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**"In matters of style,
swim with the current;
in matters of principle,
stand like a rock."
— Thomas Jefferson**

**"The chances of each
of us coming into existence are infinitesimally
small, and even though
we shall all die some
day, we should count
ourselves fantastically
lucky to get our
decades in the sun."
— Richard Dawkins**

TOTING TOT



Eastern students Tangella Landry and Lecie Murray help Landry Turner build a castle out of cardboard during the April 22 Recycling Carnival. *Photo by Kristen Turner*

Book buybacks begin finals week

CAMPUS Eastern bookstore to hold buybacks for unwanted books May 13-17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BY WES CARTER
STAFF WRITER

As the Spring semester begins to wind down, students are beginning to make plans for the summer. Whether those plans are to take classes, go to the beach or to spend time with family, a little extra money could help.

The Eastern Bookstore is scheduled to begin handing out extra cash for books that students no longer need. The Eastern bookstore's annual buyback program is slated to begin in the coming weeks. As a service to students, the bookstore offers to buy school books no longer needed by students, according to the Eastern Bookstore website.

To determine the amount of money the bookstore will spend on a student's books is determined by a matrix that includes: how many copies of the book the store already has and the frequency the book is scheduled to

be needed in courses for the upcoming semester.

The bookstore will pay up to 50 percent of the purchase price of the text book. However, not all books are eligible. Students can obtain information about their books at the Eastern Bookstore's website. Students can also sign up for buyback alerts that are specific to the books they have based on their current scholastic schedule.

Wilburton campus students can sell their unneeded school books at the Bookstore May 13-17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. McAlester students can sell their unwanted school books May 15 and 16 from 3 - 8 p.m. Idabel students buyback date is May 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Antlers students' buyback date is May 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information about the buyback program, call the Eastern Bookstore at 918-465-1713.

Retired space shuttle mission manager to address graduates

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

Retired Boeing Company Engineer and Space Shuttle Mission Manager Evelyn Jo Whisenhunt-Guthery will be the keynote speaker at Eastern Oklahoma State College's Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the C.C. Dunlap Field House in Wilburton.

Approximately 300 Eastern graduates are eligible to participate in this year's ceremony. The event will begin with a Commencement Celebration picnic at 5 p.m. in the amphitheater outside the Student Center. The meal is free to students and

their family and friends.

A 1972 Eastern math and physics graduate, Whisenhunt-Guthery had a distinguished career as an engineer and scientist with more than 20 years of experience in space exploration. She has worked in science and engineering, research and development, rocket and spacecraft analysis, project management and real-time space flight operations.

Whisenhunt-Guthery retired from The Boeing Company earlier this month after serving in a variety of roles. Most recently, she was in business acquisition for the International Space Sta-

tion. She also served as an engineering multi-skill leader and was assigned as a mission manager in the Space Exploration Division's Space Shuttle Program. She is currently volunteering with the NASA Retirement Group.

Whisenhunt-Guthery earned a bachelor's degree in civil-structural engineering, a master's degree in experimental mechanics and computer applications, and a partial doctoral degree in biomedicine from the University of Houston.

She was inducted into the Eastern Alumni Association's Hall of Fame in 2010.



Evelyn Jo Whisenhunt-Guthery



NEWS BRIEFS Picnic scheduled before graduation

Eastern is hosting a graduation picnic May 10.

The event will begin with at 5 p.m. at the amphitheater outside the Student Center.

The meal is free to students and their family and friends.

Outstanding tutors named by SSS



Galina Newsom, left, and Amanda Rhine were recently named Tutor of the Year and Outstanding Student Tutor of the Year respectively for Student Support Services.

Join the staff

The Eastern Statesman is looking for writers, graphic designers and anyone interested in maintaining our website next year.

Contact Kristen Turner at 918.465.1720 or kturner@eosc.edu.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown hits the stage

BY TAYLER RICHEY

STAFF WRITER

Theatre Eastern recently entertained our campus and community with their rendition of Clark Gesner's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." The play, based on the classic comic *Peanuts* by Charles M. Schulz, was much like one would imagine if experiencing a "live" comic. The play consisted of many short skits and musical numbers.

The student-led cast brought some of America's favorite characters to life onstage, including: Charlie (Zach Olinger), Sally (Anna Lou Goad), Linus (Sam Harley), Snoopy (Clay Humphreys), Lucy (Hanna Truitt), Schroeder (Rodney Morris), and Charlie's crush: the little red-headed girl (Kayla Bailey). The production was directed and choreographed by Eastern's new Theater Department Chair,

Sarah Klocke; piano accompaniment was provided by Katy Denney; Marshall Carby served as Assistant Director; Dottie Minshall served as Vocal Coach; Patrick Moore was Percussionist; and Rodney Morris served as Student Musical Director.

In addition to providing laughter and entertainment to our community, Theater Eastern also took the opportunity to assist the P.A.W.S. program during their production. For every pet adopted during the run of the musical, Theater Eastern donated a large bag of dog food to their cause. A coloring contest was also held during the show. The winner in each age category received a fee waiver to participate in the Children's Theater Workshop summer camp.

There are still chances to win a set of season tickets for the 2013-2014 season. You can



Anna Lou Goad, Rodney Morris, Hanna Truitt, Sam Harley, Clay Humphreys, and Zach Olinger perform during "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

come to the Student Directing Showcase, Monday, May 6, at the Johnnie Wray Theater to purchase a ticket for \$1.00. Each winner will receive two tickets per show to next year's produc-

tions, which include: Huck Finn (Children's Theater Production), Hedda Gabler, Big Love, and Rumors. Winners will be contacted via phone or email after the drawing, May 10.



Eastern's Student Support Services hosted a luncheon April 30 to honor graduating students. From left, Dustin Welch was named SSS Student of the Year; Sam Harley was named SSS Graduate of the Year; and John Garofoli was named Teacher of the Year.

SSS graduates honored at luncheon

BY TAYLER RICHEY

STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Student Support Services (SSS) hosted a luncheon April 30 to honor the students graduating this semester that participated and completed the program. The students who met the required criteria were presented with a certificate, and students who will graduate with a 3.0 or higher grade point average were presented with a secondary certificate to commemo-

rate their feat.

A few students in particular were singled out for their outstanding performance on campus and within the SSS program. Sam Harley was named Outstanding SSS Graduate, and Dustin Welch was named SSS Student of the Year.

An exceptional faculty member was also honored at the luncheon. Professor John Garofoli was named Teacher of the Year for his assistance to the SSS program.

Graduates who participated in the Student Support Services program include: Patricia Alexander, Fred Baker Jr., Sheila Baker, Matthew Barnes, Dayna Bills, April Brown, Adam Butler-Jones, James Catcher, Katelyn Coe, Aaron Colvard, Jordan Davis, Donna Espinoza, Allen Farmer, Chynell Fitzgerald, Emily Fry, Joshua Graham, George Green, Mary-Iris Green, Russel Halford, Sam Harley, Felicia Harrel,

Marquez Hart, Dakota Janes, Alton Jones, Bobby Jones, Chris Jones, Amy Jurkiewicz, Mary Jurkiewicz, Angelica Macias, Easterlyn Meashintubby, Kelsey Morrow, Audis Murphy, Sharon Nash, Joseph Nelson, Tammy Nixon, Brent Nobles, Samantha Noin, Trevor Odom, Haylee Phillips, Jacob Pulliam, Virginia Rivera, Felicia Scott, Emmilie Scroggins, Jayme Starkey, Mark Stephens, Laura Watts, and Cekeale Welch.

Students elect new representation

BY JAYSON KNIGHT
EDITOR

Eastern Oklahoma State College has elected a new student government. Eastern's student body voted April 17 and 18 for their new representatives. The Eastern Student Government Association's incoming president will be Keifer Shearer. The vice president and treasurer, respectively, will be Brittany Gilbert and Steel Rasmusson.

According to Eastern's website, eoscd.edu, the ESGA has a philosophy of its own. "The philosophy of the organization is based upon the cooperation and mutual concern for the welfare of the entire campus community. Through the Student Senate, students can make known their opinions, elect officers to represent them, and lay groundwork for present and future citizenship. Meetings of the senate are open to all interested students and the public."

Reporter-elect, Casey City, shared what led her to seek a leadership position. "I got involved in ESGA this past year

through Aggie club as a club representative," said City. "I really enjoyed being a part of the organization and wanted to take it to the next step and become an officer within the Eastern Student Government Association."

"Being a part of the Eastern Government Association was definitely one of the better decisions I have made," said Larriann Chambers, outgoing reporter. "The ESGA bettered my leadership skills so much and brought me closer to everyone on campus. I would absolutely recommend my position to another student. I have enjoyed every minute serving as Eastern's student government association reporter and think it's a great organization to be involved in."

"I have always been in clubs and organizations that have been focused on leadership. The Eastern Student Government Association is an organization, which I feel, will prepare me for many different rolls in the future. I am very excited for the new officer team and to see what the coming year has in store for us."

GOING OUT ON TOP



Eastern Student Government Vice President Liana Wagner presents Professor Bill Albright with Eastern's 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year award, as voted on by students of Eastern, April 24 at an Employee Recognition Reception. Albright will retire after the current semester as an Eastern instructor of 40 years. Albright graduated with a master's degree from Oklahoma State and runs a successful cattle business.

Area college students inducted into national honor society



Twenty-nine Eastern students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society April 21.

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

A group of 29 high-achieving Eastern Oklahoma State College students were recently inducted into the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa during a campus ceremony in Wilburton.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is recognized as the official honor society for community colleges. The organization seeks to foster scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship among its members.

Membership is based on academic achievement and is granted by invitation only. To qualify for membership, students must

have completed 12 to 29 hours of associate degree course work with a cumulative 3.75 grade point average or more than 30 credit hours with a cumulative 3.5 grade point average.

Pictured at the event were (front row, left to right) Dustin Welch, McCurtain; William Sanders, Gowen; Ronald Winingham, Krebs; London Runyon, Wilburton; Felecia Jeffers, Hugo; (second row, left to right) Corey Kinsey, Wilburton; Lecie Murray, Caddo; Cynthia Smith, McAlester; Kaylea Buie, Eufaula; Jeannette Gonzalez, Wilburton; Trish Larson, Eufaula; Jola Meisca, McAlester; Charitee

Evans, Wilburton; Jesseka Hanzel, McAlester; (third row, left to right) Payton Hokit, Hartshorne; Shelly James, McAlester; Taylor Odom, Red Oak; Jacob Pinegar, McAlester; (back row, left to right) John Gockel, Wilburton; Hanna Barney, Claremore; Keifer Shearer, Broken Bow; Andrea Wimberly, McAlester; Shelly Joiner, McAlester; Ashton Forwoodson, Wilburton; Glen Kenderick, Wilburton and Stacy Mitchell, McAlester.

Also inducted, but not in attendance were Kayla Denike, McAlester; Ashley Jones, Midwest City; and Stijn Von Der Meer, Wilburton.

Have a safe and relaxing summer. The *Eastern Statesman* will return in August

Over 300 students expected to receive diplomas

Associate in Applied Science

Teresa Ranea Allen
Vicki L. Allen
Hanna R. Barney
Paula M. Bell
Diane J. Cantrell
James E. Catcher
Rachel L. Crocker
Casi Kay Cummings
Pamela Gail Cunningham
Karanda Davis
Autumn L. Dodson
Jakeb G. Emery
Charles M. Epley
Lindsey N. Ezell
Barbara A. Fails
Emily Fry
Joshua L. Graham
Autumn K. Hamner
Gena D. Herren
Dakota K. Hokit
Clinton L. Holliday
Loretta K. Humphreys
William K. Jeanes
Millissa M. Johnson
Chris D. Jones
Judy Kirkpatrick
Kendra Nicole Langford
Christi A. Lepant
Shiloh M. McCoy
Clinton L. McIntosh
Esterlyn Meashintubby
Carie L. Mills
Meagan D. Murdoch
Joseph D. Nelson
Tania E. Nelson
Tammy C. Nixon
Ashley N. Patrick
Adam J. Roberts
Illianna M. Salinas
Cindy L. Shelton
Susan C. Shelton
Jimma L. Snead
Nichole Rae Stuart
Daniel P. Thurston
Amy Tuck
Tiffany Villa
Amy M. Waldorff
Carol Ann Champion Wise

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Misty Alexander
Patricia D. Alexander I
Mary Anderson
Rebeckah Archer-Fulton
Amber N. Arnold
Telissa A. Ayers
Fred J. Baker Jr.
Sheila G. Baldwin
Fonda Elaine Barnes
Martin Barr
Angelica Bartholow H
Blake Beare
Sherald D. Belyeu
Dayna Catherine Bills

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Carly Blemmel
April Brown
Whitney L. Brown
Garrett C. Burcham
Brent D. Burns
Sylvia R. Burris
Adam B. Butler
Haley E. Cadle HIG
Hailey Carpenter
Heather Carter
Tammy Carter
Katelyn M. Coe I
Aaron Colvard
Shannon Conley
Alexa D. Cook
Amy Crawford
Jordan M. Davis H
Tyson L. Dillishaw
Hailie Nicole Dust
Kayla Merrie Eldridge
Kelsey Eller
Jakeb Emery
Shayna D. Emery
Donna Espinoza
Kendra D. Eubanks
Allen D. Farmer
Robert Farris
Jessica A. Fellows
Karissa Marie Folger
Ashton O. Forwoodson I
Mayra I. Franco
Andrew Bryant Garcia
Jodi A. Gaulding H
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Mary-Iris Townsend Green
Olivia F. Green
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Felicia Harrel
Samantha Harrison
Marquez A. Hart
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Shelby M. Herandy
Carlos Hernandez
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Kristen L. Hill
Josiah S. Hix HI
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Mackenzie Hope Horn
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Melissa Impson
Jamesha R. Jackson
Lori A. Jackson
Leslee James
Shane C. Jamison H
Arianna Jones
Bobby Jones
Amy D. Jurkiewicz
Mary R. Jurkiewicz
Raymond D. Kennedy
Emmitt T. Kerby I
Hailey K. Ketchum

Leah D. King
Elizabeth Kisinger
Zair Koeiman
Heather A. Konsure
Bret Sterling Lalli
April Leigh Lanham
Samantha J. Lemons
Courtney M. Levens
Paul William Liles H
Jared Little
Amanda F. Logan
Trina Long
Sierra Loudermilk
Angelica M. Macias
Stephanie Maas
Brittany D. Martin
Stephanie A. McClendon
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Chelana D. Miller
Robert Lee Miller
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Oral J. Mims
Michelle Morgan
Mia B. Morris
Natorrie D. Morris
Kelsey A. Morrow
Fong Moua
Audis D. Murphy
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Sharon J. Naush
Megan M. Newberry
Brent W. Nobles
Samantha Genara Noin
Riley D. Norton
Joshua Riley Osborn
Christopher Pannell
Haylee Cheyenne Phillips HI
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Clinton Allar
Brianita Annette Archer
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Matthew Barnes
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Casey L. Boatman
Richard Casey Boling
Dillon R. Brewer
Shyla M. Bryant
Allison R. Burns
Desiree Burton
Caitlin Paige Busby
Lora E. Busby
Ashlyn Nicole Capps
Larriann L. Chambers
Krystal Choate
Curtis T. Citty
Reilly G. Cloud HIG
Kristie D. Corley
Jessica L. Coats
Maegan H. Cox
Margaret E. DeFrangé
Tyson L. Dillishaw
Jakeb G. Emery
Jason W. Epley
Jessica Ferguson
Jacob C. Fielder
Chynell L. Fitzgerald
Karissa Marie Folger
Whitney P. Forwoodson
Dianna Lynne Gage
Taylor Rae Glasco
Dakota S. Guffey
Shelby S. Hammett
Steva Harvey
Kelly LaDawn Hickman
Shelby R. Holt
Kaitlin Hull
Emalie LeAnne Jackson

Tyler James
Dakota D. Janes
Frederick Johnson
Alton L. Jones
Dillon L. Ketchum
Kaiwana Lee
Samantha J. Lemons
Britney Lovelady
Kristie Renee Lund
Whitney N. Mace
Colby B. McGee
Randall S. McGinnis
Kasey D. Meek
Richard J. Melendez
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Trevor J. Odom
Brady L. Palmer
Kristi Piearcy
Jacob A. Pulliam
Kaley Michelle Pulliam
Brittan L. Raines
Amanda B. Rhine
Jermaine Myron Riddle
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Cekeale Welch
Brandy Renee Wells
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Rashelle D. Williams
Richard Nathaniel Wilson
Andrea N. Wimberly
Jake A. Wood
Dan A. Wong
Cecil Woodruff
Brooke Ashton Woods

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Paula Bell
Carlota Brandon
Kristen N. Gragg
Emily Diann Hulsey
Angela Jones
Samantha Noin
Lindsay Sistrunk
Heidi Wilson

Adebayo's jersey to hang in Hall of Fame

In recognition of her outstanding play and record-breaking season, Eastern Oklahoma State College sophomore Shola Adebayo will see her Lady Mountaineer jersey hang in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.

Adebayo's jersey will be included in the "Ring of Honor," an exhibit of about 100 jerseys that represent the nation's top basketball players. The collection will recognize high school and college All-Americans from the 2012-13 season.

Josh Sullivan, director of basketball operations at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, said the Ring of Honor is one of the most popular displays.

"Not only does the Ring of Honor provide a color backdrop to the Hall of Fame's many archives, but it is also our way of recognizing some young basketball players for their achievements in the sport," Sullivan said.

"Since the Hall of Fame opened in 1999, you can imagine the caliber of players' jerseys that have once hung in our rafters. Without a doubt, Shola Adebayo is definitely a part of an elite group and a part of history."

Head Coach Amber Taylor described Adebayo as one of the best players she's ever coached.

"Shola is a true student of the game, always wanting to learn and better herself and her teammates. It has been an honor and blessing to coach her this year," Taylor said. "Along with her many other accomplishments during her time at Eastern, this recognition by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is a direct reflection of the hours of hard work and dedication she has put into her basketball career. This is a huge honor for Shola and her family, as well as the women's basketball program and the institution."

Adebayo, of Oklahoma City,

played only one year at Eastern but she made a huge impact on the program. She set three school records with the most steals in a season (109), most assists in a season (145) and most free throws made in a season (148). She was the team leader in points (15.3), assists (4.9) and steals (3.6) per game. She finished the season ranked 14th nationally in steals. Adebayo also recorded 13 double-doubles this season and scored a career-high 37 points against nationally ranked Collin County Community College.

Adebayo was named a third team All-American. She has signed to play basketball next year at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

To learn more about the Ring of Honor or the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, visit www.wbhof.com.

Right, Shola Adebayo's Eastern jersey will hang in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Adebayo was named a third team All-American.



Eastern athletes honored during 45th annual Larry Stone Athletic Banquet

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

All of Eastern Oklahoma State College's student athletes from basketball, baseball, softball and cheerleading were honored during the 45th annual Larry Stone Athletic Banquet on April 29. Two students were also selected as recipients of the prestigious Larry Stone Award.

Sophomores Rebecca Stewart of Houston, Tex. and Devante Calloway of Opelika, Ala. were selected on the basis of their overall contributions to the spirit of athletics and their demonstration of teamwork, determination, unselfishness and citizenship.

The award is named after the late Larry Stone, of Jay, who played football and baseball at Eastern in the early 1960s. Ma-

rine Lt. Stone was killed in combat while on patrol in Vietnam. Friends of the popular athlete established a fund and created the award in memory of their friend. Dr. Henry Migliore, Eastern alumnus and Stone's former teammate, presented the awards.

Stewart will graduate this spring with a degree in math and science and an overall grade point average of 3.66. She has played basketball for the Lady Mountaineers for two years and is currently on track to earn Academic All-American honors. Stewart is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Eastern's Honor Program. She is a member of the Math and Science Club, serves as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Eastern, and she is the secretary for both the Psychology and Social Science Club and the Eastern Student Government Association. She has been involved in many community service proj-

ects including Lead to Read, Toys for Tots, the Wilburton Middle School Test Fest, and various food and clothing drives. Stewart plans to continue her education and pursue a career in dentistry.

Calloway is a general studies major with a 3.35 grade point average. He has played basketball for the Mountaineers for the past two years and has served as team captain. During his time at Eastern, the men's basketball team compiled a 51-21 record, were named Region II Champions twice and made consecutive trips to the NJCAA National Tournament. Calloway is a member of Eastern's Honors Program and has been involved in several community services projects, including volunteering for Lead to Read, the Wilburton Middle School Test Fest and at the Hutchinson Boys and Girls Club. He plans to continue his education at a four-year college or university this fall.



Left, Eastern sophomores Rebecca Stewart and Devante Calloway received the Larry Stone Award for their overall contributions, teamwork and citizenship.



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Reactionary laws give terrorists a version of victory

BY WES CARTER

STAFF WRITER

In the brief time we have spent in the twenty-first century, no word has been as obscure, emotionally charged and important as "terrorism." It is a word that is used every day on news stations, radio shows and public discourse throughout America. Part of the reason is because the biggest event of this century was the September 11 terrorist attack in 2001.

That attack has sprang America into two wars and caused sweeping changes to law enforcement, air travel and normal day-to-day activities. President Bush, following in the footsteps of President Clinton's War on Drugs, called for a Global War

on Terror. However, like the War on Drugs, the Global War on Terror is not winnable.

Terrorism is an act. It is not specific to a country, an ethnicity or any other specific group. We are not fighting Nazis in Germany or Red Coats in the Revolutionary War. Since the beginning of time, terrorism has come in many different forms and colors. Before 9/11, one of the largest terrorist attacks came at the hands of two white Americans, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. So the question becomes, how do you stop terrorism if it can't be identified.

The answer our government has chosen is to take away the freedom and liberties of the

American people to try and thwart any future attacks.

However, anyone who has watched the news recently knows that terrorism is still alive. On April 15, bombs at the finish line turned the Boston Marathon into a nightmare of events. At this point, we don't know the motive or how many people were actually involved, but we have already seen congressmen begin to take actions to make it harder for people to become US citizens.

Reactionary laws do not make citizens safer, but they do make terrorists smarter. For instance, after 9/11 security checks became more invasive than ever before, but a guy got a bomb on a plane by hiding

it in his shoes. Today, before you get on the plane, you must take your shoes off. What happens when a guy hides a bomb in his underwear?

No matter what the laws dictate, terrorists will find a more creative solution to cause harm. If we make it impossible on a plane, a terrorist will use a truck or a boat or a helicopter.

A war on an act or an ideology can't be won. However, if that act begins to take away the liberties to millions of Americans, the terrorist has won. I don't know the solution, but we need to be vigilant not only of our surroundings but also of our lawmakers. We cannot accept laws that take away freedom in the name of safety.

Semester comes to close after numerous highlights

BY JAYSON KNIGHT

EDITOR

The spring semester is coming to a close and as Thomas Paine said, "The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection." In the current semester's reflection, Eastern Oklahoma State College has had a theater dedicated to a former instructor, a hometown novelist speak for Women's History Month, and a speaker for Black History Month who was the son of the first African-American to be admitted to the University of Oklahoma's law school.

For Black History Month, writer and officer of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Bruce T. Fisher delivered tales of the hardship faced by African Americans in the past. Eastern student Rebecca Stewart opened for Fisher with a speech of her own, outlining her respect for the late Ada Fisher, mother to Bruce T. Fisher. Ada was the first African-American to attend OU's law school.

"She went through tremendous trials to become an attorney," Stewart said at the event. "She was separated from

the rest of the class. They put a seat at the back of the class with a sign by the desk that said 'Coloreds only.'"

The recognition of Black History Month is not about focusing on the hardships and sorrows felt by African-Americans, but rather their accomplishments according to Fisher. "It's all about setting aside a time to talk about the contributions of African-Americans to the growth and development of this nation," he said.

Formerly known as "the little theater" on campus, the Johnnie Wray Theater in Pratt Hall held a dedication to the late Eastern Instructor. Three current Eastern Instructors gave testaments to the character of Wray before allowing her son, Dr. Grady Wray, to speak.

Wray's final words for the ceremony were "May the spirit of Johnnie Wray invade this theater and may her uplifting presence always inspire those that pass through it to do their best."

Eastern Professor of Speech Ruth Brelsford had an eventful fall. She not only won the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching, but Rilla Askew,

sister to Brelsford, spoke on campus during Women's History Month. Askew has written four novels and one collection of short stories, all with an authentic writing style askew to south-eastern Oklahoma. Eastern's men's basketball team claimed their second straight Region 2 Championship. Bittersweet is all too perfect a term for the 2012-2013 season of Eastern's Lady Mountaineers. After a season in which they became conference champions, it was all forfeited due to a clerical error. A transfer waiver had not been correctly filed. "The registrar's office had become a very chaotic environment as one of Eastern's employees had not returned for work without any forewarning of her absence," said Registrar Karen Clark.

"It was an extremely unfortunate situation," said Women's Head Basketball Coach Amber Taylor. "Our players have worked hard this season to become conference champions and to have that taken away from them was heart-breaking."

Eastern's greenhouse will be moving from on-campus to across the street where

agriculture students can help the school raise funds. Penny Raspotnik-Jones heads up the project and said "Our sale will be kind of small this year as we move into the new building, but we will expand next year. We will try to offer some herbs and have a lot of vegetables."

Mitchell Auditorium wrapped up the fall semester with their newest production "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".

Eastern will say goodbye to Bill Albright, an Eastern professor of 40 years. "I've always had a joy from explaining things to students and showing them what things are."

The Texas Book Company renewed their contract with Eastern, a topic which was discussed at a special meeting of the Textbooks and Instructional Materials Committee. Professors filled a library conference room, going to bat for students with questions about convenience, price and whether or not teachers could help students find the cheapest book. The answer to the latter was a no, so students will be on their own in determining where to shop for books.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

Eastern Alumni making an impact on the world

Merlin Little Thunder

By MIKE CATHEY

EOSC 1983 OF INDIANOLA

Oklahoma Native American (Cheyenne) artist Merlin Little Thunder (EOSC 1979 of Fonda) shares that it was at Eastern Oklahoma State College where he changed his major to art from pre-med. Little Thunder's paintings are now in the collections of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art and Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, and the Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian) in Washington D.C., where there are 13 of his paintings in the collection.

In 2005 he received first place in the painting category and second place in the miniatures category in the Santa Fe Indian Market.

Little Thunder grew up in the small Indian community of Fonda, between Seiling and Canton. He was raised Southern Cheyenne, but he and his siblings went to public schools. Although they had learned the Cheyenne language, they were discouraged from speaking it once they started school.

As a youth, he dreamed of becoming an artist, but his father encourage him to see another career. George Little Thunder worried his son would become the proverbial starving artist.

"I've been painting and drawing pictures and getting in trouble since I was a kid," shared Little Thunder. "I used to hide my art; I wouldn't do it openly for a long time."

His great grandfather, Frank Old Bear, was an interpreter and performer with the Miller 101 Ranch, an Oklahoma based Wild West show. His uncle Raymond Williams was a talented amateur artist.

At college, first at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and then at Bacone College, he majored in medicine. Despite his medical major, he seem destined for an art career. He made spending money by selling paintings and making posters for student groups.

"People used to just slide money under my door in an envelope with a note saying they wanted 10 posters," he said. "Soon I had all of these envelopes under my door and all these notes tacked to my door."

He eventually moved to Wilburton and Eastern Oklahoma State College and, as mentioned, changed his major to art.

At EOSC he met and married his first wife, and worked in a factory in Ft. Smith, Ark. When the marriage ended, he moved to Tulsa seeking a fresh start.

"I had nothing, just the clothes on my back," he said. "For a while, I was flat broke and nearly starving. I worked odd jobs and sold as many drawings as I could."

"In 1984, I met my future wife, Julie who had a small gallery space. We began to work together to sell art by myself and other artists. After a few years my wife and I had an established career."



Eastern graduate Merlin Little Thunder gestures toward an area of one of his own original paintings. Despite majoring in medicine, the 1979 graduate, from Fonda, has won first place in art competitions and is a featured artist at Native American festivals.

Little Thunder continues to make his home in Tulsa.

Little Thunder works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, pastel and prints. He is known for his detailed miniatures. And he is a perfectionist, who constantly seeks to improve his technique. He spends hours researching his subjects.

Little Thunder also shares that he "paints history with a sense of humor." As he paints, he creates a story about the painting. The completed painting represents the story's "punch line."

He is also known for his multi-matted framing featuring a distinctive bolt of lightning and thunderclouds cut into the

surface of the mat. Many of his paintings are also infused with spirituality, while others reflect his sense of humor.

"Apart from being technically beautiful...almost every image he does has a narrative element. There's a story behind it," said Steve Grafe, American Indian art curator at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. "I love the storytelling element."

Little Thunders is also a featured artist at many Native American festivals around the country.

"A great part about these festivals is the feeling of all of the people coming together to

celebrate their culture," Little Thunder says. "The festivals are about community involvement, and I like that. I like to be able to go out there and mix and mingle among the community and to be part of the Indian art scene and communities of various cities and counties across the United States."

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.



Ashley Jones has hit 22 home runs this year, placing her tied for fourth nationally. *Statesman file photo by Jamie Fink*

Jones breaks homerun record

BY JAMIE FINK

STAFF WRITER

"When Eastern has a student who does something special I think we should tell others about it," says Andy Mace, Eastern's head softball coach, about freshman Ashley Jones.

Jones is a freshman from Midwest City-Carl Albert. On Wednesday, the Lady Mountaineers played in a make-up doubleheader against Murray State at Eastern in a 7-4 win.

Jones broke the homerun record of 18, which was co-held by current Eastern assistant coach, Kendra White of Van Buren, Ark. and Sarah Hayslip of Houston.

According to Mace, White hit 18 home-runs her freshmen year at Eastern in 2007 and Hayslip hit 18 her sophomore year in 2008.

In the final regular season games of the year for Eastern softball, Jones hit two more

homeruns against Murray in an 11-3 win in the first game and hit one more in the second game in the 6-4 loss.

According to Mace, Jones now has 22 home runs on the year, placing her tied for 4th nationally.

Mace also added that these games were significant because "Murray State has a nice team as they are the Region II NJCAA Division II Champions and are hosting East Central Missouri this weekend for the right to play in their national tournament."

Jones made the 1st team All-Region 2 team this week as the utility player. She plays first base, is the DP and also catches for the Lady Mountaineers.

At the Eastern All-Sports banquet April 29 night, Jones, was given a small plaque recognizing her breaking the single-season homerun record.

FOR THE WIN



Sophomore Kate Atchley got her first two wins of the season April 20 against Carl Albert State College. *Statesman staff photo by Jamie Fink*

Eastern women pick up two wins

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April 20 was a beautiful, sunny day on which the Lady Mountaineers picked up two wins against conference rival Carl Albert State College in a double-header held at Wilburton.

The Lady Mountaineers improved to 20-31 on the season overall and 9-17 in conference play. Being able to see the ball well and make solid contact was the key for the Lady Mountaineers on Saturday.

In the first game, the Lady Mountaineers clawed their way to victory winning 6-5 in nine innings. Freshman Erin Healey got the start for the Lady Mountaineers. Healey pitched 5 innings giving up seven hits and four runs before being replaced by sophomore Kate Atchley. Atchley picked up her first win of the season after

pitching just four innings giving up three hits and a run.

The ballgame was deadlocked at five a piece going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Lady Mountaineers however, were unable to score in that inning forcing extra innings and giving the Lady Vikings another at bat.

Atchley had other plans though, as she kept the Lady Vikings from scoring and tagged a runner out trying to steal and pumped up the rest of the team to win the game. The Lady Mountaineers rallied in the bottom of the ninth inning and won on a sacrifice fly.

The Lady Mountaineers were led offensively by Vanessa Yamaguchi, Katelyn White, and starting pitcher Erin Healey. Together the freshmen combined for a 5 for 10 day at the plate with four RBIs, scoring two runs, and a stolen base from Yamaguchi.

In the second game, Atchley

returned to the mound to try a get another win.

Both teams started the game deadlocked at one a piece until the Lady Mountaineers broke the game wide open in the bottom of the third inning.

The home team put together a three-run inning, forcing Carl Albert's coach to replace every fielder except two infielders.

Although the Lady Mountaineers committed more errors, they were able to hold off a seventh inning rally by the Lady Vikings and win the game 5-3.

Eastern was led offensively by freshmen Shelby Blackwell, who went 2 for 4 from the plate scoring two runs and an RBI, and Ashley Jones who went 2 for 3 from the plate scoring a run and hitting three RBIs, including a home run.

Defensively Atchley was solid, Kate pitched 7.0 innings giving up three runs on five hits and racking up four strikeouts.