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“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

- Sydney J. Harris

Welcome to EOSC — the 411 on and off campus

LONDON RUNYON
MANAGING EDITOR

Welcome back or for some of you, welcome to Eastern. Each year the college sees new and familiar faces flock to campus and each year these faces have some new and familiar questions.

Need help with financial aid? Do you need to get your classes situated? If so, make your way to the bottom floor of the library building.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything student-related, make your way to the Student Services Offices located on the second floor of the Student Center. Here you can take care of any housing, meal plan or student life issues that you may have.

Returning students may have noticed that there are also a few new additions this semester to both campus and Wilburton — the new student apartments on campus and a new Family Dollar

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MUD BOWL



Josh Ford, Spencer Ladd, Amanda Melton, Taylor Bell and Jacob Stacey play Volley ball during the Mud Bowl Aug. 15. Statesman staff photo by Thomas Trouche

Eastern gets new law enforcement officers



Eastern's campus police department has a few new faces this year. Pictured from left are Joseph Shaffer, Bryan Denny and Joshua Hayes. Statesman staff photo by Guy Folger

GUY FOLGER

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

During the summer semester at Eastern Oklahoma State College, the interim Chief of Police, Bryan Denny, was named full time to that position. In addition, there were two new full time officers hired.

Joshua Hayes, a Checotah native, comes to Eastern with seven years law enforcement experience including stints at Muskogee Detention Center, Coweta Police Department, Mountain View Police Department (Wyoming) and the Checotah Police Department.

“My goal at Eastern is to continue to use my knowledge and expertise to the betterment of the college and the community.”

BRYAN DENNY
EOSC CHIEF OF POLICE

Hayes is married, he and his wife are the proud owners of two shepherds, one Australian and one German. Hayes is training the German shepherd to be a narcotics dog for possible future use on campus.

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NEWS BRIEFS

United Ministry invites all to weekly events

The United Ministry would like to invite everyone to join us for its weekly programming beginning Aug. 28.

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m. the United Ministry will have an evening meal and worship service. Bible study will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. They will study "Confronting the Controversies," a biblical look at controversial issues. All are invited to attend.

The United Ministry building is located just off of the east side of campus. For more information call Rev. April Coates at 918-465-3322 or by email at revaprilcoates@gmail.com or on Facebook at EOSC United Ministry.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the United Ministry building. College students are invited to join if they are struggling with substance addiction and are seeking a way out.

Music fall performance schedule

Sept. 27 – Choir Performance, Mitchell Manor, Noon
Oct. 1 – Band /Choir Performance (Panola Elementary School) 1 p.m.
Oct. 5 – Choir Performance (Latimer Nursing Home) 2 p.m.
Oct. 9 – Band / Choir Performance (EOSC McAlester 6 p.m.
Oct. 11 – Fall Concert (EOSC Wilburton) 7 p.m. (please bring 2 canned goods to help the music department donate to the local food bank.)
Dec. 2 – Candlelight Concert (EOSC Wilburton) 5p.m.



Eastern clubs and organizations participated in a Sundae Club browse Aug. 22 as a way for new and returning students to familiarize themselves with what Eastern has to offer. *Statesman staff photo by Mark Stephens*

Regent's Court opens to students

THOMAS TROUCHE

STAFF WRITER

\$5.5 million.

In 2011, Eastern Oklahoma State College pulled \$5.5 million from a master lease bond (a shared pool of money from several colleges) to pay for the building projects all over campus. These projects included the first floor of the library, Pratt, Gunning, Baker and the Regents Court Apartments.

The Regents' Court Apartments are the first new housing facilities on campus since 1968. They are open to any student. They are 1300 square feet with four bedrooms, four bathrooms, a common kitchenette and living room. They all come pre furnished with couches, chairs, desks, tables, and dressers. They have tank less water heaters and state of the art sprinkler systems. They cost \$2,375 dollars per semester and require a 10-meal meal plan.

Look to the next issue of The Statesman for more details on the new housing and construction on campus.

Residential life sees some new faces in leadership roles

Alyssa Stringfellow
Staff Writer

There are Residential Assistants (RAs) and Residential Hall Coordinators (HC) for both Miller Hall and Johnston Hall.

There is only one Hall Coordinator for each hall. Matt Daniels is the HC for Miller Hall Dormitories.

He is from McAlester, was in Upward Bound, and has a Bachelors Degree in History from East Central University (ECU).

Brandon Taylor is the HC for Johnston Hall. He is from Macdona, Texas and was an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach.

The Miller RAs are Adam Roberts from Bolivar, Missouri, Dakota Hokit from Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma, Jamie Hicks from McAlester, Oklahoma, and Liana Wagner from Poteau, Oklahoma.

The Johnston RAs are Dillon Brewer from McAlester, Oklahoma and Kayla Cook from Miami, Oklahoma.

The RHA has been a club on this campus since last semester. It is the voice of the student residents. RHA helps develop leaders within the halls. The RHA's first meeting was Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. in Johnston Hall. Their main focus is to make on-campus living more of a community through activities and meetings.

Resident Housing Coordinator, Lauren Polk says: "It's not about the hall it's about us living as a community at our home away from home."

If you have any questions about RHA or any problems with your on-campus housing you can talk to any of the people above.



Eight new instructors added to Eastern's family of faculty

JAYSON KNIGHT

STAFF WRITER

Eastern Oklahoma State College will welcome eight new faculty members this semester. Mitchell Hall, alone, will take on three new instructors. Baker, Sullivan and Gunning Halls will also see new faces leading classroom discussions, while Amber Taylor will join the ranks of the faculty in her second year as head coach of the women's basketball team, the Lady Mountaineers.

Gunning Hall's newest nursing instructor, Jill Conklin, is a seasoned student of Oklahoma's finest Universities. Currently working on her Masters in Nursing Education at Oklahoma University's Health Science Center, Conklin transferred from Oklahoma State to OU where she received her Bachelors in Business Administration. She reveals her loyalty to OU by saying, "That's where I really feel like I found myself."



CONKLIN

Conklin has received education from places other than the state's two most premier universities, though. Beginning her education at Northeastern State University as a business major, she attained her Bachelors in Science in Nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

In making the transition from business to nursing, Conklin said, "One teaches to learn, that's what brought me to education. I think people go into nursing actually trying to get a career out of it. You can make more than just a good salary, too. I feel like the people I work with all show some kind of compassion for humanity."

Dr. Richmond Adams, Dr. Kaban Smallwood, and Sarah

Klocke will have new offices in Mitchell Hall. Dr. Adams will only hold classes on Eastern's McAlester campus this semester in the form of Composition and Global Humanities classes.

Coming from a small college in southwest Georgia, Adams was familiar with the area when considering the move. "I lived here in my thirties," said Adams. "I'm grateful to have an opportunity to come back. I knew what I was getting and I enjoy it a lot."

Adams describes himself as a reader, but is a big fan of basketball and football. While baseball season continues, Adams will root for the American League's Red Sox as well as the National League's Braves. Adams, like all NFL fans, anxiously awaits the end of the preseason so that he can support the San Francisco 49ers and the Minnesota Vikings. Also, expect Adams to have the North Carolina Tar Heels in the center of his NCAA bracket come March.

Dr. Kaban Smallwood may be new to the campus, but he is not new to the area. As a frequenter of Talihina, where his family maintains a farm, Smallwood was "Looking for a position in academia instead of practicing law," which his education also permits.

Smallwood will teach, in Mitchell Hall, two classes in macroeconomics and two sections of computer applications. He will also instruct economics through an online course.

After three years at the University of New Orleans, Sarah Klocke brings her theater instruc-



ADAMS



SMALLWOOD

tion experience to Eastern's theater department. Klocke will teach Acting on the Wilburton campus, while also contributing at the McAlester campus. There, she will head up Fundamentals of Speech as well as a theater appreciation class.

Klocke attributes her own appreciation of the theater to "Directing and collaboration. I love collaborating with such a great variety of artists." Klocke will do a rendition of the play *Almost, Maine* this semester which will feature a "simple set with the lighting, hopefully, carrying the show."

At 22 years of age, Tansy Grimmatt is the youngest of the new faculty members. However, Grimmatt's Bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from Oklahoma State speaks to her qualifications as an agriculture and agronomy expert. She graduated as OSU's Outstanding Agriculture and Agronomy Student.

Grimmett said she discovered her interest in agriculture by participating in high school FFA (Future Farmers of America) in her hometown of Rattan. Grimmatt was first welcomed to the Eastern campus by former agriculture chair Leland Walker to judge soils.

"I'm excited to be back at Eastern serving as a soils coach," Grimmatt said. "Leland Walker exuded excellence in all he did and I'm honored to follow in his footsteps."

Grimmett also said that she will be spending her free time with her three-year-old daughter Cambry.

Another new member to



KLOCKE

the agricultural division is Carrie Lockhart, New Meats Inspector. Originally from Stroud, Lockhart attended OSU and received an animal science degree with an emphasis in biotechnology.

"My job is to show students the transition from the slaughterhouse to the retail side of meats," said Lockhart. Lockhart was once employed by the Department of Agriculture, but was most recently with the Department of Education for four years and "basically audited child nutrition at schools and daycares."

Lockhart and her husband, James Lockhart, are the parents of Hope, 11 years old, and four-year-old Jakob.

Teaching Developmental Math and College Algebra, Peggy McBeath has instructed for 10 years already at Eastern's McAlester campus. She is new to Wilburton after 19 years of teaching various math classes for McAlester Public Schools.

Her decision to become a math teacher was influenced by both her mother and her father. "My father was a builder and I loved to work with my dad. He used a lot of math and I loved it. Plus, my mother told me I'd make a good math teacher," said McBeath.

McBeath said her class was requested by many McAlester students, mainly because of the hands-on approach she took to displaying the practical application of mathematics. McBeath said she spends her free time going to sporting events, tending her yard, sewing and spend-



LOCKHART



MCBEATH

ing time with her granddaughter, Sadie.

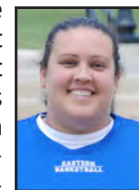
Taylor, while continuing her role as the leader of the Eastern ladies' basketball team, has taken on the position of department chair of the Physical Education, Health and Recreation division.

The Lady Mountaineers will bring back three players from last season's effort which reached its pinnacle with a win in the regional tournament. Six-foot-three Jamie Hicks, from Savanna, will return to lock down the paint.

Rodneisha Milum will return after being able to complete only one game before suffering an ACL tear. Rebecca Stewart will also return to play a guard spot and her coach described her as "a good leader, a hard worker and a really good shooter."

The Lady Mountaineers had their best finish since 2006 last season, and has three transfers for the upcoming season in Ronneisha Daniels, Taylor Jones and Shola Adebayo. Having become a member of the faculty at Eastern, Taylor will teach classes within her division and has been able to acquire assistant coach Josh Ashley from Kilgore, Texas.

Originally from Arkansas, Taylor grew up the daughter of a basketball coach and "grew up in the gym," she offered. "And I've just been doing it ever since." Catch Taylor in action come Saturday, Nov. 3 against Rhema Bible for Eastern's first game of the season which will double as both a season opener and homecoming for both the men's and the women's teams.



TAYLOR

POLICE

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Joseph Shaffer, a Wilburton native, comes to Eastern from the Latimer County Sheriff's Office, where he is still a reserve officer.

Shaffer graduated with associate degrees in general studies and criminal justice from Eastern.

He is married and has one son.

Both Hayes and Shaffer will be working the night shifts.

With these hires, Eastern now has four full time officers at the Wilburton campus and one at the McAlester campus.

Denny was named permanent Chief of Police during the summer semester, as well. Denny has

an associate degree in general studies from Eastern, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from East Central University and a Master of Science degree in Law Enforcement Administration also from ECU. He is currently working on his doctorate in Public Safety Administration online with Capella University.

"My goal at Eastern is to continue to use my knowledge and expertise to the betterment of the college and the community," he says.

Denny's previous experience includes the Konawa Police Department, the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office and the Eastern Police Department for a total of seven years.

In 2009, he became the Director of the Law Enforcement Training Program at Eastern. Denny is currently Chair of the Criminal Justice Department, Director of the Collegiate Officer Program (COP) and Chief of Police, all at Eastern.

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Breathe Easy: EOSC and all state-owned property went tobacco free Aug. 1

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STAFF WRITER

Smokers will find themselves walking a lot farther than the back door to sneak a cigarette this semester.

An executive order handed down from Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin prohibits all tobacco use on state owned property. This includes cigarettes, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products.

This policy covers anyone on campus grounds in both McAlister and Wilburton.

The punishment for a first time offender will be a "respectful" verbal warning.

According to the policy a second offense is worthy of a ten dollar fine.

For a third time offender, the college will levy a \$50 fine on the student/professor. Broke college students do not want to find themselves as a third offender.



NOW for assistance and tips on how to fight the addiction.

"People are no longer allowed to smoke on the concrete wall in front of the Student Center

"There is no smoking allowed on the campus property, at all," commented campus police officer, Tim Talley, on the new smoking law.

Look to the upcoming issue of the Eastern Statesman for a map outlining places that would be considered "off-campus" and will allow smoking.

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Eastern is providing support for those who want to stop smoking or chewing tobacco.

Anyone who wishes to stop using tobacco can call 1-800-QUIT-

REVIEW: The Avengers made for an intense summer box office success

LONDON RUNYON

MANAGING EDITOR

The Avengers is one of the newest superhero movie, and one of the most interesting so far. It shattered the box office this summer and left many viewers wanting more.

When the bad guy Loki (Tom Hiddleston) breaks in to S.H.I.E.L.D. Headquarters and steals the tesseract, Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) and long-time business partner Agent Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg), must bring the "best of the best" of the super heroes together and initiate the "Avengers initiative".

But getting Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), The Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), and Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) to work together

instead of against each other is no easy feat.

After tracking down all the heroes and getting them together and after a few events (that won't be mentioned, so the movie isn't spoiled), they come together to save their world from Loki.

In this fast, action-packed movie there's never a dull moment. The movie came out in theaters on May 4, it is 2 hours and 22 minutes long. The movie is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action throughout, and a mild drug reference.

The Avengers is scheduled to be released on Blue-Ray and DVD, Sept. 25. There is a sequel currently being written and it is supposed to be released in May of 2015, after they release a few other superhero movies throughout the next three



years — starting with Iron Man 3 which is supposed to be out next May.

So if you enjoy superhero movies this one is highly recommended.

Column: Time to get your parking permits as grace-period comes to an end on campus

CARTER HASKINS

STAFF WRITER

Another semester of college has started at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

For young students who are working a part-time job know that going to school is not cheap.

From tuition, lunch charges, and books it is already hard enough to scrape up the change for a tank of gas let alone another fee they didn't tell you about in the National Lampoon movies about college.

For a 20 dollar bill you can obtain a plastic mirror accessory of your very own that enables you to park in the new parking lot on campus. Parking permits are purchased in the second floor of the student center.

If you fail to have one of these plastic identification cards

"We are writing warnings right now but within two weeks we will start writing tickets."

TIM TALLEY

EOSC POLICE OFFICER

you will face a 20 dollar fine from the campus police.

Parking privileges can be revoked for multiple time offenders. "We are writing warnings right now but within two weeks we will start writing tickets," said Officer Tim Talley

On any given weekday the parking lots have 100 cars in the spaces, give or take a dozen. Do the math, that is \$2,000 of your personal money that contributes to the upkeep of the paved surface on which you park.

Join in on the campaign and 'Go Green' this year

ALYSSA STRINGFELLOW

STAFF WRITER

The Eastern Going Green cups that you are seeing all around campus were purchased by the Honors Students and along with Student Services they were given out to all the freshmen as they came. They are also being given to the sophomores as long as they last.

"We are so excited seeing all the cups around campus," Honors Program Director Ruth Brelsford says. "Styrofoam never decomposes, it just sits there in the landfills taking up space." Brelsford is also very supportive and excited about the recycling that has started on campus this semester.

"I think it is wonderful. The Honors Students have been working very hard and they are the ones cleaning out the recycling bins around campus.

"I hope this gets people ex-

cited and that they start recycling too."

One of the goals for these projects, is to hopefully see the cafeteria no longer using styrofoam.

The cafeteria workers estimated that they have used only two cases of Styrofoam cups so far this semester since the new cups have been handed out, as opposed to two or three times that in the same amount of time.

Honors students Colby Carpenter and Brittany Stewart started the talking to Food Services Manager Mildred Whisenhunt and Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith about recycling and their response has been very helpful.

Do your part this year and in the future.

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Poli-Graph: Uncovering the truth about presidential political ads

GUY FOLGER

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of columns in which the Statesman staff will try to uncover the truth behind different political ads. The Statesman staff has chosen to focus on ads that are seen on Facebook, as it is one of the primary sources of information for college students.

In each column, we will make every effort to give as many sources (and to inform the readers on who is behind these sources). We will choose one advertisement from the Obama campaign and one from the Romney campaign. We will make every effort to present fair and nonpartisan responses to the chosen ads.

The staff feels that its work will be a valuable asset in making a truly informed decision in November. If you have any ads that you would like for us to put under the "poli-graph" or any suggestions for primary sources, please email them to statesman@eos.edu.

With every political race comes the half-truths, half-lies, lies and very few truths.

From Facebook we read the following claims: Paul Ryan's plan "would cut Pell Grant scholarships for nearly 10 million students while giving tax cuts to the wealthy" and "zero trillion-dollar deficits in the 220 years before Barack Obama, four trillion-dollar deficits in the 4 years since Obama took office."

As most of the Facebook Nation knows, there are some pretty outrageous posts entered therein. So, with the presidential election just a few short months away, what is a person to believe or not believe?

Finding the truth or facts behind claims made through Facebook or any other forum, a person must do some research. To aid in such research, the internet provides a myriad of information through its many websites.

One website that offers the facts behind posted allegations is factcheck.org which is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. FactCheck is a non-profit and non-partisan website that has won five Webby Awards, in the Politics category, from the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences and, for reporting deceptive claims about federal health care legislation, a Sigma Delta Chi Award from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Retired U.S. Senators Frank Church of Idaho (a Democrat) and Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania (a Republican) formed the Center for Responsive Politics (CRP), a non-profit, nonpartisan research group in 1983 "to create a more educated voter, a more involved citizenry, and a more responsive government". Their website is located at opensecrets.org.

Another fact-finding site is PolitiFact.com which is operated by the Tampa Bay Times and other affiliated newspapers. For "its fact-checking initiative during the 2008 presidential campaign" PolitiFact was awarded the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting.

Other fact-finding sites include forbes.com, snopes.com, marketwatch.com, and the Fact-Checker at washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker.

The "dot org" sites are, of course, the more reliable as they are generally non-profit and nonpartisan. The difficulty of research is finding the site that addresses your exact question. Sometimes you have to check more than one site to completely answer your query.

Regarding "Ryan's plan", FactCheck says "this is 'a classic case of political gamesmanship.' In this case, the Republicans boast of cutting the deficit more than the president, but don't detail how what programs would have to be eliminated or reduced to achieve that. And the Democrats

fill in the details, claiming popular programs like education are on the chopping block."

In a tweet, "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva Longoria said, "Today Mitt Romney picked Paul Ryan, who wants to cut Pell Grant scholarships for nearly 10 million students!" Politifact rated her claim by saying, "Her claim is slightly different than one made by Obama, who arrived at his 10 million figure by assuming spending cuts called for in Ryan's budget plan would be made uniformly across federal programs. Nevertheless, she uses Obama's methodology in making her claim."

"We're giving Longoria the same rating Obama got for making a claim that is partially accurate but leaves out important details – Half True."

As for the claim that "before Obama there were 220 years of zero trillion-dollar deficits and he has had trillion-dollar deficits every year", once again we have to rely on more than one site to come up with an answer.

OpenSecrets states, "Thanks in part to the recession and the associated costs, the deficits in 2009 and 2010 - \$1.4 trillion and \$1.3 trillion, respectively – were found to be the highest since 1945."

In regards to Obama's deficit, FactCheck said, "And the Congressional Budget Office now projects that it will grow to more than \$16 trillion by the end of the current fiscal year on Sept. 30. At that point, the debt will have increased by more dollars in Obama's first four years than it did in George W. Bush's entire eight-year tenure, when it rose by \$4.9 trillion. The rise under Obama would then be the biggest dollar increase for any president in U.S. history."

Sometimes, of course, what you discover may not be what you want to hear. Every individual has to form their own opinion from what they find.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BUDGET DEFICITS

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ROMNEY'S VP PICK

PAUL RYAN

He would cut Pell Grant scholarships for nearly 10 million students while giving tax cuts to the wealthy.

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These are the first political ads that were chosen in our "poli-graph" series. The top image was found on Mitt Romney's official Facebook page. The bottom image was found on Barack Obama's.



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Wooldridge sworn in as member of the Board of Regents

EASTERN PRESS RELEASE

Wilburton Mayor Stephen Brinlee swore in Carl D. Wooldridge as the newest member of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents at the Board's regular meeting on Aug. 17. The Wilburton native and local businessman will serve a seven-year term ending June 1, 2019.

"I hope I become an asset to this college, just as the college is an asset to this community," Wooldridge said upon his swearing-in. Wooldridge is the chief executive officer of Latimer State Bank in Wilburton and has been president of the Wilburton-based Wooldridge Oil Company since 1967. He also serves on the

Board of Directors for the Latimer County Rural Water District. The membership of the Eastern Board of Regents is made up of seven people appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Senator Richard Lerblance of Hartshorne carried Gov. Fallin's nomination of Wooldridge to the Senate Education Committee for confirmation.

Wooldridge replaces John Shero of Wilburton who completed his seven-year term this year. Other regents include Chair Loise Washington of McAlester, Vice Chair Teresa Jackson of Hartshorne, Secretary Brian Lott of McAlester, Audrey Balentine of Wister, Burl Williams of Stigler and Denton McNutt of Stuart.



Wilburton Mayor Stephen Brinlee (left) recently swore in Carl D. Wooldridge as the newest member of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents at the Board's regular meeting on Aug. 17.

McAlester Dean named to 26th class of Leadership Oklahoma

EASTERN PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Janet Wansick, dean of Eastern Oklahoma State College's McAlester campus, has been named a member of the 26th class of Leadership Oklahoma.

Leadership Oklahoma is a statewide organization founded in 1986 to create a network of leaders whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize Oklahomans to shape the state's future.

More than 1,200 members from 150 Oklahoma communities have graduated from the leadership program, including Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith.

This year's class will visit Lawton, Durant, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Stillwater, McAlester, Guymon and Broken Bow to discuss the many social, environmental and economic complexities facing the state.

The goal is to stimulate inquiry, analysis and solutions for the public good. Participants are chosen through a rigorous application process and selected from across the



WANSICK

state to represent Oklahoma's professional, geographical and cultural diversity.

Each person must demonstrate a dedication to Oklahoma's progress and the ability to exercise leadership in recognizing and resolving issues of statewide significance.

"Leadership Oklahoma is very excited about the 52 people chosen for this year's program," said Toney Stricklin, chairman of TDRS LLC and chairman of the LOK Board of Directors.

"Class XXVI is an outstanding blend of leaders from a variety of fields who will contribute a wealth of knowledge to our discussions on important Oklahoma issues.

"Leadership Oklahoma is dedicated to providing the leadership necessary to help shape Oklahoma's future."

Wansick was named the dean of Eastern's McAlester campus in June 2011. She pre-

viously taught mathematics at East Central University and Northern Oklahoma College, as well as McAlester Public Schools for 10 years.

She is also active in several community organizations in McAlester, serving as a member of the McAlester Public School Board, a member and past president for the MPOWER Economic Development Board and a board member for the McAlester Chamber of Commerce.

She is also a member of Pride in McAlester, McAlester Main Street, Pittsburg County Crime Stoppers and Rotary International. In addition, she is also active at the state level serving on the Oklahoma State Regents' Economic Development Committee.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to participate in Leadership Oklahoma," Wansick said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to network with professionals from across the state and explore issues affecting Oklahoma."

WELCOME

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store in town.

Eastern also has its own internet radio station. You can listen by logging on to Mountain Radio at radio.eosc.edu. You can also listen to it through your phone by using the app TuneIn Radio.

For those of you who are new, we don't have a lot of things to do but Robber's cave is highly recommended.

There are few places to eat such as: McDonald's (on the intersection of Highway 270 and highway 2), Sonic (highway 2), Pizza Hut (highway 2), China Wok (Highway 2 by Roy's), Subway (on main), Adelita's (on main), Corner Cafe (on main), and the new Highway 270 Diner (on main, right next to Ez-mart).

If you have any problems or any questions ask any of the faculty or staff, they are all very knowledgeable and friendly.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

Eastern Alumni making an impact on the world

Edna Wright Nunley

By MIKE CATHEY

EOSC 1983 OF INDIANOLA

Sending and responding to email from her iPad, driving alone from California to Oklahoma and back to visit family, and turning 90 years old this past June, Edna Wright Nunley (EOSC 1941 of Hugo) is really one hip EOSC alum!

Edna Nunley retired in 1982 from the Los Angeles School District where she had spent twenty one years full time and another nine years as a substitute as an elementary school teacher in North Hollywood. She now makes her home near her daughter and family in San Clemente, California.

Edna was born in 1922 in Idabel and at the age of two moved to Hugo, where she spent the remainder of her childhood and youth. She graduated from Hugo High School in the class of 1940.

"I learned of a program that FDR [President Franklin Delano Roosevelt] had enacted a program that helped young people go to college," shared Nunley. "The program was called the National Youth Administration. The program paid for room, board, tuition and an extra \$11 per month. I applied for the program, I was accepted, and I was assigned to Eastern Oklahoma State College."

Nunley went on to share about her pre-World War II time at Eastern, "Most of the students were on some kind of assistance and we all had some kind of job. My job was working with Ms. Ada Blackwood, sewing and knitting sweaters and vests for the military among other things.

"I wasn't in many activities but I was a drum majorette with

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EDNA WRIGHT NUNLEY
EOSC CLASS OF 1941

the college band my first year. I really wasn't qualified but the uniform fit so I was in!"

Edna returned to Eastern in September of 1941 and things were somewhat uneventful until December and Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Everything changed rapidly. A lot of the boys left for the Service or anticipated being drafted. I heard of Civil Service jobs in Washington D.C. I applied and was hired.

"I left for Washington D.C. in March of 1942 and was assigned to a typing job at one of the war-time bureaus that dealt with rationing, price controls, and other things. It was an exciting time in Washington. Meeting so many people from all over the country and being in that beautiful city."

In 1943 Nunley met her husband Roy, who was in the U.S. Air Force. After the war, the Nunleys settled in North Hollywood after living in several other places.

Edna first worked in a shipyard and then resumed her education receiving a bachelor's degree in 1961 from California State University Northridge at the age of 39.

"I was amazed after all of those years that they accepted



Edna Wright Nunley in December 2011

all of my credits from Eastern," shared Edna. "I then spent the next 21 years in the classroom. I retired at the age of 60, but continued substitute teaching for the next nine years."

Edna and Roy Nunley had three children, two of whom are now deceased. In retirement they did a lot of traveling and spending time with their two grandsons. Roy became ill and died in 1995.

Edna spends a lot of her



Evaline Jackson, left, and Edna Wright at Eastern Oklahoma State College in 1941. Submitted photos

time now involved in some different senior activities including Mah Jongg, Bridge and others. She also shares that (though not a particularly impactful contribution to the world) she also makes a mighty fine pomegranate jelly.

Ms. Nunley is a Lifetime Member of the EOSC Alumni Association and has been back to EOSC Homecoming on several occasions.

"Eastern holds a special place in my life. My times at Eastern are some of the most memorable of my long life. I

made lifelong friends who are sadly no longer with us.

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Mike Cathey is a lifetime member of the EOSC alumni association. While at Eastern, Cathey was also a staff writer for The Statesman and the Vice President of the Student Senate. Cathey is also a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and resides in Chicago, IL

Assistant coach joins women's basketball staff

Dalton Shumate
Staff Writer

Coach Amber Taylor just added a new member to her coaching staff for the upcoming season with the addition of Josh Ashley a former assistant's graduate at Angelo State University in Texas.

Ashley just finished his Masters Degree at Angelo State University in Texas. He was there from 2010-2012 as a Men's basketball Assistant graduate coach for a couple of seasons that's where he got his coaching start and his education from.

Ashley originally did not want to be a coach at all. He wanted to go more into strength and conditioning and he got into the health care field a little after he graduated with his under graduate degree and then one day he decided to get back into sports.

"I can't play so all I could do was coach so that's when I decided I wanted to get my masters degree in coaching. And that's how I got into coaching."

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JOSH ASHLEY

*LADY MOUNTAINEER ASSISTANT
BASKETBALL COACH*

he was looking for a lot of men's jobs offers and one day, "I decided that wasn't working so I went more to the women's side."

He got some advice from a coach at Angelo State about the JUCO level and the Lady Mountaineers job popped open.

"She called me and we kind of talked and then there was a really big gap that I didn't hear from her and then she kind of called me at the last minute and asked if I was still interested in the position and we just started rolling from there and I came in for an interview and it was all good from there."

3-on-3



Eastern hosted a 3-on-3 tournament in the fieldhouse on Aug. 29. Statesman Staff photos by Mark Stephens



EOSC BOOK CLUB



Banned Books Week September 30–October 6, 2012

According to the American Library Association:

Banned books week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them...

"Banned Books Week: Celebrating 30 Years of Liberating Literature", American Library Association, July 29, 2008. <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbookweek> (Accessed August 27, 2012).

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