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"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that 'individuality' is the key to success."

~Robert Orben

"Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

~John Lennon

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EOSC opens doors to Denmark students

BY JAMIE FINK

Editor

This year the Eastern Honors Program took on several daunting tasks. These tasks gave Honor students the chance to have experiences things they never have the chance to have again, or even experiences they did not think they would get to experience at a small, rural junior college. One of the tasks the Honors Program took on was the planning and hosting a group of 25 international students from a small business college in Denmark.

During the first week of April, these 25 students visited the Eastern campus and the wonderful state of Oklahoma, for what seemed like to be fastest week of the year. "I was so surprised and pleased at how comfortable and happy these students were to be here," said Honors Director Ruth Askew-Brelsford. "I was pleased that they enjoyed all the events that we had planned for them during the week."

Eastern's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Stephen Glazier, along with a select few of Honors students and Mrs. Brelsford created a committee to help establish events and activities for these students to enjoy during the week. The students planned everything from the Oklahoma State Capitol Tour to the Shero Ranch and a repelling trip to Robber's Cave State Park in Wilburton.

The week the Danish students visited Eastern's main campus in Wilburton was perhaps the busiest week on campus for Honors students. Eastern's baseball and softball teams played four days that week, Eastern hosted their 5th annual Sapphire Ball, and more events were scheduled during the week.



Eastern recently hosted a group of 25 international students from Denmark while they experienced the life of an American college student and the state of Oklahoma. Pictured above, Danish and EOSC Honors students pose outside of the Choctaw capital in Tuskahoma during one of the events the Denmark Committee had planned. While the Danish students were here they were able to experience the cultural and history of Oklahoma by visiting the towns of Durant and Oklahoma City, and also traveling to other states including Texas and Arkansas. *Photos by Jamie Fink*

"I was proud of my Honors students, especially the three that helped serve on the Denmark Committee along with me: ESGA President Keifer Shearer, Carly Jones, Native American Engagement Center coordinator, and Dr. Glazier. I was proud of these students and their ability to be creative and help schedule these events and be able to be diverse and interact with school administration on what and what not they were going to be able to do with these Danish students," said Mrs. Brelsford.

Mrs. Brelsford always says that her main goal with all of her Honors students is for her students to be able to experience a bigger world. There is more to just Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas.

"As much as I was happy that the Danish students were able to learn and experience the life and culture of American college students and Oklahoma, my main goal was that my Honors students would take something away from this experience as well," said Brelsford.

One of the biggest challenges for the Honors students was the ability for them to interact and be able to build relationships with students and young adults their age who come from across the world, from a secular society, which is so different from what they have grown up in and learned in rural America.

This short week did so much more than just build relationships, teach students about international studies, and create

an organized chaos on campus.

"I feel that this program builds respect for Eastern Oklahoma State College not only in our community but also throughout the state of Oklahoma," said Brelsford. "This was a goal for Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith. This was an opportunity for Eastern to build international relationships for student exchanges."

If this program and relationship were to continue it would give Eastern the opportunity to offer students something not many other junior colleges in the state of Oklahoma can offer students. International exchanges are something many students dream about doing someday.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Spring Commencement

Eastern's Spring Commencement ceremonies have been set for May 9 in the C.C. Dunlap Field House on the Wilburton campus beginning at 7 p.m. However, ceremony festivities on the campus will begin at 5p.m. as there will be a free brisket dinner for all graduates and parents/family outside of the Student Center.

EOSC Bookstore sets buyback dates

The Eastern Bookstore has recently released its schedule for buyback week at all Eastern locations. Here are the dates and times for each location:

McAlester Campus

May 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. & May 15, 2014, 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Idabel Campus

May 15, 2014, 11:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Antlers Campus

May 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

EDITORIAL

Sometimes you must question authority

As I step down from my Editor position at the Statesman, I am saddened that my time here at Eastern Oklahoma State College is coming to an end. I have enjoyed these last two years of my life. I have gained many new friends, people I hope to continue to have relationships with and spend time with, even though, we will all soon be going on our own separate ways.

I have had the opportunity to be the student of many great teachers at Eastern, who have taught me many lessons that I will take with me on my travels into bigger universities and graduate school. This place has been home for the last two years, and now I'm moving on to bigger and brighter places.

I want to leave this school knowing I've made an impact, knowing I've changed things, knowing I've tried to ensure a better future for students to come. I would like to start off by saying that I do not regret a single thing I have done at Eastern. I do not regret

or wish I would have taken a different path with the editorials and stories I've written in my time as editor. Something was needed to be done and if I had to be the person to stand up and say something, so be it. There were many problems that students and even faculty and staff faced here at Eastern.

It's sad to think that some individuals were blinded to think that there was nothing wrong at this school or the facilities here on this campus. But yet, every time I wrote about whatever problem I decided to discuss that week, there was always swift response in trying to correct said problem.

It's easy to sit in a fancy office at a big desk all day promising students you are willing to work and compromise with them on the problems and issues they have, but it takes a much bigger and better person to get up from that desk and go out and interact with students and get those problems resolved.

If I had another year to stay at Eastern I would love it, but all good things come to an end. There are still many problems this school is going to have to secure before the next school year. I understand that we are in southeastern Oklahoma, money is scarce, but if nothing is accomplished soon the school is going to face many lawsuits and problems in the future. As many problems there are, this fate is inevitable. I wouldn't wish this upon the school but when you ignore what your students, faculty and staff are concerned with then you are somewhat deserving of it.

I hope that after I'm gone someone continues to carry on these editorials. I want someone who is willing to sacrifice free time to fight not only for their self, but for all the other students and faculty at Eastern.

I want someone who is willing to stand up to authority and make a change. There is a need for good, hard-working journalists who are

willing to get the true story to the public and let the truth be heard. However, this person doesn't have to be a part of this school paper to make difference. Any student at this school can make an impact at this college, you just have to be willing to stand up for what is right and for others.

-Jamie Fink, Editor

Clarification

In the Feb. 21 Editorial "Inside view of campus isn't picturesque," a photo of torn sheet-rock was from an unlocked storage room. At the time of publication, the room was being accessed by students of Johnston Hall, but has since been locked to the visitors of the residence hall. We regret if there was any miscommunication on the part of the Statesman.

EOSC joins Backpack Program to fight hunger

BY JAMIE FINK
Editor

There is a major problem coming to the forefront in the American news: child hunger and starvation. Childhood hunger in America is something many think actually cannot or is not able to happen in the land of endless opportunity, but the truth is it can and it does. Churches, schools, and even special organizations have been established to help fight childhood hunger in the United States.

Recently, Eastern Oklahoma State College joined forces with the First Methodist Church of Wilburton to help fight childhood hunger in the Wilburton

area. The Methodist church began, what they call, a Backpack Program at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

"We believe that no child should ever go hungry. Yet, many children are left without the nutrition they need on weekends and holiday breaks when school is not in session," said Susie Puckett, co-founder of the Wilburton Backpack Program. "By providing children who are at risk of hunger with a bag of nutritious food each Friday throughout the school year, the Backpack Program attempts to reduce this gap and help children return to school on Monday ready to learn."

One reason Ruth Askew-Brelsford, EOSC Honors Pro-

gram Director, was so enthusiastic about the Backpack Program and for her Honors students to invest time and energy in to this project is because the Wilburton area has many people fighting poverty and struggle to provide for their families on a daily basis. "I was excited when I heard about what this program and what Susie Puckett and Cathy Davis were trying to do for the town of Wilburton," said Brelsford. That's what I want my students and others to realize, this program was started by two women—two women, who saw children struggling to eat and stay healthy at home on the weekends."

"I felt that it was important for my Honors students to get

involved in this program because of our fall seminar class, in which we studied food. I am very into this whole experiential learning thing, but we also learned very distinct programs involving the food industry anywhere from obesity to food stamps," explained Brelsford.

This type of program and the college's honors students involvement gives college students the chance to give back. It gives them the chance to know what it feels like to make an impact in their community. It gives them the chance to have a sense of being able to help people without asking for anything in return.

Honors' Mentoring Program making a difference

BY JAMIE FINK
Editor

During the fall semester of the 2013 school year Eastern Honors students started the Mentoring Program at Panola Middle School.

The Mentoring Program was the idea of Honors Program two years ago. These students decided a program needed to be started in southeast Oklahoma after the Honors students hosted an Anti-Bullying campaign at the college. During Honors Program Director, Ruth Askew-Brelsford's seminar classes, students traveled into the four school districts surrounding Wilburton to host more anti-bullying campaigns.

This is where the students realized something needed to be done, something had to change, and this is just what the Honors students did. "My students began to do numerous follow-ups

with the schools and doing hours of countless research," said Brelsford.

These students were unafraid of the challenges there would be ahead. The students developed the idea of a mentoring program and how this mentoring program would be able to help students seeking help. "The process of doing this wasn't easy for my students," said Brelsford about her students and their hard work. "They had to give a proposal, come back with the critiques and continue doing hours of research, and return their findings back to the committee. It was such an educational experience for them."

Once the students had a final proposal, the proposal was taken to the school the students felt was in the most need of a mentoring program. The students chose Panola Middle School.

Panola is small town just west of Wilburton. "Panola is what we felt was a high risk school district, once we established the program our students began working with 18 eighth graders for an entire school year," said Brelsford.

This program gave many advantages to the college students who volunteered to work and mentor these middle school students. "I feel that these students developed communication and teaching skills, I also felt that were able to experience and learn things that they didn't think they were able to do before," said Brelsford.

"I feel that these students were able to take away many skills, I pushed these students to do things that they weren't comfortable doing in front of each other, let alone younger kids. It all paid off in the end for both our students and Panola's. It was

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RUTH ASKEW-BRELSFORD
HONORS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

gratifying when we got the evaluations of these students who said before their grades were D's and F's and know they are B's and C's, and to hear them say I'm actually thinking of going to college now. Those are the words you want to hear, those are the things that make all the hard work, research, and time spent doing this knowing it paid off."



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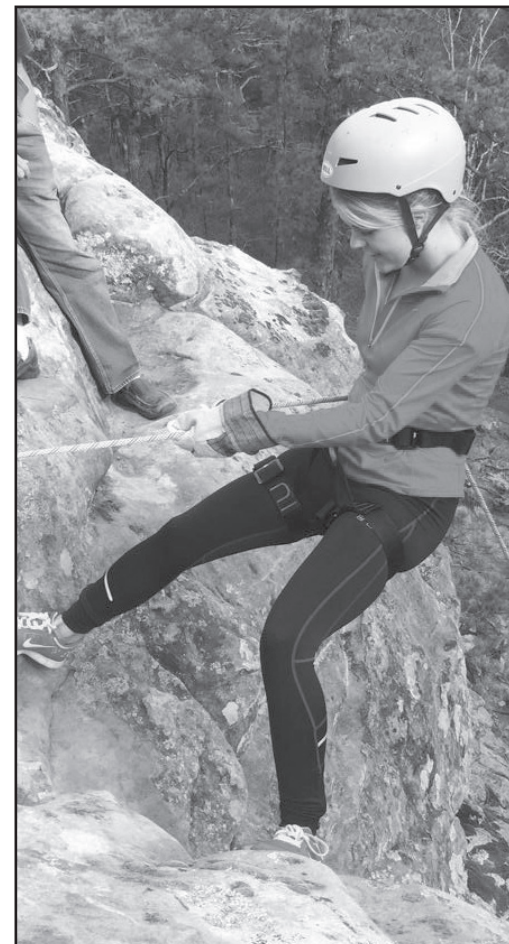
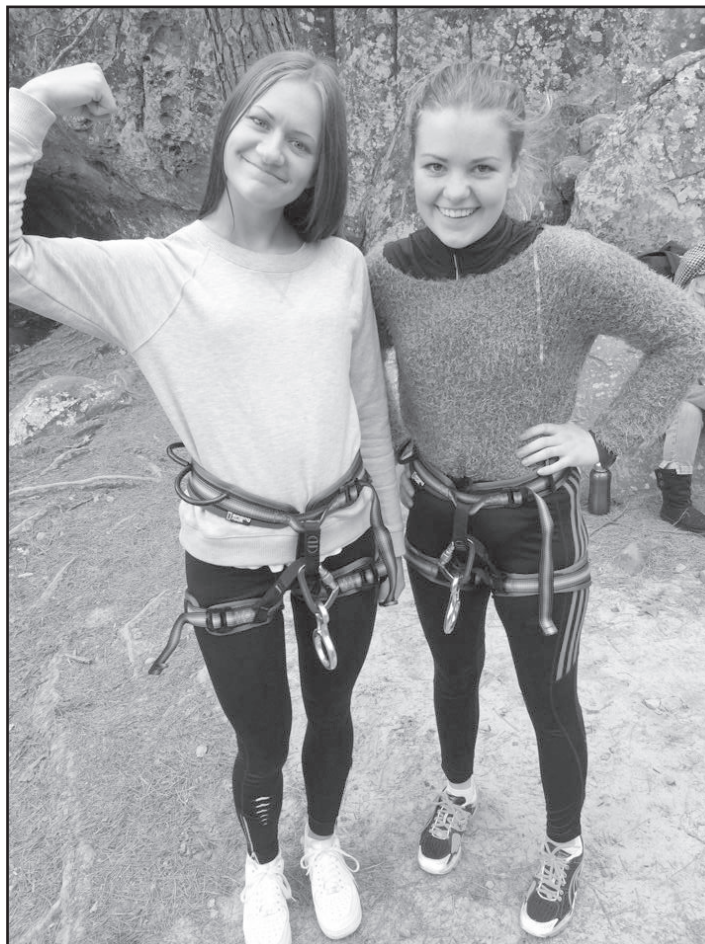
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"We are currently planning on our chance to experience the exchange. We are looking forward to being able to send students along with some advisors over to the Silkeborg Business College in Denmark," said Brelsford. "This is what this experience was all about, to give our students, our college, our community the ability to experience how diverse our world is, to build relationships, and to start an opportunity for growth, creative and critical thinking, and most of all learn."

Pictured left, Danish students Leonora Monse and Anee Keller pose before their turn to repel down the cliff. Pictured right, Danish student Mathilde Hejmdal, repels down the side of a cliff at Robber's Cave State Park in Wilburton. Photo by Jamie Fink



Students named to All-Oklahoma Academic Team, receive scholarships

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

Three Eastern Oklahoma State College students were recently recognized for their academic success at a special luncheon hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges at Rose State College.

Jeanette Gonzalez, a sophomore business administration major from Wilburton, and Chelsea Hofegartner, a sophomore forestry major from Canadian, were named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. Both students will receive an \$800 cash scholarship to attend Oklahoma State University next year.

The All-Oklahoma Academic Team is co-sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. Two students from each two-year college in Oklahoma are selected for the team based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community.

Gonzalez was also named a 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive an additional \$1,250 scholarship. Each year, community college students from across the nation compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze honors, with



50 scholarships available in each category. An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process. The program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

In addition, Courtney Wall, a freshman nursing major from Wilburton, was also honored with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges to use at Eastern for the 2014-2015 academic year.



Pictured above left, Eastern sophomore Jeanette Gonzalez of Wilburton, recently received two scholarships totaling \$2,050 at a special luncheon hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. Pictured top right, Eastern freshman Courtney Wall of Wilburton, recently received a \$1,000 scholarship. Pictured right, Eastern sophomore Chelsea Hofegartner of Harrah, was recently named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and received an \$800 cash scholarship. All three students were joined by Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith. *Submitted Photos*

OU professor and EOSC alumnus Dr. Grady C. Wray announced as commencement speaker



EOSC PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Grady C. Wray will return to his alma mater to deliver the keynote address at Eastern Oklahoma State College's Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 9 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.

Left, Dr. Grady Wray speaks during the dedication of the Johnnie Wray Theatre in 2013. Dr. Wray will deliver this year's commencement address at 7 p.m. May 9.

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.

Wray graduated with honors from Eastern in 1984. He is the son of the late Johnnie Wray, a longtime speech and debate instructor at Eastern. Last year, the college named a renovated theatre in Pratt Hall in her honor.

Wray is currently an associate professor of Latin-American Literature and Spanish at the University of Oklahoma. He teaches graduate courses in colonial Latin-American literature, as well as

undergraduate courses in Spanish conversation and Latin-American literature.

He joined the faculty of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics at OU in 2000. During his career, he has won numerous teaching awards including the Longmire Prize, the Cecil W. Woods Memorial Award and the University of Oklahoma Regent's Award for Superior Teaching. He is also a Who's Who Among America's Teachers Award recipient.

Wray earned a bachelor's and master's degree from OU and received his Ph.D. from Indiana University at Bloomington.

Joe Thomas: Educator, Coach, Referee and General

BY GUY FOLGER

Senior Staff Writer

David Joe Thomas was born August 20, 1931 in Buck Creek, Oklahoma. After graduating from Panama High School, he attended Carl Albert State College before transferring to Northeastern State University. In 1952, he graduated from Northeastern as a three-sport (football, basketball and baseball) letterman with a bachelor's degree in education.

While pursuing post-graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma, in 1953, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve. Upon graduation, he received a Master of Science degree in Secondary Administration and in 1955, was promoted to second lieutenant.

Thomas started his coaching and teaching profession at Spiro and later at Shawnee and Stigler before becoming Athletic Director and football coach at Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1962. Before coming to Eastern, he had entered the sports officiating arena (1958), as well.

In 1963, Dr. J.N. Baker, president of Eastern and a member of the Oklahoma National Guard, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. It was General/President Baker who encouraged Thomas to join the National Guard. He joined headquarters, First Battalion, 180th Infantry, as a captain.

The unit was reorganized, in 1968, as the 45th Military Police Battalion and in 1977, Thomas was selected as its commander. He held that position until 1979, when he was promoted to colonel and named the state guard provost marshal. Then, in 1980, he assumed command of the 45th Troop Command. With his promotion to Brigadier General in 1984, he became the Deputy Commander of State Area Command (STARC) with responsibil-

ity for units in 28 cities.

"He is a truly dedicated Guardsman and his desire to excel in his assignments is reflected in his being assigned as deputy commander of STARC," said the Adjutant General of Oklahoma, Maj. Gen. Robert Morgan of Thomas' career.

When Thomas retired from the National Guard in 1989, personnel of the 45th Infantry Division presented him with a "book of memories."

The book contained more than 70 congratulatory letters from the men and women of the division. The letters consistently referred to his leadership and guidance and his concern for the troops, describing him as the "Soldier's General."

Also referenced in the letters was the credo by which he lived and led, the words from a 1945 hit song, "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive." These words, "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch onto the affirmative," were repeated countless times, almost like a mantra.

While at Eastern, Thomas served as football coach, track coach, athletic director, physical education instructor and chairman of the Liberal Arts Division. In 1989, after 27 years at Eastern, he retired.

Joe Thomas, the sports official, served in the Oklahoma Collegiate Conference, Missouri Valley Conference and the Southwest Conference. In 1984, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association. And then, in 1996, shortly before his death, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Officials Association Hall of Fame.

Author's Note: While doing research for a previous article on Professor Margaret Sorrell, this year's Eastern Oklahoma State College Excellence in Teaching award recipient, I found that in-



General Joe Thomas began his career as the Athletic Director and football coach at Eastern Oklahoma A&M (now EOOSC) in 1962. While Thomas served with the National Guard and worked at Eastern, he also was a sports official for the Oklahoma Collegiate Conference, Missouri Valley Conference and the Southwest Conference.

formation about her father's military career was almost nonexistent. General Joe Thomas was nowhere to be found, not even in the 45th Infantry Division Museum archives.

"I could not find any records on Joe Thomas," said Mike Beckett, of the 45th museum staff.

"I went to the biography files and I went elsewhere. I remember General Thomas, back when I was a young second lieutenant, back in the 80's. I'm surprised there are no records in our archives concerning General Joe Thomas."

When I started this article, my

title was "Eastern, One of Our Generals is Missing." However, the more I learned about Joe Thomas, the more I felt that title to be a bit too flippant or irreverent. Brig. Gen. Joe Thomas was, and still is, deserving of admiration and respect, a man that I would have been proud to know.

Phi Beta Lambda wins at state competition

SUBMITTED REPORTS

EOSC's Phi Beta Lambda members attended the PBL State Leadership Conference in Stillwater on March 27-29 at Oklahoma State University. The chapter received the Silver Chapter Award, along with the Going Green, Public Relations, and Make a Difference awards.

The chapter also submitted a Local Chapter Annual Business Report and earned 2nd place. Individual members also received awards for their hard work. Jeanette Gonzalez received 1st place in Telephone Etiquette and 2nd place in Computer Applications. Aaron Boggs received 3rd place in Impromptu Speaking and received the Make a Difference Award. Jenna Mabry received 3rd place in Word Processing.

Because of these accomplishments, the chapter will be eligible for the PBL National Competition this summer in Nashville, Tenn.

EOSC's PBL members are proud of the accomplishments of the chapter and these members.

If you are interested in or



would like to join PBL this fall, please see Advisors Mrs. Amanda Smith or Mr. Kaben Smallwood.

Eastern announces 2014-2015 ESGA officers

BY SHARELL COLLINS

Staff Writer

In a year where student and administration relationships seemed to be at a stalemate, students showed how little involvement they wanted to have when ESGA elections approached.

There were very few students who turned out to campaign or vote for next year's student officers. In fact, only two students actually ran and were on the official ballot this year. Because of the low turnout for candidates, none of the positions were opposed, so each student who ran for office won by default. The other three offices were filled after the official election was held.

Your student officers for the 2014-2015 school years are as



ESGA Pres. Rebekah McIntosh



ESGA VP Jace Newby

follows:

President- Rebekah McIntosh
Vice President- Jace Newby

Secretary- Jackson Ferguson
Treasurer- Lucas Adams
Reporter - Sarai (Katie) Voorhees

25 things you didn't know about Eastern staff and faculty

Keith Lewis

BY SHARELL COLLINS

Staff Writer

Instead of just doing a regular profile on some of our faculty and staff, we have decided to ask them for a list of 25 things that most people do not know about them.

For this issue, I talked to Eastern's Multimedia Communication Manager, Keith Lewis and asked for his top 25 things most people do not know about him.

Keith plans to retire from Eastern in the spring of 2015. Here is his reply:

1. Keith was in the military from 1971-1974.
2. He was a student at EOSC from 1975-1977.
3. He was raised in Louisiana.
4. Has been to Canada 2 times.
5. Loves college football but hates professional football.
6. Likes cats but is also allergic to them.
7. He makes jewelry.
8. Works on live TV at church on Sundays.
9. Likes spelunking.
10. Has been at EOSC for nearly 40 years.
11. Can only see out of one eye.
12. Has been working with electronics since 1967.
13. Drinks yoo-hoo.
14. Used to play racquetball.
15. Been married for over 40 years.
16. Rode his motorcycle up the stairs in his high school.
17. Was expelled from school for having long sideburns.
18. Had a heart attack at the age of 48.
19. His favorite person is Dana.
20. He does landscaping.
21. His favorite TV show is Bones.
22. Loves shrimp, crawfish, and frog legs.
23. Works 14 hour days.
24. Thought about going into Archaeology instead of Media.
25. Listens to KLOVE.

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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Jones and Walker receive Larry Stone Awards

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

The late Larry Stone of Jay was a popular two-sport athlete at Eastern Oklahoma State College in the early 1960s. He played football and basketball for the Wilburton community college and was known for his unselfish attitude and commitment to his team. It is this lasting impression that has prompted a group of his former college teammates and classmates to honor his legacy for the past 47 years.

Since 1967, a group of Eastern alumni and friends have gathered at the college to present the Larry Stone Award to a male and female student athlete who exemplifies the same characteristics Stone was known for. Stone, a Marine lieutenant, was killed in combat while on patrol in Vietnam.

Eastern sophomores Ashley Jones of Midwest City and Nick

Walker of Sallisaw were selected for the 2014 Larry Stone Award on the basis of their overall contributions to the spirit of athletics and their demonstration of teamwork, determination, unselfishness and citizenship. Stone's brother, Terry Stone, and sister, Sherri Stone Frederick, helped Eastern alumnus and former teammate, Dr. Henry Migliore, present the awards.

Jones will graduate this spring with a degree in general studies and an overall grade point average of 3.97. She has played softball for the Lady Mountaineers for two years and was named to First Team All-Region after hitting 24 home runs last season, a new Eastern record. During her time at Eastern, Jones has been named to the President's Honor Roll every semester, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and currently serves as presi-

dent of the Honors Program. She has served on the planning committee for the recent Danish student exchange program, the Recycling Carnival, Halloween Carnival and Book Parade. She also serves as a math tutor. Jones plans to continue her education and play softball at the university level next year.

Walker will also graduate this spring with a degree in math and a 4.0 grade point average. He has played baseball for the Mountaineers for the past two years. He has consistently been named to the President's Honor Roll and is in the Honors Program, where he also helped plan the Danish student exchange program. Walker is also involved with programs at his home church in Sallisaw. He plans to attend a four-year institution in the fall to pursue a degree in physical therapy.



Eastern sophomores Ashley Jones and Nick Walker (center) received the Larry Stone Award for their overall contributions, teamwork and citizenship. The award is named after the late Larry Stone who played football and baseball at Eastern in the early 1960s. Presenting the award are Stone's siblings Sherri Stone Frederick (far left) and Terry Stone (far right) and Eastern alumnus and former teammate Dr. Henry Migliore (back). *Submitted Photo*

Eastern players named NJCAA All-Americans

EOSC PRESS RELEASE

Two Eastern Oklahoma State College basketball players have been awarded All-American honors by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Sophomore De'Amber Brice of Denton, Tex. was named a Second-Team All-American.

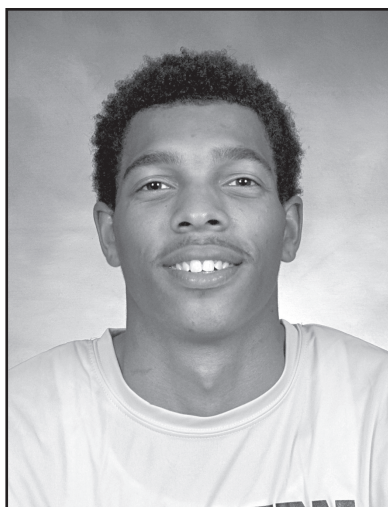
Brice averaged 16.8 points, 10 rebounds and five steals per game last season. She was named to the All-Region II Tournament Team after averaging 24 points per game during the tournament. In addition, she earned first team All-Region II and All-Conference honors while finishing second in the nation in steals. She has



De'Amber Brice

signed to play basketball next year at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Tex.

Sophomore Devaughn Purcell of Orlando, Fla. earned Honorable Mention All-American honors. He averaged 20.9 points



DeVaughn Purcell

and 5.5 rebounds per game this season. He was named to the All-Region II and All-Conference first team. Purcell has signed to continue his academic and basketball career at Illinois State University in Norman, Ill.



Every year, Eastern Oklahoma State College recognizes one outstanding athlete in every sport offered by the college. This year's recipients are pictured above from left to right: De'Amber Brice, women's basketball; DeVaughn Purcell, men's basketball; Kaley Reding, softball; and Courtney Price, cheerleading. *Submitted Photo*

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