Message from the President

Greetings, Esteemed Colleagues!

I am excited to announce that through your generosity EFA has met its annual goal of $10,000 toward the new endowed scholarship! We are well on the way toward our ultimate goal of $25,000, the amount needed for a fully endowed scholarship. Thank you for your gifts . . . and remember the scholarship for your end-of-the-year donations.

Hall Duncan and Virginia Peters have graciously agreed to edit a collection of OUR funny stories and remembrances about our time at Central (as students or faculty/staff/administrators) or any other humorous stories you wish to share. The book will be sold, and the proceeds will go toward the EFA endowed scholarship. Send your stories soon to Jan Tuepker (jtuepker@cox.net) who will forward them to the editors. And be prepared to buy copies when they go on sale. I know you won’t want to miss these hilarious stories—a preview of which we’ve heard on occasion at kafkeklatsches! Once you start thinking about your experiences, the stories will almost tell themselves so get them down on paper.

Our annual Fall Brunch and Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th in the NUC Heritage Room at 10:00 am. We are excited to have UCO officials bringing us greetings and updates about Central. This year we will pay a special tribute to our four past presidents: Fred Grosz, Joanne Necco, Bill Radke and Keith Swezey. Through their concerted efforts, we have grown into a thriving association of almost 150 members that offers numerous educational and fun activities, as well as growing connections with Central. Mark your calendars for the Fall Brunch and complete the reservation form found later in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pat

Upcoming Events (additional details via email blast)

Sept. 14 – “The Power of Children” exhibit at the Edmond Historical Society Museum, 10:15 a.m.; lunch at Hideaway Pizza

Oct. 8 – The Musical “Chicago” at UCO’s Mitchell Hall, 2:00 p.m. EFA members should call the Box Office (974-3375) to receive their 2 free tickets.

Oct. 12 – EFA Fall Brunch/Business Meeting, 10:00 a.m., NUC Heritage Room. Reservations are required—see page 3 of this newsletter.

Nov. 17 – Tour Pigeon Museum and Library, 10:00 a.m.; lunch at The Museum Grill in the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Dec. 8 – UCO Jazz Lab Holiday Show, 7:30 p.m. EFA members should call the Box Office (974-3375) to purchase discounted tickets ($17).

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 – Kaffeeklatsch, 10:00 a.m. NOTE: We are not moving to HES—we will remain in Evans Hall.

Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much. – Helen Keller
**45th Infantry Division Museum**

On June 6, 19 EFA members were fortunate to be part of a group that was given a tour of the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City. The tour was led by the museum curator, Mike Gonzales, who was a fountain of knowledge about the exhibits relevant to the history of Oklahoma’s military heritage from the Spanish exploration to the present day. Two of the highlights were the Reaves Military Weapons Collection and the exhibit of items liberated from Hitler’s Munich apartment, alpine home and the Berlin bunker.

Organized in 1923, the 45th Infantry Division was formed from the states of OK, CO, AZ and NM. Before World War II, the division was called upon to maintain order in times of disasters and keep peace during periods of political unrest. In Sept. of 1940, the division was ordered into federal service for one year to engage in a training program. By the end of the year the world situation had worsened, and the Thunderbirds prepared for war. During World War II, the division fought in Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. Following the war, the division reverted back to National Guard status, and the 45th Infantry Division became an all-Oklahoma organization. The invasion of South Korea by North Korea in 1950 led to the second federal mobilization of the 45th Infantry Division. After Korea, the division reverted to their stateside status as a National Guard unit.

An Act of the Oklahoma State Legislature passed in 1965 created the 45th Infantry Division Museum and placed it under the supervision of the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. In 1974 the Lincoln Park Armory, the present site of the museum, became available and was dedicated to the museum for permanent occupancy. Originally located in just one room, the museum is now the largest state-operated military museum in the U.S.

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**Oklahoma River Cruise**

On June 30, several members of EFA enjoyed a relaxing sunset cruise on the Oklahoma River. Despite reports of severe weather, passengers enjoyed delicious snacks, friendly conversation, and interesting scenery. The captain provided informative commentary about how the locks work, the variety of current available recreational experiences along the river, and proposed future development. (Submitted by Diane Jackson)

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**Oklahoma History Center**

Approximately 20 EFA members and guests toured numerous areas of interest at the Oklahoma History Center on July 19. After the tour, many stayed for lunch at TW’s Winnie Mae Café at the center.
Selman Learning Lab and Bat Caves (August 25)

It was a dark and stormy morning when 7 intrepid EFA members set out in search of the wily Tadarida brasiliensis. The journey was long and fraught with peril, and had it not been for our trusty and fearless guide Dr. Rebecca Williams of the UCO Biology Department, it is highly unlikely that any of us would have survived to tell the tale! Members of the expeditionary force included Jan Tuepker, Burchie Smith, Gloria Shadid, Fred Grosz, Leah Westmoreland, Hall Duncan and the expedition chronicler, who shall remain unidentified for reasons that are probably already obvious.

Thanks to the remarkable navigation skills of Rebecca, we were able to survive driving rain and large moving objects while circumnavigating, circumscribing and circumventing numerous western Oklahoma villages filled with dangerous unfriendly natives intent on our destruction. Not only did Rebecca bring us safely to the UCO Selman Living Laboratory near Freedom, OK (Actually the Lab is not near anything!), but she had the foresight to bring all sorts of nutritious delicacies which we consumed with gusto before setting out on the final arduous leg of the journey to the lair of the Tadarida brasiliensis! It is perhaps sufficient to report that the EFA team succeeded beyond our wildest dreams! Hall, who can count really fast, reported that we saw 1,046,783 bats. We also observed one large bird, possibly a Bubo virginianus, flying into a group of bats, so it is possible that there are now actually only 1,046,782 bats.

After such an amazing and fun day, all that was left to accomplish was the return journey still fraught with peril and unfriendly natives. A highlight of the drive home was a stop near Seiling, at probably the most elegant truck stop and convenience store in Oklahoma. (I'm serious!) Again, thanks to Rebecca, we triumphantly returned to Edmond arriving at about 12:40am. Our welcome home celebration was much less than we had expected!

(Submitted by Larry Westmoreland)

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Emeritus Faculty Association Fall Meeting and Brunch
Thursday, October 12, 2017

Reservations must be received by EFA by Thursday, October 5th

Name of EFA member(s) and guest(s) if applicable_____________________________________

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Amount enclosed by check made out to EFA ($20.00 per person)______________________

NOTE: Payment will not be accepted at the door.

Your email address (or phone number if you do not have email)________________________

Your former department at UCO ________________________________________________

NOTE: If you have dietary restrictions/concerns, contact Deanie Wright at deaniewright@cox.net

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Send to: Donna Guinn, EFA Fall Brunch
Academic Affairs Box 159
University of Central Oklahoma
100 N. University Dr.
Edmond, OK 73034

For your records:
EFA 2017 Fall Meeting and Brunch
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017   Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: NUC Heritage Room
Cost: $20.00 per person
# of tickets purchased: ______  Total cost: ______
Congratulations
Dave Ford was honored as a Champion of Character by the Edmond City Council.
David James was named to the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam
Chris Burkey (Oct. 12, 1953-May 24, 2017) was born in Cushing, OK. After teaching funeral science at UCO from 1993 to 2015, Chris retired in 2015. For many years, he was active in long distance bike races and he enjoyed road trips with his wife, Sandra, who worked at UCO from 1998 to 2012 in Information Technology.
Lonnie Gilliland (Aug. 3, 1930-June 24, 2017) was born in McLoud, OK. He served Central from 1971-96 as a professor in the College of Special Arts and Sciences and chair of the Department of Safety Education. In retirement he loved woodworking and built furniture for his children and grandchildren. He and his wife enjoyed spending family time at Lake Eufaula and traveled to Hawaii twice.
Melvin Lee (Aug. 28, 1926-July 4, 2017) was born in Okla. City. Mel was hired as director of bands at UCO in 1964 and also taught several subjects before retiring in 2000. After retirement, he taught as an adjunct for 11 years. Mel spent 10 years playing with the Lyric Theater, 23 years with the Oklahoma City Symphony and several other community orchestras. Mel also thoroughly enjoyed judging music contests.
Also, Stan Hoig’s wife (Pat), Ted Morishige’s wife (Sue), Laverne Loman’s daughter (Sandra Leigh), Tom Trittipo, and Karen Starkey.