Celebrating Coach Slay

A basketball coach whose ties to Emporia State University date back nearly 60 years was honored on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, when the Hornets’ home basketball court was named in his honor.

Ron Slaymaker is well acquainted with the basketball court in the W.L. White Arena in Emporia. He first played on it as an undergraduate basketball player in the 1954-55 season, coached Hornet mens basketball teams there for 28 years then officiated on it during high school games after his retirement in 1998.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Emporia City Commission voted to name the court the Ron Slaymaker Court. “Coach Slay,” as Slaymaker is called, was honored during halftime of the Emporia State mens game against Washburn University.

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Technology, Learning and ESU

The Cloud and The Sky—What do these two things have in common aside from the being an atmospheric event! The Sky is the newest addition to technology improvements at Emporia State University. The Sky removes geographic barriers and provides all distance students the same technology and software access as on-campus students. The Sky is ESU’s cloud! You can discover SKY by going to http://sky.emporia.edu.

Online Tutoring Services—All graduate students have access to an online tutoring service through Blackboard (SMARTHINKING). To access you go through blackboard and then to TOOLS and then SMARTHINKING. You might also take a look at:

- CampusPack blog/wiki (in Blackboard)
- Google Apps

The Graduate School hopes you take advantage of the enhancements. If you have any suggestions for further improvements, just let me know. Kathy Ermler, Dean—Graduate School (kermler@emporia.edu)
NOW AND FOREVER

Armed with a consultant’s survey that proved overwhelming support for Emporia State University, the Emporia State University Foundation is preparing plans that will lead to launching a comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

The campaign will be the largest and most comprehensive of its type in Emporia State’s history, exceeding the $15 million “Building Blocks of Success” scholarship campaign completed in 2007, and the $25 million “Campaign 2000,” which reached its goal in 1997.

“Now and Forever: The Campaign for Emporia State University” will engage alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends in a mission to raise private funds for the university’s students, faculty and learning environments.

The Foundation’s Executive Committee has approved a recommendation to solicit $45,351,863 in private gifts and grants for Emporia State, its programs and its students. The university will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2013, and the final numbers in the working goal – “1,863” – represent the year Emporia State was founded.

“The Foundation’s executive committee was unanimous in its support of the campaign and its recommended working goal,” said Foundation board of trustees chairperson Lana Oleen of Manhattan.

“As with any goal, the greater the challenge, the sweeter the achievement,” said Dr. Michael D. Shonrock, Emporia State president.

“Our future is in raising the bar. If we continue to raise the bar for this institution, we will grow and we will develop and be successful together,” Shonrock continued.

For more information on **Now and Forever** gift opportunities, contact the Emporia State University Foundation at (620) 341-5440.

Scholarship Opportunities

**Two** Laurence C. Boylan Scholarships will be awarded for the fall 2013 semester. The application deadline is March 15, 2013. Applications are available on line at [http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/](http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/). Each award recipient will receive $2125.

**Twenty** New Graduate Student Scholarships will be awarded for the fall 2013 semester. The application deadline is May 1, 2013. Applications are available on line at [http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/](http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/). Each award recipient will receive $500.

Graduate Commencement Spring 2013

Graduate students will have their own commencement on May 18. Previously, one ceremony was held for both undergraduate and graduate. The ceremony will be held in Albert Taylor Hall on Saturday, May 18, at 2:00. A commencement reception will follow the ceremony in the rotunda of Plumb Hall.

If you have questions on commencement, please contact the Graduate School at 620-341-5403.
Graduate Student Travel Funding

The following graduate students were awarded $150-$300 by the Graduate School to supplement their travel expenses to present at various conferences/meetings.

- Caitline Burk will present at the Association for Psychological Science Conference, Washington, D.C., in May.
- Skyler Delmott will present at the Southwestern Association of Naturalists Conference, Lake Charles, LA, in April.
- Nathan Holoubek will present at the Southwestern Association of Naturalists 60th Annual Meeting, Lake Charles, LA, in April.
- Amanda Martens will present at the Association for Psychological Science Conference, Washington, D.C., in May.
- Breanna Morrison will present at the Association for Psychological Science Conference, Washington, D.C., in May.
- Kellie Meehlhause will present at the LOEX Conference, Nashville, TN, in May.
- Abdullahi Musa presented at the Association for Library and Information Science Education Conference, Seattle, WA, in January.
- Benjamin Smith presented at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Wichita, KS, in December.

Research Day is May 2nd, 2013

Longtime ESU Administrator Remembered

The Emporia State University community joined family and friends to honor the life of James Harter who died on February 20. A celebration of his life was held on Friday, March 1, in Albert Taylor Hall in Plumb Hall.

Mr. Harter spent 40 years working at Emporia State University and built the international student program. He retired in June 2011. During ceremonies on Feb. 15, Emporia State’s Office of International Education was dedicated to Harter and his wife and renamed the James F. and Dorine D. Harter Office of International Education.
**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

Congratulations to Nathan Holoubek (M.S. Biology student) who has been selected to present his paper at the Wilks competition in the coming 60th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists to be held at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 4-7. Each year at its Annual Meeting, the Southwestern Association of Naturalists makes an award for the best paper presented by a student. Students must submit extended abstracts and a committee reviews those submissions. The committee then selects only the best among those submissions (usually only 3-4 students are chosen to present their work in this competition). Congratulations and best of luck with the presentation!

**ROBERT J. GROVER GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Emporia State University has awarded two Robert J. Grover Graduate Student Scholarships for 2013 to Wei Zhang, a student from Dalian, Liaoning, China and Lora Lyn Worden, a student from Portland, Oregon.

Ms. Zhang is currently working on her master’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting through ESU’s MBA Program. Ms. Worden is currently working on her master’s degree in Library Science through ESU’s School of Library and Information Management. Both students will be honored at ESU’s 2013 Research and Creativity Day on May 2.

Ms. Zhang and Ms. Worden will each receive a scholarship of $350.

**LAURENCE C. BOYLAN THESIS AWARD**

Zachary Wimmer, graduate student in the Social Sciences department, was awarded the Laurence C. Boylan Award for the Outstanding Master’s Thesis for 2011-2012. The title of Mr. Wimmer’s thesis was “Out of the Dust: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Kansas.” Mr. Wimmer received his Master of Arts in History in May 2012. He will receive a cash award of $250 and his name will be added to the Laurence C. Boylan Award plaque on display in the Graduate School.

**GRE, LSAT, AND GMAT PREP CLASSES NOW OFFERED**

Graduate students can now enroll in GRE, LSAT, or GMAT prep classes through the Distance Education Office. Live-online classes feature expert instructors who guide you through each lesson, provide you with in-class learning exercises, and answer your questions in real time. In addition to offering interactive live meeting sessions, each online class is recorded. Each session recording is made available to you to view at your convenience. Information and class schedules can be found on the Distance Education web site.

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**SEMESTER DATES**

- **Midterm grades due-March 12**
- **Spring Break–March 18-24**
- **Final Examinations-May 13-17**
- **Last day of classes-May 10**
- **Commencement-May 18**
- **Summer classes begin-May 20**
- **Final grades due-May 21**