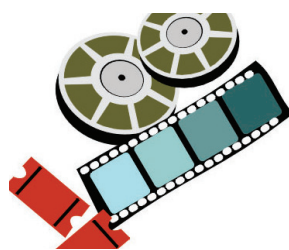


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“Here is just the beginning of a list of skills that exam results cannot possibly hope to reflect: interpersonal skills, the ability to entertain, how articulate we are as speakers, our ability to work as part of a team, the ability to deal with challenges and invention.”

-Alexandra Adornetto

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ROYALTY



Eastern's homecoming festivities wrapped up Nov. 14 with coronation ceremonies that took place between basketball games. Sabrina Salias and Angel Bonilla, who both represented the Psychology and Social Sciences Club were voted queen and king for 2015. Salias is a sophomore from Pasadena, Texas majoring in Physical Education and Bonilla is a freshman General Studies major from Idabel.

Celebrate the holiday season with theatre and music productions

It's time to celebrate the holiday season with a joint theatre and music production at Eastern Oklahoma State College on Sunday, Dec. 6. Eastern will present "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" and the 89th Annual Candlelighting program beginning at 2 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in Wilburton. The event is free and open to the public.

Written by Joe Landry and inspired by the classic American film,

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of the audience. Actors will perform the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produce the sound effects. Directed by EOSC theatre director and instructor Sarah Klocke, the play will begin at 2 p.m.

The main characters of George and Mary will be played by Austin Graham of McAlester and Rea-



Eastern chooses students for spring cultural exchange

WYATT STANFORD
Assistant Editor

Eastern has chosen the students who will be taking part in the Denmark study abroad trip to Silkeborg Business College planned for March.

It was announced on Oct. 7 that 12 students – Brandon Green, Kane Konsure, Brenna House, Garrett Rogers, Kareesa Kennedy, Morgan Spradlin, Madeline Kraft, Robert Bedford, Logan Shimp, Jesse Claybrook, Amber Frazier, and Wyatt Stanford—were selected to take the global humanities class that would culminate in the study abroad trip over Spring Break and the arrival of a group of Danish students

The details of the trip were highlighted at a Nov. 6 meeting. Eastern's group will travel with a group from Murray State College to Copenhagen, the Danish capital, for the first three days of the trip.

After spending time in Copenhagen, the students will travel to Silkeborg. While there, Den Pals from last year's exchange will host Eastern students. The final days of the trip will be spent in Berlin, Germany.

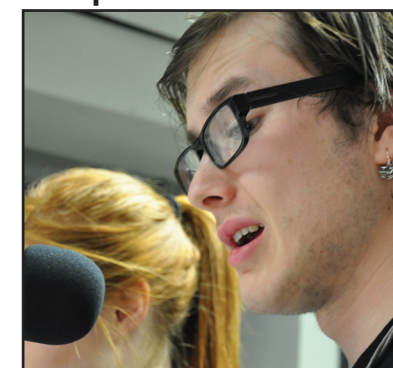
"We are very excited that Eastern students are able to have this opportunity," Dr. Janet Wansick, Vice President of Academic Affairs said during the meeting.

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gen Brinlee of Wilburton. The ensemble cast will feature Kayla Carr of Eufaula; Tarius Dawson of Lockhart, Texas; Monique Ball

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Right, Austin Graham of McAlester, voices a character for the radio play "It's a Wonderful Life" during a live radio broadcast Dec. 2. The theatre and music departments are joining forces for the annual Candlelighting Dec. 6.





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Now is the time to start transfer process

The fall semester is winding down and final exams begin December 7.

Now is the time for May 2016 graduates to start the transfer process and fill out college applications and scholarship forms.

Some transfer scholarship deadlines could be as early as February 1. Be sure to check with your transfer institution for specific admission requirements and deadlines.

Important dates to remember:

- Final exams are December 7–11
- Offices re-open January 4
- Spring 2016 semester begins January 11
- Last day to add a class or enroll is January 15
- Last day to drop a class with no charge is January 22

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Enrollment Center
Offices 156 and 157

Merry
Christmas
from the
Eastern
Statesman!

VETERANS DAY



Eastern student and veteran Gilbert Nail speaks during the Nov. 17 Veterans Day recognition held in the Student Center Ballroom.

EXCHANGE

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Wansick, along with President Dr. Stephen Smith and Director of Marketing and Communications Trish McBeath traveled to Denmark in October to meet with administrators of Silkeborg Business College to discuss the study abroad opportunity.

The global humanities course offered to the study abroad students

will focus on different aspects of Danish culture, society, and government. The class will be instructed by biology instructor and Honors Director Dr. Andrea Green and mass communication instructor Kristen Turner. At the same time, Danish students will be taking a global business course with a similar focus on American life. Silkeborg will be returning to Eastern's campus again this spring as well.

Join the *Statesman* staff

Are you a great writer? Photographer? Are you good with web design? If so, you may want to work for the Statesman newspaper this semester. If so, please contact Kristen Turner at 918.465.1720 or kturner@eosc.edu. You do not have to be a Mass Communication major.



Madeline Kraft reads from her script during Eastern Theatre's live radio broadcast of "It's a Wonderful Life." Staff photo by Derek Hatridge

Productions

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of Wilburton; Angel Bonilla of Idabel; and Madeline Kraft of Savanna. Kaylinn Dawson of Hailleyville is the sound effects master.

Following the radio play, there will be a short intermission with light refreshments available for the audience.

The Candlelighting service, which will begin at approximately 3:30 p.m., will feature performances by the Eastern Concert Band and Concert Choir, as well as the Eastern Expressions, a student-led rock band now in its second year. Dr. Brandon Hendrix, Eastern's director of instrumental and choral ensembles, will direct the performance.

The performance will include a

variety of holiday selections including "A Charlie Brown Medley," "Christmas Star," "How Like a Winter," "O Holy Night," "Please Come Home for Christmas," "Silent Night," and more.

Performers for the Candlelighting include Reagen Brinlee, Lacy Dunlap and Chance Reeves of Wilburton; Madeline Kraft of McAlester; Charlie Green and Shirlene Green of Hartshorne; Christopher Ainsworth of Gowen; Trevor McBane of Savanna; Victoria Cole, Anna Little of Kiowa; Kayla Carr, Julianne De Pré and Kyle Shelton of Checotah; Morgen Dockray of Eufaula; Zana Johnson and Joshua Sexton of Kinta; Charline Morrison of Heavener; Nicholas Martindale of Howe; Rebecca Needham of Clayton; Hunter Lasater of Wagoner; Igor Leal of Padrao, Brazil.



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State stays executions during ongoing investigation

WYATT STANFORD

Assistant Editor

The Oklahoma attorney general's office is staying executions until further notice at the state penitentiary because of mistakes in lethal injection drugs pending an ongoing investigation.

The execution stay comes after questions were raised about execution protocols and the scheduled execution of Richard Glossip, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in

2004.

According to the stays requested filed by the attorney general's office, Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) received potassium acetate rather than potassium chloride, contrary to protocol. The ongoing investigation is looking to clarify any confusion as to if DOC ordered the wrong drug or if the wrong drug was delivered.

When reached for comment, both the Attorney General's Office and DOC declined to comment.

"The state owes it to the people of Oklahoma to ensure that, on their behalf, it can properly and lawfully administer the sentence of death imposed by juries for the most heinous crimes," Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said in a statement in October.

Lethal injection was made the execution method of choice in 1977. Since its use began, 111 people were executed by lethal injection. Since 1915, Oklahoma has executed a total of 191 men and three women, according to DOC.

In 1972, electrocution was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Execution by firing squad, and since April 2015, execution by gas chamber are the other legal execution methods in Oklahoma.

The death penalty is legal in 34 states. According to the non-profit Death Penalty Information Center, 1421 executions have been performed in the U.S. Texas leads the nation in number of executions, with having performed 531 since 1976.

Winter is coming — how to be prepared in any situation

DERRICK JAMES

Staff Writer

Winter is here.

Life long residents of Oklahoma know that winter can be unpredictable and generally know what to expect. If you are new to the state then you may want to spend some time preparing for the season.

Generally, our hardest winter months are January and February but can come as early as November. Experts warn that this season could be a tough one and the following preparedness tips can be used to help weather the season and can be used by both new and old residents.

Stay informed:

Eastern Oklahoma State College will remain open except in the most extreme weather conditions. In the event that one or more campus locations close and classes are cancelled, information will be distributed by the following:

RAVE Alerts by Email and text messaging. Make sure EOSC has your most current cell phone number to receive alerts.

Closings will also be announced on Eastern's 93.1 FM on the radio dial.

Judgements for weather related closings are based upon the best information available from forecasters. Each student and staff member should make his or her own decision about whether to travel to campus based on weather conditions.

Know the terms.

The National Weather Service uses the following terminology when discussing winter weather.

Winter Weather Advisories are issued when snow, blowing snow, ice, sleet, or a combination of these wintry elements is expected but conditions should not be hazardous enough to meet warning criteria.

Be prepared for winter driving conditions and possible travel difficulties. Use caution when driving.

Winter Storm Watches are issued when conditions are favorable for a significant winter storm event (Heavy Sleet, Heavy Snow, Ice Storm, Heavy Snow and Blowing Snow or a combination of events).

Winter Storm Warnings are issued for

a significant Winter weather event including snow, ice, sleet or blowing snow or a combination of these hazards. Travel will become difficult and impossible in some situations. Delay your travel plans until conditions improve.

Ice Storm Warnings are usually issued for ice accumulation of around 1/4 inch or more. This amount of ice accumulation will make travel dangerous or impossible and likely lead to snapped power lines and falling tree branches. Travel is strongly discouraged.

If at home or dorms:

Stay indoors as much as possible.

Keep space heaters away from combustible sources.

If going outside wear layers of clothing to keep you warm.

Wear gloves or mittens, a hat, and closed toe shoes to prevent loss of body heat.

Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks.

Avoid overexertion as cold weather puts added strain on the body.

Listen to local radio or television stations for updates.

Keep faucets and pipes on a drip to

prevent pipes from bursting.

If commuting or must travel:

Have the car winterized and stock warm blankets, food, and water for emergency use.

Keep a full gas tank.

Keep your cell phone charged and have a charger available.

Jumper cables.

Let somebody know the route you take to your destination and when to be back.

If the car stalls or you are involved in an accident:

Stay with it and tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna for rescuers to see. Start the car and use the heater for ten minutes every hour.

Move your arms and legs to keep the blood circulating and to help generate heat while sitting.

Keep a window cracked to let in fresh air.

By the time a winter storm hits it's already too late. Use the tips given to stay informed, make a plan, and most importantly remain safe this winter.

Information gathered from www.eosc.edu; www.nws.noaa.gov/os/winter/



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Oklahoma selected to participate in national scaling corequisite

PRESS RELEASE

Complete College America, an organization dedicated to increasing our nation's college degree completion rate, recently announced that Oklahoma is one of eight states selected to participate in the first cohort of the National Scaling Corequisite Initiative, beginning with a National Academy on Scaling Corequisite

Support. The academy's fall 2015 cohort will convene Nov. 17-18 in Indianapolis.

As a participant in the initiative, Oklahoma has committed to scaling the implementation of corequisite academic support at most institutions that currently deliver remedial education, with a goal of serving the vast majority of students who would otherwise be placed in traditional remedial education. A corequisite

model provides students the opportunity to complete college-level math and English courses within one academic year in college.

The goal for all states participating in the fall 2015 cohort is to fully scale a strategy that impacts most students by fall 2017.

"The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education is pleased to have been

chosen to partner with Complete College America on yet another national initiative designed to strengthen our college degree completion efforts," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. "Corequisite courses give students the unique opportunity to move through remedial and gateway coursework more efficiently so they can

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Alumni honored during Homecoming Awards Dinner

Each year during Homecoming, Eastern Oklahoma State College recognizes individuals and organizations for their success, service or impact on the college's history. The 2015 Homecoming Awards recipients are all alumni of Eastern, making this year's dinner a special celebration.

Bill White, a 1966 graduate of Eastern, was inducted as the 32nd member of the EOSC Alumni Association Hall of Fame. White, of Oklahoma City, is retired from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission where he spent 31 years as a public utility complaint investigator, manager of technical services and agency liaison to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

During the event, White described his time at Eastern and told several stories about getting involved in various student organizations and activities on campus that enhanced his college experience.

"I came from a large Oklahoma City high school and I didn't know a person on campus. I got involved in a lot of different things and in a short amount of time I felt like I knew the majority of the instructors and most of the students," White said. "Wherever I go, I try to establish families. I'm part of the Eastern family."

Wilburton Mayor Stephen Brinlee, a two-time Eastern graduate, was honored with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. A lifelong resident of Wilburton, Brinlee earned two associate degrees from Eastern, including a degree in music education in 2005 and criminal justice in 2010. He was elected



Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith (far left) gathers with the 2015 EOSC Homecoming Award honorees including (left to right) Stephen Brinlee, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; Byron Bohanon, the Distinguished Former Faculty Award; Bill White, the 32nd member of the EOSC Alumni Hall of Fame; and Stephanie and Tom Dunlap, representing the family of the late E.T. Dunlap

mayor of Wilburton in 2007 at the age 22, making him the youngest mayor in the state of Oklahoma at that time. Brinlee said people at Eastern and in the Wilburton community helped prepare him for success in his career.

"I'm not one of these people, with the successes that I have had, that will tell you that I was born in a log cabin I built myself. There are a lot of people in my

profession that would have you believe that," Brinlee said. "I have a strong family and support behind me. Growing up in this community, from Head Start through Eastern twice, I had great educators, mentors and inspirations for me to be all that I can be."

Byron Bohanon of Tuskahoma was presented the Distinguished Former Faculty Award. A 1959 Eastern graduate,

he taught mathematics and computer science programming during his 21-year career at Eastern. During the event, Bohanon spoke about the valuable role community colleges play in higher education.

"Community colleges today still bridge an important gap. They provide community, as well as a necessary educational milestone; class experiences

where you are a person, not a student ID number; where you are held accountable, but expertly advised; where teachers are there for student success, not failure. Community colleges provide accessibility and I would not be standing here today if it weren't for this community college," Bohanon said. "I'm honored and grateful to be recognized for teaching people, not just subject matter, and for teaching students who made a difference beyond the classroom. That was my goal."

The Heritage Award was presented to the family of the late E.T. Dunlap for the significant role he played in shaping and molding the history of Eastern. A native of Red Oak and graduate of Eastern, Dunlap dedicated his life to education in Oklahoma. He served as president of Eastern from 1951-1961 before serving as chancellor of higher education for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for 20 years until his retirement.

Dunlap's son, Tom, and granddaughter, Stephanie, accepted the award in honor of his legacy.

"This is truly a homecoming in that I had the pleasure of growing up on this campus, so it's fun to come back here and relive so many memories that not only affected me, but family in its entirety," Tom Dunlap said. "Regardless of the fact that he had gone on to be chancellor for a great number of years, Eastern was always his heart. His roots are here. So it's fun to think about while you have great success and you go on to do significant things in the community, the state and the nation, you have those roots. Eastern defined my Dad."

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complete their degrees on time."

Data presented at a recent national CCA gathering of 200 faculty, administrators and system-level leaders from various states showed that students enrolled in single-semester, corequisite English courses typically succeeded at twice the rate of students enrolled in traditional prerequisite English courses. The study found that students enrolled in corequisite gateway math courses aligned with their chosen programs of

study saw results at five to six times the success rates of traditional remedial math sequences.

"For too long, traditional remediation has been a barrier to college-level work, relegating students to courses that don't count toward their degrees and that cost them and their families precious time and money. Oklahoma's leaders have stepped forward and committed to a better future – one where students receive the support they need alongside college-level work," said CCA Senior Vice President Bruce Vandal. "As participants in Complete College Amer-

ica's National Scaling Corequisite Initiative, the state's leaders will implement corequisite remediation, dramatically increasing gateway course success and putting many more students on track for graduation."

Since 2011, Oklahoma has partnered with CCA to ensure production of a highly skilled, college-educated workforce to attract and retain quality jobs and help grow the state's economy. Oklahoma's goal is to increase the number of degrees and certificates earned by an average of 1,700 per year, resulting in a 67 percent increase by 2023. The state

has surpassed its third-year benchmark for the degree completion initiative, which called for a cumulative increase of 5,100 degrees and certificates. Oklahoma institutions conferred 2,945 additional degrees and certificates in year one, 3,577 in year two and 1,842 in year three, for a three-year total of 8,364. Oklahoma's five-point plan to increase degree and certificate completion is recognized by CCA as the national model.

Established in 2009, CCA is a national nonprofit organization working to significantly increase the number of Americans with a college degree. Funded by

the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Lumina Foundation for Education, CCA focuses on state policy change and building consensus among state leaders, higher education and the national education policy community.

Oklahoma is a member of the CCA Alliance of States, and CCA is integral to Gov. Mary Fallin's Oklahoma Works initiative and its National Governors Association counterpart, America Works.

My time here has laid the foundation as I move forward

My time here at Eastern Oklahoma State College has been challenging, eye-opening, and something I will never forget.

As I prepare to graduate this semester and move on to my four year college, I am leaving, knowing that I have been given a two year education that will prepare me for what is to come.

At Eastern I have been able not only to get involved in multiple different organizations but through those organization build lasting re-

lationships with people.

These relationships have furthered who I am as a person and have helped encourage and reinforce the goals I set for my life.

Through Eastern clubs like Phi Beta Lambda, Photo Club, and writing for the Eastern Statesman, I have been given so many incredible opportunities. During the spring 2015 semester, several of my fellow Phi Beta Lambda members and I had the opportunity to compete in state events through which

we qualified to compete at the national level.

We took an amazing trip to Chicago where nationals was held and got to compete in these events, attend business lectureships, and see the sights. All of these experiences broadened my horizons and gave me an opportunity I would have never had otherwise.

Working as the editor in chief of the "Statesman", and as president of Photo Club, I built leadership and teamwork skills vital for

life. My staff members gave me something to really reach for. They pushed me to be better. I think that this student-run publication has been vital in helping me shape my own personal responsibility as a leader.

All of these things have been amazing and I couldn't ask for anything more from my first two years of college.

It has laid the foundation that I will carry with me as I continue my education in economics and pre-

law at the University of Oklahoma. I am excited and nervous for the change but thankful to Eastern for helping push me toward this goal.



Chelsie Peckio
Editor

COLUMNS

We should be accountable for social media

Our world is getting smaller and smaller every day, especially now more than ever with social media. Whether we are tweeting our favorite movie screen caps or having a charged argument over politics, we must be mindful of what we say because once it's out there, you can take it back.

I think students need to be held accountable for what they put on the internet. Why? Because not only is it a reflection of character, but also it's out there for anyone to see. If you tweet about missing class or cheating on assignment, anyone can see that. That opens up the possibilities of being reprimanded for your actions.

It is often said that potential employers look at the social media pages of their potential employees. Say if I were applying for a job that I really wanted and my possible employer looked me up on Twitter and saw that tweets that made me look lazy or

incompetent. I would probably not get that job. For reasons such as that, I try to follow three simple rules when on social media.

First, I do not air any dirty laundry. I don't put out there anything that even hints at my private life because I want it to remain private. It can be dangerous to your reputation because people can interpret that information any way they would like, leading to rumors.

Secondly, I avoid senseless arguments on social media, primarily because I don't want to upset anyone.



Wyatt Stanford
Assistant Editor

It's okay to have an opinion and to argue in a reasonable manner. However, don't get involved in argument that turns into an assault behind a computer. Don't call names or do anything demeaning. State your piece and try to understand the other side.

Finally, I don't single people out. I have the most difficult time with this rule because sometimes, I would really like to subtweet someone. It is best not to drag any personal strife into the public forum that is social media. Instead, if you have a problem with someone, go to them and talk it out. If you don't want to see someone's content, unfollow them or block them so that you don't have to see it anymore.

Social media is great because it allows us to connect with each other. Remember, that just like with regular interpersonal communication, once you say something, you can never take it back.

Your vote does matter, make your voice heard

CHELSE PECKIO
Editor

"My vote doesn't count, what is one vote going to do anyway?" These are things that I hear every single day. Being a college student can sometimes make you feel like your opinion doesn't really matter, but when I hear things like "voting doesn't affect me," it saddens me greatly. The cost of college tuition. The environment, immigration, these are just a few of the issues talked about in the upcoming presidential elections that affect you as a student and your future.

According to census.gov, only forty-five percent of 18 to 29 year olds voted in 2012. That's less than half of this group of young people. Why is this? There are

several potential reasons. Bigthink.com credits apathy and frustration among a couple of the reasons millennials are choosing not to vote. Frustration with student loan debt, health care, and the state of foreign affairs, along with the feeling that their vote no longer counts has led to a down turn of voting among younger students.

To me it seems that with increased frustration we would feel more compelled to make ourselves aware of what candidates we have to choose from and what they can do to propel change forward. As a young person I encourage you to get involved with politics, look at the candidates, look at the different issues they discuss and their plans to solve them.

Once you make yourself aware of these issues there are so many ways to get involved. You can volunteer through local and state election boards, and attend local meetings to get involved. Don't like something in your town? Go to town hall meetings. Don't like something in your state? Contact your representative. Most importantly, vote. Voting gives you an individual voice, it lets your thoughts and opinions be heard through a voice that has similar viewpoints as you.

America was created due to a desire for political freedom, and to not participate is negating the basis that this country was founded on. So get out there and make your voice heard. Your vote counts.

MOVIE REVIEW

New at your library - "My Blue Heaven"

After writing about the anonymous gift of DVD movies to the Eastern Oklahoma State

College Library, I decided to watch and report on one of them. I chose "My Blue Heaven", the 1990 comedy starring Steve Martin and Rick Moranis.

Co-stars Joan Cusack, Melanie Mayron and Carol Kane help to round out the ensemble and provide an enjoyable viewing experience. The movie is written by Nora Ephron who needs no introduction to comedy aficionados (think "Michael" and "You've Got Mail") and directed by Herbert Ross ("The Goodbye Girl").

Martin portrays aptly named mob informant Vinnie Antonelli who has been placed in the Witness Protection Program, but still behaves

and dresses like a mobster. Moranis is agent Barney Coopersmith whose hapless job it is to oversee Vinnie. Additionally, it was a delight for me to see a favorite character actor, William Hickey, as one of Vinnie's ex-mobster pals, Billy Sparrow.

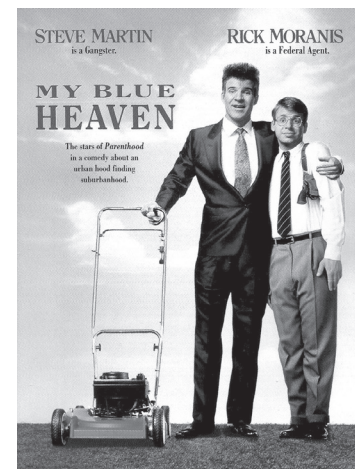
Vinnie's attempt at settling into his new lifestyle is hampered, at every turn, by the overzealous Assistant District Attorney cogently portrayed by Cusack. Running upon a gaggle of ex-mobster friends doesn't help his assimilation into the community, either or as he put it, "As I am not trained for anything else, I embark on my career."

One of my favorite scenes of the movie is in the super market when Martin's character saunters up to Kane's character and says, "You know, it's dangerous for you to be here in the frozen food section." "Why is that?" she says. "Because you could melt all this stuff," he replies. To which, she --- no, you'll have to watch the movie to find out.

"My Blue Heaven" - check it out - for an enjoyable evening.



Guy Folger
Senior Staff Writer



“Basketbrawl” — Fight breaks out after tense men’s game

DEREK HATRIDGE
Staff Writer

Basketball is a game of momentum and emotions, sometimes colliding to become a volatile cocktail that could erupt at any moment.

EOSC men’s and women’s teams learned that lesson first-hand when conference foes Seminole State College came to town.

In the women’s game, the Lady Mountaineers fought their way to find a lead the entire game.

But struggle with the fast-paced offense from the Lady Trojans, plus a few heated encounters between players, made that easier said than done.

EOSC was able to rally, and late game heroics in the form of a clutch three pointer from sophomore Julie Layton brought the ballgame within one point in the final 10 seconds. The Lady Trojans were then fouled, where free throws made it a three point game. A nail-biting possession for the Lady Mountaineers ended when the ensuing inbounds pass was deflected as the clock expired, with Seminole State winning the contest 55-52.

In the men’s game, things took a darker turn. The Mountaineers came out cold to start the game, and couldn’t find a way to stop the Trojans.

Enter sophomore R. J. Diggs.

Diggs scored four straight triples to help propel the Mountaineer offense. That spark seemed to be all that was needed for EOSC.

The Mountaineers came out with a fire, especially to start the second half. And after being down as much as 13, they were able to take the lead late in the game. A back-and-forth scoring volley, accompanied by several tense fouls, found EOSC ahead by one with only a few ticks on the clock.

The Trojans’ Kelly Kemp went up for the easy four footer, but was



R.J. Diggs brings the ball up the court during the Mountaineers’ 85-84 victory over Seminole State College Dec. 3. Right, Shauna Coleman sets things up during the women’s slim 55-52 loss.



emphatically denied by Mountaineer Dalen Victor as time expired for an 85-84 EOSC victory.

The crowd, ecstatic and electric, roared with applause. Then came the fireworks.

During the post-game handshakes, a scuffle broke out. First involving four players, then six, then eight, then the entirety of the combined rosters. The crowd watched in horror as multiple coaches, police and others tried to tear apart the tirade. The Scrap in the Dunlap ended with EOSC’s Malik Smith leaving the gym in an ambulance.

Smith was later cleared and re-

leased, but that would be the least of the repercussions.

Eastern Oklahoma State College self-imposed a one-game suspension of the men’s basketball team following a confrontation with Seminole State College players after Thursday’s night game in Wilburton.

The college announced the suspension Friday (Dec. 4) afternoon after gathering information from witnesses and watching videos of the incident.

“We take this matter very seriously and are working with NJCAA officials to investigate and address the situation

appropriately,” Athletic Director Greg Warren said.

“It was our decision to suspend the next game on the schedule. We’ll address any additional decisions by the NJCAA at that time.”

Warren said he has been in contact with NJCAA Region II Director Mike St. John about the incident and they are pursuing information before making a final determination. All Eastern players listed on the roster will serve the one-game suspension, forfeiting the Dec. 5 home game against Central Baptist College.

Warren said it remains unclear

what led to the confrontation, but noted that tensions were high as both teams played aggressively during the close-scoring game. Eastern defeated Seminole 86-85 and it appears that a majority of the players from both teams engaged in a fight while shaking hands after the game.

“What happened is unacceptable and does not represent the high standards of integrity and good sportsmanship that we set for ourselves,” Warren said. “Everyone involved will learn from this unfortunate experience and we’ll take the necessary steps to ensure it does not happen again.

Mountaineer baseball introduces new JV squad

WYATT HUBBARD
Staff Writer

Eastern Oklahoma State College has a new junior varsity baseball team, it will start playing this January, the new JV baseball team will bring more students to Eastern.

“We’ve brought in more guys just to make sure we have a JV team,” baseball

coach Craig Price said. “Because if you’ve had the roster we’ve had in the past there wouldn’t be enough kids to play JV and varsity, there wouldn’t be enough innings out there, there wouldn’t be enough AB’s out there.”

According to Price, the junior varsity squad will give players great experience because they will be facing the same

teams that the college baseball team faces.

The JV team is equivalent to that of a minor-league system. They have 40 baseball players right now, and will bounce players back and forth between the JV and varsity teams. This is going to give some of the batters more at-bats, it will give pitchers more innings and players

more opportunities that they otherwise wouldn’t have had. And, according to Price, it will give everybody an opportunity to play in a game.

“More kids getting an opportunity, more kids are getting to take pride in playing at Eastern and, you know, it’s a cool thing whenever you go on into the community and people know that you’re

an Eastern baseball player,” Price said.

“And whenever the experience, they speak positively about Eastern Oklahoma State College out in the community.”

The junior varsity baseball team will have the exact same uniforms and the same umpires as the college team. The JV team schedule will consist of 20 games and will start Jan. 30 and end May 2.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

Eastern Alumni making an impact on the world

Guy Folger

By MIKE CATHEY

EOSC 1983 OF INDIANOLA

At the completion of the fall 2015 semester Guy Folger 77 years' young of McAlester will successfully wrap up his EOSC tenure to complete not one but two EOSC associates degrees. He will complete course work to earn degrees in both Journalism and History. Folger is likely the very last student ever to complete an EOSC Journalism Degree as since he began his course work at EOSC the degree has transitioned to a Mass Communications degree but Folger successfully petitioned to be "grandfathered" in for strictly journalism credentials. This is fitting for a grandfather of five (one on the way) and father of six.

"In 2008 I decided to finish college," Folger said. During a brief time during his Navy career (1965-1967) Folger attended San Diego City College and Palomar College in California where he accrued 17 hours of college credit.

"I started at EOSC's McAlester campus for 2 semesters and transferred to the Wilburton campus in 2009. I initially started work on the 'Statesman' as staff photographer, but since 2009 was the 40th Anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival (which Folger attended in 1969) Professor Kristen Turner asked me to write an article about my Woodstock experience. I was apprehensive at first, but once the article was 'in the can', I was hooked. Since then I have written 120 articles, drawn 1 cartoon, and have had 132 photographs published in the pages of the 'Statesman.'" (this may be an EOSC record as well!)

He has also won numerous awards in the Oklahoma Collegiate Journalism competitions throughout his time on the Statesman staff. Folger completes his work with the "Statesman" as a Senior Staff Writer.

Also during his time at EOSC, Folger has been an active participant in the EOSC Photo Club. This follows being the Past President of the McAlester Photographic Society, Past Director and Past Newsletter Editor of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Photographic Society of America and he has been honored with the Associate of the Photographic

Society of America (APSA) and is a Hall of Fame member of the International Photographers Organization.

"I have been in the Photo Club since starting with the 'Statesman' and was signed up for the 2010 Ireland, Wales, and London Trip. But I took a 'trip' in my own garage three days before departure and broke my elbow and was unable to travel.

"In 2014, I was fortunate enough to travel with the Photo Club to Italy which was an experience that every student should have. Despite a few minor mishaps, we had a great time."

Folger's EOSC Academic Advisor Professor Kristen Turner shared the following, "While it is part of the job description, it will be different to see Guy graduate. He has been a student of mine on and off for about six years, so he has become more of a colleague than a student. He was even here when we made the move from Mitchell Hall over to Baker Hall, so he gets a lot more of my 'historical' stories than any of my new students.

"He has taken almost every class I've offered, worked tirelessly on the 'Statesman' and even traveled to Italy with us so it will be strange here without him. However, he has achieved something he has always wanted - a college journalism degree. It took him many years because he was delayed by service to our country, work, photography and life and now I hope that he will finish a bachelor's degree. I'm going to miss having him around, but I am very proud that he has accomplished this goal."

Originally from Ada where he was first exposed to journalism when he was the sports editor on the "non-existent" school newspaper and during his junior year he delivered the high school news on KADA the school radio, Guy graduated high school in 1956 and joined the United States Navy.

Guy served our country for 20 years, the first three as a radar operator in a flight crew accumulating 2000-plus hours of flight time based in the Territory of Hawaii with patrol flights that originated out of Midway Island. He was based in Hawaii before, during, and after Statehood.

His last 17 years in the Navy was

as an air traffic controller at various locations including a tour on the USS Guadalcanal.

After his retirement from the Navy in 1979 Folger was hired as an air traffic control specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration where he was a pilot weather briefer in person, on the telephone or via radio communications and as a certified weather observer. After 27 years he retired at the FAA Automated Flight Service Station at McAlester.

During his career Folger not only was actively involved in the fore-mentioned photography activities, he has also been actively involved in both archeological and anthropological endeavors. He holds memberships in both the Archeological Institute of America and the Archeological Society of Oklahoma, he has been past director and newsletter editor of the McAlester Chapter of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society and director and life member of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society. He is also a life member of the Archaeological Conservancy. He was also founder of Boy Scout Troop 441 at Trinity Lutheran Church in McAlester, past Boy Scout District Chairman, and has been awarded the BSA District Award of Merit.

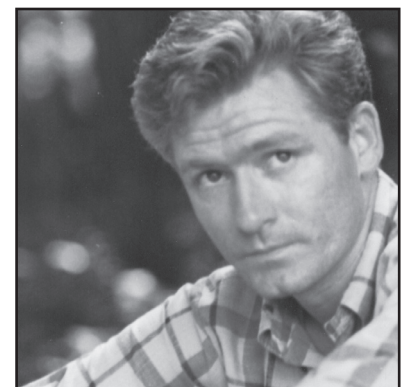
Guy also shared the following about his time at EOSC related to his special friendship with his other mentor in the EOSC History Department, "While at Eastern, on occasion I was fortunate to break bread with Dr. Carter Mattson. Not wanting to cause a 'fraternizations with students' problem for the good doctor, I became ordained in the Universal Life Church of 1960's fame and produced a Doctor of Divinity Degree. Then, it was only two doctors having lunch together!"

Dr. Mattson in return shared the following, "Guy is truly Eastern 'blue.' For example, guy spends much of his own fund providing Eastern lapel pins, movies, and writing pens to promote Eastern spirit. Guy has a wealth of knowledge to share with students and faculty. His many articles and photographs in the 'Statesman' will be a valuable asset for future student researchers. Guy is always willing to talk photography or history with students and staff."

It seems most fitting to wrap up this



Left, Guy Folger on his Photo Club trip in 2014. Below left, Folger spent 20 years in the United States Navy. Below right, Folger at the 1969 Woodstock Music Fair. Submitted photos



feature on Guy Folger with two comical tidbits:

Several years ago Guy, as a "Statesman" staff writer, was assigned to write an article about an older graduate who was receiving an EOSC Associates Degree-----he was already older than that graduate!

And Guy Folger has been a Lifetime Member of the EOSC Alumni Association since beginning his tenure at EOSC.

Author's footnote- My personal and professional association with Guy Folger reaches back now near 25 years when I was the District Scout Executive with the Boy Scouts of America for southeast Oklahoma and he was involved in the Scouting program as a volunteer

leader. During that time I authored a weekly column in the McAlester News Capital and after I transferred to other assignments outside the area Folger took over my column for a period of time. When Folger became involved with the EOSC Statesman I was encouraged by him to take up where I also left off as an EOSC staff writer and join him in the pages of this publication.

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

Final Exam Schedule

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STUDY TIPS

FROM SYLVAN LEARNING ONLINE

- RELAX THE NIGHT BEFORE.
- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.
- EAT A NUTRITIOUS BREAK-FAST.
- SHOW UP FOR THE EXAM PREPARED.
- HAVE EXTRA SUPPLIES, SUCH AS PENS AND PENCILS.

DURING THE TEST (SYLVAN, CONT'D.):

- READ THE ENTIRE TEST OVER FIRST AND DECIDE WHERE YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO SPEND THE MOST TIME.
- BEGIN WITH THE EASIEST QUESTIONS.
- MARK THE MORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AND COME BACK TO THEM.

MNEMONIC DEVICES

FROM OXFORD LEARNING ONLINE

- TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OR A KEY WORD OF THE ITEM TO REMEMBER AND WRITE IT DOWN.
- REPEAT FOR ALL ITEMS.
- CREATE A SENTENCE. PICK THE FIRST WORDS THAT POP INTO YOUR HEAD. IT

DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE SENSE!

MNEMONIC DEVICES, OXFORD CONT'D.

- WRITE THE SENTENCE OUT A FEW TIMES WHILE SAYING THE WORDS THAT THE ACRONYM REFERS TO.
- PRACTICE RECITING THE ITEMS AND THE CREATED SENTENCE TOGETHER UNTIL YOU'VE GOT IT MEMORIZED!

CLASS PERIOD EXAMINATION TIME

MONDAY MORNING – Dec. 7

9:10 MWF/MW/WF/W/MTWF/WTTH/DAILY 8:00-10:00
9:10 TTH/T 10:00-12:00

MONDAY AFTERNOON – Dec. 7

8:40 TTH 1:00-3:00
9:40 T/TTH 3:00-5:00

TUESDAY MORNING – Dec. 8

10:10 TTH/TH 8:00-10:00
10:10 MWF/MWTH/MW/W/MTWF/WF/DAILY 10:00-12:00

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Dec. 8

12:10 TTH/T 1:00-3:00
12:10 MWF/MW/WF/MWTH/M/DAILY 3:00-5:00

WEDNESDAY MORNING – Dec. 9

11:10 MWF/MW/MTWTH/MTWF/WF/DAILY 8:00-10:00
11:40 TTH/TH 10:00-12:00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON – Dec. 9

1:10 MWF/MW/W/M/DAILY 1:00-3:00
1:10 TTH/TH 3:00-5:00

THURSDAY MORNING – Dec. 10

8:10 TTH/TH 8:00-10:00
8:10 MWF/MW/WF/WTTH/DAILY 10:00-12:00

THURSDAY AFTERNOON – Dec. 10

4:10 TTH 1:00-3:00
2:10 MW/TTH/M 3:00-5:00
3:10 TTH 3:00-5:00

FRIDAY MORNING – Dec. 11

2:40 MW 8:00-10:00
1:40 TTH/M 10:00-12:00

DAY CLASSES THAT DO NOT FIT THE ABOVE SCHEDULE MUST
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8 A.M. MONDAY, DEC. 8, 2014.

- DAY CLASSES THAT DO NOT FIT THE ABOVE SCHEDULE MUST BE WORKED OUT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS NOT EARLIER THAN 8 A.M. DEC. 7, 2015.
- EVENING CLASSES TO INCLUDE MCALESTER CAMPUS FINAL EXAMS
- FINALS ARE TO BE GIVEN AT THE LAST SCHEDULED CLASS MEETING STARTING DEC. 7, 2015, THROUGH DEC. 11, 2015
- FINALS ARE TO BE ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE. EXCEPTIONS MUST BE APPROVED, IN ADVANCE, BY BRINGING SIGNED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INSTRUCTORS TO THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.
- ANTLERS AND IDABEL EXAM SCHEDULES MAY BE DIFFERENT AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND POSTED ON THOSE SITES.