



# The Teachers College

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## New Strategic Plan

### Guiding Emporia State University for the Next Five Years: The New Strategic Plan

In the summer of 2007, efforts began to produce a new strategic plan for Emporia State University. The process entailed nine work groups composed of faculty, students, staff, administrators, and community members. The first two work groups on Governing Ideas and Environmental/Institutional Analysis completed their work the end of October 2007 and the remaining seven work groups started their work November 1, 2007. These seven work groups included Critical Resources, Distinctive Academic Programs, Graduate Education, Internationalization of ESU, Outreach and Lifelong Learning, Public Engagement and Service, and Undergraduate Education.

The Governing Ideas work group produced a new mission statement which the Kansas Board of Regents has approved:

**Emporia State University is a dynamic and progressive student-centered learning community that fosters student success through engagement in academic excellence, community and global involvement, and the pursuit of personal and professional fulfillment.**

During the summer of 2008, the reports and supporting documents  
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## ESU wins Association of Teacher Educators award

An innovative program for preparing new teachers for success in the classroom has earned recognition for the two educational organizations collaborating on the project. The Association of Teacher Educators has presented its 2008 Award for the Distinguished Program in Teacher Education to the Professional Development School (PDS) program developed by Emporia State University and Olathe Unified School District 233.

The award was presented at the association's annual meeting



*Dr. Jean Morrow was the original director of the Olathe Professional Development School.*

earlier this year.

The ATE award recognizes and honors outstanding teacher education programs that exemplify collaboration between local education agencies and institutions of higher education in program development and administration.

Dr. Tes Mehring, then dean of The Teachers College at ESU and now Provost/VP of Academic Affairs at ESU, is understandably proud of the award. "We began the Professional Development School model over a decade ago in collaboration with the Olathe District Schools. In addition to Dr. Jean Morrow and faculty in Early Childhood and Elementary Teacher Education at Emporia State, the administration, principals and teachers in the Olathe school district were



*Dr. Tes Mehring, ESU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and ESU President Michael R. Lane joined Olathe District Schools superintendent Dr. Patricia All and associate superintendent Dr. Alison Banikowski.*

brave enough to help us design and implement a better way of preparing teachers."

Echoing Mehring's praise is Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president. "It is indeed a tribute to the efforts of this team that their work has been recognized and honored through the ATE award," said Lane.

The PDS is a field-based, clinical school experience for seniors majoring in elementary education in The Teachers College at ESU. The program reflects three components of The Teachers

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## ESU offers Alternate Route program

Has the employment outlook in your present field taken a downturn? Are you in the midst of re-evaluating the kind of work you want to do? A new program being launched by The Teachers College at ESU offers career-change opportunities in the fields of education, school counseling, and library media specialist.

In doing so, the Alternate Route/Restricted License Program ([www.emporia.edu/teach/altroute.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/teach/altroute.htm)) will help counteract personnel shortages in Kansas school districts and make the process of earning a secondary education teaching license more accessible to potential graduates.

"We've never done this on a statewide basis before in Kansas," explained Dr. Kirsten Limpert, the director of the program.

To be considered for the program, applicants must have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in the area in which they will teach. "For instance, for someone who wants to teach math, we'd be looking for a degree in mathematics," said Limpert, adding that the program is especially geared toward alleviating the shortage of math and science teachers and school counselors in the state.

*see Alternate Route, page 4*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Awards Banquet honoring alumni, university service to be held Oct. 24**

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni, the 2008 recipients of the Outstanding Recent Graduate award, and the University Service Citation award winners will be honored during Homecoming week.

The dinner will be on Oct. 24 and begins with a 6:15 p.m. reception in the Memorial Union's Kanza Room, followed by the 7 p.m. dinner in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The public is invited to attend. The cost per person is \$25. To RSVP, contact the alumni office at (620) 341-5440 or [alumni@emporia.edu](mailto:alumni@emporia.edu).

#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

Three of the four alumni named as the 2008 class of Distinguished Alumni are graduates of physical education program of The Teachers College. They are: Lonnie Clark (BSE '71), Birmingham, AL; Tom Fincken (BSE '61), Arvada, CO; and Ben R. Leedle, Jr. (MS '85), Brentwood, TN. These individuals are recognized for their outstanding professional accomplishments.

The Distinguished Alumni will be honored at an awards banquet during Homecoming festivities. Biographies of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni can be found at [www.emporia.edu/news/archives/2008/july/distinguished\\_alumni.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/news/archives/2008/july/distinguished_alumni.htm).

#### **OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATES**

One of the three alumni recognized as Outstanding Recent Graduates is a product of The Teachers College. Todd Wheat (BSE '01, MS '04), Olathe, is the principal of Northview Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year, after serving as an administrative principal intern at the Arbor Creek and Sunnyside schools the past two years. He began his career teaching second and then sixth grade, and is

now pursuing his doctorate of education. He consistently serves on district-wide committees and teams focused on leadership, facilities, staff development, safety, curriculum, and parents, while creating new programs, and writing successful grants.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE CITATION**

Dr. Harry Stephens (BA '65, MS '72), Emporia, is one of the three 2008 recipients of the University Service Citation award. Stephens has served ESU for almost four decades, most notably as the vice-president for student affairs for 11 years. He is a strong advocate for ESU, remaining active in campus Greek affairs and the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, demonstrating enthusiasm and reaching out to young people while financially supporting student scholarships. After serving as a Kansas state senator, Stephens taught graduate classes, coordinated an accreditation self-study for the university, and served as the Greek alumni liaison. As an active member of the community, he serves on the Humane Society and Emporia Granada Theatre boards, and is an officer of Emporia Sunrise Rotary.

### **Bonner and Bonner Diversity Lecture Oct. 22**

Dr. James Loewen, author and sociologist, will present "Sundown Towns: Hidden Racism Across America," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, in Emporia State's Memorial Union Webb Lecture Hall. Admission to the lecture is free of charge.

Loewen's most recent award-winning book, "Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of

American Racism," provides the backdrop for his Emporia State University address.

The Bonner and Bonner Diversity Lecture Series was established in 1992 to recognize ESU's commitment to diversity. It is named in honor of Dr. Thomas Bonner and Dr. Mary Winstead Bonner, Emporia State University's first and second African American faculty members.



*Participants at the 2007 KAHPERD conference learn to ride trikes.*

### **KAHPERD Conference Oct. 30-31**

Over 800 people are expected to attend the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (KAHPERD) annual convention Oct. 30-31 at ESU. This will be the third consecutive year the event has been hosted by ESU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, according to Dr. Joella Mehrohof, convention manager.

In that time, attendance has nearly doubled and corporate sponsorships and grants have been pursued to provide quality programming. Over 100 people, including nationally recognized and state/local presenters will share the agenda. The corporate sponsors/granters include SporTime, TRIKKE, Midwest Dairy Council, Adidas, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Walk4Life, GeoFitness, and the KS Department of Education.

K-12 health and physical educators, university personnel, and student majors, are expected to attend.

More information can be found at the KAHPERD website, [www.kahperd.org](http://www.kahperd.org).

## **New Faculty & Staff**

#### **Center for Early Childhood Education**



Heather Caswell, Teacher

#### **Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education**



Nelda Epp,  
Director of Reading &  
Academic Success Center



Deborah Larson,  
Assistant Professor

#### **Health, Physical Education, and Recreation**



Denise Hodges,  
Instructor



Jodie Leiss,  
Instructor



## ALUMNI NOTES

*As graduation information was not available on all alumni notes, this edition's alumni notes will be in alphabetical order by current last name.*

Tyler Applegate (BS '06), LaCygne, is entering his first year as head basketball coach at Prairie View High School.

Deborah Ayers-Geist (BS '79), Kansas City, has been elected to the board of directors for the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Ayers-Geist is

the principal of Oak Grove Elementary in the Turner-Kansas City School District.

Tony Ballard, Junction City, was recently selected to manage the Junction City Opera House.

Cathy Barrett (MS), Eureka, is teaching fourth grade at Marshall Elementary this fall. Prior to this, she taught at Severy Elementary School.

Troy Bomgardner (MS), Osawatomie, is a new physical education teacher at Osawato-

mie High School. Previously he taught and coached football at Howard Payne University.

Michael S. Bowman (BSE '68), Hudson, NY, retired from teaching in June 2008 after 37 years of teaching P.E. and coaching. He was the 1988 New York State Football Coach of the year, and was also the winningest baseball and football coach in Taconic Hills High School history.

Deanna Brown (BS), Columbus, joined the faculty at Central El- *continued on page 4*

## COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT NOTES

### Department Reorganization

There have been changes to names and office locations in recent months within The Teachers College.

Over the summer, Special Education moved to The Earl Center and is now part of the recently renamed Department of Special Education and School Counseling (formerly called Counselor Educa-

tion & Rehabilitation Programs).

Meanwhile, Rehabilitation Services Education (undergraduate) and the graduate Rehabilitation Counseling program are now part of the Department of Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling (formerly the Psychology & Special Education department).

In the next edition of The Teachers College Newsletter:

***Kansas Future Teacher Academy 20th Anniversary***

### ESU's 11th president, Dr. John E. King, dies

Former Emporia State University President John E. King died June 28, 2008. He was 94. King served as ESU's 11th president from 1953-66. He had most recently lived in Columbia, S.C.

During King's 13 years as president, KSTC's enrollment increased six-fold, scholarships were increased in number, and there was an emphasis on science as scientific competition with the former Soviet Union increased.

King also developed a program that, prior to federal mandates, became a national model for making college campuses accessible to the physically challenged.

ESU's humanities building was renamed in honor of King in the summer of 1981. Constructed in 1966, the building provides facilities for art, speech and theatre arts programs.



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tion from each of the work groups were turned over to the writing team (Betsy Yanik, Kenna Reeves, Bill Barnes, Ken Weaver, Jim Williams, Tes Mehring) for conversion into a draft of the strategic plan. The resulting plan is constructed around five strategic themes aligned with the mission statement:

**STRATEGIC THEME #1** - To enhance academic excellence by providing opportunities that lead to increasing levels of student success through excellence in curricular development and deliveries, facilities, and technologies that meet the educational requirements of members of the Emporia State University community.

**STRATEGIC THEME #2** - To increase the number of opportunities students, faculty, and staff have to engage with local, regional and national entities to develop and manage mutually beneficial partnerships.

**STRATEGIC THEME #3** - To enhance the opportunities for the Emporia State University community to engage in international learning.

**STRATEGIC THEME #4** - To improve communication among all University stakeholders.

**STRATEGIC THEME #5** - To provide an attractive, welcoming, and sustainable environment for students, employees, and visitors.

Four public forums were held during September 2008, and the writing team will be working during October on analyzing the feedback relative to hone the strategic plan before it is turned over to the implementation team. The draft of the strategic plan is available at [www.emporia.edu/strategicplanning/working\\_document.pdf](http://www.emporia.edu/strategicplanning/working_document.pdf). All Teachers College alumni are encouraged to read the draft strategic plan and submit any comments, concerns, or suggestions to Dr. Elizabeth Yanik, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, at [eyanik@emporia.edu](mailto:eyanik@emporia.edu).

## New Faculty & Staff

Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling



Carol Daniels,  
Assistant Professor



Robyn Long,  
Assistant Professor



Pamelyn MacDonald,  
Associate Professor



Jessica Woolhiser,  
Assistant Professor



George Yancey,  
Associate Professor

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elementary and is teaching sixth grade language arts as well as serving as the football cheerleader sponsor and girls' basketball cheer sponsor. Previously she taught at Sublette Elementary.

Betty Anne Starkey Burden, Pittsburg, passed away August 7, 2008. She was 88-years-old. As a child she attended a one-room country school near her home. She later attended Emporia State University and taught in one-room country schools in Cowley and Butler counties.

Elaine Carpenter (MS), Olathe, was recently named assistant principal at Pioneer Trail Junior High School in the Olathe School District. Carpenter has taught gifted education and vocal music in Kansas and Maryland.

Alan V. Christiansen (BSE '66), Blue Springs, MO, travels by RV in the summer and spends some of the winter in Marathon, FL. He writes, "I sailed the east coast and Bahamas in a sailboat the last 5 yrs and have that boat for sale now. I still like sailing, his-

tory, economics, biography and eclectic other nonfiction. Also I am in-and-out of genealogy as I feel like it. I married Sharon Vay Lauderdale, a KSTC Sigma Kappa in 1969. We have one son, Erik." Alan is a retired computer systems analyst of the Kansas City social security regional office.

Kacey Countryman (MS), Eureka, started her job as a school counselor at Marshall Elementary this fall. She *continued on page 5*

## STUDENT NOTES

### Education Students Earn Scholarships

Six undergraduate students studying in the Department of Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling have been awarded Teacher's College Scholarships for outstanding academic achievement and involvement in department activities. The students are: Cade Amend, Krissy Cortez, Joanna Gilliam, Myles Louderback, Thomas Martin, and Anna Zappone.

Emily Moore, Olathe, an incoming freshman pursuing a degree in elementary education, was recently selected to receive the Virginia Endly Memorial Scholarship, one of only two full-ride scholarships offered by the university.

Anna Altwies, Olathe, a junior majoring in English secondary education, was one of three students selected to receive the John R. Webb Scholarship for 2008-09. The scholarship is extended to sophomores and upperclassmen with a GPA of at least 3.0 who have distinguished themselves in leadership roles in at least two campus organizations. Altwies is an honors student and Honors Council representative, has worked as a staff member at ESU's student newspaper, the Bulletin, and has participated and led in several ESU Union Activities Council (UAC) spirit and recruitment programs.



### Thailand Travels

Ken Morrison, a graduate student in Instructional Design and Technology, was one of several ESU students who travelled with Dr. Dusti Howell this summer to teach in Thailand. Morrison writes:

"If I could put Thailand in a bottle and keep it forever, it would be my memories from this school...Many (students) are left by their parents who walk for a week singing and saying goodbye to their children as they take them to a school in hopes that the kids will have a chance at a more promising future if they get an education. And as a teacher you get a true sense of how much these parents trust you. It was overwhelming."

### Alternate Route, continued from page 1

Students enrolled in the Alternate Route program work as paid teaching interns while they earn their teaching certificate, a process that requires between one and three years to complete.

The nine hours of coursework will include topics related to principles of learning and teaching, addressing needs of exceptional children, and classroom management.

"All the coursework is delivered online, so the students choose the time and place that's most convenient for them to complete it," said Limpert.

The Teachers College at Emporia State University is a nationally-recognized teacher education program. It was named one of four "model" teacher preparation programs in the nation in the report, "Educating School Teachers," written by Dr. Arthur Levine, president emeritus of Columbia University Teachers College. Currently, one in every six classroom teachers in Kansas holds a degree or licensure endorsement from ESU.

For more information on the Alternate Route/Restricted License Program, contact Limpert by phone at 620-341-5654, or by email at [klimpert@emporia.edu](mailto:klimpert@emporia.edu).

## New Faculty & Staff

Jones Institute for Educational Excellence



Pamela Fulbright, Kansas Reading First Project Coordinator

School Leadership and Middle/Secondary Teacher Education



Dawn Yonally, Instructor

Special Education and School Counseling



Marjorie Bock, Associate Professor



Jeanne Bronoski, Instructor



Marla Darby, Instructor

Word Processing Center



Sherry Watkins, Administrative Assistant



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counselor for seven years.

Marissa Cowan (MS), Spring Hill, is a new fifth grade teacher at Spring Hill Intermediate School this fall. Before coming to Spring Hill she taught for nine years in Olathe.

Tyler Curtis (BA, MA), Atchison, is serving in his first administrative position as principal at Bert Nash School on the grounds of the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Thomas S. Dillen, Brevard, NC, died January 1, 2008.

Marlow Ediger (BSE '58, MSE '60), North Newton, has had several articles accepted for publication recently: "Current Events, the Student and Social Studies" in The Social Studies Review, "Mental Health in the Curriculum" in Journal of Instructional Psychology, "Leadership in the School Setting" in Education Magazine, "The American High School" in College Student Journal, "The Old Order Amish and the Social Studies" in Perspectives.

Brianna Edwards (BS), Spring Hill, is a new

fourth grade teacher at Spring Hill Intermediate School this fall.

Jason Fahring (BS '99), Attica, is a new second and third grade teacher at Anthony Elementary this fall. He has taught in McLouth and Attica previously.

Amanda Gerken (BS), Paola, is a new first grade teacher at Cottonwood Elementary School this fall.

Michelle Haley (MS), Paola, is a new second grade teacher at Cot-

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### Student Awards

Ashley Brooks, Emporia, and Amy Bowen, Council Grove, were recently awarded recruitment grants by the Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The recruitment grants are given each year to women who are studying for a bachelor's or advanced education degree in education and are residents of Morris, Wabaunsee or Lyon counties. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society promoting professional personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

April Hoffman, Chapman, was recently awarded the 2008 Dickinson County Retired Personnel Scholarship. The scholarship is offered each year to a junior or senior student enrolled in a school of education at an accredited Kansas college or university.

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### 2008-09 Ambassadors

Education majors make up over one-third of the Emporia State University students chosen to represent their university in the Ambassadors organization for the 2008-09 academic year.

The organization now has 14 new members, 11 second-year members, six third-year members and one fourth-year member. By the end of the year, thousands of volunteer hours will be recorded by the students as they act as ESU's official hosts. They conduct daily campus tours for prospective students and parents, represent ESU at the Kansas State Fair, sponsor Senior Week, and appear at alumni, Foundation and Homecoming events.

Carrie Leach, a junior elementary education major from Olathe, is treasurer of the organization. Other ambassadors from The Teachers College include:

- Lauren Adams, Senior, Independence, Mo., Elementary education
- Ashley Brooks, Senior, Emporia, Elementary education
- Molly Chitwood-Roberts, Senior, Osawatomie, Music education
- Elyse Ezpinoza, Junior, Merriam, Secondary health/PE ed.
- Jill Ferrell, Junior, Hutchinson, Secondary education
- Drake Foster, Sophomore, Mulvane, Secondary ed./soc. sci.
- Elissa Hadley, Senior, Burns, Secondary education
- Whitney Lanier, Sophomore, Walton, Secondary ed/math
- Ashley McCollough, Sophomore, Council Grove, Secondary ed/soc. sci.
- Hilary Moe, Senior, Grantville, Elementary education
- Hannah Prophet, Junior, Topeka, Phys. ed. & business ed.
- Erynn Watt, Junior, Clearwater, Elementary education



### New Alumni Relations Director Announced

Peter L. Brodie, an experienced alumni relations professional from Troy, N.H., will lead the Emporia State University Alumni Association as the new Alumni Relations Director.

"Peter is exactly what we were looking for, with his depth of experience and his many years working in higher education," said Rod Turner, chair of the search committee and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. "He has shown his expertise working with the development of alumni chapters and creating revenue streams. His high level of experience was obvious to us, and we're very pleased to have him on board."

Brodie has been the alumni relations director at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., since 2004. Previously, he was the alumni relations director at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y., from 2001 to 2004. He holds a bachelor of science degree in health systems management from Daemen College, and is currently pursuing a master of business administration degree from Franklin Pierce University.

## The Teachers College Fund For Excellence

TTC Fund for Excellence is intended for scholarships, enrichment activities, and other critical needs. Annual gifts to ESU in the following amounts qualify donors for special recognition.

Donor Recognition Clubs	
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\$500.....	KSTC Club
\$250.....	Hornet Club
\$100.....	Century Club
Up to \$100 .....	ESU Loyalty Club

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check payable to ESU Foundation and list The Teachers College Fund for Excellence on the memo portion of the check. You may mail it to:

ESU Foundation--1500 Highland  
Emporia, KS 66801-5018

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tonwood Elementary School this fall. Previously she taught in Olathe as a second grade teacher and as a teacher for English language learners.

Margaret Heddens (BS), Highland, joined the faculty at Highland Community College this fall as a mathematics instructor. Previously, she taught at Troy HS, Topeka West HS, and Atchison Alternative School.

Rosemary Henry (BS), Holton, began as the

new family and consumer science teacher at Jackson Heights High School. She previously taught at Atchison County Community High School for 27 years.

Cammila Hoover (MS), Eureka, joined the faculty at Marshall Elementary as a fifth grade teacher this fall. Previously, she taught at Severy Elementary and in Hamilton.

Christi (Clark) Honse (BS '93), Holton, started her new job teaching sixth graders

at Jackson Heights Elementary. She taught in Missouri and at Elk Valley Elementary in Longton previously.

Dick Hosty, Overland Park, has been appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to a three-year term with the Kansas Statewide Independent Living Council. Hosty recently served as a disability rights advocate for The Whole Person, Inc., in Kansas City. He received the Bruce Scott *continued on page 7*

## FACULTY NOTES

### Faculty Awards/Recognition

In 2007-08, a number of faculty were recognized their work:

- Tara Azwell, Kansas Reading Teacher of the Year Award, 2008
- Barbara Bleeker, NACADA Advising Technology Innovation Award 2007 Certificate of Merit with Gary Bleeker, Bob Goltra, Kathy Owens
- Karen Dowd, Fellow of the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Professionals
- Mark Stanbrough, Kansas 5A Cross Country Coach of the Year
- Clint Longacre, Leadership Award from the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association
- Cathy Grover, TC Excellence in Teaching Award
- Beth Dobler-Schmar, TC Excellence in Scholarly Activity Award
- Ken Weaver, TC Excellence in Service Award
- Arlene Dodge, Darrell E Wood Service Award
- Jim Persinger, Audrey S. Major Research Fund Award
- Joan Brewer, Vicki Worrell, Shawna Shane, Faculty Research and Creativity Award
- John Baxter, HPER Hall of Fame Inductee
- Harvey Foyle, Faculty Senate President
- Diane Miller, Faculty Senate Past President
- Jim Costello, Faculty Senate Second Vice President

### PROMOTION / TENURE

Steve Neill, School Leadership/Middle & Secondary Teacher Education, Associate Professor and Tenure

Pat Neufeld, Special Education and School Counseling, Professor

### On sabbatical



Dr. Phil Bennett

Phil Bennett, Fall 2008 – Dr. Bennett, Associate Dean, is on sabbatical during the Fall 2008. He is living and working in Washington, DC at the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. His goal is to understand the content, length, and nature of field experiences and clinical practices in NCATE accredited institutions. This includes an investigation of the partnerships developed with P-12 schools and the types and structure of field experiences and clinical practice offered. Ultimately, the purpose of the study is to examine the impact of field experiences and clinical practices in initial and advanced level programs on candidate learning.

"I feel my real contribution to NCATE is to provide an institutional perspective during their meetings," Bennett said. "While I think it has been an 'eye opener' to the NCATE staff, they have been very receptive and have even solicited my input."

In the next edition of The Teachers College Newsletter:

A review of the October 2008

MTSS Conference - The Practice of Data

Coaching: Response to Intervention for

Every Educator

coordinated by the Kansas Association of School Psychologists and Kansas Federation of the Council of Exceptional Children

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College's teacher education program—that a professional educator is a critical thinker, a creative planner and an effective practitioner.

Although the main purpose of the PDS is to provide a unique setting for the education of students and the preparation of new teachers, the PDS environment has much more to offer. "It allows for the development of innovative teaching practices as university faculty and classroom teachers collaborate on new methods and approaches to instruction," said Mehring. Through the program, ESU faculty have an opportunity to conduct research and conduct field tests on educational innovations.

### By the numbers

During the 2007-08 year, faculty of The Teachers College continued professional involvement through the following accomplishments:

74 State/Regional Presentations

59/4 National/International Conferences

5 Books

11 Chapters

25 Refereed Journal Articles

36 faculty members served in leadership roles in

43 state/national professional organizations

Dusti Howell, Fall 2008 – Dr. Howell, Associate Professor in the Instructional Design and Technology Department, is currently in Thailand on sabbatical. Among his goals during this time is the establishment of the Hill Tribe Teaching Project in northern Thailand as a joint venture between Emporia State University and Legacy Institute. This included having several ESU students accompany him to Chiang Mai, Thailand (see page 4). Together, they set up a computer lab in the community and to find out the feasibility and effectiveness of 17 different ESL software packages. Long range plans for this class over the next few years are to integrate internet via satellite and the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) initiative from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). (The May 20, 2007 episode on CBS's 60 Minutes featured this program).

Howell wrote, "When these \$100 laptops are eventually allowed into Thailand we want to have the software and educational logistics worked out so we will be prepared to use these on a much bigger scale." To find out more, visit [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/05/20/60minutes/main2830058.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/05/20/60minutes/main2830058.shtml) and [laptop.org/en/vision/index.shtml](http://laptop.org/en/vision/index.shtml).

## Two present at Oxford Round Table

This summer, Dr. Matt Seimears, assistant professor, early childhood /elementary teacher education, and Dr. Stuart Ervay, professor, school leadership/middle & secondary teacher education, traveled to England to take part in the Oxford Round Table. The purpose of the Oxford Round Table, a not-for-profit educational organization, is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of contemporary issues that affect the public good in all its various forms and ramifications.

Seimears presentation was "No Child Left Behind vs. Constructivism"; Ervay's was on "The Nebraska STARS Program and NCLB: A Contrast in Educational Philosophies."

The Round Table is not a conference in the conventional sense, but rather an opportunity for select leaders in both the public and private sectors, as well as scholars, to discuss government policy over a five-day period in a collegial, "think-tank" atmosphere in the ancient city of Oxford.

Oxford Round Table began 20 years ago at the University of Oxford. The Oxford Round Table conducts educational forums and seminars. Invitees to Round Table are determined based on several criteria, among which are nominations by earlier attendees, courses that invitees teach, their presentations and writings, and their professional involvement in a relevant area of interest.

"You are never told how you were selected to present and attend," Seimears said. The experience was "a great enrichment experience...At my specific Round Table, there were experts from Poland, Netherlands, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Kansas, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, California, South Carolina, Arkansas, Germany, and Michigan."

## Professor participates in dietary supplement research practicum

Dietary supplements—the substances that can supply additional vitamins, minerals and other nutrients to a person's diet—require users to exercise their brains as well as their muscles. So says Paul Luebbers, Ph.D., assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation at ESU.



Dr. Paul Luebbers

"I want my students to be critical thinkers when it comes to dietary supplements," said Luebbers. "What works for one person might not be right for another."

Luebbers recently joined more than 100 other professors and graduate students from throughout the U.S. and Canada to participate in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) course, "Dietary Supplement Research Practicum 2008." The practicum was on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Md., in June.

ODS offers the practicum as an intensive course to provide essential knowledge of dietary supplements to academic faculty and students with a serious interest in the subject. Experts from NIH, academic institutions, and federal regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration served as speakers.

At ESU, Luebbers teaches a class on ergogenic issues in the HPER curriculum, focusing on nutrition and dietary supplements and their potential to be used as ergogenic aids. "An ergogenic is anything that can be used to enhance a person's capacity to do work," Luebbers explained. "Dietary supplements like creatine, whey protein, and even certain vitamins and minerals can fall in that category, because they may help people exercise better or get better results from their exercise."

## ALUMNI NOTES

Disabled Advocate of the Year award in 2002.

Heath Johnson (BS '00, MS '07), Hugoton, is a new school counselor at Hugoton Middle School this fall.

Wendy Karr (MS), Spring Hill, is a new school counselor at Spring Hill Elementary School this fall.

Steve Knapp (MS), Eureka, is the new instrumental music teacher for 5th-12th grades in Eureka this fall. He served as a teaching assistant with the ESU marching band and wind ensemble and also was a drumline instructor at Riley County HS, Emporia HS, and Gardner HS.

Vicki DeLay Long (BS, MS), Topeka, recently retired from Topeka Public Schools after teaching for 20 years at Ross Elementary. From 1969 to 1972, she taught at Pauline South and Jay Shideler Elementary Schools.

Lucy (Swain) and Campbell Maxwell, Muldrow, OK, have passed away. Mr. Maxwell died April 22, 2005; Mrs. Maxwell died August 3, 2008.

Norma Jeane Miller (BS, MS), Frankfort, recently moved to Frankfort where she is the new pastor at the Frankfort United Methodist Church.

Rose M. (Campbell) Miller (MS '75), Kan-

sas City, is the director and a teacher at Bristol Hill UMC Preschool & MDO in Kansas City.

Kami Moore (BS '02), is in her first year teaching first through third grades at Trinity Lutheran School in Winfield. She has taught elsewhere for five years.

Julie Moran (MS), Clay Center, joined the faculty at Longford Elementary this fall.

Anna (Houseman) Noble (BS '08), Humboldt, joined the faculty of the Remington School District this fall as the K-8 school counselor.

Matt Peschel (BS '06), Wamego, accepted the job of director of recreational services for the Wamego Recreation Department in August 2008.

Brian Peters, McPherson, is a new fourth grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. He previously taught in Pueblo, CO.

Eva D. (Davis) Reese (MS '73), Newton, announces the birth of a sixth great grandchild, a boy, born June 29, 2005.

Tami Schepmann (BS), Holyrood, is the new ESOL teacher at Great Bend Middle School. Prior to this, she taught in El Dorado.

Kelly Shue (BS), Great Bend, joined the faculty at Eisenhower Elementary School as the new Reading Recovery teacher this fall.

Butch Trabuc (MS), Colony, is in his second year as director of Brown County Kansas-Spe-

cial Education Interlocal #615.

Ed Trimmer (BSE), Winfield, was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame recently. He taught 33 years at Winfield High School. He currently serves in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Larry V. Wall (BS '75, MS '89), Hoyt, is returning to Royal Valley High School to teach biology. He previously worked at RVHS from 1975 to 1981. He has also taught at Perry-Lecompton and Seaman High Schools.

Angie Webb (BS, MS), Great Bend, is now a fourth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. She has previously taught in Topeka, Wellington, El Dorado, and Cottonwood Falls.

Carol Webb (BS '78), Macomb, IL, is an assistant professor at Western Illinois University. She recently took the position after serving briefly as the acting superintendent of the Bettendorf Community School District (Iowa).

Betsey Whited (BS, MS), LaCygne, joined the faculty at Prairie View High School as an English teacher this fall.

Shauna Young (BS), Great Bend, joined the faculty at Riley Elementary School as a second grade teacher this fall.



## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

For more information about the scholarships listed, contact the ESU Foundation at (620) 341-5440, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801, or online at [www.emporia.edu/saffoundation](http://www.emporia.edu/saffoundation).

In Fall 2007, Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Foundation trustees made an offer to high school seniors in Coffey, Lyon and Osage counties: attend Emporia State University in the fall after you graduate from high school, and the foundation will provide the student a \$500 tuition voucher for each of the fall and spring semesters.

Recipients must be either a high school senior graduating in the current school year, or a student who has received a GED in the past two school years. Participants redeem a certificate awarded by the Jones Foundation for \$500 each semester, for a total of \$1,000. The grant is made during the student's freshman year only, but may be added to any other scholarship or financial aid the student receives.

Since 1974, the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Foundation has assisted families seeking financial help with medical, dental and vision expenses. The Foundation also acts on requests from students for help with their post-secondary education expenses in the form of grants for tuition and books.

The Emporia Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) has established a scholarship to support its

belief in the importance of higher education and to provide an educational opportunity for students.

The endowed fund at the Emporia State University Foundation will provide scholarships to full-time ESU students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and first preference will be given to students who are residents of Lyon, Chase, Greenwood, Osage, Morris or Coffey counties.

ESU freshmen who graduated from Emporia High School are eligible for the newly created Don & Elaine Ek Family Scholarship Fund. Established by Emporia natives and EHS graduates Greg, John, and Larry Ek in honor of their parents Don and Elaine, the scholarship is designed to aid business and education students.

When Dr. William F. Phillips, a geography professor for 30 years at ESU, passed away earlier this year, his wife Marylee Phillips of Emporia had an idea. William's cousin Vernita Rich was already recognized in a memorial scholarship, and Marylee knew how close the cousins were. Marylee combined the funds, creating the William F. Phillips and Vernita Rich Memorial Scholarship to provide a legacy

for both.

The scholarship is reserved for students with a GPA of 3.5 or above majoring in special education or the social sciences.

Las Casitas Association Community Foundation has established a scholarship fund at ESU for Emporia High School graduates, intending to encourage local students to continue their education within the Emporia community. The scholarship is reserved for full-time ESU students with a minimum GPA of 2.8 who are Emporia High School graduates. The recipients will be selected by the university's general scholarship committee.

The Las Casitas Association was founded to help educate Hispanic youth on the history of "La Colonia," Emporia's oldest Hispanic community, in order to preserve Hispanic culture and heritage and maintain the Emporia neighborhoods, or barrios, for future generations.

*It is the original intent of the donors that the scholarship awards be focused on Hispanic students from Emporia and/or the surrounding area. However, the ESU Foundation does not exclude or exclusively favor individuals on the basis of their membership in a protected class, so any student who meets the stated criteria may apply for the scholarship.*

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*Aaron Summer, current IDT student, poses with Corky during a tailgate party hosted by the IDT department at the Sept. 27 ESU football game.*