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"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

~Winston Churchill

"It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership."

~Nelson Mandela

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Higgins honored as Eastern's Biggest Fan



On March 24, George Higgins was honored as Eastern's biggest fan. Pictured above from left to right: Eastern President Steve Smith, men's basketball coach Scott Edgar, members of the EOSC men's basketball team and EOSC cheer, George Higgins, and Dean of Students Greg Warren. Photo by Jamie Fink

EOSC Photo Club prepares for Italian invasion

BY GUY FOLGER
Senior Staff Writer

Our army may be small, but we will be well-armed. Our battle cry is, "Have camera, will travel."

We are the Eastern Oklahoma State College circolo fotografico (Photo Club).

Our invasion of Italy will begin on May 15, when we depart beautiful, downtown Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport for a yet undisclosed destination, enroute to our first Italian stop, Venezia (Venice).

In Venice we will do a guided walking tour that includes St. Mark's Square, Basilica di San Marco, Doge's Palace and a glass-blowing demonstration.

The Basilica was built in 830 AD to house the body of St. Mark which had been smuggled out of Alexandria, Egypt in the 9th century. The Evangelist St. Mark was the patron saint of the republic

of Venice. Behind the high altar, which stands over St. Mark's tomb, is the Pala d'Oro or Golden Altarpiece. It has over 250 panels encrusted, by master Byzantine and Venetian artisans, with almost 2,000 precious stones including emeralds, rubies, sapphires and pearls.

As Professor Mattson will tell you, a doge was the chief official of a republic such as Genoa or Venice. If the Doge's Palace in Venice is an example, they evidently lived quite well. The English poet, Lord Byron, once described it as a "vast and sumptuous pile". Grand and spacious rooms are filled with artistic treasures including what was for many years the largest (23 x 72 feet) painting in the world, Tintoretto's "Paradise".

Venice, by the way, is the only city in the world built entirely on water, supported by millions of wooden piles connected by

400 bridges. The Canal Grande weaves through the city for a little over two miles at varying widths from 100 to 230 feet.

From Venezia we will travel to Firenze (Florence). After arrival in Florence, we will visit the turf of the Montague and Capulet families, Shakespeare's 'Fair Verona'. Supposedly, couples can even get married on "Juliet's Balcony", but I don't think any of our army will yield to that particular temptation.

Also in Verona, we will visit the Roman Arena, built in the 1st century AD, which is the third-largest structure of its kind. Then, at dinner, we are to partake of that All-American Italian dish, Pizza.

The next day in Florence will find us visiting Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Dante's house, Gates of Paradise, Giotto's Bell Tower, Duomo and a leather workshop.

The construction of the Duomo, officially known as Santa Maria del Fiore, began in 1296, but the neo-Gothic front was not completed until six centuries later. The terracotta dome is so impressive that the city does not allow any taller building to be constructed. Among the famous statuary to be seen in Florence are Donatello's Mary Magdalene and Michelangelo's David and the unfinished Pieta.

Michelangelo intended the Pieta, depicting a dead Jesus in his mother's arms grouping, for his own tomb. Amongst the on-lookers is Nicodemus which the artist represented as himself. Supposedly, though, he was so upset with the flaws in the marble, that he threw a hammer at the grouping which destroyed Christ's left leg. Mary Magdalene was later added by one of

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NEWS BRIEFS

Cap & Gowns now available in EOSC Bookstore

Cap & gowns are here! To order a cap & gown give the bookstore a call at 918-465-1713. Orders can be shipped to your house or to the bookstore. The sizes are based on your height and circumference. Come in and see what we have and let us take care of your needs!

Pool will be open Tues. April 1st

Eastern Oklahoma State College will be hosting a pool party on April 1st from 8-11 p.m. Students are encouraged to come out and take the night off with a swim.

Students will also get the chance to meet our foreign exchange students from Denmark who will be here that week. Come out and join us for an evening of fun!

Graduation Checks due

As graduation is right around corner May graduates need to be making sure they are on track to graduate.

Students need to meet with their advisers and get there graduation check filled out and turned in.

As many may now know, Eastern will be hosting a group of 25 international students from Denmark. The students will be living on campus for a week as they will be experiencing the life of a college student in America.

The students will also be experiencing life in Oklahoma and the many great opportunities our state has to offer.

I am excited for these students to arrive at Eastern and experience everything our great country, state, and college can to offer. But where there is excitement there is also nervousness.

I am worried about what these students may think of our

college. Have we made sure that our college is at it's tip-top performance and capabilities? Have we provided these students with the best accommodations and care on campus? These are the things I worry about.

We have events planned for these students, events that will include traveling. Will our school's transportation be able to accommodate these students, especially when they have been prone to breaking down and stranding our school's athletic teams? It is an embarrassment, knowing that things like this happen often.

I am also nervous for how these students are going to be

able to interact with our students. Our culture here in southeastern Oklahoma is very different from that in other parts of our own state, let alone across the world.

I have very high expectations for what our college can and should be capable of providing these students to ensure that they have the absolute best experience. I don't want to have to regret the idea that we brought 25 international students to Oklahoma and for them to never want to visit Oklahoma again.

I want our students to be able to take away from this experience and learn something new. It's not just Honors students who can

benefit from this, it's every student, faculty, and staff member at Eastern that can take something away from this experience.

To them our college and students should be the best place that they have ever visited in their lives and they should want to return yearly to experience it again.

So as students, faculty, and members of the Eastern community, let's embrace this opportunity and show these students our best characteristics and be on our best behavior while these students are at our campus and our home.

- Jamie Fink, Editor



Pictured right, students and staff plan events and tours for the Denmark students during their brief stay at Eastern. Pictured from left to right, Dr. Stephen Glazier Vice President of Student Affairs, Jenna Mabry, Red Oak; Ruth Brelsford, Honors & Speech Professor; Carly Jones, Native American Engagement Center Coordinator; Keifer Shearer, Broken Bow; and Ashley Jones, Midwest City-Carl Albert.

Photo Club

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Michelangelo's students. The objective of our invasion is, of course, the Eternal City, Rome. So, saying, "Arrivederci, Firenze", we will advance in that direction. After arriving in Rome, we are first visiting the St. Francis of Assisi Basilica and then a walking tour of the city. The walk is to include Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.

Our second day in Rome will be spent visiting the Vatican and its museums, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica and Piazza Venezia and dinner at a traditional Italian restaurant.

What was once a poisonous

swap known for diseases and snakes is now the Vatican City, the smallest independent sovereign state in the world. The Vatican museums include five galleries, eight museums, the Apostolic Library and, of course, the Cappella Sistina or Sistine Chapel. The Sistine Chapel is famous for Michelangelo's ceiling painting, "The Creation of Adam."

The Roman Forum, also a swamp at one time, became the commercial, religious and civic hub of ancient Rome. We will be able to walk among the ruins of temples, palaces and market halls.

A highlight of any visit to Rome, though, is the majestic Colosseum, the Roman Empire's largest amphitheatre, which seated more than 50,000 spectators. Lord Byron, who often wrote and

spoke about Italy, wrote, "While stands the Colosseum, Rome shall stand, when falls the Colosseum, Rome shall fall; and when Rome falls, with it shall fall the world."

By the way, somewhere during our invasion, we hopefully will take a side trip to the frozen-in-time city of Pompeii which was buried by the AD 79 eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius. Whether or not we will get to make the detour to this stirring sight is still unknown.

After our traditional Italian dinner in Rome and a good night's sleep, we will reluctantly return to our home base and dream of where we shall go next year. We are the Eastern Oklahoma State College photo club, we have cameras and we will travel.

Join the Statesman?

The Eastern Statesman is looking for writers, graphic designers and anyone interested in maintaining our website. Contact Kristen Turner at 918.465.1720 or kturner@eosc.edu.

Sorrell to receive President's Excellence in Teaching Award

BY GUY FOLGER

Senior Staff Writer

As we walked into an empty classroom for this interview, Professor Margaret Sorrell turned and said, "I grew up here, I grew up on this campus." And indeed she did.

Sorrell, Dean of the Math and Science Department, is this year's recipient of the President's Excellence in Teaching Award. Of this award, she says, "I am much honored to receive this award and be included in this group of Leland Walker, Ruth Brelsford, Dr. Billye Givens and Eddie Woods. I am honored to walk among these people."

Sorrell speaks with pride when she relates that both her parents were, at one time, on the faculty of Eastern Oklahoma State College. Her mother, Pat Thomas, retired in 2011 after 48 years teaching in the History and English departments and working with the cheerleading and pom squads. Her father, Joe Thomas, who retired from Eastern in 1989,

was football coach (1962-64) and Athletic Director (1962-1989) and later distinguished himself as a referee in the Southwest Conference and as Commanding General of the Oklahoma National Guard.

In 1999, Pat and Joe Thomas were recognized by Eastern for all their work with cheerleading, pom and athletics.

Literally growing up on its campus plus having both parents on its faculty, Eastern, of course, was Sorrell's choice after graduation from high school. She played basketball, for the Lady Mountaineers, both years she was enrolled at Eastern. "Andy Mace was the women's basketball coach at that time. We had really good seasons ... losing only seven games each year ... state runners up ... had a wonderful time ... played in a tournament in Hawaii ... played the University of Japan ... it was a lot of fun."

She graduated in 1982 as the Math Division Outstanding Student. "There were three of us, at the time, that were math majors,

all three of us played women's basketball. There was Brenda Kennedy, Cindy Lee and myself. We, all three, were math majors, we all had 4.0, and we all played on the same basketball team. I was a semester ahead of them, though, so I was the outstanding graduate of the division."

After Eastern, Sorrell went on to the University of Oklahoma where, in 1984, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Math. With a little persuasion from her father, who was then Commanding General of the Oklahoma National Guard, she decided to enlist shortly after graduation. She went through Army Basic Training between OU and starting graduate school at Northeastern State University. She remained with the National Guard for six years as a Computer Specialist. When she left the Guard, she had attained the rank of Specialist 4th Class.

Graduation from Northeastern, in 1986, earned her two master's degrees, one in Math and the other in Health and Physical

Education. With degrees in hand, Sorrell was hired on at Eastern to do internships in basketball and math.

"My math internship was with Byron Bohanon, Brenda Kennedy's father. He handed me his books and rosters, told me what room I was teaching in and told me he would be in the coffee shop if I needed him. You know, that was probably the best thing he could've done for me."

During her tenure at Eastern, Sorrell has taught in both the Computer Science and Math divisions, coached softball one season and basketball two seasons. When she approached her first outing as a coach, her father gave her some valuable advice. "One day, he told me that they will name a street after you and the next day they'll run you down that street," she said.

Sorrell and her husband, Charles, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Their son, Charles IV, is a student at Wilburton Middle School.



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P.A.S.S Club having active year

BY GUY FOLGER

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"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." Confucius

In the last week of February, the Psych and Social Science (PASS) Club hosted a "personality and work awareness" booth for two days in the Eastern Oklahoma State College Student Center.

Students making display boards for the booth were Mandy Gorham and Melissa Servais. Students who worked the booth were Drew Smith, Hailey Luker, Carlos Gonzalez, Taylor Burch, Mandy Gorham and Melissa Servais.

The booth offered self-assessment surveys to help students, faculty or staff members to identify their personality type. The surveys, or interest inventories, were patterned after John Hol-

land's "Holland Code" technique which divides participants into six personality categories: conventional, enterprising, social, artistic, investigative and realistic.

Professor Cheryl Wood-Myers, PASS Club sponsor, said that it is a fact that a better match with work and your personality equals more satisfaction and better job performance.

Wood-Myers said that approximately 75 people completed the interest inventories over the two day period.

"The PASS Club has been real active, this year. We sponsored Mister Eastern, we did Christmas caroling at the nursing home, we helped with the wrapping party for Toys for Tots and we did Mountaineer Mania. We did Homecoming Parade, our two candidates won Homecoming, this year. We've really had a good year," she said.

"I've had a great group. And, we are always looking for new members."



Mandy Gorham, Drew Smith and Melissa Servais run the Personality and Work Awareness Booth in the Student Center Feb. 25. Members of the PASS Club offered self-assessment surveys to help students identify their personality type. Staff photo by Guy Folger

25 things you didn't know about Eastern Staff

BY SHARELL COLLINS
Staff Writer

Anne H. Brooks grew up in St. Albans West Virginia, graduated high school there and went on to graduate from West Virginia University in 2002.

From there, Anne went onto the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she got her Masters in Adult and Higher Education Administration.

Anne came to Eastern in 2006 and served as a Resident Life Host, supervising dorm activities and security. In 2007, Anne became the Administrative As-

sistant to the Director of Nursing. In November of 2007, Anne became the Nursing Grant Project Coordinator.

In 2011 Anne, took over the role of acting Director and Academic Advisor.

I asked Anne to give me a list of 25 things that most people wouldn't know about her. Here is her reply:

1. I would live in flip flops if I could.
2. I do Cross Fit. It helps me lift my 9 month old baby girl.
3. My father was a cop, and my husband is a cop.
4. I took my first of many he-

licopter rides when I was 4 years old (my father is also a pilot).

5. I love gloomy, cloudy, cold weather.

6. I wanted to be a meteorologist.

7. I hate scalloped potatoes.

8. I have to have my feet sticking out of covers when I sleep.

9. I played the trumpet in middle school and in high school but I was better at color guard.

10. My minor at WVU was Dance.

11. I sucked my fingers until I was 11 years old.

12. I have had Lasik eye surgery.

13. My favorite food is shelled sunflower seeds, which is probably why I have hypertension.

14. Love college football (Let's Go Mountaineers!)

15. I have been to 7 countries.

16. I have a mini wiener dog named Trooper.

17. I tore my ACL in my left knee as a result of a very competitive game of sorority kickball...we lost.

18. I am addicted to Chap Stick.

19. My guilty pleasure is gos-

sip magazines.

20. I love watching mindless comedies; my current favorite is reruns of "Big Bang Theory"

21. I had a crush on Ralph Macchio when I was younger.

22. I turn the big "35" this year.

23. I have had the same e-mail address since I was 15 years old.

24. I have a Twitter account, but I never "tweet."

25. I can recite entire songs, but I have no clue as to what the song is called, or who the artist is.



Students meet with representatives from EOSC, ECU, and SOSU at Eastern's annual "College Night" at the McAlester Campus. Photo by Sharell Collins

McAlester campus hosts annual College Night March 26

BY SHARELL COLLINS
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 26, Eastern's McAlester Campus hosted a "College Night." EOSC, ECU and SOSU all had tables set up. Current students, and future students were able to visit each table and talk to representatives

about transferring or attending their schools. Each table had brochures and catalogs to give students more information. Each participant received a card to take to each table for a signature and those cards will be put into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship to any one of the three schools of their choosing.

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In an effort to ensure that our gas system is operated in a safe manner, EOSC performs various annual safety inspections, such as checking the system for leaks and corrosion.

Notification of digging

To further ensure that our gas pipeline is safe and protected from damage, anyone who plans to do any digging on EOSC property must get approval from the Physical Plant office at (918) 465-1801 and is

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It is important to know that, although our gas system complies with all government safety regulations, there is always the potential for natural gas to escape from any gas system for various reasons. If that happens, its flammability becomes an immediate concern.

If you smell the odor of natural gas...

Report it to the EOSC Campus Police immediately so that it can be checked out and action taken, if necessary, to prevent a potentially hazardous situation.

- Do not ignore your senses -- get out of the building immediately!
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or telephone, flip any light switches, turn on or off any electrical devices, or do anything to create static electricity. Once away from the natural gas odor, notify the EOSC Campus Police of the suspected leak.

- Do not call Center Point Energy or 911.
- Do not return to the building until an EOSC official tells you it is safe to do so.

EOSC Campus Police phone number is (918) 448-2365. Emergencies are responded to 24 hours a day.

For additional information:

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If you would like to know more about our gas system, please contact the Physical Plant Director at (918) 465-1802.

Does your club or organization have
news or an upcoming event?
We can't report it, if we don't know about it.
Contact us at
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The British are coming, the British are coming!

BY GUY FOLGER
Senior Staff Writer

Fifty years ago the British Invasion changed almost everything about good old American rock and roll. It all started on January 18, 1964 when a record, by four lads from Liverpool, England, entered the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart at number 45. The song was I Want To Hold Your Hand and the group, of course, was the Beatles; John, Paul, George and Ringo.

By February 1, the song took over the number one spot and it was what became known as Beatlemania spreading rapidly across the country. After seven weeks, I Want To Hold Your Hand was finally knocked out of first place by another Beatles tune, She Loves You. Next, after only a two week reign, She Loves You was replaced by yet

another Beatles tune, Can't Buy Me Love. It was the first time in history that an act had three consecutive number ones.

When Can't Buy Me Love became the number one song on the Hot 100, it was also the first time in history that anybody had held all top five positions on the chart, with, in order, Can't Buy Me Love, Twist And Shout, She Loves You, I Want To Hold Your Hand and Please Please Me. The next week's posting of the Hot 100 showed the Beatles with a total of 14 songs listed. In fact, during the Beatles career, they never failed to have at least two songs in the Hot 100 every year.

The Beatles' music was not the only British influence that invaded our country during this time. Fashion (Edwardian double-breasted suits for men, mini-skirts for women), hair-styles (short bobs for women



and longer shoulder-length for men), movies (James Bond's 007) and even U.S. tours by the invaders.

The February 7 arrival of the

Beatles at New York's Kennedy Airport was met by thousands of screaming fans - girls swooned, flash bulbs flashed, people were injured by the surging crowd

- it was pandemonium. Their first TV appearance, on the Ed Sullivan Show, broke television ratings records with a Nielsen Ratings estimate of 45 percent of the U.S. market.

After the initial surge by the Beatles, there soon came other British performers; Dusty Springfield, Peter and Gordon, The Animals, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones, Them (with their lead singer Van Morrison), The Yardbirds, The Dave Clark Five, Tom Jones and a multitude more.

Where the U.S. was able to quell the first British invasion (1776), this one was welcomed with open arms. American music, which had influenced groups like the Beatles, was now being influenced by its own pupils. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Eastern celebrates Women's History Month with lecture

BY SHARELL COLLINS
Staff Writer

On March 10, 2014, Eastern celebrated Women's History month with a special presentation hosted by Eastern's Honors Program in cooperation with United Ministries. Reverend Tori Butler, chaplain of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas presented "Invisible to Visible: The Impact of Women in Ministry."

Honors Program Director Ruth Askew Bralsford said the goal of the annual Woman's History month lecture was to focus on women who are making a difference in contemporary society.

Reverend Butler grew up with her mom as a single parent and they spent a lot of time in their local United Methodist church. Most of the leaders in Reverend Butler's church were women, and those women had a great deal of influence on her.

Butler talked about the way she grew up seeing women in

leadership roles including having a female Pastor. Butler said that she didn't know that many church denominations do not allow female pastors.

Butler received her bachelor's degree in history and international relations from McDaniel College. She earned a master's of divinity from Duke Divinity School. She has served in Brazil, she also served in a multi-cultural church in Durham, North Carolina and at a non-profit organization on Capitol Hill. In May, Butler will be ordained at the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Reverend Butler works with many programs to help and encourage women to become leaders.

She believes that older women in a community should take the time to mentor the younger generation of women and girls as well as letting the younger generation help them with things such as new technology.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

One of the most difficult and daunting tasks after graduating from college is creating your first post-college resume. Your final resume should preferably end at a one-page document, with a brief job goal that gives the person reviewing your resume an idea of your previous experience by assessing your expertise. The following are guidelines, per Forbes online, to consider when creating a resume fresh out of college.

1. List a career objective. Do this only if you're sure of what you want to do or if you're applying to a specific job that you can tailor the objective.
2. List the details of your education. This includes your school and the year you obtained your degree. Make sure to include any honors, if possible, as well as GPA if it's high.
3. Reevaluate all of your job experiences. Think about what you've done from a broader perspective: did you manage anyone? Interact with customers or clients? Responsible for managing a small business? All of these are valuable skills that should not be left off resume since employers would find candidates highly employable.
4. Consider alternative resume formats. There is no correct format for a resume, though there is a standard. The standard layout is objective, education, experience and skills. The ultimate goal is to give the potential employer a picture of who you are as an employee, not a person, so only job-relevant information is necessary.

Important dates to remember:

Upcoming summer and fall enrollment for current students begin April 8

New student enrollment will begin on April 15

Last day to withdraw from spring 2014 classes is April 11

Graduation ceremonies will be May 9 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Come and see us, we are here to help!

Tina Ray and Sandra Robertson

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Eastern Mountaineers fall in Region II quarterfinals

BY JAMIE FINK
Editor

The Eastern Mountaineers entered the postseason with the goals of making a third straight appearance to the NJCAA National Tournament.

These plans however were derailed in the quarterfinals by Redlands Community College.

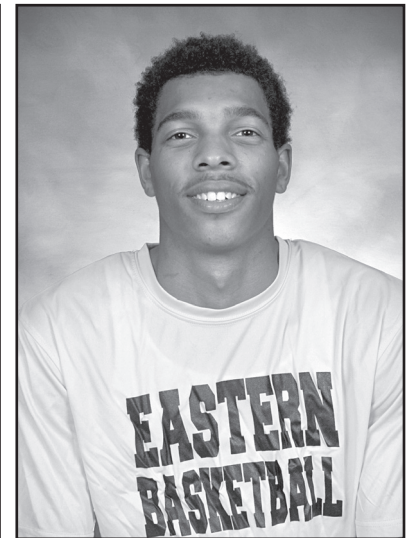
Redlands Community College entered the Region II Tournament as the no. 4 seed and looked to knock off the Mountaineers twice in one week, as the Cougars had beaten the Mountaineers on their home court 88-87. The Cougars were led by Jared Griffin who dropped 32 points and Brian Brown who added 29 points in the Cougar win.

The Cougar win ended the

national tournament appearance streak for the Mountaineers. Redlands defeated the Mountaineers in a close one 98-94.

The Mountaineers finished the season with an overall record of 21 wins and 10 losses. The Mountaineers finished the season ranked 17th in the country in points per game, and ranked 3rd in the country in three pointers made and three pointers attempted per game.

The Mountaineers will be losing seven players due to graduation and eligibility including: leading scorer DeVaughn Purcell, Dontavious Sears, Alfonzie Wilson, and Chauncey Parker who played for coach Scott Edgar and the Mountaineers men's basketball team for the last two years.



Above, sophomore DeVaughn Purcell was named to the All Region II and All Conference first teams. Left, sophomore Dontavious Sears goes up for a lay-up against NOC-Tonkawa in the Mountaineer victory. Photo by Jamie Fink

Mountaineer baseball racks up seven straight wins



BY JAMIE FINK
Editor

The Eastern Mountaineers have started their 2014 baseball season are finally beginning to pick up pace.

The Mountaineers started the season 5-15 allowing 172 runs in their first 20 games. Since this stretch the Mountaineers have settled in and all cylinders are firing.

Eastern has went 7-1 in their last 8 games, and out-scoring opponents 67-16. The Mountaineers have racked up 63 hits during

this stretch, including 3 homeruns. The Mountaineers have received strong offensive performances from many different players including sophomores Reggie Wright and Nick Walker, along with strong pitching performances 11 different Mountaineer pitchers.

The Mountaineers look keep the winning streak continued as they take on Arkansas Baptist College on April 3 and April 5.

For more information about upcoming games and stats please visit njcaa.org or eosc.edu.



Pictured above, sophomore, Daniel Young, gets a base hit against Carl Albert in the 9-1 win. Right, red-shirt freshman Adam Meyer delivers a strike against the Carl Albert State Vikings. The Mountaineers are currently on a 7-game win streak. Meyer has pitched contributing to two of the Mountaineer victories. The Mountaineers are currently 12-16 overall and looking to continue their winning streak. Photo by Jamie Fink

Lady Mountaineers finish fantastic 2014 season

BY JAMIE FINK

Editor

With the beginning of April approaching, that means baseball and softball are running at full speed and basketball has officially ended.

The Lady Mountaineers finished their season on March 8 in the Region II Championship game. The Lady Mountaineers fell 89-73, ending their season just one game shy of a bid into the NJCAA National Tournament.

Although the season did not end the way Coach Taylor and the Lady Mountaineers wanted, it was nothing short of miraculous for the Eastern women's team.

The Lady Mountaineers broke numerous team and individual records, including the home and away school scoring records.

The Lady Mountaineers set the school's home scoring game record in the first game of the season defeating

the East Texas Flight 125-27 on Eastern's homecoming.

The very next game, the Lady Mountaineers set the school's road scoring record by defeating Rhema Bible College 113-68.

The team finished the season with a 26-6 overall record and a 15-3 conference record.

The Lady Mountaineers finished the season ranked No. 22 in the country but climbed as high as No. 18 at one point.

According to NJCAA.org, the Lady Mountaineers were ranked No. 1 in the country in offensive rebounds per game, No. 2 in the country in assists per game and No. 3 in the nation in steals per game.

The Lady Mountaineers will be hit hard due to graduation and eligibility, as they will lose eight sophomores. Including Olivia Brown, Jordan Franks and Shay Carter who have been members of the Lady Mountaineers basketball team for their first two years of the collegiate careers.



Above, Lady Mountaineer Head Coach Amber Taylor talks to her team during a time out. The Eastern women came one-win shy of the National Tournament this year. Pictured right, freshman Adrienne Davis knocks down a three pointer in the final home game of the season for the Lady Mountaineers. Photos by Jamie Fink



Eastern Mountaineers and Lady Mountaineers finish season with honors

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

The Eastern Oklahoma State College women's and men's basketball teams wrapped up strong seasons this weekend with many players earning honors.

The Lady Mountaineers and Mountaineers fell short of qualifying for the NJCAA National Tournament. The women finished the season as Region II Tournament and Conference Runner-Up with a 26-6 record overall. The men finished the season 21-10 overall.

Sophomore De'Amber Brice of Denton, Tex. garnered several honors for her record-breaking season at Eastern. Brice was named to the All Region II Tournament Team after averaging

24 points per game during the tournament. She also earned first team All Region II and All Conference honors while leading the nation in steals. Brice is ranked eighth nationally in offensive rebounds and 11th nationally in assist to turnover ratio. She leads all Region II players in assists and steals and was ranked in the top five of seven other Region II categories, including points per game, total points, field goals, field goal percentage, free throws, rebounds per game and total rebounds. For the season, Brice averaged 16.8 points, 10 rebounds and five steals per game.

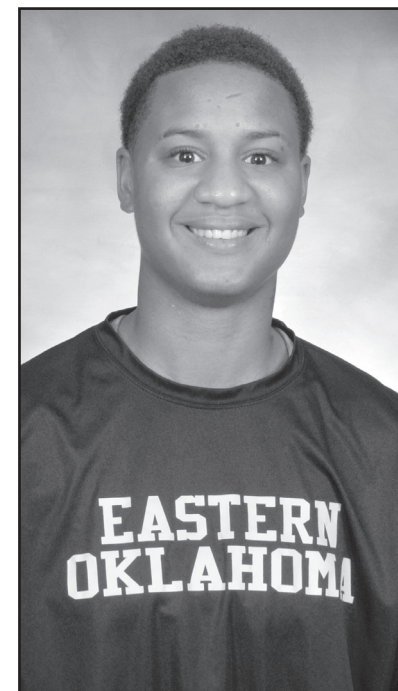
Sophomore Olivia Brown of Pearland, Tex. received second team All Region II and All Con-

ference honors. Brown ranked third in steals in Region II play. Other players ranked in conference statistics include Kaya Johnson of Oakland, Calif., first in rebounds per game and total rebounds, fifth in field goals and steals; Jordan Franks of Norman, fourth in total rebounds and fifth in rebounds per game; Aundrea Davis of San Antonio, Tex., fourth in steals; and Tangella Landry of Lafayette, La., fifth in assists.

Sophomore Devaughn Purcell of Orlando, Fla. was named to the All Region II and All Conference first team. He led Region II in field goals and ranked second in points per game and third in total points for the season. He averaged 20.9 points per game this season.

Sophomore Dontavious Sears of Memphis, Tenn. received third team All Conference honors with his average of 16.7 points and seven rebounds per game.

Left, sophomore De'Amber Brice was named to the All Region II Tournament team, and the All Region II and All Conference first teams.



Lady Mountaineers begin conference play



Above, freshman Connie Gilliland delivers a base hit during the Lady Mountaineers win against Rose State College. Gilliland went 1-for-3 from the plate in the Lady Mountaineer victory. Below, freshman pitcher Kaley Reding delivers a strike in the Lady Mountaineers home opener Mar. 15. The Lady Mountaineers won the contest against Rose State College 2-1. Reding pitched 7 innings picking up 7 strikeouts and allowing only 5 hits. Photo by Jamie Fink



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The Lady Mountaineers are off to a solid start this season. The Lady Mountaineers have hit mid-season stride as they are racking up key conference wins at home and on the road.

EASTERN- 2
ROSE STATE- 1

In the Lady Mountaineers first home game of the season, the softball team hooked up with Rose State College.

Rose State entered the contest posting a 10-8 overall record and looking to upset the Lady Mountaineers on the home opener. The Lady Mountaineers were primed to win their first home game of the season before a large crowd who came out in full force to cheer on the Lady Mountaineers.

Freshman pitcher, Kaley Reding, was on the mound for the Lady Mountaineers and was nearly untouchable for Eastern.

Reding went the full seven innings for the Lady Mountaineers, allowing Rose State to only plate one run and rack up five hits in the game.

Reding, however, was backed up with a strong offensive performance led by Monique Johnson, who went 2-for-3 from the plate and scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh inning off of Sophomore Daniela Castillo's game winning single.

The win improved the Lady Mountaineers to 7-12 on the season and gave them their first home win of the 2014 softball season.

The Lady Mountaineers dropped the doubleheader as Rose State was able to squeeze out the win 8-5.

EASTERN- 0
NEO A&M- 3

The Lady Mountaineers suffered their first doubleheader loss at the hands of the NEO Lady Norse on March 25.

The Lady Norse starting

pitcher, Kaitlin Davis, was able to keep the Lady Mountaineers off the bases as she only allowed two Eastern hits.

EOSC's inability to score proved to be its Achilles heel, as the Lady Norse scored only three runs to win the game.

Freshman Kaley Reding went the distance for the Lady Mountaineers. Reding allowed only five hits and racked up six strikeouts in the losing effort.

EASTERN- 3
SEMINOLE- 2

The Lady Mountaineers picked up another key victory, as they knocked off the Seminole State Lady Belles in extra innings. Seminole State entered the contest posting an 18-4 overall record, with an undefeated conference record of 8-0. That, however, would change by the end of the day.

The Lady Mountaineers came out with "guns firing," as they jumped on the Lady Belles 2-0, holding that score until the top of the sixth inning.

Seminole was then able to tie the game off of a two-run home-run. Eastern had two chances to regain the lead in regulation, but were unable to bring any around to score.

The ball game would enter extra innings where the Lady Mountaineers pulled out a win.

Meghan Dodson got the bottom of the inning started with a walk. Eastern continued to dominate, loading the bases after sophomores Ashley Jones and Katelyn White reached base back-to-back.

With the bases loaded and one out, freshman Hope Martin stepped to the plate and delivered the game winning RBI score.

The loss ruined Seminole's perfect conference record and helped close the gap between Seminole and the rest of the conference.

The Lady Mountaineers are on the road until 2 p.m. on April 8, when they host Western Oklahoma State College.