Eastfield math faculty participated in the Achieving Student Success in the Mathematics Classroom Conference on Feb. 9 in Houston. Houghlin-Mifflin's Team-Up Faculty Programs sponsored the conference designed to give math and developmental math instructors ready-to-use and hands-on ways to reach struggling students and incorporate new ideas into their classrooms. Faculty learned ways to improve student interest and retention, how to teach with multiple strategies to better engage students, and use active learning to increase student success. Title III Grant provided travel for the following participants: **Elizabeth Howell, Ka Sai Un, Ed Freiheit, Ricardo Rodriguez, Leslie Plumb and Leticia Escobar**.

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College Goal Sunday - A Huge Success!

Eastfield was one of 37 state-wide sites for College Goal Sunday on Feb. 24, sponsored by the Texas A&M University System. Free workshops were presented by financial aid professionals to help high school students and parents applying for assistance using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Dana Mingo, Eastfield's Director of Financial Aid, served as local coordinator for the event. Eastfield had more than 70 attendees from the surrounding area including high school students from N. & W. Mesquite, Poteet, Horn, S. & N. Garland, Plano, Rockwall, Rowlett, Bishop Lynch, Dallas Christian, Naaman Forest, Samuell, Skyline and Seagoville. Home schooled and Eastfield, Richland, and UTA students also attended.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Karen Torres from Seagoville High; the scholarships given away can be used anywhere. The award to be used in the Fall or Spring terms.

More than 1000 students participated in College Goal Sunday events across the state, compared to 537 students at 29 locations last year. Each year the federal government awards more than \$80 billion in financial aid for higher education. According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texans received \$4 billion in aid last year. With a strong College Goal Sunday turnout in 2007 we hope to remove financial need as a barrier to higher education in the future.

Thanks to matching community training funds, **Eastfield** will be a major sponsor in the city of Dallas' Honoring the Profession awards ceremony in June. Eastfield joins IBM, ChildCare Group, Head Start, Early Childhood, Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC) and Educational First Steps in presenting awards at the annual event. The District Foundation's Pat Kennedy Memorial Scholarship received a matching donation from Texas Instruments (Kennedy's husband is retired from TI) and the company matched the family's \$5,000 donation. Thanks to the matching funds, \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded to Eastfield Child Dev. and Teacher Prep students at the awards ceremony. Kennedy was the founding coordinator for Eastfield's Child Development Program and was the first director of the college's PCSC.

Nancy Beaver (Program Administrator, Child Dev.) was one of 100 participants trained at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 12-13. She was among the second group of national leaders selected to be a volunteer local assessor in the newly "reinvented" center accreditation system.

Eastfield was a community partner at the 75th Annual Garland Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Feb. 9 with Chancellor Lassister as the keynote speaker. President **Carol Brown**, recognized as a new Board Director, introduced the chancellor to over 600 business and community guests. Also in attendance were **Dr. Joy Black**, VPSSEM; **Romilio Castillo**, Director of High School Outreach; **Nelly Cuenca**, Dual Credit; **Sara Hays** and **Dylan Lewis**, Phi Theta Kappa officers; and Leadership Garland Alumni **Jackie Porter**, Business & Information Systems and **Amy McDonald** and **Sharon Cook**, Marketing & Communications.

Professor **Carlos Rovelo** (Business and Fine Arts) and **Aimee Murray** (Learning Assistance Center) collaborated to implement the "Column of Luv," a faculty, student, and staff project in the LAC. Students **Jose Sainz** and **Earl Jones III** assisted with the project that created a space in which students and employees can participate in a writing exercise without judgment. The colorful, kinetic, and

evolving exhibit has drawn responses all areas of the college community.

Please give a warm Harvester welcome to the following new employees:

Veronica Campbell - Financial Aid
Patricia Tear - College Police
Gina Elder - Library
Bridget Sanders - President Staff
Charles Johnson - L & L
Anna Hubbell - Library
Amanda Nguyen - HR

As part of Eastfield's newly formed Multi-Cultural Committee, "Celebrations of Culture," were featured during the month of February in conjunction with African-American History Month. A video clip of the "The Color of Fear" was shared with 150 students and staff on Feb. 13; a panel discussion followed. Panelists included the following Social Science & Human Services faculty: **Gloria Jackson**, **Phillip Ortiz**, **Richard Cinclair** (Dean), **Patrick Patterson** and **Val Gonzales**. **Elaine Cho** (Faculty-Language & Literature) was also on the panel. **Melvin Brown** and **Chris Halyburton**, students from the Social Work/ Substance Abuse Program were also panelists. Panelists and participants shared stories of racism and addressed ways to resolve some of the local and national concerns and issues.

Eastfield was well represented at the recent reception for the League for Innovation Exhibition at Mountain View. There were plenty of faculty, students and administrators including President **Carol Brown**, Dean **Don Baynham**, Gallery 219 Director **David Willburn** and art instructor **James Watral** were there to witness our brilliant students claim some very well deserved recognition.

EFC art student **Pamela Flores** is one of only five winners who will represent DCCCD in a national Exhibition In Print. Flores' piece was also chosen by Dallas art dealer and gallery owner, Marty Walker, to receive the Juror Purchase Award. This piece will become part of the permanent collection of Mountain View!

Andrew Britt's Self-Portrait, **Esther Hasskamp's** Self-Portrait, and **Mary Wester's** Petite Purses all received Honorable Mentions.



Field Studies in New England: Natural History in the Outdoors

Anticipated Travel dates: May 12–20
 Cost: \$950, plus airfare and costs for course registration.
 Costs cover activities, ground transport, lodging and most meals.

This offering of Field Geology and Physical Education takes students to areas of classic coastal scenery in New England where they will learn of the our ocean heritage. They will also have the

opportunity to study our cultural heritage in an environment of outdoor adventure and exploration.

The North Atlantic was the ocean of exploration and New England was the romantic and profitable exploration destination. They came here for the cod, for the harbors, for the whale, for the Northwest Passage, and for the land. What better place than this sea to study oceanography—the place where ocean exploration began.

In our scientific studies, we will research the water chemistry, the tides and currents, the coastal landforms and the flora and fauna. All of this will be done in a spirit of outdoor adventure and exploration where students learn to enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities. The trip will focus on coastal environments in three areas: Cape Ann (North

of Boston), Buzzards Bay (South of Boston), and Cape Cod National Seashore.

Pre-trip meetings will be held at Eastfield on Friday nights during the months prior to leaving, with at least 4 lectures on various aspects of oceanography and outdoor education. The course includes some challenging physical activity, so students are expected to physically prepare for the trip with a regular exercise schedule before departure.

Want to find out more? Contact the instructors:

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Complete details can be found at www.eastfieldcollege.com.

Student Notes

Sandra Saucedo Scott's **Intro to Early Childhood Education class** is collecting new children's books to donate to the USO at DFW USO's United Through Reading program. Deployed military personnel are videotaped reading a book to their children. Her class will collect new children's books so the reader may then inscribe a personal message in the donated book. The videotape and inscribed book will be sent to the military family as a keepsake. After the Katrina hurricane, her students collected and donated thousands of school supplies for area Katrina children. As a result, Scott's classes donated numerous school supplies to DISD, GISD, and MISD!

Eastfield students were part of the DCCCD delegation of students and staff participating in Community College Day in Austin on Feb. 22. Senator John Carona and State Representative Barbara Mallory Caraway, both representing Eastfield service areas, hosted students in conversation at their respective Capitol offices.

Letter to Jim Phillips (Psychology instructor)
 I passed the State Boards!!! I'm now an R. N.!!!!!!
Craig Merritt, a former Rodeo Club member and Eastfield student

Letter to **Mary Forrest** (Speech faculty)
 I was in your Speech Self-paced Wednesday class last fall and was struggling to finish your course amid nursing courses. I thank you SO much for working with me and encouraging me to press on and finish your class. What I didn't tell you was that I was also diagnosed with adult ADD earlier in that semester. I was having trouble getting it together in my nursing classes and was beginning to believe that I was completely inadequate and incapable as a nursing student and person, period. Although I had started medication and had an explanation for the years of feeling that I was always falling short, I did begin to question if I was capable of being the excellent R.N. that I knew I was born to be. I wouldn't be safe to my patients if I was always scrambled and struggled with following directions!! However, after reading all I could about the disorder over Christmas break, I've learned that I will be just fine with the help of some organizational tools and tips. Everything has been fine so far this semester and will continue to be. On top of it all, I'm a more confident communicator. Your positive comments and feedback help me to hold my head higher since finishing your course. I project my voice now and often talk too much.

So yes, thank you, thank you, and thank you! You helped me so much more than you know. I had to email you because I've always felt it was critical to give credit when credit is due or to tell someone how they've made a positive impact in our lives...we never know who we can help to soar the sky. I am now soaring. I wish you health and joy always.

Yolanda Davis

Who's Who Among Students

The 2006-2007 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in America's Junior Colleges* will include the names of six students from Eastfield College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders:

Terri Miller, Dallas
Joyce Philip, Rowlett
Jonathan Daniel Price, Mesquite
Gayland Sisk, Dallas
Shannon Snider, Seagoville
Lynda E. Taylor-Herndon, Garland

Calendar at a glance...

March 8

What It Means To Be A Woman Panel Discussion
Presented by EFC Multi-Cultural Committee
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., C135

Job Fair

More than fifty companies with positions to fill will be on-hand to accept resumes and applications. Bring plenty of resumes and dress to interview.
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Gym

March 12- 16

Spring Break: campus closed

March 16

Spring Break Holiday for staff

March 20

Political Litmus Test Debate: Abortion
Students of Government battle it out on the issue of abortion. All are welcome.
12:30 p.m., C135

March 21

Wednesday Recital Series: Jeanine Dowis, pianist
12:45 p.m., F117A

March 26

What Women Need to Know About Credit Rights and Responsibilities Seminar
This would be in collaboration with the Federal Trade Commission. Call ext. 7185 for further information.
11:30 a.m., C135

March 28

Wednesday Recital Series: Randy Nye, guitar faculty
12:45 p.m., F117A

Evening Social

Grab a snack and relax before heading off to evening class. SPAR will have food, drinks and door prizes. Everyone welcome! Call 972-860-7185 for further information.
5 – 7 p.m., The Pit

March 31

Breakfast & Community Service Day
Students and employees are invited to join together for breakfast and a day to give back to the community. Opportunities to participate in community service projects will follow the morning breakfast. Call ext. 7185 for further information.
7:30 a.m., The Pit

April 2

Political Litmus Test Debate: Prayer in Schools
Students of Government battle it out on the issue of prayer in public schools. All are welcome.
12:30 p.m., C135

April 4

Wednesday Recital Series: Eastfield Voice Department: Directors – Theresa Cieminski & Ron Montgomery
12:45 p.m., F117A

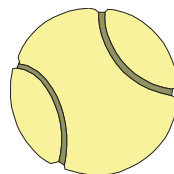
Eastfield Athletics Schedule...



Men's Baseball

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| Tues. Mar. 20 | |
| UT – Dallas | 2 p.m. |
| Fri. Mar. 23 | |
| Mountain View College** | 2 p.m. |
| Sat. Mar. 24 | |
| Mountain View College** | 12 p.m. |
| Mon. Mar. 26 | |
| North Central TX College | 2 p.m. |
| Tues. Mar. 27 | |
| at Murray State (Tishamingo, OK) | 2:30 p.m. |
| Fri. Mar. 30 | |
| at Richland College** | 2 p.m. |
| Sat. Mar. 31 | |
| at Richland College** | 12 p.m. |

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| Tues. Apr. 3 | |
| at Hill College | 2 p.m. |
| Fri. Apr. 6 | |
| Tyler Jr. College** | 2 p.m. |
| Sat. Apr. 7 | |
| Tyler Jr. College** | 12 p.m. |



Men's & Women's Tennis

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| Fri. Mar. 9 | |
| UT–Dallas | 2 p.m. |
| Tue. Mar. 20 | |
| at Dallas Baptist University | 3 p.m. |
| Fri.–Sat. Mar. 30– 31 | |
| at East Central Okla. C.C. Tournament (Ada, OK) | |

Upcoming Library Exhibits

March 5 – 31: TRIBUTE TO WOMEN'S HISTORY

In honor of National Women's History Month, Eastfield Library presents a combination of several library-owned exhibits encompassing both historical and contemporary women of America.

American Women includes posters of such famous women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Clara Barton, and Babe Didrikson. *Women of Hope: African Americans Who Made a Difference* reveals the lives and works of many women such as Alice Walker, Ella J. Baker, and Maya Angelou. *Women of Hope: Latinas – Moriendo Camino* is an exhibit of posters showing the lives and works of Sandra Cisneros, Adriana Ocampo, and Tania Leon among others. Finally, the last exhibit entitled *Women Who Made a Difference* is a small but powerful discussion of such women as Harriett Tubman, Louisa May Alcott, Amelia Earhart, and Elizabeth Blackwell. These four exhibits offer an excellent basis for appreciating the contributions of women in America.

Continuing Education Update

Classes starting in March:

Swim: Beginner - CHPZ 1000 \$70
S 1:00PM-2:20PM POOL 3/24-5/19

Swim: Advanced - CHPZ 1000 \$70
S 1:00PM-2:20PM POOL 3/24-5/19

Ballroom Dance - DANZ 1000 \$60
S 2:00PM-4:00PM P208 3/24-5/5

Basic Landscaping - HALT 1006 \$65
S 8:00AM-12:00PM T157 3/24-5/5

Broadway camp - DRAZ 1000 \$250
3/12- 3/15

Belly Dancing - DANZ 1000 \$60
T 7:00PM-8:30PM TBA 3/20-5/8

Pottery - ARTZ 1000 \$99
F 6:00PM-9:00PM F217 3/23-6/1
S 9:00AM-12:00PM F217 3/24-6/2

Texas Gulf Studies Program

Eastfield College is offering a Field Studies Program to the Texas Gulf Coast (Port Aransas) May 12 – 22. The Texas Gulf Coast Program includes Environmental Biology 2406



Rattlesnake at Welder Wildlife Refuge

and Botany 1411 for a total of eight hours of credit. The class will depart for Port Aransas May 12 (Saturday) and return to the Eastfield Campus on May 22 (Tuesday) (Back in time for Summer I session).

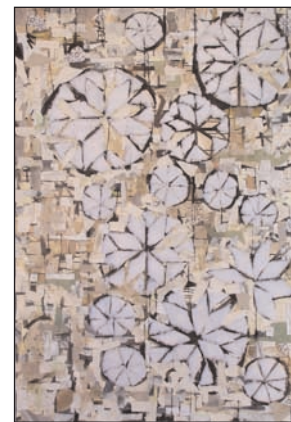
The Texas Gulf Coastal Program includes six pre-trip instructional sessions devoted to botany and an introduction to environmental biology. Weekend classes start March 25. While studying at the coastal bend we will explore various aspects of coastal marine and terrestrial ecology, with our primary focus being on the marine environment. We will utilize facilities and a research vessel at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas, resources of the Corpus Christi Museum, and the Texas State Aquarium in our studies. We will also travel to Padre Island National Seashore and Mustang Island State Park. Students to pay a \$100 deposit and to register. The deposit is non-refundable after the first class day.

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Male & female blue crabs

Gallery 219 Presents



Gallery 219 at Eastfield College Presents:
On Paper:
Paul Greco,
Peter Ligon,
Jessica McCambly
and Sunny Sliger,
February 19 –
March 23.

This exhibition focuses on artists who use paper as their primary medium. Paper is the surface upon which Jessica McCambly creates minimal and ephemeral forms.

Paul Greco uses paper as a support and collaged images in his compositions of recontextualized nostalgic figures.

Peter Ligon creates straightforward and stylish plein air drawings of otherwise ignored neighborhood signs and structures.

Sunny Sliger uses a background of paper for her layered, patterned and tightly arranged elements of found and reformed materials.

Gallery 219 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery will be closed during spring break, March 12 – 16.

The gallery is located on the main floor of the Fine Arts building (bldg "F"). Park and enter at the Performance Hall on the west side of campus. For more information visit the college's website at www.eastfieldcollege.com/gallery219 or by contacting David Willburn, Gallery Director, at 972-860-7162.

Image: Sunny Sliger, *Antwerp*, 2006, collage on paper.

African American Read-In 2007

Eastfield's 17th Annual African-American Read-In, "Celebrating Reading and Learning: A Tribute to Freedom Summer," was celebrated on Feb. 7 with honored guest Chancellor Lassiter. Eastfield staff and students, community guests, Florence Middle School students, and Skyline High School students participated in this year's national literacy program that encourages community members of all ages to read. Other performers who showcased talent in poetry reading and songs included John L. Mack, poet; Elizabeth Sheppard, actress; and Derrick Morrison, gospel recording artist. Special recognition to coordinator Brynndah Hicks-Turnbo (Career Services) and the SPAR staff in providing an entertaining and enriching community event that showcased the works of African-American authors.



Elizabeth Sheppard



Chancellor Lassiter



Laretha Davis



Patrice Johnson's class stages a mock sit-in

Eastfield Hosts TLC Conference



(L-R) Daniel Price, Homer Valadez (SGA President), Victor Rodriguez, Abby Hare, Dave Kelly (Keynote Speaker), Judy Schwartz (Conference Chair), Adriana Reyes, Gayland Sisk, Perla Ortega, Shaun Heimer

Eastfield was the site of the 15th Annual Student Leadership Conference sponsored by The Leadership Consortium of North Texas Colleges & Universities (TLC). All DCCCD campuses are members of TLC. Miyoshi Holmes, SPAR Coordinator at Cedar Valley is the outgoing president of TLC.

Over 225 students, staff and community representatives participate in the day long event.

Dave Kelly, a nationally recognized student leadership trainer and motivator from the metro Georgia area, was the keynote speaker and conducted two sessions emphasizing

the conference theme, "The New Face of Leadership."

Students also had opportunities throughout the day to attend workshops on all aspects of leadership lead by community representatives, DCCCD personnel, and TLC members.

The conference, chaired by Eastfield College SPAR Program Specialist Judy Schwartz, was a huge success because of the hard work and dedication of the EFC SPAR staff, EFC Student Government, and student volunteers representing various student organizations on campus such as Phi Theta Kappa, Human Services Honor Club, the Student Leadership Academy, Council of Latin American Students, the Math Club, and Rising Star.

Eastfield student Cristina Sanchez was one of three students chosen to receive the Gayle Scott Memorial Scholarship Award of \$100. Eastfield College was also awarded the TLC Spirit Award.

(Texas Gulf Studies Program cont.)

Total cost is estimated to be \$852 which includes books, tuition, travel, lodging, rentals and related cost for all pre-trip and trip related activities. The above cost does not include meals. Expenses do not have to be paid at once but are due by no later than April 16. Registration is open to the first 24 students.

Course registration numbers:
Environmental Biology 2406404415;
Introductory Botany 1411404414
For more information, please contact any of the following instructors: Ron Beecham, Eastfield College, 972-860-7151 (office) or 214-437-4715 (cell), rbeecham@dcccd.edu or Mike Huddleston 214-354-0884 (cell).



Catfish with incubating eggs in its mouth



Porcelain crabs, Giant Red Hermit Crabs and Lightning Whelk