CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

English, Humanities and Mathematics Division organized and chaired a memorable evening that we called “Celebration of the Arts” on November 4, 2004 at Tomball College Black Box Theatre.

The evening’s program was dedicated to the memory of the people of Beslan, Russia – September 3, 2004. This free entertainment was performed by students, EHM faculty members, and community residents. The evening was well received by everyone who attended and the EHM Division will keep its promise to make it happen at least once per long semester.

EHM Family and the Awards!!!

Claudia Davis has been chosen as one of the three recipients of the Faculty Excellence Award for 2004-2005 year.

Dr. Rebecca Tate has been nominated to receive The Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation Award from Tomball College.

Mary Elizabeth Steen, one of our Math adjuncts, has been appointed by Empire Who’s Who Among Executive and Professional Women Educators as a biographical candidate to represent Tomball, Texas. She is included in their 04/05 “Honors Edition” registry as well.

Earl Staley is a featured artist at the Sippora Gallery!

“Congratulations Mary!” Pat Stone
“Becky is a role model for all of us and I am proud to call her my colleague. Congratulations Becky!” Dr Judy Murray
“Please join me in congratulating!” Dr. Ray Hawkins
“We value Earl and the notoriety that he brings to our Art Program and the expertise he shares with our students” Pat Stone
Share your blessings!

The EHM Division embraced the idea of “Giving Thanks For What We Have”. Before the Thanksgiving holidays, Melissa Pickering volunteered to coordinate with TEAM (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries) to adopt a local family to provide their Thanksgiving dinner. EHM family fully supported the challenge, gladly contributing $5.00 for the good cause.

We collected total of $115.00. On Monday, November 22, 2004, Melissa delivered a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner and a Walmart gift card to our adopted family, as well as some of our EHM brochures to let them know who we are.

Many thanks to everyone who participated! We certainly will think about doing something similar next year.

EHM Faculty participate in Annual TC Power Trip… again!

The Student Life organized one more presentation of Annual Power Trip to outreach the prospective students from Tomball ISD and Waller ISD on November 12, 2004 in the Beckendorf Conference Center.

EHM Faculty members are among the speakers making presentations in this Power Trip, included:
- Are You a Future Educator? by Patricia Falbo
- Sail Into Your Future by Gwen Young
- Drama by Sherri White
- English? Why Do I Need English? by Bo Rollins
- Music for Your Future by Cheryl Bates
- Philosophy by Dusty Capistran

Go EHM !!!!!

Newest member of EHM Division

We are thrilled to have Jeff Norem full time in our Division and English Department. Jeff is known and respected as an outstanding teacher by faculty and students alike. Before he joins our EHM family as a Full Time faculty, he has been our loyal adjunct for quite long time. His credentials include:

- Three semesters as a full time temp.
- TC English Curriculum Team Representative Fall 2000
- Adjunct member of a committee to review syllabi
- Twice nominated for the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award
- Twice nominated by PTK inductees as an influential teacher
- DL certified
Spring 2005 Division Meeting

The Division meeting for Spring 2005 was held from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on January 11, 2005 in the Teaching Theatre.

We started out with “SUPER HERO/HEROINE” theme with all the Lighting Bolts attached to each Faculty member’s name. This symbol is served as a Thank you and a Recognition Note for all the efforts and accomplishments of each EHM family member.

Our Agenda for this meeting included:
- Introducing new faculty
- Updates on Academic Integrity, Core Evaluation, Ethics, Strategic Initiatives, Sex Offender Policy, Workload for Adjuncts
- Prepare Division and Department Goals
- Discuss and edit the Faculty Workload form
- Professional Development update
- Discuss and Demo the new Faculty Office Page in our new Web site.
- Presentation the EHM website
- Presentation of the WebCT development for DS English
- HE grants update

All the Full Time faculty were reminded about the 3R’s Celebration at the Main Event in The Woodlands, invited by VP Dr. Murray.

Spring 2005 Adjunct In-Service

Instead of having the Adjunct Orientation on Thursday evening the week before the classes start, the three Academic Divisions launched a new schedule. The Adjunct In-service was scheduled on Saturday, January 08, 2005 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The Adjunct In-Service combined New Adjunct Orientation and Adjunct In-Service.

Our Division had approximately 60 adjuncts attending. We had a General Division meeting with Dean’s remarks and updates, a DOM’s presentation regarding Operational issues, a brief HR presentation and ending with the Department break-out sessions. We also offered a tour of new Library building.


The survey indicated 46% strongly agreed the General Division session was helpful; 68% strongly agreed that the Department session was helpful, time allotted for both sessions were adequate; 61% strongly agreed Saturday In-service is preferable to Thursday evening. We were also able to collect some new ideas and feedback from our Adjuncts for future In-Service meetings.

The Adjunct Information Card was received with a lot of compliments from our adjuncts.
What’s New in DS English Department?

Brian Reeves has a WebCT site setup on eCampus for the DS English adjuncts to use as a resource. Sandra Angel helped to add the information from Pam Womack, Donna Willingham and Judy Harris.

The DS team and with the help from Sandra Angel created a schedule template for the DS English instructors to use on the WebCT site. All the syllabi and hands-out of ENGL 0305 and ENGL 0307 already uploaded. Some instructional materials will be scanned and uploaded in the next few weeks.

The DS team and Sandra has done so much that words can not describe. Some attached pictures will help to deliver their dedication.
Professional Development attended…

During the second quarter, the EHM Faculty and Staff attended the following professional Development events:
Cheryl Bates – Conference of College Music Society – San Francisco CA
Peg Crider – Texas Collaboration Project – Austin TX
Peg Crider – AMATYC Annual Conference – Orlando FL
Laura Colwell – Microsoft Access Training – Tomball College
Clark Friesen – National Communication Association Convention – Chicago IL
Duy Nguyen – Microsoft Access – Advanced forms - DSTC
Melissa Pickering – MS Word Training – Montgomery College
Pat Stone – Leadership Montgomery County Class 2005 – Navasota TX
Sherri White – TX Educational Theatre Association Convention – Dallas TX

CLUB Activities…

TOMBALL COLLEGE DEBATE CLUB  sponsored by Clark Friesen and Sherri White

Tomball College Debate Club 2005 Spring Tournament Schedule
February 11-13: TCCSTA State Tournament – Tarrant County SE, Arlington
February 25-27: David A. Thomas Cougar Classic – University of Houston
March 18-20: Phi Rho Pi Regional 6 (Kingwood College)

TOMBALL COLLEGE CHESS CLUB sponsored by Dr. Van Piercy

A chess clinic was organized on October 26, 2004 and we got a nice note from people who attended, “Many of the kids I’ve talked to since (as well as some of the parents) thought the evening was excellent and they learned something new that they will use in future chess game.” Thank you, Van, for being so generous with your time and talents!

TOMBALL COLLEGE FUTURE TEACHER'S CLUB sponsored by Patricia Falbo

This is the newest club for Student Life sponsored by our Math faculty, Patricia Falbo. We are eager to all the activities happen in the next few months.

THE PHILOSOPHY READING AND DISCUSSING GROUP sponsored by Dusty Capistran

The Discussion Group continues to gather one Thursday each month to enjoy discussing reading selections together. In November, they looked at the opening section of Luc Ferry’s The New Ecological Order.

Remember you do not have to read the section to attend. Just come in and enjoy different perspective and ideas.

PHI THETA KAPPANS and NHMCCD…

Let’s hear from Erica Dean – VP of Communication of PTK – Alpha Rho Mu Chapter at Tomball College, “Our Texas Regional President of PTK will be attending The Simpson’s lecture on Jan. 27th and see how it will relate to our honor study topic – Pop Culture; Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are. Our faculty advisor, Bo Rollins, and the officer team strongly encourage your attendance and as always all of the activities are open to all students and faculty. COME ONE AND COME ALL!!!”
Before the Holiday break, the Music Club and Cheryl Bates were overwhelmed with all the scheduled concerts, recitals and choir. To name a few:

- SHSU Guitar Ensemble – Wednesday, November 10, 2004
- Duo Piano Concert – Thursday, November 11, 2004 –featuring UH Faculty
- Fall Choir Concert – Wednesday, November 17, 2004
- Broadway Bang – Thursday, November 18, 2004
- Holiday Concert – Wednesday, December 01, 2004
- Holiday Sing-Along – Thursday, December 02, 2004
- Movie “School of Rock” – Thursday, January 27, 2005
- 1 Man-3 Horns Concert – Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Cheryl and Music Club tried their best to bring up the Christmas spirit in our soul. Let’s hear from UH Faculty – Ruth Tomfohrde sings compliments to the College Operator – Sonja for over half an hour. “We are extremely impressed with your school. We loved your school, faculty and students. Congratulations on a wonderful recital!” Sonja – our Operator forward this by email as it was probably longer than any voicemail would hold.

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**International Education Week**

November 15 –19, 2004 is the International Education Week, and Linda Bryan and Tomball College International Education Committee planned a number of multicultural activities to celebrate everyone’s cultural heritage. There were numerous events scheduled throughout the week with countless effort from Linda and her Committee, to name a few:

- Study Abroad Fair
- International Food
- International Film Festival
- International Displays
- International Lectures
- International Presentations with various speakers like: Dr. Ross-Nazzal – Higher Ed. In Post 9/11 Middle East; Lisa Ojesina – Customs and Traditions of African Culture; Dr. Daniels – Future Success of African American

The schedule of cultures that the International Week celebrates:

- Monday, November 15, 2004  Europe and Asia Day
- Tuesday, November 16, 2004  Middle East
- Wednesday, November 17, 2004  Africa
- Thursday, November 18, 2004  The Americas (Latino)
Fall 2004 Drama second production

Tomball College Theatre Presents

PLAZA SUITE: Visitor from Forest Hills
A Comedy by Neil Simon

Produced by special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.

November 18-20, 2004
$5.00 for General Public-Adult; $3.00 for Faculty, Students & Seniors
Tomball College Black Box Theatre

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: June Becker and Richard Becker

“What a hilarious show! I laughed all the time…” Laura Colwell- Staff Assistant
“ They made the dialogue sound very natural, like their own line…” Pam Rossman- Operations Manager

Cooking, anyone?…

Clark Friesen, the District Service Learning Committee Chair and the members of The Learning Community produced Volume 2 of “Speaking of Cooking”, a service-learning project intended to raise money for Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries. Last year, the Learning Community raised almost $1,000.00 for this community organization, and we hope to top that number this year. The cookbook, available in the Tomball Bursar Office for $5.00 each, derived from process papers in Judy Harris’s ENGL 0307 class and delivered as demonstration speeches in SPCH 1315, was completed in Philip Lee’s COSC 1401. It features the favorite recipes of each student in the course, from Peanut Butter Fudge to Chicken Parmesan Alfredo.
Go EHM Team!

And more…. 

PSSC FIELD TRIP FOR PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFF 

Our Division Staff really enjoyed a day off visiting the Museum of Natural Science on November 10th, 2004. The Professional Development day included a tour of the main exhibit hall, ticket to the Coral Reef Imax movie and a Jason’s Box lunch.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Melissa served in the Winter Wonderland Committee this year. This year’s event was very successful and well-organized. We received a lot of compliments from the Tomball Community residents. The PSSC administrators and members put countless number of hours to organize, to decorate, make shift, run errands and clean up. Kudos to PSSC Team!
FACULTY EXCELLENT AWARD COMMITTEE

Melissa also served on Faculty Excellent Award Committee 2004-2005. She has worked diligently with VC Patel to ensure every nominee was assessed fairly.

PERFORMING ARTS SEASON PASS

Our Performing Arts Season Passes are still available at the Bursar Office both location Tomball and Willow Chase. Our discount price is $34.00 each and we have many more attractions lining up…

HELPING FACULTY WITH ONLINE COURSE

Sandra Angel helped Kathy Reynolds to build her courses online. Please contact Sandra if you need help of the same nature.

TECHNOLOGY EDGE

Dean, Pat Stone, sent out to all EHM Faculty members the link to Technologyreview.com administered by MIT’s Technology Department in the effort to keep everyone current with the rapid change of technology. Also, in our joint NSF initiative in Math and Science with Texas A&M University, the Faculty Focus by Magna Publications was delivered via email occasionally by the Dean to our EHM faculty. In a recent issue, the blogs and threaded discussion tools used in some Higher Education Institutions were addressed.

Corner of Celebration

Irina Nizova became an American citizen on November 19, 2004. The Division organized a small celebration party on December 01, 2004 for her. Dr Murray also participated in the party. Everyone singing the National Anthem, and blowing bubbles afterwards added a nice touch to the program. A lot of Faculty spoke at the ceremony regarding the differences she has made at Tomball College, along with many additional compliments, and we ended the celebration by eating a HUGE cake!

Lisa Hibner delivered a beautiful baby girl on December 29, 2004

This Quarter, we celebrate the birthdays of:
- Cheryl Bates (11/20)
- Betty Burdett (12/23)
- Catherine Dep-Wah (01/05)
- Patricia Falbo (11/16)
It is thrilling! I especially recommend it to anyone who enjoys Art and Mathematics. I plan to park over by the Beckendorf Conference Center every day so that I get to enjoy it twice a day in the next few weeks” – Pat Stone, Dean of EHM

SPRING 2005 ANALYSIS (Preliminary Day 1)

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