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Executive Vice President Michael Pernal presents the Charity Games check to CPAS officials Robert Wolf and Leanne Dillian as ECSU Alumni Association President Ed Giard (far right) looks on.

Charity Games support local agency

Community Prevention and Addiction Services, Inc. (CPAS), an agency established in 1976 to help chemically dependent and at-risk populations, was the recipient of proceeds from this year's President's Charity Games on Jan. 31.

Both women's and men's varsity basketball teams played Little East Conference rival Rhode Island College during the event. Prior to the men's game, Executive Vice President Michael Pernal presented a check in excess of \$2,100 to Robert Wolf, Eastern professor of sociology and CPAS board chair, and Leanne Dillian, president and CEO of the agency. Pernal remarked that Eastern has important ties to CPAS via faculty membership on its board, as well as the involvement of student workers and interns.

"I know that CPAS will use the money to supplement a budget that is not large enough for it to accomplish its mission," said Wolf.

More than 38 towns in Eastern Connecticut have programs developed by CPAS, which offers prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation services relating to substance abuse. CPAS also has programming in six towns in the Greater Hartford area, with facilities in Willimantic.

The President's Charity Games recognize President Carter's commitment to serving the community and offer a way for the community, alumni, students, and friends of Eastern to contribute to local charitable organizations.

Women in Leadership

Sandra K. Roosa, vice president of patient care services at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, joined the Eastern community as the first guest speaker for the 2003-04 Women in Leadership Luncheon Series. Roosa spoke to an audience primarily of biology students, faculty, and staff about her career path and choices, hospital careers, and nursing careers.



Ken DeLisa, vice president for institutional advancement, executive assistant to the president Connie Green, and Christiana Thomas, coordinator of international programs, join Sandra Roosa, vice president of patient care services at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury (second from left) during her visit to campus.

Roosa currently works as a clinical professor at Central Connecticut State University. She also serves on the board of Visiting Nurses Health Care, Inc., which covers the Hartford and Greater Waterbury areas. Roosa has been employed at St. Mary's Hospital since 1975.

New staff join the Eastern family

Sandra S. Brooks is the new reference librarian. She will be assisting students and faculty with library reference and research needs and teaching classes on how to use library services. She is former assistant director of Eastern Connecticut Libraries, a multitype library consortium housed on the Eastern campus. She also has worked at UConn, Wesleyan University, and Three Rivers Community College.

Jeffrey Buskey, the new assistant admissions director, is a native of Willimantic. He received his undergraduate degree (sociology) and graduate degree (educational leadership) from CCSU. "Last year I worked at Eastern as an area coordinator for the Housing Office and I am thrilled to be back."

David M. Pernal is the assistant area housing coordinator for Mead Hall, assisting area coordinator Angela Watson. Previously a research assistant at Harvard University, Pernal's top priority is to implement programs that enable student residents to achieve academic excellence. Plans include weekly or biweekly study sessions led by faculty to help students succeed in GER courses. He also plans a "Major Fair" this spring to help students choose a major field.

Kyle Verona, a Lebanon resident and mother of four, joins the Office of Institutional Advancement as alumni affairs/development assistant. "I was struck by the spirit of Eastern," said Verona. "My hope is to utilize my development experience gained through working at Connecticut College to get the word out to alumni of what an amazing gem Eastern is."



Clothing dogs in costumes is just one artistic method used by Peng Hung-Chih to explore the ironies of the human condition.

Akus Gallery hosts Dogma

On Thursday, Jan. 29, the Akus Gallery opened “Peng Hung-Chih: Dogma,” a dynamic exhibition that uses dog images to explore art and cultural theories of the East and West. The exhibit runs through March 7. Faculty, staff, and students were invited to discuss the exhibit with Marion M. Callis, curator and gallery director, at an afternoon tea on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Institute for Sustainable Energy wins national award

The Institute for Sustainable Energy will receive a national ENERGY STAR award on March 2 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy at their 2004 awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The institute competed against more than 7,000 organizations for this prestigious honor. The award is due in great part to the institute’s effective use of benchmarking tools with state and municipal governments.

“We are helping communities at a time when they are short on resources,” said Bill Leahy, associate executive director. “The institute is helping to reduce bills and conserve resources — this is a great community outreach effort.”

Eastern Joins New Media Consortium

Eastern’s Office of Information Technology Services was recently designated as a member of the New Media Center (NMC) consortium following a competitive, peer-review process that took place in October 2003.

The NMC is a nonprofit organization that connects organizations and people in colleges, universities, museums, and advanced technology companies who are working to define and explore new ways of teaching, learning, and creative expression. Among the academic membership are highly regarded private institutions such as MIT, Stanford, Princeton, and Yale, leading state research universities, the most outstanding community colleges, and a growing list of innovative museums.



For more information on the NMC, please visit www.nmc.org or contact Nick Messina at messinan@easternct.edu or by phone (860) 465-0209.

Celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

President David G. Carter was the keynote speaker for Middletown’s 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration on Jan. 19. The theme of the celebratory program was “Applying Dr. King’s Principles Today.”

“Education, in my mind, is the key to doors of opportunity that await,” said Dr. Carter. “Without it, a person may make it but most likely will not. With it, the world can be yours.”



President David G. Carter spoke to more than 200 people at the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration in Middletown on Jan. 19.

An audience of 240 included city and state dignitaries, community officials, and religious leaders, as well as children who read poetry about Black Pride. Members of the Oddfellows Youth Theater Group also performed a special skit commenting on King’s “I Have a Dream” speech and his accomplishments. Musical performances were given by choirs from the Shiloh Baptist Church and the Cross Street AME Zion Church.

Correction

In the Jan. 26 issue the article “Calabrese Wins Campo Scholarship” contained a spelling error. Patricia Kucharski (not Pacharski) was one of the readers at the Campo event. *newsflash* regrets the error.

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