Tomball Math Highlights

- Faculty and staff from Tomball College’s Mathematics Department added up the royalty proceeds they had received from creating new laboratory manuals and donated the sum to the NHMCCD Foundation. The $15,000 endows an annual $1,000 scholarship to a Tomball College student majoring in a mathematics-related field and will be awarded in perpetuity beginning in Fall 2005. In addition, royalties received since Fall 2003 are funding six (6) scholarships each semester, a practice that will continue as long as royalties are earned.
  “We are a terrific team and believe in helping students. We strive to provide them an opportunity for success.” Peg Crider
- Dr. Peg Crider is a nominee for National Teaching Excellence Award. She resigned from the Math Chair position in August in order to devote her time and effort on a Perkins Grant, Rx for ER, “Prescription for Effective Retention”.
- Scott Travis is accepted in PhD Program Math Education at Texas A&M.
- Terri Fritzel, a Math Adjunct, is accepted in Graduate Mathematics Program at Texas A&M.

EHM Faculty participate in Annual TC Power Trip

- The Student Life Department is organizing the Power Trips again this year. The first of these student outreach programs is scheduled October 22, 2004, at Beckendorf Conference Center.
- Linda Bryan, Cheryl Bates, Bo Rollins, Rachel Smith, M.A.T.H. Club with Claudia Davis, and Sherri White are among the speakers making presentations in October’s Power Trip.
- We will welcome about 200 students from Magnolia High School and some private schools like: Banff, Concordia, and Rosehill Christian.
- The EHM Faculty Members, the Dean, and Division Staff devote countless number of hours towards various student outreach programs such as Learning Fair, College Night, Lunch Presentation at Waller High School.

Dean of EHM selects new theme for new year

- In the Opening Fall Division meeting, Pat Stone revealed a new theme/symbol for EHM Division. The theme is “SUPER HERO/HEROINE”. This initiative is supported by the Staff/Faculty Members in the Division as a recognition symbol for our accomplishments and a way to say THANK YOU for efforts above and beyond the scope of duty.
- Throughout the College on both campuses, you will see this flashing symbol posted on the front door of EHM Staff and Faculty’s offices.
Debate Tournament and TC Debate Club

- Founded in the Fall of 2003 by Clark Friesen, Speech Faculty and Van Piercy, English Faculty, this student club is dedicated to the art of public dialogue as a means of resolving disputed issues. Critical thinking and clear arguments using ethical strategies are the Club’s goals. Practice in debate positively impact the students’ leadership skills and will enhance the capacities for any professional career.
- The Club will shortly be affiliated with a number of professional organizations as a means of giving its members the widest possible access to the debate community and opportunities available. Students are encouraged to drop in on any of the Club’s weekly meetings held on campus.

Tomball College Debate Club
2004-2005 Tournament Schedule

Fall 2004:
- **Oct.08-10:** *Bayou Bucket* (Rice University/ University of St. Thomas)
- **Oct. 22-23:** *KC Novice Tournament* (Kingwood College)
- **Nov. 05-06:** *Pussycat Swing* (University of Houston)

Spring 2005:
- **Feb. 11-13:** *TCCSTA State Tournament* (Tarrant County SE)
- **Feb. 25-27:** *David A. Thomas Cougar Classic* (University of Houston)
- **March 18-20:** *Phi Rho Pi Regional 6* (Kingwood College)

ELC Tutors

In response to the Dean’s request, some of the EHM Faculty volunteered to spend an hour of their office hours every week as an ELC tutor. Pat viewed this volunteer service as a great way to gain insights to inform the teaching approaches to related topics taught in class.

The following ELC Tutors’ heroines and heroes among EHM Faculty are: Mary Pat Trenkle, Kathy Sanchez, Bo Rollins, Melinda Coleman, Peg Crider, Rui-Xiu Dai, Claudia Davis, Patricia Falbo, Roger Jay, V.C. Patel, Bill Powell, Richard Smalley, and Felicity Short.

Professional Development attended....

During this first quarter, the EHM Faculty and Staff attended the following Professional Development events:
- Linda Bryan – Recruiting students + Study Abroad – Boston MA
- Peg Crider – TACTE Conference – Austin TX
- Patricia Falbo – 10th Higher Ed Math Conference – Austin TX
- Steffani Fridores – Society of Photographic Education – Wichita TX
- Clark Friesen – Civic Responsibility Seminar – Kingwood Campus
- Abraham Haje – 10th Higher Ed Math Conference – Austin TX
- Roger Jay – Software Packaging Training – Atlanta GA
- Roger Jay – ICTCM Annual Conference – New Orleans LA
- Duy Nguyen – WebCT Basic Workshop – Willow Chase Campus
Catherine Olson – New Yorker Festival of Books – New York NY  
Bo Rollins – Phi Theta Kappa Regional Leadership – Denton TX  
Rachel Smith – 10th Higher Ed Math Conference – Austin TX  
Pat Stone – Leadership Montgomery County Class 2005 – Navasota TX  
Pat Stone – 10th Higher Ed Math Conference – Austin TX  
Rick Smalley – ICTCM Annual Conference – New Orleans LA

### CLUB Activities

#### The Culture Club and “Tres Vidas”  
**Tomball College**  
Student Activities Program  
And  
The Culture Club (lead by Dr. Sirias)  

Would like to invite you to share with us the performance of  

**Tres Vidas**  
A Music Theatre Work  
Produced by The Core Ensemble  
Written by Marjorie Agosin  

Tomball College  
Teaching Theatre (E-100) 7:00p.m.  
Tuesday, October 5, 2004  

Free to Tomball College and Willow Chase students with student ID  
$5.00 General Admission  

Cheryl Bates and the Music Club are very busy with all the Music Events scheduled in this Fall.  
Some highlights are:  
- Paragon Brass Concert  
- Brazilian Music Lecture – Recital  
- Jazz in the Black Box  
- Patriot’s Day Musical Tribute  
- Dance Dance Revolution Party  

Come one, come all!!! Treat your ears to the Music performances at Tomball College. We appreciate Cheryl Bates, the Music Faculty, and her students for enriching our lives with their gifts.

#### M.A.T.H. Club  
Claudia Davis, the Math Department Chair, and the members of M.A.T.H. Club set up the first Club presentation of the Fall semester.  

Everyone is invited to attend “The Emergence of Women in Math and Science: in the Wake of 18th Century Evolutions” presented by Dr. John Lienhard.  

Thursday, October 7th  
2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.  
Tomball College Teaching Theatre (E-100)  

Dr. John Lienhard is the M.D. Anderson Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and History at University of Houston where he has taught since 1980.

#### Study Abroad  
**Tomball College**  
Students, Faculty and Staff  

Please join us at the  

#### Study Abroad Fair  
**WHERE**: Commons & Teaching Theatre  
**WHEN**: Tuesday, October 5, 2004  
2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.  

Contact: Linda Bryan
WAVE Program

The WAVE program aims to empower, and teach prevention.

Tomball College professor, Felicity Short, believes education equals power. Short, along with Tomball College counselor, Barbara Lujan, have formed a program. Work Against Violence through Education, an extension of the Campus Safety Committee.

W.A.V.E. is hosting several events at Tomball College during the week of Oct. 18 as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Various speakers are invited, the Clothesline Project was set up, and Survivors of Domestic Violence Speak Out are among the highlighted events.

The Tomball College WAVE program was recently highlighted in the Houston Chronicle ‘s This Week section (September 30, 2004)

DS English highlights…

- In researching about the Learning Community, Faculty Members of Des Moines Area Community College in Ankony, Iowa discovered what we are doing. They are going to model their DS program after ours.

- Donna Willingham, with the help of Pam Womack, has been accepted as a presenter at the next NADE convention.

- DS English group continues to have their weekly discussion meeting for planning and problem solving. They also organized an one-day off-site retreat and work intensively towards the goal of course alignment at a District level.

- A hiring committee is formed to hire a full time DS Faculty

- One stone kills two birds – Betty Burdett produced and distributed a CD full of Reading lessons and labs assignments as a part of her thesis that will complete her graduate work.

- Judy Harris participated in a panel discussions in September at a Learning Community seminar hosted by Cy-Fair College. She also negotiated the deal with the Longman publishers to have all of our students use “ My Skills Lab”, an online software package, free this year

- Brian Reeves is leading the Writing instructors to incorporate a WebCT component into their classes so the students can get instruction, practice, and skill testing with DL format on these fundamental skills.

- This has been no small challenge for the DS group! They worked through the kinks opening new DS labs in both campuses, they coped with demolition, dust, fumes, banging noises, and more, they search for sub and replacements for 8 different classes… What a team!
Fall 2004 Drama production

Tomball College Theatre Presents

MOON OVER BUFFALO
A Comedy by Ken Ludwig

Produced by special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.

October 14-16, 2004
$8.00 for General Public; $6.00 for Faculty, Students & Seniors
Tomball College Black Box Theatre

“Kudos to Drama Director Sherri White and the cast and crew of Moon Over Buffalo. What a performance. I continue to be amazed at the talent we have at Tomball College” – Jamie White

“…This is probably one of the best plays I have seen at Tomball in the last 10 years…” – Sharon Alewine

And more….

CHESS CLUB:

The Tomball College Chess Club and the Tomball College Alumni Association are co-hosting an all day chess tournament on October 23, 2004 in the Beckendorf Conference Center
Our Chess Club sponsor is Dr. Van Piercy, Associate Professor of English.

PHILOSOPHY READING and DISCUSSION:

The Philosophy Reading and Discussion Group is a congregation of individuals who enjoy discussing and reading selections together. Dr. Capistran is leading the group in a campus monthly meeting.

DIVISION STAFF:

Laura Colwell and Melissa Pickering are the members of EHM First Response team.
Melissa is also a member of Faculty Excellence Committee, New Employee Orientation Committee and PSSC Winter Wonderland Committee. Laura is actively involved in WAVE Committee.
With the Dean’s approval, Duy Nguyen encouraged the staff to take District-wide local workshop trainings to enhance the skills. The Division will continue this practice throughout the year.

PERFORMING ARTS SEASON PASS

For the first time in 2 years, the EHM Division promotes the Season Pass for all the Music and Theatre Performances. The price of a Season Pass originally is $40.00 – 20% cheaper than the Individual tickets.

Starting November 01, 2004, the Season Pass price will be slashed to $34.00 to reflect the change in number of performances that can be seen

RACE FOR THE CURE

Duy Nguyen crossed the finished line at Houston 14th “Race for the Cure”
Corner of Celebration

Steffani Frideres is getting married in the month of October

This Quarter, we celebrate the birthdays of:
Laura Colwell (10/10)
Catherine Olson (09/09)
Bo Rollins (09/01)
Van Piercy (08/08)
Melissa Studdard (08/05)
Gwen Young (08/16)
Pam Womack (09/11)
Judy Harris (10/06)
Jacky Stirling (08/26)
Irina Nizova (09/14)
Mary Pat Trenkle (08/28)
Sherri White (08/20)
Roger Jay (08/05)
Bill Powell (09/12)
Patty Zachary (10/13)
Richard Dai (10/15)
Rachel Smith (09/15)

FALL 2004 ANALYSIS

Course Offered 503
Courses Cancelled 92
Courses Made 411
Ratio 82%
Total Enrollment 8,172
Total Enrollment (College) 17,850
Ratio 46%

WE ARE ON THE WEB!
HTTP://WWW.NHMCCD.EDU/EHM/