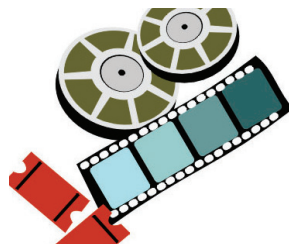


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"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games.

26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed.

I've failed over and over and over again in my life.

And that is why I succeed."

~ Michael Jordan

"Mentors provide professional networks, outlets for frustration, college and career counseling, general life advice, and most importantly, an extra voice telling a student they are smart enough and capable enough to cross the stage at graduation and land their first paycheck from a career pathway job.

~ Gerald Chertavian

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Students visit Capitol for Higher Ed Day



Former Oklahoma governor and Eastern alumnus, George Nigh, speaks to a group of distinguished Eastern alumni, students and staff.

Wyatt Stanford
Staff Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Members of the Eastern Student Government, traveled to Oklahoma City on Feb. 10 to visit with senators and representatives and hear speeches by several legislators. This event, Higher Education Day, is held every year to rally support for education beyond high school.

Before going to the Capitol, the group had lunch with several distinguished Eastern alumni, including former governor George Nigh as well as Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Tom Colbert.

At the Capitol, students from every major college and university visited sena-

tors and representatives from all over Oklahoma. Eastern students passed out beef jerky made by Eastern's Meat Processing Department.

Afterward, students were led to the House Chambers to hear speeches made by Gov. Mary Fallin; former CEO and president of Lockheed Martin, Norm Augustine; Lieutenant Gov. Todd Lamb; Speaker of the House Jeff Hickman; and student speakers Austin Carroll of Rose State College and Stacy Hill of Cameron University.

The speeches made by Gov. Fallin, Lt. Governor Lamb, and Augustine all stressed the importance of having a college degree.

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COACHING ACHIEVEMENT



Long-time Eastern coach, Andy Mace, celebrates his 600th career softball victory, after the Lady Mountaineer softball team downed Independence Community College 9-1 on Feb. 10. Mace is beginning his 48th year of coaching and his 16th at the helm of the Lady Mountaineer softball team. Mace has guided the Lady Mountaineer softball program to four Region II Championships and four NJCAA national tournament berths, finishing as high as 5th out of 16 teams who qualified, twice: 1997 (39-13 record) 1998 (46-5 record) 2005 (48-22 record) 2006 (63-10 record). The 63-10 team won more games than any college softball OR baseball team in America in 2006. *Graphic by Danel Walker*

Career fair aims to attract EOSC students

STUDENT SUCCESS Fair will offer networking opportunities for Eastern students who attend

Jordan Allen
Staff Writer

Academic support, tutoring and counseling are all offered by Student Support Services and on March 4, the department will add Career Fair to its list of services. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, Student Support Services will host the fair that appeals to Eastern students.

"We want to expose the students to as many people in the workforce that we can," Student Support Services counselor Kinya Meineke commented.

Meineke adds that people in fields such as dental hygiene, insurance, real estate, nursing and other

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Student Success Center workshops scheduled

Student Success Center/Student Support Services (SSC/SSS) program participants: The required workshops for the Grant Aid Scholarship will be offered on Blackboard only during the following dates:

Mar 1-9

Mar 29-Apr 6

SSC/SSS participants will need to contact Kathy Howe in Johnston 118 or at khowe@eosc.edu to get enrollment instructions to do the workshops. These workshops will close at 11:59 p.m. of the last day.

Participants will not be eligible to apply for the Grant Aid Scholarship without completing both workshops and having at least one other contact with our program.

For those who completed only one workshop last semester or during the last session, let me know that you did that and I will send you the correct workshop for you to complete.

Join the Statesman

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

Story ideas?

Contact the Statesman at statesman@eosc.edu

Former student killed in Latimer County accident

Chelsie Peckio
Editor

Callie Morris, a former student of Eastern Oklahoma State College, was found dead near Buffalo Valley in Latimer County on Sunday Feb. 1. She was reported as missing on Jan. 29 after leaving nursing school in Hot Springs, Ark. en route to her parents home in McAlester.

When she went missing, a large Facebook campaign sparked across Oklahoma and Arkansas, with photos of Callie, detailing what she was driving,

when she went missing, etc.

Her last known location had been near Whitesboro at around 6:30 p.m.. Reports indicate that the body was found inside a truck under a bridge. Reports also indicate that she was still wearing her seatbelt.

The day Callie's body was found the family released a statement saying, "Today has been one of the saddest days in our families' life. Our hearts are deeply grieved. Callie was unique. She was compassionate, kind, a servant. Someone so accurately said, 'to know her is to love her' and our family wasn't

the only ones who did. Over the last four days, our family has experienced and been overwhelmed by an outpouring of love, support, various acts of kindness, generous giving and prayers from friends and people we have never or may never get the privilege of meeting. We are incredibly thankful for each and every text, call, prayer, and thoughtful act that was done."

"Callie Morris was with us for just one year, but I was always so impressed by her dedication both to her classes and to her fellow man," Ruth Brelsford, director of the Eastern Honors Program

said.

"It wasn't a surprise to me at all to find out that she was a nursing student, and she always had such a discipline and dedication, and yet, a sweet demeanor.

"I remember her very fondly. She was very active in Honors. Her love of other people and God was just very special."

A GoFundMe account has been set up in Morris' name in order to help her family offset costs associated with her funeral. If you would like to donate, visit www.gofundme.com/186t60.

American hero will share his story at Eastern

Retired U.S. Army Major Ed Pulido has been described as a real American hero. His story of courage and sacrifice after a devastating injury while on duty in Iraq, as well as his mission to assist veterans will be the focus of Eastern Oklahoma State College's 11th Julian J. Rothbaum Distinguished Lectureship Series.

"Challenge, Triumph and Change: The Major Ed Pulido Story" will be presented on March 25 at 11 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Pulido, a 19-year veteran with the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve 75th Division, is the senior vice president of the Folds of Honor Foundation, a veteran's charity which provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled during service.

He is also a founding member of Warriors for Freedom Foundation, a leadership institute focused on the mental, physical and wellness support of wounded veterans and their families.

On Aug. 17, 2004, Pulido was seriously injured when he hit an improvised explosive device (IED), or roadside bomb, while serving in Iraq. Due to the extensive injuries to his knee, doctors had to amputate his left leg.

During his time in the hospital, Pulido experienced depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and suicidal ideation that would cripple his positive spirit.

Pulido says he eventually triumphed, but the experience changed him. He felt he now had a true mission: to serve other wounded veterans with their ongoing needs and raise awareness about the sacrifices made to keep our nation

whole.

"I was given a second chance to do something bigger than myself," said Pulido. "Before Aug. 17, 2004, I wasn't educated about how important it was to have a purpose or a passion. But God tested me that day, gave me hope and another chance to do something really worthwhile.

"Our veterans know what we can accomplish on the world stage, but they also want opportunities – to work, be productive and not be patronized or relegated to the notion they have returned home as damaged goods, Pulido said.

"Through my personal story, I want to help them reach their goals so that when they encounter their own set of challenges, they can also experience their own triumph and change."

Pulido was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, and Joint Service Commendation and Achievement Medals for his heroism and valor.

He is a national and global spokesperson for Acadia HealthCare, Department of Defense and VA Real Warriors National Campaign and he is on the State Board of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services with a mission to address the mental health needs of returning service members, veterans and their families.

The Rothbaum Lectureship Series was created with a \$25,000 gift from the late Julian J. Rothbaum, a Hartshorne native and Tulsa attorney.

Once matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the gift became a \$50,000 endowment to fund the lectureship series that is designed to help Eastern bring recognized authorities to campus to address issues of public affairs



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at the national, state or local level.

Rothbaum was a longtime oilman, banker, lawyer, philanthropist and former member of the Oklahoma State

Regents for Higher Education. He was a strong advocate for higher education and remained an integral part of politics and public affairs during his life.



Eastern students and staff who attended Higher Ed Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol included: Rebekah McIntosh, Jace Newby, Jackson Ferguson, Ronan Cloud, Brekke Gammon, Amanda Self, Kelsey Brown, Brandon Green, Brittanie Barnard, Wyatt Stanford, Byjou Vaughn, Shaquille Carter-Tucker, Greg Warren and Dr. Stephen Glazier.

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They also talked about current job trends and where the future is going in terms of number of jobs that will require a college degree. According to Gov. Fallin, more than two-thirds of jobs in the state will require at least an associate's degree. The final speakers, Austin Carroll and Stacy Hill, made impassioned requests that the state continue to invest in Higher Education. College degree completion has risen over the past five years and is forecasted to rise again this year.



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medical professionals, as well as business owners and sheriff and fire departments, will be in attendance to speak with Eastern students.

"I want students to understand that this is a networking opportunity," added Meineke.

The Office of Student Support Services and the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families programs are part of the Student Success Center.

Located on the first floor of Johnston, the center offers support for all students seeking to improve their academic skills.

"Student Support Services is a wonderful program," Meineke commented.

"I love working with SSS participants because it allows me to become their advocate — their own personal cheerleader.

"I always tell new students that Student Support Services is who I work for, but I need students like you to SUPPORT. Many of our students are first generation and low

income.

"We try to offer them support in many different capacities to help them succeed. The SSS staff each provides a special talent that our students can utilize. From tutoring, study skills, to personal and academic advisement those are just a few of our services.

"Time and time again, I have had students say I was ready to give up, but SSS gave the support to keep going. Knowing that a void as simple as listening was filled that helped a student graduate is very rewarding.

"We are here for the students. They need us and we need them. That makes a great partnership. TRiO and SSS Works and I am proud to be a part of it at EOSC."

For general information and for specific help with writing, contact the center. For more information on Student Support Services contact the Director, Sue Lovett, at 918.465.1823 or slovett@eosc.edu.

Brandon Green contributed to this article.

The Student Success Center and Academic & Career Advisement Offices will be sponsoring a

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Incorporating spring's fashion trends into every wardrobe

Chelsie Peckio
Editor

After New York Fashion Week, many blogs and publications are abuzz with the new spring trends that were displayed. Although many runway trends are difficult to pull off and not practical for everyday life, there are many trends that can be incorporated into even the most basic wardrobes to make them reminiscent of the high fashion world.



Gingham print was a big trend at fashion week, and although you might not want to go all out with the full-length gingham dresses displayed, there are many other ways to wear gingham. A button down shirt in gingham print can look cute paired with jeans, or even tucked into a pencil skirt.

Clothing reminiscent of the 70s was also a profound trend at fashion week, and many clothing companies that are accessible to everyone have picked up on this. You can purchase a pair of flared pants that are similar to the famous

seventies bell bottom style at many stores including American Eagle, this paired with a peasant top can instantly transport you back into seventies style while still keeping it modern.

High necklines were a big trend at NY fashion week this spring, and collared shirts and shirts with turtlenecks can help you achieve this high fashion look. Pairing a high-collared top with a statement necklace can help give you a New York flare here in Oklahoma.

Floral and abstract animal prints were also big on display on the runways. Although many of us don't want to go head to toe in a dress covered in tiger, it can be easy to bring prints like floral and animal into your wardrobe. Pick one piece of an outfit to have the desired print, such as a top, and then pair it with a solid piece that is in the same color scheme to go with that. This will allow you to have a pop of print without it being overwhelming.

New York Fashion Week is an exciting time for many people who keep up to date with different trends and seasons of fashion, and it can provide many of us with the inspiration we need to revamp our wardrobe for the season.

Nintendo releases new 3DS

Robert Bedford
Staff Writer

Many people know of the game company Nintendo and their famous 3DS systems, but coming Feb. 13 they will be bringing a new member into this family of systems.

The new 3DS will be coming in two variations, the XL, and the normal size. Both are of similar size to the current kinds of 3DS, except the normal variety are slightly heavier than the XL's.

An interesting point about the new models is that they will both feature a slightly increased battery capacity in comparison with the older models.

The 3D effect has also been worked

on in the new models, with a small extra camera being added to the front of the unit to track the user's head movements and create a better 3D effect even if the user is viewing it from the side.

The new models of 3DS sport a better CPU, enabling them to compute faster, including the loading time on games. This means that in the coming months there will be several games out that make use of this and will only be compatible with the new models.

If one wishes to get their hands on a new 3DS XL (which is the only model they are releasing in North America), they can do so starting Feb. 13, at the price of \$200.

The Dead delivers 'killer' premiere

ENTERTAINMENT Mid-season premiere of The Walking Dead shocks viewers

Robert Bedford
Staff Writer

The mid-season opener for "The Walking Dead" was a real doozy, and the reader should be forewarned that this review will contain spoilers, so read at your own risk if you have not seen the episode yourself yet.

This episode begins with the group deciding to take the new character, Noah, back to his home in Richmond, Virginia, in honor of Beth because she wanted to return him home. After Beth's death at the end of the last episode, everyone is in agreement on this matter. The episode also starts by showing a funeral, presumed to be Beth's.

Rick's group of survivors finally

comes upon Richmond and the gated community that Noah used to live in.

The community is in ruins, and so the group decides to scavenge for supplies while Noah grieves in the street. Tyreese tries his best to console Noah, but the mourning Noah runs to his house and the two of them find the remains of Noah's family.

While looking at pictures on the wall, Tyreese is bitten by one of Noah's younger siblings who was turned into a walker. As Noah runs for help Tyreese goes through hallucinations of several deceased members of the group and even the Governor.

These hallucinations try and tell him that it's alright to let go while the Governor goads him on and tries to point out his failings. In the end, the group is

too late to save Tyreese from blood loss, despite having amputated his affected arm. The funeral from the beginning of the episode is revealed to be Tyreese's.

All in all, this episode was a mix of emotions from beginning to end. The viewer is led to believe we are seeing Beth's funeral in the beginning, and we are still torn over her death. Upon seeing the remains of Noah's town, we are filled with dread that the group will have to continue on a journey for safety.

With Tyreese being bitten the viewer is immediately put into a state of shock and dismay that such a peaceful character could die. Tyreese's funeral just puts matters into perspective that this show will trick and play with the viewer's emotions.

"The Walking Dead" airs at 8 p.m. Sundays on AMC.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Spring Break is just weeks away — follow these tips to stay safe

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Are you ready for Spring Break?

Spring Break can be a time for rest and relaxation away from the rigors of college life. Here are some tips for staying safe during your vacation.

- Make sure your friends and relatives know where you are vacationing, your departure and return dates, and your specific itinerary.

- Before driving to your destination, have your vehicle checked by a mechanic to ensure it can make a long trip.

- Always keep your vehicle

doors locked.

- Avoid carrying or displaying large amounts of cash.

- Go out with friends you know and trust and stick together as a group.

- Watch out for your friends and ask that they watch out for you. Make it a rule to never leave without anyone you came with.

- Don't drink and drive and always wear your seatbelt.

- Walk in well lit areas.

- Carry your cell phone at all times.

Before traveling abroad, check out the Department of Homeland Security's website www.dhs.gov for travel warnings

and regulations for International travel.

Some other options for a school-free week include:

- Relaxing and catching up on some much needed R&R.

- Reconnecting with your family.

- Volunteering or going on a mission trip.

- Job shadowing a professional in your field of study.

Hope you have a safe and relaxing Spring Break.

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Theatre Eastern presents Commedia Tales of King Arthur

Jordan Allen
Staff Writer

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! It's time for Theatre Eastern's annual children's show. This year the show being performed is "The Commedia Tales of King Arthur."

The romance of this Arthurian legend meets the pageantry of commedia dell'arte. With their characteristic mix of fancy and frolic, Columbine, Arlequin, Punchin and Rosetta retell the golden legends of Arthur and his court, including Merlin, Guinevere, knights, dragons and ogres.

Performed entirely by young adults, this production is sure to charm those of all ages. Eastern students portraying these actors are Kaylinn Dawson as Rosetta, Jordan Simpson as Punchin, Hannah Truitt as Arlequin, and ReAnna Morgan as Columbine.

"Acting in 'The Commedia Tales' has been very different to what I've become accustomed to, and some of the movements feel almost comical," Kaylinn Dawson commented.

"This experience has been the best I've ever had, and I'm happy this play was my first large role."

The title, Commedia dell'arte (or "Comedy of the profession"), means unrecorded or improvised drama. This irregular species had a long life in Italy, most likely of about 400 years (from the 14th to the 18th century), but it thrived especially in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Of course in actual practice, the play was not, in any sense, the result of the moment's inspiration. The subject was chosen; the characters conceived and named, their relations to one another determined and the situations clearly



outlined, all beforehand. The material was divided into acts and scenes, with a prologue.

The situations were made flawless, together with the turn of action and the outcome of each scene. When this general outline was satisfactorily filled out, there was left an opportunity for actors to heighten, vary, and enhance their parts as their genius might suggest.

The need for smoothness, constant surprise, clarity, and wit called forth theatrical abilities that had been unknown to the medieval stage. The Commedia dell'arte introduced the professional actor into Europe.

Eastern produces four plays every year. One show usually involves a piece of theatre history to help students with

things they are learning in their theatre classes.

This play not only fits the theatre history slot, but also the children's show.

"Children's theatre is great because we are able to extend exposure and interest in theatre to a new generation of students," said Marshall Carby, EOSC theatre director and humanities instructor.

"The Commedia Tales of King Arthur" will be running from Feb. 16 through Feb. 20 with a special student showing the night of Feb. 20.

For more information on "The Commedia Tales of King Arthur" or Theatre Eastern, contact Carby, Head of at mcarby@eosc.edu.



Business club models situation appropriate clothing in 'Dress for Success' fashion show

Eastern Oklahoma State College's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda hosted a Dress for Success fashion show and clothing drive in the 2014-2015 school year.

The organization wants to focus on bringing attention to things often overlooked by college students, such as the way they are dressed for interviews, presentations, and meetings with different officials.

PBL wants to bring attention to the skills that will not only be useful in the

college setting but also very important in the real world. Instilling these business skills that will carry over into real job experiences is something that they want to reinforce.

As an organization that focuses on business and leadership skills, PBL wants to raise awareness of professionalism in an organization.

Professionalism starts with how you present yourself to other people. In a business setting, first impressions mean a lot.

PBL hosted the Dress for Success Fashion show, where they showed different types of dress for different situations in business for both men and women.

There are still professional clothes available for those who have a need for them. F

or more information about dressing for success, Phi Beta Lambda, or anything else mentioned contact Amanda Smith at asmith950@eosc.edu.



Eastern's annual Sapphire Ball scholarship fundraiser set for Feb. 28

Eastern Oklahoma State College will host its sixth annual Sapphire Ball on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Student Center Ballroom in Wilburton. The annual black-tie event honors supporters of the college while raising funds for student scholarships.

In addition to the annual awards presentations for outstanding alumni, community supporters and employee's, the event will feature dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, and a performance by the Eastern Expressions. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Treva Kennedy, Eastern's director of Institutional Advancement, said 100 percent of the event's proceeds go directly to the Sapphire Scholarship Fund.

"The Sapphire Ball is not only a fun evening, but the funds raised during the event help Eastern students continue their education," Kennedy said. "In the past three years, our supporters have raised nearly \$31,000 for student scholarships during this event. We hope to continue that growth for the sake of our students."

During the evening, Eastern President Dr. Stephen E Smith will honor four individuals and one organization that have been instrumental to the success of the college.

Dr. Marsha Gore (Class of 1974)

and Dr. William Brewer (Class of 1958) will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves professionally and through service to the college.

A career educator and community volunteer, Gore has served as the superintendent of McAlester Public Schools since 2011. Throughout her career in education, she has either taught, led as an administrator or developed curriculum for high schools, community colleges and universities in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. She is also an active community volunteer, serving on the boards of the EOSC Foundation, McAlester Boys and Girls Club, and the Southeastern OK Interlocal Cooperative Board. Last year, Gore was one of two Oklahoma superintendents chosen as a "Future Ready Superintendent" and attended President Barack Obama's Future Ready Summit at the White House. While there, she was one of six U.S. superintendents chosen to review the national technology plan.

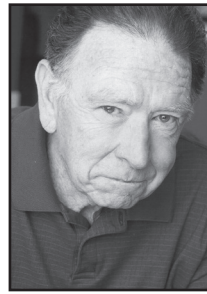


Dr. Marsha Gore

Brewer, who lives in Yukon, has enjoyed a diverse and exciting career since graduating from Eastern in 1958. Brewer began his career as a speech teacher for Midwest City Public Schools before earning his doctor

of dentistry in 1968. Brewer also served 20 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Colonel and commanding the Dental Group Level Headquarters Unit. After 40 years of private practice, Brewer retired from dentistry and began a career as a voice and stage actor. He has appeared in several short films, television commercials and theater productions, as well as performed voiceovers for numerous television and radio commercials. He has also led more than 25 medical construction teams to all the countries in Central America as well as Vieques Islands, Puerto Rico and Alaska.

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Railroad (A-OK Railroad) will receive the Community Spirit Award for outstanding support and



Dr. William Brewer

service to Eastern and the Wilburton community. A-OK Railroad began operating in Wilburton in 1996 with six employees. The company has grown to 51 employees and operates 127 miles of railroad.

Owners David and Patricia Donley have been long-time supporters of many community organizations, including Eastern, Wilburton Public Schools, the Wilburton Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, the Fire Department and local churches.

The President's Excellence in Teaching Award will be presented to Marilyn Duncan, dean of Eastern's behavioral and social sciences division. A Muskogee native, Duncan has taught at Eastern for

40 years and has been named "Teacher of the Year" on six occasions. She was inducted into the Muskogee Service Leagues Hall of Fame and is an active member of the national service sororities, Delta Sigma Theta and Phi Delta Kappa. During her tenure at East-



Marilynn Duncan

ern, Duncan has served on numerous academic and faculty committees, sponsored the student psychology/sociology club and NAACP student organization, and is a former board member for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), an organization that supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children.

Karen Darby of McAlester will receive the J.C. Hunt Award for staff excellence. A 1997 Eastern graduate, Darby joined Eastern during her final semester of college as the administrative assistant to the Nursing Department. In 2001, Darby became a recruiter for Eastern, working with high school students in search of higher education possibilities. She is also an advocate for nontraditional adult students who aspire to get a degree later in life, as she did. Darby currently serves on the Advisory Board for Adult Education and the Advisory Counsel for Eastern Student Success.



Karen Darby



Oklahoma State Department of Health encourages vaccinating for measles

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is urging all Oklahomans to ensure that household members and loved ones are vaccinated against measles.

Although Oklahoma has no reported measles cases in 2015, the OSDH is encouraging preventative measures and reminding everyone vaccination is the best way to protect against measles.

In 2014, the United States saw 644 cases of measles, the most cases since measles was eliminated in 2000. As of Feb. 6, there have been 121 people from 17 states reported to have measles.

"One out of 10 Oklahoma toddlers has not received the first dose of measles vaccine," said Dr. Terry Cline, Com-

missioner of Health.

"We strongly recommend that parents make sure their children receive the first dose of measles vaccine on time. These toddlers who haven't received the vaccine are at risk for measles. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to be vaccinated against measles."

Measles can be prevented by the combination MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. Toddlers can receive MMR as soon as they reach their first birthday. Public health officials recommend all children receive two doses of MMR vaccine, with the first dose at 12 to 15 months of age, and a booster at 4 to 6 years of age.

Oklahoma state law requires measles vaccine for all children attending

childcare and school in Oklahoma.

Adults born in 1957 or later who have not already been vaccinated should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease which starts with a mild to moderate fever, runny nose, red eyes, and cough. A few days later, a rash appears starting at the top of the forehead spreading to the rest of the body accompanied by a fever that can reach up to 105 degrees.

Measles can lead to pneumonia and other complications, especially in young children and adults over 20.

The disease can also cause serious problems in pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems. People with measles can spread the virus up to four days before the onset of

the rash until four days after the rash starts. Anyone who suspects they may have measles should contact a healthcare provider immediately.

Those who are planning on traveling internationally, or to an area where a measles outbreak is occurring, should receive an MMR vaccine prior to travel to protect them from getting the disease.

MMR vaccine is available for no charge for children who do not have insurance, children whose insurance doesn't cover vaccines, those eligible for SoonerCare and Native American children at local county health departments.

Some county health departments also have the MMR vaccine available for children with insurance. It is im-

"One out of 10 Oklahoma toddlers has not received the first dose of measles vaccine."

portant to bring an insurance card. Check with a local county health department for more information. For additional questions about the measles vaccine, contact a healthcare provider or a local county health department. For more information about measles, please visit the OSDH Acute Disease Service website at www.ok.gov/health.

Would you like to see your club featured? Contact us: statesman@eosc.edu



Raquel Grant goes up for two as NEO defenders close in on her. Grant led Eastern's scoring with 38 points and 13 rebounds in the Lady Mountaineers' double-overtime loss to NEO Feb. 17.

Lady Mountaineers lose in 2 OTs

Derek Hatridge
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In a game of rapid fire shooting and hot streaks, only one team was able to outlast the other just long enough for the win. Unfortunately for Eastern women's basketball, they were on the wrong end of a buzzer beater.

The Lady Mountaineers battled with Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Feb. 17, but the double overtime thriller ended with NEO on top, defeating Eastern 77-75.

EOSC started hot out of the gate, easily gaining a 12-2 lead in the early parts of the first half. The ladies from NEO, however, were able to rally back from the deficit to tie the ballgame. From then on, every time the Lady Mountaineers seemed to pull away, NEO propelled themselves right back into the game.

At halftime, both teams found themselves locked in a neck-and-neck contest at 30 points apiece. Coming out of the locker room for the second half, each team with spirited fire anew, fought for the upper hand.

Raquel Grant, determined to push

her team forward, led the charge for Eastern. The sophomore seemed to assert her presence in all aspects of the game and ended up charting an all-star stat line of 38 points, 13 rebounds and five steals. However, her efforts weren't enough as NEO's Asia McCaskill drilled a three-pointer near the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime period, both teams traded shots and the lead. McCaskill picked up her fifth and final foul, effectively taking NEO's best shooter off the floor. Eastern pulled to a three-point lead once again, with only seconds left and seemed destined for the win. But Kamry Chamberlain became the hero for NEO once again, draining another triple to tie the game at the end of overtime.

The second overtime was much of the same, with each team scoring often. But NEO nicked in a layup to take the 77-75 lead with just seconds remaining. The Lady Mountaineers ended up taking the ball in bounds and heaving a prayer shot from half court, but it wouldn't be enough as the clock expired.

Grant led all scorers, followed by



Tyler Hamilton has looks to pass from the wing during the Lady Mountaineers' double-overtime loss to NEO.

Tanjinique Ajeto with 10 points, six boards and Asia Booker with nine points, five rebounds and five steals. NEO was led by McCaskill with 13 points and six rebounds, followed by Chamberlain with 12 points, 4 boards and Melinda Murillo with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Mountaineers will be back in the C. C. Dunlap Fieldhouse on Feb. 26, as they'll take on Murray State.



Ty Thompson, rights, and Taylor Cox shoot an episode of Mountaineer Minute from Chesapeake Arena during a recent Mass Communication trip to Oklahoma City.

Students tour OKC Thunder television broadcast facilities

OKLAHOMA CITY — Students of the Mass Communication program toured the broadcasting facilities of the Oklahoma City Thunder Feb. 11.

The group, which included mostly Mass Communication majors, got a behind-the-scenes tour of what goes into a gameday production from a broadcasting standpoint.

"We were able to see the immense production that is behind an Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game," Mass Communication Professor Kristen Turner said.

"We were given a personal tour by the Broadcast Production Director, Matthew Wells. It was a very educational experience for all of us."

Students toured the broadcast booth, control room, satellite feed trucks and corporate suites. They learned about the behind-the-scenes work and preparation that goes into broadcasting a Thunder game.

"Only two college students are chosen each semester to intern with the Thunder, so being able to see first-hand what happens was an amazing experience."

The students who attended included Matthew Barrientes, Taylor Cox, Brandon Green, Derek Hatridge, Tiffany Lefler, Chelsie Peckio, Kaley Reding, Garrett Rogers, Ty Thompson and Austin Wheat.

If you would like more information on the Mass Communication program, contact Turner at ktturner@eosoc.edu



Garrett Rogers, Kristen Turner, Kaley Reding, Brandon Green, Austin Wheat, Taylor Cox and Ty Thompson watch as Russell Westbrook does his pregame shoot-around.

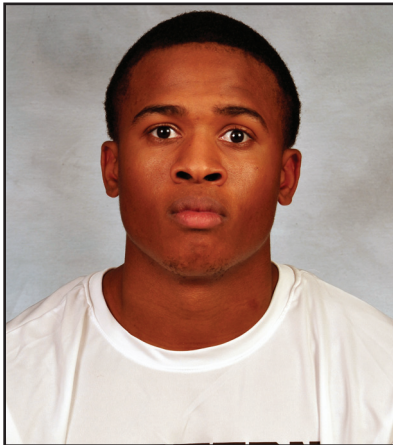
ATHLETE PROFILES

Asia Booker

Hometown: Beaumont, Texas
 Major: General Studies
 Class: Sophomore
 Position: Point Guard
 Height: 5'3"
 Favorite Professor: Mrs. Sorrell
 Favorite Athlete: Derrick Rose
 Favorite Food: BBQ Ribs
 What got you started playing basketball:
 My mom

*Keith Barron, Jr.*

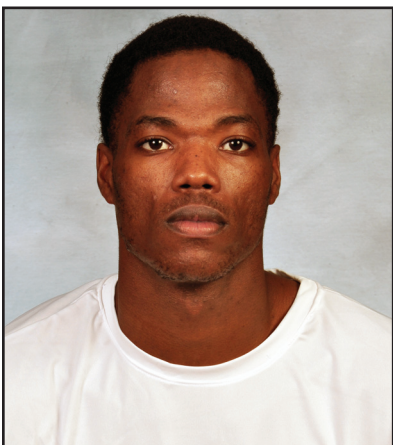
Hometown: Newark, New Jersey
 Major: Sports Medicine
 Class: Sophomore
 Position: SG/PG
 Height: 6'3"
 Favorite Professor: Coach Amber Taylor
 Favorite Athlete: Derrick Rose
 Favorite Food: Cheese spaghetti and pork chops
 What got you started playing basketball:
 My cousin.

*Kalah Figgerts*

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
 Major: Criminal Justice
 Class: Sophomore
 Position: Guard
 Height: 5'5"
 Favorite Professor: Ms. McBeath
 Favorite Athlete: Allen Iverson
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 What got you started playing basketball:
 My older brother and sister

*Oshey Washington*

Hometown: Lake Wales, Florida
 Major: Sports Management
 Class: Sophomore
 Position: P/F
 Height: 6'6"
 Favorite Professor: Coach Amber Taylor
 Favorite Athlete: Kevin Durant
 Favorite Food: Steak, pork chops, fried chicken
 What got you started playing basketball:
 My Daddy.



Mountaineers pull ahead for 10-point win over NEO

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Eastern Oklahoma State College men's basketball team was able to win the day using high speed and fiery shooting to overcome a tenacious Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, notching a 79-69 victory on Feb. 17.

EOSC began the game with a fast-paced offense, and NEO had no problem matching that speed. They traded the lead with the Mountaineers multiple times, but with the fierce competition came high emotions as a technical foul was called early in the ballgame.

Things quickly turned somewhat hostile as Eastern and NEO started what looked like a bumper car match, with plenty of pushing, pulling and bruising. No one team could gain footing over the other; that is until RJ Diggs decided to impose himself on the scoreboard. Diggs was white hot from beyond the arc, and his five three-pointers kept the Mountaineers in the ballgame.

The two teams went into halftime tied at 39.

In the second, Diggs' scoring went cold. But his teammates picked right up where he left off. After big contributions from Oshey Washington and Victor Alston, as well as spread-out scoring across the stat sheet, the Mountaineers were able to pull away from NEO, despite fouling out three players.

The game's aggressiveness continued, with the climax of emotions coming after a double foul then subsequent technical on EOSC. But by that time, the Mountaineers had a firm grasp on the lead and would ride out the clock to a release of tension felt throughout the gymnasium.

Diggs led the scoring party with 19 points and two rebounds, paired up by Washington, who also had 19 points to go along with his four boards. Alston ended the game with eight points, two rebounds, and three steals, and Dillon Victor made a significant impact below the basket with seven points and nine boards.

The Mountaineers next home game will be Thursday, Feb. 26, when they take on Murray State.

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Reggie Wright connects with a pitch during the Mountaineers' 9-6 win over Carl Albert. Wright finished the game with 1 RBI. The Eastern baseball team hosts Crowder College at 2 p.m. Feb. 25.
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