

Fund Commemorating EES Founding Faculty

For those readers interested in attending the events celebrating the careers of Drs. Clebnik, Snider and Smith, it will be important to contact Mr. Pete Dane for details (860-465-4513 or danep@easternct.edu). This event includes a reception in Room 301 of the science building beginning at 5:50 p.m., with a dinner and brief speeches to follow in the student center at 6:45 p.m. (room to be determined). All aspects of this event, including reservations for the dinner, will be handled by Peter Dane in the office of Institutional Advancement. Please send me an e-mail (hyattj@easternct.edu) if you know you are coming to any of the three events.

Eastern to Celebrate Careers of Past EES Professors



Environmental Earth Science Professor Sherman Clebnik (right) instructs students about the geological landforms of Mansfield Hollow State Park.

From Eastern, Fall 2009 issue: To honor the careers of Professors Sherman Clebnik, Henry Snider, and the late Raymond Smith and celebrate their efforts in establishing the Environmental Earth Science Department in the 1970s, Eastern will host a reception and dinner on April 17, 2010. Alumni who majored in EES, family and friends of the three “founders” and others who were inspired by the three longtime professors are invited to attend.

The evening will include a cocktail reception in the Science Building starting at 5:30 p.m., tours as described on the previous page, and a dinner with short addresses by distinguished guests in the Student Center.

Sherman Clebnik retired this year but is still teaching on a part-time basis. Henry Snider retired as a full-time faculty member in 2000 but continued to teach in the department until 2007. He now lives in Richmond, VA. Ray Smith, who died in 1999, was the first of three at Eastern, teaching in what was then the Physical Sciences Department. Perceiving a special interest in geological and environmental topics within the department, Smith and Snider, and a short time later Clebnik, created the EES curriculum, the new major and eventually a separate EES department in the early to mid-1970's.

In conjunction with the celebration of the men's careers, the ECSU Foundation, Inc. will establish a fund to support research and expenses associated with it by EES students. Information about the fundraising effort will go out to EES majors this fall.

Alumni or others who have questions or suggestions about the event or the fund should contact Pete Dane, associate director of institutional advancement, at (860) 465-4513 or danep@easternct.edu. Alumni who did not major in EES but wish to attend the event are especially encouraged to call to ensure they receive invitations.