



Spiritual Renewal Week

Spiritual Renewal Week was held February 6-8 as students focused on the theme "Overcoming Obstacles." The theme verse for the week was John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Students heard challenging messages from ETBU Alumni Matt Surber ('06) and Jared Greer ('09). They also had the opportunity to participate in the ETBU Warrior Competition as Jared Greer brought his manufactured "Warrior" obstacle course to test the students. Jared is a past nationally-televised America Ninja Warrior competitor who now uses his obstacle course as a platform for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with youth and college groups.



The Texas Tigers celebrate after a goal. The team finished above .500 in their inaugural season.

Tiger Hockey concludes Inaugural Season

The East Texas Baptist University Tiger Hockey team finished their inaugural season with a 12-11 record, including key victories over UT-Arlington, North Texas, Texas State, LSU, Tulane and Dallas Baptist. The Tiger Hockey team practices and plays their home games in Shreveport, Louisiana, on George's Pond at the historic Hirsch Coliseum. The Tigers are members of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II. The first-year roster consisted of players from Texas, Louisiana, Connecticut, Illinois, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Washington, and Canada.

The ETBU team has been in partnership with the NAHL Shreveport Mudbugs in growing the game of hockey in the Ark-LA-Tex region. The team has participated on Saturday afternoons with the NHL's initiative, 'Learn To Play' program that outfits children with gear and teaches them how to play the game. Further, ETBU Hockey participated in Marshall's 'Wonderland of Lights' hosting a hockey clinic and skating demonstration for the community where they taught members of the community about hockey. Area children lined up to receive an autographed miniature hockey stick from the ETBU Tiger players. The inaugural season of ETBU Hockey was a great success and hockey players from around North America are contacting us to learn how they can join the team. Under the leadership of Vice President for Athletics Ryan Erwin, the team is looking forward to the 2017-2018 season as members of the Texas Collegiate Hockey Conference.

ETBU Receives \$400,000 Mabee Grant

ETBU is working to relocate the School of Nursing to the Marshall Grand located in downtown Marshall. The School of Nursing attracts many students every year as our graduates are highly employable due to their outstanding knowledge and compassionate care for patients. The relocation of the School of Nursing is needed as the current location is inadequate for the expansion and needed growth of the program. The cost for renovation of dedicated space at the Marshall Grand and for new equipment is \$2.2 million. ETBU recently received a \$400,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, that will be awarded upon successfully completing the campaign project balance of \$800,000. ETBU has already received \$1.4 million in gifts and pledges to support the academic program expansion. We are working diligently to contact foundations, donors, and friends to ask their support for this exciting

project. If you would like to contribute to the relocation of the School of Nursing you can click the "Make a Contribution" button below or call 903-923-2069.



University Park Row Houses

God continues to bless ETBU as more and more students decide to become part of the ETBU Family. Our 2017 Spring Enrollment was 1,263 students, the highest Spring semester enrollment in 15 years. Our on-campus housing was at 100% capacity in the Fall and we anticipate more growth moving forward. The increased enrollment and the need for more quality on-campus housing fueled the vision for the University Park Row Houses. ETBU is currently constructing University Park which will replace the Van Zandt Apartments that were constructed in the early 1970s.

Upon completion, University Park will provide 28,000 square feet of living space for our students. The two buildings will include 12 three-bedroom and three-bath units and 8 one-bedroom and one-bath units. These row house units will be available to upperclassmen and graduate students in Fall 2017. Please pray about contributing to this important project as we provide additional campus housing for our students. Naming opportunities are available for gifts of \$1,000 - \$300,000. Each gift, large and small, will help ETBU move forward.

Make a Contribution

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