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The Boston gang hanging out at Pizzeria Uno.



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GO HORNETS!

The ESU Ambassadors' Trip to Boston

One if by Land, Two if by Sea, Meet Us in Boston ASAP!

By Shanna Williams

Hello to all ESU Ambassador alumni! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and prosperity. The Ambassadors enjoyed the trip of a lifetime at the end of July. We attended the C A S E / A S A P

National Convention in Boston, Mass. Those students who received the honor of going were Ashley Evenson, Katie Hensley, Rob Rogers, Katy Scott, Kristy Sutton, Shanna Williams, and our wonderful advisor, Roy Mann.

While at the conference, we attended great workshops and heard some excellent speakers. Some of the workshops we attended included "What's the Fuss About the Muss?," "Recruitment and Retention," and "Good Sportsmanship: Building Off Your School Rivalry in a Positive Manner." I personally learned a great deal from the workshops and put that information to good use this year on E-Zone, the student fan section at all home sporting events. One of the most entertaining evening events was the Improv Asylum Show. This show was voted the best comedy in Boston, and let me just say that I have never laughed so hard in my life.

I think I speak for everyone when I say the most exciting part of the whole weekend was when John Harms won the "Outstanding Student Leader Award." He won this award at district conference in February, so he was competing against all the other district award winners for the national award. He has worked so hard at improving this organization in so many ways, and we will never forget all he has done for
Ambassadors.

It would not be a trip to Boston without doing a little sightseeing. For having only three and half days in such a historical city, we saw many interesting places. We were staying right next to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Campus, and there were some really interesting buildings on campus. We toured Harvard University and Harvard Square, walked around downtown,



saw the ocean, and almost every historical point there is to see in Boston, thanks to our wonderful guide, Roy. It would not have been a complete Boston trip if we did not take the time to visit Fenway Park. Unfortunately, we did not get to attend a game, but just being at the park was as exciting as sitting at a game.

All in all, the trip was an experience of a lifetime, and one we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Just a Reminder...

Last spring, ESU Ambassadors contacted Ambassador alumni about our new endowment fund. Through this campaign, we raised more than \$3,400 toward our goal of \$10,000. We thank each one of you for your contributions and your support of this outstanding organization. The money we raise for the endowment fund will help to ensure the financial stability of future Ambassador groups. If you are interested in continuing to further this cause, or if we missed you the first time around, you may still send donations to ESU Ambassadors at 1500 Highland Street, Emporia, KS 66801. If you would like more information, please contact Roy Mann at 620-341-5440 or mannroy@emporia.edu. Thanks for your dedication and support!

Social Events Unite Ambassadors

By Katie Hensley



Gathering for a group photo after an hour in the haunted house.

Life as an Ambassador can be very busy. With weekly meetings, campus tours and hosting alumni functions, our social events as a group can be hard to organize. This year's Ambassadors, though, have managed to make time to do things outside of our regular

Ambassador duties. We have gone out for tacos at Coach's and hotwings at Wings after our weekly meetings as a way to let our hair down and to get to know one another outside of the typical Ambassador mode. Katy Scott, CASE/ASAP chairwoman, has organized other fun events such as our traditional Halloween Party and visiting the haunted houses in Kansas City. With each social event, more and more Ambassadors attend and more and more friendships and memories are made. We plan to continue to have more social events in the future in hopes of truly uniting as a group, and most importantly, have fun doing what we do best: representing ESU!

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Oh, Wow! A Luau! Homecoming 2005

By Laura Myers

Emporia State had a very special Homecoming this year. Our theme was "Oh, Wow! A Luau!" and all of Emporia State showed up for an amazing time! There were many events throughout the week that led up to the game against Washburn. The Homecoming musical this year was "The Cocoanuts," a musical that was originally debuted on Broadway in 1925 by the Marx Brothers. The

Ambassadors again sponsored the tricycle races that were held in Kellogg Circle, and the Snake Dance was brought back as a Homecoming tradition. There was a bonfire on Wednesday night when the cheerleaders, Stingers, marching band, and E-Unit performed many exciting routines and the Homecoming royalty candidates were recognized. The ESU Ambassadors had many representatives on the Homecoming court this year. These Ambassadors included Katy Scott, Katie Hensley, Abby Otte, Laura Myers, and Nate Creed. Nate Creed and Betsy Koch were announced as our Homecoming royalty for this year upholding our long standing tradition of having an Ambassador as a part of the royalty. All in all, Homecoming was a great success and everyone had a great time!

Boot Camp

By Rob Rogers

Every year the ESU Ambassadors gain a large new group of outstanding students, chosen from many applications and through interviews. These new Ambassadors go through a two-day retreat in which they learn about the different aspects of being an Ambassador. In this training program, they learn about the history of the university and the opportunities ESU possesses for the recruitment of prospective students and for returning alumni.

The training also includes learning about the many majors and academic areas of study on campus. They learn how to explain these areas of study in an effective manner. Eventually, the returning Ambassadors join the retreat to give the "new kids" campus tours to demonstrate how to conduct the tours. This gives the new Ambassadors ideas to build upon when they start giving tours on their own.

Within this two day boot camp they learn the appropriate dress for the many alumni events and tours which are handled throughout the year. As ESU Ambassadors, working at alumni events is one of our many jobs. During training, the new Ambassadors get a taste of how to work one of these events with the help of a mock alumni event staged by returning

Ambassadors. The list of things to learn are topics of conversation and proper dinner etiquette rules. These are the important topics we educate the new Ambassadors on so that they can become skilled in the art of acting as official hosts of our great university.

Senior Night Hopes to Expand

By Kristen Larson

This year, the ESU Ambassadors' Senior Night Committee has been diligently planning this year's Senior Night to honor ESU's graduating seniors. The committee hopes to expand the typical Senior Night event to several events in which seniors can participate. The week will begin with the Dwight and Ida Curry Newberg Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Recent Graduate Banquet. Here, nominees for the Outstanding Senior will be honored along with ESU's Outstanding Recent Graduates. The Outstanding Senior award will be given to a senior who will also give the commencement address at graduation in May. Later in the week, plans are underway for a Senior Night on the Town in conjunction with area businesses. Finally, plans include a BBQ honoring all seniors at which prizes from our area sponsors will be given out to finish the week's worth of activities to honor ESU's graduating seniors. The committee is looking forward to these events!

Serving His Country: An Ambassador Soldier

By Nicole Smith

As the war in Iraq continues, students are being called to give their services to the war effort. Before the fall semester of 2005, Esteven Decker was called to duty in Iraq. Esteven is a junior nursing major from Newton. During his time at Emporia State University, he has been an active member in Sigma Pi fraternity, HACE, Hispanic American Leadership Organization and ESU Ambassadors.

Decker left for basic training in early May 2005. His training was completed in Fort Benning, Ga., where he was a recipient of an Army Achievement medal for his proved excellence during training.

Following basic training, he moved on to desert training in parts of Oklahoma and California for roughly 60 days before departing to Kuwait and later Baghdad.

During his service time in Baghdad, Decker's missions will be comprised of convoys, patrol, and base security. In his downtime, he hopes to catch some sun. Esteven plans to return to Emporia State University after his service to our country to



Esteven Decker serving with a smile.

...a recipient of an Army Achievement medal for his proved excellence.

continue pursuing his degree in nursing and his role as an ESU Ambassador.

Jess Price, Katie Hensley, and Drew Donahoo working at Meet 'n' Greet for area legislators.



"Introducing your 2005-2006 Ambassadors..."

Brian Bina	Marion, KS	Heather Moss	Overland Park, KS
Nate Creed	Olathe, KS	Laura Myers	Goddard, KS
Mandy Davis	Emporia, KS	Sarah Oehlert	Paola, KS
Missy Davis	Emporia, KS	Lola Onijala	Wichita, KS
Bruna Delgado	Emporia, KS	Abby Otte	Herington, KS
Drew Donahoo	Overland Park, KS	Michelle Powell	Olathe, KS
Megan Dreiling	Scott City, KS	Jess Price	Marysville, KS
Tommie Edmiston	Council Grove, KS	Rob Rogers	Wichita, KS
Ashley Evenson	El Dorado, KS	Enilda Romero	Panama City, Panama
Andrea Foltz	Abilene, KS	Katy Scott	Liberal, KS
Katie Hensley	Topeka, KS	Megan Skeen	Blue Springs, MO
Sherri Jesnowski	Atchison, KS	Nicole Smith	Newton, KS
Hatti John	Gridley, KS	Gaytha Soderstrom	Sapulpa, OK
Lynn Kratzberg	Greeley, KS	Jenny Storey	Shawnee, KS
Kristen Larson	Scandia, KS	Kristy Sutton	Manhattan, KS
Lacey Luiña	Lawrence, KS	Jessica Velazquez	Shawnee, KS
Makaila McClelland	Madison, KS	Jessica Whorton	Topeka, KS
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