HOMECOMING 2010

Alumni, students, faculty and friends of EKU’s College of Justice & Safety enjoyed Homecoming 2010 on a beautiful fall day. Pictured clockwise from top left: Dr. Larry Collins, Safety, Security & Emergency Management Department Chair (center), reconnects with alumni Dave Ewald, FSE ’07 and Branden Sobaski, FSE ’06, SSE ’08. Association of Fire Science Technician members celebrate their win of the Homecoming 500 tricycle race. Students enjoy a game of cornhole. Occupational Safety Professor, Dr. Mike Schumann, mans the grill. A member of EKU’s student chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association races in the Homecoming 500 tricycle race.
FROM THE DEAN

This edition of the Alumni Inquirer highlights some of the College of Justice & Safety’s new partnerships. We are very pleased to have a formal agreement with the National Fire Academy. Now, graduates of the Executive Fire Officer program are eligible for six hours of academic credit from the Safety, Security and Emergency Management master’s degree program.

Another exciting new venture is the grant awarded by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to the College. The College is charged with developing a degree program that will produce future talent for the Intelligence Community. Read more about this endeavor on page 5 of this newsletter.

In addition to continued construction on the Stratton building (pg. 7), the College is also renovating existing portions of the building. The improvements include major enhancements to classrooms and the College’s Justice & Safety library.

Classrooms will get a fresh coat of paint, as well as new, dimmable lighting fixtures. Most exciting are the technology upgrades we’ll be implementing. The College recently formed a technology committee to research new options and make recommendations for classroom technology packages.

Proposed new equipment includes high definition projectors, large monitors and uniform control panels to increase comfort levels and streamline the learning process. Also under consideration are classroom response systems, or “clickers.” Clickers are used to promote active learning and allow faculty to instantly poll or quiz students and conduct opinion surveys.

New technology and furniture will be incorporated in one classroom as a prototype. The features would then be replicated in other rooms based upon reception and feedback from the entire College of Justice & Safety community. Students can expect to see classroom renovations by the fall 2011 semester.

Another section of the Stratton building experiencing renovation is the Justice & Safety library. The space will be converted into a Library/Computer Walk-In Lab. Students are increasingly using web resources to find research and reference materials. Consequently, the library staff has been working to remove the existing stacks of books to make room for additional computer stations and group work space.

Plans are currently being finalized; however, the new space is envisioned as open and contemporary. It will be inviting for students, faculty and staff use. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with completion expected in fall 2011.

We are very excited about the growth and improvements to the College. We anticipate that the renovations and new construction will reflect the College’s designation as a Program of Distinction.

EKU PARTNERS WITH NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

Representatives of EKU and the National Fire Academy met to formalize an agreement by which graduates of the U.S. Fire Service’s Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program can enter EKU’s graduate program in Safety, Security and Emergency Management (SSEM). Under the agreement, EFO graduates are now eligible for six hours of academic credit from the SSEM master’s degree program. The EFO program and certification are designed to be a benchmark educational program for individuals at the executive level of the fire service. Representing the National Fire Academy was Superintendent Denis Onieal, fourth from left. The others, from left, are all representatives of EKU: Jim Pharr, SSEM faculty; Larry Collins, chair, Department of Safety, Security and Emergency Management; Tom Schneid, Director, SSEM graduate program; Janna Vice, Provost; Allen Ault, Dean, College of Justice & Safety; Jerry Pogatsnik, Dean, Graduate Studies; and Norm Spain, Associate Dean, College of Justice & Safety.
A BENEFIT FOR BOTH
Internships a Good Program for College Students and Agencies

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Law enforcement is not a career choice to be taken lightly. Some who leave the field long before retirement often do so because they realized after unhappy years on the job that it just isn’t for them.

But many Kentucky agencies provide a way for would-be officers to get a little experience under their belts before taking the oath and gain some valuable assistance while they’re at it.

Across the state, dozens of agencies have developed internship programs. Some have accepted local high school students for the job while most employ students from nearby colleges and universities. The majority of agencies pay no wages to the interns for their employment, but course credit hours are typically earned at the college level.

At the University of Kentucky (UK) Police Department, Capt. Nathan Brown was hired in 2005 as the department’s first intern. “We saw the value from the work he gave us,” UK Police Chief Joe Monroe said of Brown. “As we hired him on, it almost seemed like a happy marriage. What I saw over the last couple years in doing this is that it gives us a chance to evaluate the students as they come through. We get to know them as people. It gives us a chance to evaluate their work performance, them personally – plus it gives them a chance to evaluate us and see if policing on a college campus is what they want to do.”

Ret. St. Matthews Police Maj. Kathy Eigelbach, PAD ’80, CRJ ’07, agreed. Eigelbach now serves Bellarmine University as the student intern coordinator for the school’s Sociology and Criminal Justice departments, placing interns in police agencies much like the one she served.

“You get the opportunity to observe them in different situations, to know if they are reliable about coming to work, about communicating in all different forms, if they follow through with what they said they were going to do, the way they behave when meeting the public and other officers – you can observe a lot about people in a semester’s period of time,” Eigelbach said.

Eigelbach and Brown – who now leads the internship program at UK – both see internships as a valuable recruitment tool in an era where recruitment can be difficult. About half of the interns UK has seen have thought they want to do something in law enforcement and many come in with criminal justice majors.

“We see how they do (during the internship), then we sit down with them and have a conversation about how we think they could be successful in a law enforcement career and might really want to look at us,” Brown said. “We have some pretty neat things they might not be familiar with.”

Apparently, that tactic is working. Angeline Bouchard, CRJ ’09, began her internship with UK in summer 2009 and stayed with them throughout the remainder of her college career at Eastern Kentucky University. Bouchard was a criminal justice major and needed an internship as a graduation requirement. She interned earlier with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and when her service there was finished, she wasn’t done. After missing an opportunity for a Federal Bureau of Investigations internship, an FBI-resident agent connected her with Chief Monroe.

“I had the interview with the chief and a now-lieutenant and that was it,” Bouchard said. “The internship really just showed me that this is exactly where I needed to be.”

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“The rest is history. I was the intern for the detective bureau.”

In October 2009, just months before her college graduation, a position opened with UK. Bouchard applied, went through the hiring process and was selected. On Sept. 3, 2010, Bouchard graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training’s Basic Training Class 416.

Bouchard’s internship with UK was invaluable, she said. “I already had the fire inside that I wanted to be in law enforcement,” she said. “The internship really just showed me that this is exactly where I needed to be. When I got the job, it was kind of surreal. It is a huge blessing.”

Watching someone like Bouchard grow through the program into an officer full of potential is special for Monroe. “I look at them as if they are my own kids,” he said. “It makes me proud to see these kids develop.”

Making it Work

The Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations branch in western Kentucky has had about a half-dozen interns over the years, said Criminal Intelligence Analyst Sheri Jones, but the agency’s most recent intern, Brooke High, CRJ ’10, was exceptional.

High, also an EKU student, needed an internship for graduation like Bouchard. She connected to the DE/SI West office through a previous intern. “She completed her hours and then continued to volunteer after that and put in quite a few hours,” Jones said.

High worked on some organizational projects for the agency and did some filing and data entry during her time. While sometimes tedious, it is work that eased the agency’s manpower shortage and allowed them to get caught up on tasks that may otherwise have fallen by the wayside, Jones said.

But High was not just stuck in an office chair.

“I did surveillance on marijuana patches, I traveled a little bit in the field and we tested some suspected drugs to see if they were really drugs,” High said. “I interviewed suspects in relation to cases and got to watch that whole process in the office.”

“They were great,” she continued. “I learned so much just being there every day, no matter if I was in the office or out in the field.”

Having something worthwhile for the intern to do is a crucial part of making a program work, Eigelbach said.

“You have to have a meaningful program for them – something that is meaningful for them to do, but that can be a big help for you if you get a good student,” she said. “Really, I think where people underutilize interns is in not giving them meaningful tasks, thinking, ‘They will not be able to do that.’”

The Richmond Police Department found lots of meaningful projects on which its first intern could work. The agency hired its first intern during the spring semester of 2010, Jonathan Williams, who was a junior criminal justice major at EKU. The criminal investigations division was overwhelmed with pawn tickets and needed somebody to go through them. It quickly became Williams’ specialty.

“Primarily, I would come in and have cases on my desk and I would run them through a system called Leads Online,” Williams said. “They use it to check the reports to see if there is any stolen property that ended up at pawn shops. I go through the police report and see where this guy stole a Sony. Then I would go through Leads Online and see if I can find a Sony around that date, see what the suspects’ background is like, and if serial numbers match up, we’ll seize the item from the pawn shop.”

He single-handedly solved four cases by matching up pawn tickets with cases. Soon, Williams’ supervisors, Richmond Police Sgt. Rodney Richardson and Maj. Bob Mott realized Williams was capable of much more.

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Outstanding Faculty Award from the Kentucky Department of Justice

Dr. Carole Garrison received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Kentucky Department of Justice.

The organization’s purpose is to bring together students, educators and employers with an interest in the formal integration of a student’s academic study with work experience and the student’s ultimate career employment.

Grad Students Sponsor Write-a-Thon to Commemorate Human Rights Day

Eastern Kentucky University’s Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association hosted a letter-writing event in conjunction with Amnesty International for local activists to call on governments worldwide to protect and release victims of human rights abuses.


Each year during Write for Rights, citizens worldwide come together to send a powerful message in defense of human rights to commemorate International Human Rights Day (Dec. 10).

The world’s largest letter-writing event generates a tidal wave of letters and cards for the shared cause of protecting human rights. Letter-writing materials and refreshments were provided.

Faculty Member Honored with Award

Dr. Carole Garrison received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Kentucky Department of Justice.

Intelligence Studies Certificate Now Offered

Eastern Kentucky University is now offering an undergraduate certificate in Intelligence Studies.

The interdisciplinary undergraduate Certificate in Intelligence Studies provides instruction on the intelligence community, intelligence collection, intelligence analysis and threats facing the United States in the public and private sectors.

Students in all majors can take advantage of this program to gain a unique area of specialization.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SHARES STORY AS MODERN-DAY SLAVE

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010 the College of Justice & Safety hosted Beatrice Fernando as a Distinguished Lecturer.

Born and raised in Sri Lanka, Fernando was the youngest of 13 children and grew up in extreme poverty. She married young, but was abandoned by her husband and left to fend for herself and her two-year-old son. This forced her to move back in with her parents until she could provide for herself and her child.

Despite the horror stories she had heard about slave labor, rape, and even murder, she answered an ad to be a housemaid in Lebanon. Fernando said she felt as though she had no choice but to leave her child behind with her parents in order to forge a better life.

She soon found herself in Lebanon being held captive by an employer who not only imprisoned Fernando, but routinely beat and starved her. Additionally, her employer’s expectations required Fernando to work around the clock. Fernando was mentally and physically exhausted after months of brutal captivity and no contact with the outside world. She said her desire to provide for and be reunited with her son gave her the strength and motivation to keep going when she didn’t know if she would survive.

Finally, in a desperate move to escape, Fernando made a pact with God and leapt from a fourth floor balcony. Amazingly she survived, but was paralyzed from the waist down. She again found herself in a situation where the odds were stacked against her. However, she found the courage and strength to go on and returned to her son.

When she returned to Sri Lanka, she quickly realized that she suffered from much more than physical injury. She said it took her years to work through the emotional and mental damage that had been done by leaving her child behind and suffering such abuse.

Today, Fernando lives in Massachusetts, and although she is not paralyzed, she still struggles from the aftereffects of her choice that day. As an activist, she works tirelessly to bring about awareness and change to the millions of oppressed people who might fall victim to human trafficking.

Fernando said that victims of human trafficking are all around us, some working on construction sites or as domestic help. She urged all those who attended the lecture to look for the signs of someone who may be a victim of this modern day slavery and find a way to help. •
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSOR GIVES TALKS IN NEPAL

At the invitation of the U.S. Embassy in Katmandu, an Eastern Kentucky University faculty member recently made presentations on gender equality and human trafficking in the Himalayan nation of Nepal.

Dr. Robin Haarr, associate professor of criminal justice and director of the Institute for Global Justice and Security at EKU, spoke on “Gender Equality in Theory and Practice” at Tribhuvan University and addressed “Prosecuting Human Trafficking Cases” at the Katmandhu School of Law.

Haarr is a recognized expert on issues related to gender equality and women’s rights, violence against women and girls, and human rights and exploitation, particularly in Asia and eastern Europe. She has regularly served as a speaker in China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Malaysia, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Haarr focused her “Gender Equality” presentation on gender role socialization, feminist theories of women’s oppression and inequality, and international initiatives to promote equality, women’s advancement and women’s rights.

In her other talk, where she was a keynote speaker on a panel, Haarr discussed issues and challenges in prosecuting human trafficking, including legal frameworks, cross-border cooperation in investigation and prosecution, and victim witness cooperation and protection in trafficking cases.

“The purpose was scholarly exchange, capacity building, awareness raising and public diplomacy,” Haarr said.

EKU RECEIVES GRANT TO DEVELOP SECURITY OPERATIONS DEGREE

If you are looking for a degree program that will prepare you for a promising career as a security professional within the Intelligence Community (IC), look no further than Eastern Kentucky University and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Embry-Riddle), Prescott, AZ.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Special Security Center and the Industrial Security Working Group have developed curriculum requirements and expected academic capabilities for the entry-level security professional.

EKU and Embry-Riddle have been awarded grants to convert those requirements into a degree program that will produce future talent for the Intelligence Community.

This ODNI Special Security Center’s education initiative, part of a three-pronged approach that also includes career development and training, addresses the National Intelligence Strategy’s requirement to Develop the Workforce by attracting the very best and brightest to the IC security profession.

Students are expected to be able to take classes fall semester 2012 and some specific courses by fall semester 2013.

The graduates of this program will enter the workforce at a time when retirements are at their peak.

PROFESSOR RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR FROM SIERRA LEONE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

A College of Justice & Safety professor recently received the highest possible honor from the Sierra Leone Institute of International Law.

Dr. Bankole Thompson, professor of criminal justice studies at EKU and a native of the West African country, along with four other renowned academicians and practitioners of international law, were recognized as Fellows at a banquet on Monday, April 25.

The award was presented to these Sierra Leoneans and foreign nationals “who have excelled in the teaching, wider appreciation and dissemination of international law in Sierra Leone and the sub-region.”

While serving as a judge of the United Nations-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone, Thompson contributed significantly to the jurisprudence of that tribunal and thereby to international humanitarian and human rights law.

He was one of eight judges appointed in 2002 to a three-year term on the special regional court, which was “empowered to try to punish all persons who carry the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law, human rights law and criminal law of Sierra Leone committed during a period of hostilities and rebel insurgency,” he said at the time of his appointment.

Beginning in 1991, fighting between the Sierra Leone government and the Revolutionary United Front resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and the displacement of more than two million people, more than one third of the country’s population.

Thompson, who joined the EKU faculty in 1995 and formerly served as dean of graduate studies, is the author of “The Constitutional History and Law of Sierra Leone (1961-95),” “The Criminal Law of Sierra Leone,” and “American Criminal Procedures.”

Prior to coming to the U.S., Thompson served as Principal State Attorney in Sierra Leone; Legal Officer for the Mano River Union, a West African economic group composed of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea; and High Court Judge. He also was a founding member of the country’s Law Reform Commission.

COLLEGE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Eastern Kentucky University’s Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Justice and Safety recently hosted a group of 15 Finnish and Slovenian faculty members and students.

Included in this group was the director of the Training Institute for Prison and Probation Services of Finland.

Professional activities for the group included visits to the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville and the Louisville Metro Police Department, a command staff briefing at the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Headquarters, and a tour of the KSP crime laboratory.

The group also received a briefing by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a tour of Blackburn Correctional Institute.

Social and cultural activities included tours of the Kentucky Horse Park, Churchill Downs, and Woodford Reserve Whisky Distillery, culminating in "A Taste of Kentucky" cookout at the home of EKU faculty member Chuck Fields.

The visits were the result of almost a year of planning and preparation, and several years of research and study collaboration efforts between the College and several institutions in Finland.

Professor Fields takes students annually on a spring study visit to Finland, Russia and Estonia and last September accompanied four or five students to the biennial Conference on Policing in Central and Eastern Europe held in Lubljana, Slovenia.

The conference has been co-sponsored by EKU’s College of Justice and Safety for the past several years.
1970s
Dr. Terry Fisk, PAD ’73, is the Chair of the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kevin Sutton, PAD ’76, was appointed chief of the Paris, Kentucky Police Department. He began his law enforcement career at the Eastern Kentucky University Police Department and served as an officer with the Norfolk and Western Railway. Most of his law enforcement career, however, was spent with the Lexington, Kentucky Division of Police, serving for more than 30 years before retiring in 2009.

1980s
Casey J. McClelland, PAD ’81, retired from the Hickory, North Carolina Police Department with 30 years of service. Casey served mainly in the patrol division and was a supervisor for 10 years. cthl@live.com

1990s
Shane Ray, FSE ’94, was recently elected International Director for the Southeast Division of the Volunteer and Combination Section (VCOS) Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. In addition, Shane is Chief of the Pleasant View, Tennessee Volunteer Fire Department and Director of Public Fire Protection at the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

2000s
Julie Marzheuser Inman, CRJ ’04, married John Inman, PAD ’00, on May 21, 2010. Julie is a police officer for the Edgewood, Kentucky Police Department and John is a police officer for the Kenton County, Kentucky Police Department. John is also attending Northern Kentucky University’s College of Law. He is ranked fifth in his class and is on the dean’s list.

Michael J. Jackson, FSE ’00, accepted a position as Fire Chief with Woodland, Washington. He also married Jenn Farrar in May 2010. ekujackson@yahoo.com

Chris Cline, PAD ’93, was appointed sheriff of the Simpson County Sheriff’s Office. He has more than 18 years of law enforcement experience. Chris began his career at the Franklin Police Department and since has served at the Simpson County Sheriff’s Office, the Kentucky State Police and the office of the Attorney General. He is also a certified fraud examiner and a professional certified investigator, and he served for six years as a special investigator for Grange Insurance Company.
### In Memorium

Dr. Charles Reedy, a key figure in the growth and success of EKU’s College of Justice & Safety, passed away on Sunday, March 13 in Cincinnati.

Dr. Reedy, who joined EKU in 1972, was the first chair of what was then the Department of Corrections, ably guiding the Department from 1975 until 1992, two years before he retired. Dr. Reedy fostered an atmosphere that supported the learning styles of traditional and nontraditional students alike, and contributed heavily to the development of today’s leaders in the field.

Dr. Reedy, who had previously served as Director of Training and Staff Development with the Kentucky Department of Corrections, also played a leading role in the establishment of EKU’s Training Resource Center in 1984.

### STRATTON CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES

Significant progress to the Stratton addition can be seen from the pond side, or back, of the building in the picture below.

The framework for the addition is beginning to take shape, and the elevator shaft and space for the emergency exit stairs can be seen on the left.

This space will support the College’s continued growth, as well as create room for the EMC program to move from the Dizney building across campus.

Visit the College’s Facebook page for continued updates and pictures:

www.facebook.com/EKUjusticeandsafety

### JUSTICE & SAFETY STUDENT ONE OF ONLY 60 IN THE NATION TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

When he graduated from high school in 2005, Miles Owen had “no idea” what direction to take in life.

Instead of immediately enrolling in a college or university Owen chose instead to spend 10 months with AmeriCorps, helping clear houses of debris in hurricane-ravaged St. Bernard Parish, just east of New Orleans. The decision proved fortuitous.

“My life changed because I saw the power of passionate people working toward a common cause,” he said. “I felt so alive and productive that it made sense to start working toward making disaster response my career. I discovered that I am passionate about helping people re-establish their home and culture after the randomness of a disaster. I had found what I wanted to do with my life.”

It’s that proven commitment to be a change agent that eventually led Owen to Eastern Kentucky University’s Emergency Medical Care Program in 2009 and made such a strong impression on the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation that it awarded Owen one of only 60 Truman Scholarships nationwide for 2011 – one recipient for each state plus 10 at-large winners.

The Truman Foundation recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service; and provides them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

“Miles is already making the change so many other students hope to someday make,” said Dr. Linda Frost, director of EKU’s Honors Program, of which Owen is a member. “He’s a remarkable young man … and the Truman Scholarship will simply allow him to do those things on a much larger scale, with greater impact.”

Owen has initiated and successfully led trips back to St. Bernard Parish. Since arriving at EKU, Owen has worked with the University’s Office of Student Life to plan seven “Alternative Spring Break” trips for Eastern students, participating in four and serving as leader in two.

He plans to apply for the Washington Summer Institute and pursue a master’s of public policy degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, specializing in crisis leadership. After his graduate studies, Owen hopes to launch a career with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“Getting this scholarship vastly increases my chances of getting into the top graduate school programs in the country,” Owen said. “It also gives me important connections through the Truman Scholar Association and the summer internships, which will help a lot with job placement when I graduate.”

Frost termed the application process for the Truman Scholarship “the most complicated” of any of the large national scholarships, requiring numerous essays and a 20-minute interview in Atlanta.

Owen credited the “great support” he received from the University. He also honored a long-time campus tradition by repeatedly rubbing a toe on the statue of Daniel Boone that fronts the Keen Johnson Building for good luck. “It worked,” Owen declared, “so apparently Daniel Boone is still lucky.”

Already, Owen has received numerous awards for his service. He received a Congressional Bronze Medal Award for Community Service and an Outstanding Personal Achievement Award from AmeriCorps.

“Miles is not interested in being a politician,” Frost said. “He is interested in making a difference. He is doing it already. The Truman Scholarship will allow him to take that drive and push it to another level entirely.”

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The iconic mounted policeman statue in front of the College of Justice & Safety’s Stratton Building was moved to accommodate the expansion project currently underway. The statue was created by Felix W. deWeldon, known internationally for his statue of Iwo Jima in Washington, D.C. The statue of the mounted policeman was designed in 1976 to honor public servants. It stands approximately 10 feet high from the hoof to the top of the rider’s head and weighs 3,421 pounds. The statue now sits closer to Kit Carson Drive behind a granite College of Justice & Safety sign.