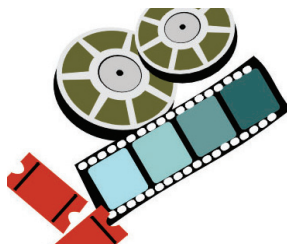


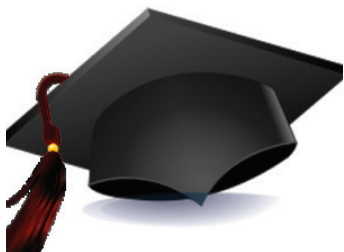
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*"The real voyage of  
discovery consists not  
in seeking new  
landscapes, but in  
having new eyes."*

- Marcel Proust

*"Travel, in the younger  
sort, is a part of  
education; in the elder,  
a part of experience."*

- Francis Bacon

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## STUDY ABROAD



A look down a street in Ribe, the oldest city in Denmark. Eleven Eastern students and two faculty members spent their Spring Break on a study abroad trip to Denmark and Germany. Students from Denmark travelled to Wilburton to complete the "exchange" this week. *Staff photo by Wyatt Stanford*

## Students travel to Denmark and Germany

**WYATT STANFORD**  
*Editor*

Eastern students spent Spring Break exploring the countries of Denmark and Germany as a part of the first ever study abroad program.

The trip is a part of a global humanities class taught by biology instructor and Honors director, Dr. Andrea Green. Eleven students participated in the class: Brenna House, Maddie Kraft, Morgan

Spradlin, Kareesa Kennedy, Amber Frazier, Kane Konsure, Robert Bedford, Jesse Claybrook, Logan Shimp, Garrett Rogers, and Wyatt Stanford. Also going on the trip was mathematics instructor Margaret Sorrell.

"Knowing things about Denmark before going on this trip helped us to be more aware of our surroundings while well-representing the Oklahoma and the United States of America," Maddie Kraft said about the humanities class,

"this helped us to appreciate all the things that were different about Denmark."

The group from Eastern joined a group of students from Murray State College in making the trip across the Atlantic. Students arrived in Copenhagen on March 11. Students from Silkeborg Business College, who came to Eastern last year, met

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## Music holds "final" spring concert

**WYATT HUBBARD**  
*Staff Writer*

The EOSC music department held its annual spring concert in Mitchell Auditorium March 10. Due to budget cuts, the music program had been cut at the time of the concert. With that in mind, the house was packed and emotions ran high as the student-performers sang for what was thought to be one of the last times.

Since then, however, the decision was made to reinstate the program, allowing current and future music majors to continue their degree plan at Eastern.

"I enjoyed the opportunity of witnessing the great talent that Eastern's music department has to offer," Eastern student Brandon Green said.

"From the variety of talents of playing a musical instrument or

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## Be prepared for severe spring weather season

**COMPILED BY DERRICK JAMES**  
*Staff Writer*

With the changing of the seasons from winter into spring, it brings with it what most of us native Oklahomans and other residents of the plains states are familiar with: severe weather.

The following tips are also well known in these parts, but, for our international students, they are not. The information here has been retrieved from the "Fox23 Severe Weather Guide" at fox23.com.

The difference between a watch and a warning:

A watch means that conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm to form and highlights a large area of counties could see those storms. It lets you know now is the

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Graduates can now purchase caps and gowns

If you are graduating in May, you may now purchase cap, gowns and tassels from the bookstore located on the Wilburton campus.

According to the bookstore's website, a Gown Set includes a gown, cap, and tassel. This package can be purchased for \$38.49.

If you are just in the market for a graduation cap, one can be purchased for \$11.99. An individual tassel can also be bought for \$6.99. According to bookstore manager Ali Martinez, tassels can be purchased for May 2016 graduates as well as December 2015 graduates.

Because of time constraints, all caps and gowns must be picked up at the campus store in Wilburton, which will be open until graduation begins.

Eastern's graduation ceremony will take place May 6. For more information, contact the bookstore at (918) 465-1713.

## 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.

## Spring Concert

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singing with a twang in their voice," added Green. "It felt like I was at something extremely special."

The concert featured some incredible local student talent with the Eastern Expressions performing songs like "Meant to Live," "When I

Was Your Man," and "Washed by the Water" just to name a few. The concert band also featured hit songs like "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Spinning Wheel," and "All the Small Things". The Eastern choir performed "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Cry Me a River," "Flashlight," and "Skyfall."

"We've selected a variety of popular songs to help everyone get into the

mood and spirit of the spring season," said Director Dr. Brandon Hendrix.

Mountaineer Radio's very own Derek Hatridge and Green were the masters of ceremony for the event.

"To be an MC was really cool, not only did we get to bring light to the concert itself, but we also got to speak about the radio station and gives some music ori-

ented Fun Facts," Green said.

For more information on the music program, contact Dr. Brandon Hendrix at (918) 465-1790.

*Editor's note: There were several moves made by Eastern to try to help offset budget cuts. These cuts will be highlighted in the next issue of the Statesman.*

## Weather

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time to be "weather aware" and keep an eye to the sky. Keep your radio, television, or mobile device nearby.

A severe thunderstorm watch means storms with at least 58 mph winds and/or quarter size hail or larger are possible in any storm that forms.

A Tornado Watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado to form in any severe storm that develops.

Warning means the storm has already formed and action needs to be taken

A warning is much more serious than a watch.

A severe thunder storm warning means large hail and damaging winds are likely in the storm, and you should head indoors immediately and stay away from windows. Remember a tornado can still form at any time from a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, so take shelter inside every time you see this warning issued.

A tornado warning means a tornado has been spotted, or radar indicates a tornado could form at any time or is already occurring. You should find shelter immediately if you hear this warning for your area. It is important to know outdoor tornado sirens are meant primarily for outdoor use. (For example: to warn you if you're outside at soccer practice with your kids, away from your television or radio.) You may not hear the tornado siren if you're in your home, especially if you're asleep. NOAA weather radios can be programmed to wake you and warn you in the event of severe weather. You can buy them at most discount department stores, electronics stores,

or online. Weather radios can be relatively inexpensive and easy to program.

### Tornado

Tornadoes can range in intensity. Wind speeds are measured on the Enhanced Fujita scale, which was implemented in February of 2007:

EF0 = 65 – 85 mph winds

EF1 = 86 – 110 mph winds

EF2 = 111 – 135 mph winds

EF3 = 136 – 165 mph winds

EF4 = 166 – 200 mph winds

EF5 = Over 200 mph winds

Tetsuya Theodore "Ted" Fujita (1920-1998) developed the original Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale. The scale was changed to the "Enhanced" Fujita Scale in 2007, after more information about the destruction of tornadoes had been scientifically examined. The estimated wind speeds were updated, as well as more specific damage requirements. Tornadoes are now measured AFTER damage has been assessed, days after a tornado strikes. The size of a tornado is not necessarily a measure of its intensity. Larger tornadoes can be weaker and less violent than smaller tornadoes that have more intense winds. Tornadoes in the EF0-EF2 range are much more likely to develop than stronger ones, but all tornadoes can be deadly if.

Following these tips could save your life.

1. Have a plan in place: Know in advance exactly what to do when a tornado nears. Know where to take shelter in seconds. Practice home tornado drills with your entire family. Have your kids draw a picture of their home with their "safe place."

2. The best shelter is a tornado shel-

### Facts

ter, or an interior room like a closet or bathroom on the lowest level of your home, away from glass or windows. Bring pillows and blankets to cover yourselves from falling debris and wear bike helmets to protect your head. Have a flashlight and a battery operated radio to take into your shelter with you. You may even turn your television or radio volume up loud enough so that you can hear severe weather coverage.

3. If you live in a mobile home: Get out! Find the nearest shelter, like a neighbor's house. If no other shelter is available, it is safer to lie down as low as you can, such as in a ditch, outside, covering your head with your hands. Even if your mobile home is tied down it is not a safe place during a tornado.

4. If you're in your car: Get out! Find shelter in a sturdy building. If you don't see one, find a ditch away from trees and other cars. Lie down in the ditch with your hands covering your head. If there's no ditch find an open area of land away from trees and cars. Lie flat on the ground and cover your head with your hands.

### Lightning

### Facts

Lightning can travel in four ways: 1. From one point to another within the same cloud.

2. From a cloud to clear air.

3. From cloud to cloud.

4. From cloud to ground. Cloud to ground lightning is the most deadly. Lightning can cause death and serious injury in a matter of seconds. Lightning creates thunder. If you hear thunder it means lightning is near and you are in danger. You can be struck up to twenty

miles from the cloud that produced the lightning. You can calculate how far you are from a lightning strike easily by counting the seconds between lightning and the thunder. Then divide by 5. That is the miles between you and the strike. So, 20 seconds = 4 miles away.

Remember the 30-30 rule: When you see lightning, count until you hear thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 6 miles. Find shelter inside a building. Never seek shelter under a tree. That tree can act as a lightning rod, and you could be killed or seriously injured if the tree is struck. Stay away from water and metal, because both conduct electricity. 2. If you're inside: Stay away from windows and doors. Avoid contact with anything that conducts electricity including: telephone with a cord, such as a landline phone; other electronics plugged into an electrical outlet.

### Flooding

### Facts

Flooding is the biggest severe weather killer, even more so than tornadoes. Most flash flood deaths happen at night. That's when flooded roads are the hardest to see.

### Flood safety tips

1. Never try to walk through flowing water. Six inches of moving water can sweep you off your feet.

2. Never try to drive through a flooded road. Only 18 inches can float a large SUV and even less for a smaller car. You and your car can be swept into a deeper area. You could easily find yourself trapped.

3. Avoid power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can move through water and cause electrocution.



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# Col. Sean Herron addresses Eastern



Col. Sean Herron spoke to an audience of Eastern students, staff and faculty on March 30 in the Mitchell Hall Auditorium.

**WYATT STANFORD**  
*Editor*

Colonel Sean Herron, Commander of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, spoke about terrorism, geo-politics, and national security on March 30 as part of the Julian Rothbaum Lecture Series.

Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith welcomed students, faculty, and guests to the lecture and talked about some of the history of the Rothbaum Lecture Series. Afterward, Paige Campagna of Red Oak, had the honor of introducing Col. Herron.

Col. Herron has served many assignments during his career with the United States Army, being stationed all over the United States, Germany, and South Korea and playing important roles in the Transportation Corps and the Army Staff in Washington, D.C. In addition, Col. Herron has written two books and many articles.

Col. Herron began his talk by asking the audience to define terrorism. He then gave many examples of people who could be considered terrorists and the motivation of terrorism, whether it be religion, money, or nationalism, all with the intent to reach a political end.

Next, the attention was focused on geo-politics, mainly those of the Middle East, where ISIS and other terror cells continue to operate and other factors, such as religious majorities and natural resource, play a crucial role in the power makeup of the region.

Finally, Col. Herron discussed what was being done about terrorism and what voters should pay attention to when examining the plans of political candidates to combat terrorism. Col. Herron stressed the importance of looking at the ways and means candidates plan to bring about ends.

After the speech, Col. Herron entertained questions from the audience in regards to US foreign policy, other aspects of terrorism, and even to why his pants did not match his uniform in color.

Over 150 students, staff and faculty attended the lecture. The Rothbaum Lectureship Series was established with a \$25,000 gift from Julian Rothbaum of Hartshorne. 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.



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## Terrorist attack leaves 32 dead in Brussels

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*Staff Writer*

Thirty-two victims, including four Americans, and three bombers are dead, and over 300 were injured following an ISIS-sponsored terrorist attack in Brussels, Belgium.

On the morning of March 22, at around 8 a.m., two bombs were detonated outside of a security checkpoint inside Brussels' airport.

According to the Associated Press, one of the attackers, identified by his fingerprints and killed in the explosions, was named Ibrahim El Bakraoui. A second attacker known to have died

in the blasts has not yet been identified. A third subject is believed to have fled the airport and left a large bag. That bag later exploded.

Just over an hour later, a second explosion occurred on a train at the Maalbeek Metro Subway Station, which is near the headquarters of the European Commission.

The train was leaving the station, heading towards Arts-Loi, when the explosion occurred in the second train car, which was still in the Maalbeek station.

The attacker was identified by his fingerprints as Khalid el Bakraoui, his brother being one of the attackers that died executing the airport bombings.

The attacks on Belgian soil came four days after the arrest in Brussels of Salah Abdeslam, one of the key suspects in the Nov. 13, 2015, Paris attack. Explosives were found in Abdeslam's apartment, leading investigators to think that he was plotting another attack and authorities believe the Brussels attack was retaliation for the arrest.

A total of 12 individuals have been arrested in connection with the bombings in raids and searches that have been conducted all across Belgium. The raid started just hours after the attack beginning from a tip from the taxi driver that picked up and dropped off the bombers at the airport. All are arrested are

suspected to be connected to the same terrorist cell that orchestrated the Paris attacks.

A controversy is brewing as The Netherlands have now revealed that the FBI warned it about the Bakraoui brothers and their radical backgrounds six days before the bombing. The Dutch said they then passed that information onto the Belgians.

"We stand in solidarity with them in condemning these outrageous attacks against innocent people," said U.S. President Obama, while in Havana, Cuba. "We can and we will defeat those who threaten the safety and security of people all around the world."

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COLUMN

# With just 8 months to go, who will win?

JOANNA EASTERDAY

Staff Writer

March of 2016 was a HUGE month for this year's election. Several candidates dropped out of the race while others flew to the top of the polls. March was also filled with some serious drama, and who doesn't love drama in the political world?

March is the month of Super Tuesday which is when several U.S. States hold primary elections on the same day, and this year was one for the books. As far as the Republican Party goes, Trump won eight out of the twelve states, while Ted Cruz won three, and Marco Rubio took home the victory in only Minnesota. The Democrats' results were very similar to those of the Republicans race with Hillary Clinton winning seven and Bernie Sanders winning four.

Super Tuesday in Oklahoma was a big topic of discussion among students and teachers here on campus. "Hey, who are you voting for?" "Why them?" And if you're reading this, I

hope you voted because you do have a voice. We all have politicians we don't like and that we don't want as our President, and you have the power to do something about it. So go vote!

Many candidates dropped out this month as well. Ben Carson, the renowned surgeon, dropped out after stating that he, "didn't have the support or votes to win the contest". According to CNN News, while Marco Rubio is still in the race, his campaign is insisting that he drop out of the race soon. They are worried that this election could possibly ruin his career seeing how Trump and Cruz hold an astounding lead over him. Will he take this advice? We'll just have to wait and see.

With just eight months to go until we select our Next President, we still have a long way to go. With Trump and Cruz fighting over the top seed of the Republican Party, and Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton playing primary win tag, there's really no telling who our final two candidates will be, but I for one, can't wait to find out.

TAYLOR'S TASTE TESTSTAYLOR COX

Staff Writer

*Mug Cake (Mugg ca-ke): noun, a baby cake made in a mug and baked in the microwave.*

The things you will need are as followed: 8 tablespoons of cake mix, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil, 3 tablespoons of water, and cooking spray.

Spray a mug liberally with cooking spray. Add egg, oil, water to cake mix, and mix with a fork until creamy. Microwave on high for 1 minute and 30 seconds. Microwave 30 seconds more if still gooey. Then let cool and top it with your favorite icing if you like.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## *We must demand action for our kids and our state*

Dear Editor:

Last week Eastern Oklahoma State College, under the direction of Dr. Steve Smith, made the courageous decision to save the Eastern Music Department which has brought joy, excellent musical training, entertainment, and positive extracurricular choices to the Wilburton campus and the Wilburton community for over 89 years! Dr. Smith and his academic vice president Dr. Janet Wansick decided, after hearing from both Eastern students and Wilburton community leaders, to

buck the horrible trend in education in Oklahoma and support a program whose merits far outweigh its numbers.

Not everything can be measured by the bottom line! And Dr. Smith knows this. I wish our leaders in Oklahoma City knew this simple basic fact. Oklahoma is fast becoming a cultural wasteland and soon even our beloved athletics will be cut from local school budgets as the people in Oklahoma City argue about where the Ten Commandments should be placed. Do Gov. Mary Fallin, Senate Pro Tempore Brian Bingman and House

Speaker Jeffrey Hickman not realize that without adequate education funding, no one will even be able to read those commandments much less live by them?

I am grateful that Rep Brian Renegar works hard for education in the House and I know that Sen Larry Boggs has our best interests at heart, also. It is, however, sadly true that the Republican leadership continues to make decisions that are affecting our very quality of life in this state. I can't understand why concerned parents, grandparents, employers, business men and women, Chambers of Com-

merce, preachers, teachers, students, in short, every one of us is not bombarding the governor's office with our concerns and worries about the state of our precious, beautiful state, Oklahoma. I don't understand why Mary Fallin is the "Teflon governor."

Why doesn't the buck stop at her desk?

Oh, I know why: there are no "bucks" in Oklahoma! Under this leadership, we are \$1.3 BILLION in the hole. And our students and our bridges and our poor people and our commerce suf-

fers! I can only hope and pray that the damage is not permanent!

I am asking everyone who wrote a letter to try to save the Meat Lab and the Music Department at Eastern to write a letter to the Governor's office and demand action for our kids and our state!

Let's write while we still know how to write! An uneducated populace is a danger to democracy!

**Respectfully, Ruth Askew Brelsford, proud teacher for 29 years**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER: Writing a resumé

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

1. List a career objective. Do this only if you're sure of what you want to do or if you're applying to a specific job that you can tailor the objective.

2. List the details of your education. This includes your school and the year you obtained your degree. Make sure to include any

honors, if possible, as well as GPA if it's high.

3. Re-evaluate all of your job experiences. Think about what you've done from a broader perspective: did you manage anyone? Interact with customers or clients? Responsible for managing a small business? All of these are valuable skills that should not be left off a resume since employers would find candidates highly employable.

4. Consider alternative resume formats. There is no correct format for a resume, though there is a standard. The standard layout is objective, education, experience and skills. The ultimate goal is to give the potential employer a picture of who you are as an employee, not a person, so only job-relevant information is

necessary.

For information on resumes, cover letters, interview skills and more, go to the following page: <http://libguides.eosc.edu/prof>.

### Important dates to remember:

Upcoming summer and fall enrollment for current students begin April 12

New student enrollment will begin on April 19

Graduation ceremonies will be May 6 beginning at 7 p.m.

Final Exams May 9—13

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## Chess — the game of Kings

### AUSTIN WHEAT

Staff Writer

Chess has been around for a long time. In fact, the game we know wasn't the first version. Although the version we know now hasn't changed in 500 years, the original game was brought here from the Middle East via Europe even then it was a old game.

The game is about 1500 to 2000 years old and the original version couldn't be played in a day. But about 500 years ago, the rules changed to what we have now and they are pretty simple.

By landing on your opponent's piece, you take theirs that is how you attack. Also by taking their king and forcing him into checkmate, you win. There are six pieces that all have different moves and ways they can take the opponent's pieces.

The first is the pawns. These pieces can only move forwards and can only take a piece that is diagonal.

The rook or castle, as some people call it, can move any number of spaces forwards or sideways without jumping a piece. It can never move diagonal they also only attack the same way they move.

Next is the knight. they move in a "L" shape and are the only pieces that can jump other pieces. It takes a little time to get used to the way a knight moves and attacks.

The bishops can move and attack only in a diagonal way but can go as many spaces in that direction without jumping a piece as they want.

Then there's the queen. She's the most valuable piece besides the king a player has because she can do everything

that the rook and bishop can, attacking in any direction and moving in as many spaces she wants.

Then there's the king. He can move and attack in any direction he wants but can only move one space at a time.

In all you get eight pawns, two bishops, two rooks, two knights, one queen, and one king.

The game seems pretty complicated at first but once you know what the pieces do and play it you'll pick it up pretty quick.

Chess is a game of strategy. A game of looking ahead of your opponent and trying to predict what they will do while protecting your king and taking theirs.

There is a reason chess has been around for so long with little changes to the rules it's a great game more people should learn to play.

## "Pokemon Silver and Gold" scores an 10 of 10

### AUSTIN WHEAT

Staff Writer

"Pokemon Silver and Gold" were the second in the "Pokemon" series of role playing games. The game was published by Nintendo and made by Gamefreak. Released by Japan in 1999 and in 2000 in North America, the game had followed "Pokemon Red and Blue" which were huge hits in both Japan and the U.S.

In the game you play as a young boy who you get to name. The object of the game is to capture Pokemon, animal like creatures you catch in a Pokeball and use for battles. As you travel through the Johto region, you encounter new types

of Pokemon and people who also use Pokemon that you have to battle.

In the beginning of the game, you choose between three different types. A fire type, Cyndaquil, a water type, Totodile, and a grass type, Chikorita. Each of the three has an advantage over the other. A fire type is more effective against a grass but can be beaten easier by a water type. This ensures that not one type of Pokemon is stronger or has no disadvantage throughout the game. As you begin the game, you want to be the very best like no one ever was. To catch them is your real test, to train them is your real test. As they are used to battle not only other regular opponents but gym leaders

and the villainous Team Rocket. Team Rocket would enslave and steal other people's pokemon. You defeat them and even learn a little about the previous games "Red" and "Blue," although it's not a requirement to play the others.

The game is simple and fun with a huge following and fans. I personally have played the games since I was six so not only are they fun but they also bring back memories of when I was little, trying to get my homework done so I could get just a little more time to play. All in all the game is timeless and gets a 10/10 from me because it is simple and fun with a good story.

## Batman vs. Superman may be overhyped but it is still enjoyable

### BRANDON GREEN

Staff Writer

**PG-13 151 min. Action, Adventure, Fantasy**

The "greatest gladiator match in the history of the world" was pretty average, but it held many incredible scenes.

Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck) is an older Batman than what we are used to seeing on the big screen. He has been through many trials and tribulations, and the crime in Gotham has worn on him. He has come to the conclusion that Superman (Henry Cavill) is too dangerous for the world, and decides that he must be put down. Lex Luthor (Jessie Eisenberg) agrees with Wayne, but decides to go with a different approach of ridding the Man of Steel.

Let's begin with the positives: The film that director Zack Snyder put together was a beautiful one. The visuals were fantastic and the action sequences were smooth, yet real. Snyder really brought a realness to the fictional cities of Metropolis and Gotham.

In casting choices that were surrounded with controversy prior to the film's release, the actors and actresses were incredible in their roles (for the most part). I'm not the first to say this and I certainly will not be the last: Ben Affleck is up there with Michael Keaton for the best Bruce Wayne/Batman that we have ever seen. Fans everywhere were worried that he would fall flat after seeing what Affleck did with the superhero "Daredevil" back in 2003. They were so wrong. I could feel restlessness and the conflict that Affleck displayed within his aging character. Henry Cavill does a good job as Superman, in my opinion. He is excellent at playing the "troubled savior" that he is. Jeremy Irons proved me totally wrong as Alfred and deserves praise for his portrayal as the Dark Knight's butler. Gal Gadot was fantastic as Wonder Woman, and her entrance into the film left me fist pumping the air. Amy Adams was good as Lois, although her character wasn't at high importance like in "Man of Steel."



Now with the negatives: Zack Snyder did not deliver a great story. With how successful Marvel has been with the Avengers and their universe, it feels like DC Comics was pressured to catch up. In a movie that is 151 minutes long, SO MUCH footage could've been cut out. I would have preferred that DC take their time setting up "The Justice League" than try to cram in so much information that it takes away from the movie audiences have wanted to see forever. I found myself confused on what was going on. It was an extremely slow-paced first half. There was even a scene where it introduces some members of the Justice League, but this scene felt totally out of place and should have been used near the end.

I know that Eisenberg plays Lex Luthor's son in this film, but more than likely this is the version of Lex that we are going to have throughout the DC universe. I honestly don't like this portrayal of the character. In a universe of so many "crazies," Lex has always been a calm and collected villain, and he is not that at all here. This portrayal doesn't help him stand apart in my opinion.

Reviews are all over the place for this film from many critics, but I give this movie a 6.5/7 out of 10 stars. I believe that the movie was overhyped, but still enjoyable. Go into the theater feeling relaxed and it will be worth whatever you paid for it.



## State Regents recognize partnership between Eastern and Symbiotic Aquaponic

Twenty-eight business and education partnerships throughout the state were recently recognized innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce. The partnership between Eastern Oklahoma State College and Symbiotic Aquaponic was recognized at the event.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses and to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants. The partnership between Eastern and Symbiotic Aquaponic has enhanced the college's academic position in the state and placed it on the leading edge of agriculture technology.

Accepting the award on behalf of Symbiotic Aquaponic were Kaben Smallwood, president and chief executive officer, Shelby Smallwood, vice president of research and design, and Regina Cook, vice president of marketing and communications. Kaben Smallwood is also an instructor of business administration at Eastern.

Aquaponics is a sustainable agriculture practice that produces crops with-

out the use of soil and only requires one-tenth the amount of water needed by traditional farming. After the construction of the Eastern's 2,880-square-foot state-of-the-art greenhouse, Symbiotic Aquaponic and Eastern hosted the state's first aquaponic certificate course in July 2014. Over the past three years, Symbiotic Aquaponic has provided guidance and direction in the implementation of aquaponics for the college, and has offered numerous certificate courses for the general public.

Students in Eastern's horticulture, agriculture education, agronomy and forestry classes are currently getting hands-on experience by maintaining the six aquaponics beds. Students are using the beds for research and experiments, as well as propagation for vegetable and bedding plant sales to the public.

Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering business; internships for current students of the institutions to work in the businesses; faculty externships with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment or supplies. In return, the State Regents provide a \$500 match to the tuition waiver.



Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen D. Johnson (far left) recently recognized the partnership between Eastern Oklahoma State College and Symbiotic Aquaponic. Also at the event were (left to right) Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith; Symbiotic Aquaponic employees Shelby Smallwood, Kaben Smallwood and Regina Cook; Smallwood's parents, Gary and Janice Smallwood; and Lt. Gov Todd Lamb.

"Our state system institutions collaborate with the business community to link academic programs directly to employment needs," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. "These partnerships

allow our colleges and universities to provide innovative, interactive learning experiences for students that align with workforce requirements today and in the future."

Participating in the recognition program with Chancellor Johnson were Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb, State Regent Mike Turpen and Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith.

## Students named All-Oklahoma Academic Team



Eastern sophomore Kareesa Kennedy of Buffalo Valley was recently named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and will receive scholarships to continue her education. She was joined at the presentation by Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith. Eastern freshman Katie Thompson of Eufaula received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith joined Thompson at the presentation.



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

Kareesa Kennedy, a sophomore mathematics and business administration major from Buffalo Valley, and Kelsey Chambers, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Tushka, were named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. Both students will receive \$850 cash scholarships to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall.

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 their academic performance and service to the college and community. To be eligible, students must be nominated by their college president and have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Freshman Katie Thompson, a physical science major from Eufaula, was also honored with a \$1,000 tuition waiver that will be applied towards her next year at Eastern.



**WHERE ARE THEY NOW...**

# Eastern Alumni making an impact on the world

## Bobby Mouser

**By MIKE CATHEY**

EOSC 1983 OF INDIANOLA

When Bobby Mouser (EOSC 1982 of Stigler) became an EOSC Board of Regent during 2015 he joined Regents Monte McAlester and Teresa Jackson as the trio of Regents who are also EOSC alumni.

Bobby Mouser retired from Public Service Company of Oklahoma after 35 years of service. Mouser contributed to the success of Public Service Company of Oklahoma in positions ranging from an individual contributor to an executive director. He served as the director of Customer Services and Marketing organization for the last ten years reporting to the President and COO.

In January of 2015 he became the City Manager of Stigler, Oklahoma.

"Stigler has always been home and the opportunity to serve the city was a dream come true," Mouser said. "My passion for Stigler goes back four

generations. Engagement and being visible in the community are personal goals. Giving back to the community makes everyday a true pleasure."

Bobby earned an EOSC Associates of Science in Business Administration before completing a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with minors in Marketing and Accounting from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

He has also completed a Marketing and Finance Program at the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration from the University of Virginia.

"At EOSC I really started to focus on grades," shared Mouser when asked about major accomplishments, particular skills and knowledge, and mentors, and personal strategies while at EOSC.

"Learning and taking advantage of the opportunity to complete a degree became a priority. I attended day and evening classes and I developed



Bobby Mouser of Stigler (second from right) was sworn in by Oklahoma Associate District Judge Bill Welch (second from left) as the newest member of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents. He was joined at the swearing-in ceremony by Eastern President Dr. Stephen E. Smith and Board Chair Teresa Jackson.



relationships with students that exist today.

"Two professors/instructors had a profound impact on my time at Eastern. Mrs. Pat Thomas (English) was very challenging and found a way to get results out of me. She understood life was a balancing act and was willing to share her experience and help when asked. Ms. Melody Ashenfelter (Accounting) was a first year instructor and was the most committed, motivated and caring teacher that I have had.

"From my first class at Eastern, it was apparent that the staff at all levels was caring and committed to the students and the institution."

Reflecting on special memories, activities, or relationships while at EOSC Mouser shared, "One semester I carried 15 hours. I had A's in all but Chemistry. The day of the Chemistry final my instructor, who shall remain anonymous, asked about the semester and my grades. She had graded my final and my average for the class was 88. She looked at me and said everyone

deserves a break when they work hard, and she marked an A on my final and said it looks like you made the Honor Roll.

"I will never forget that act of kindness. Many times since that event I have used her example to give people a second chance or more importantly recognize them for solid efforts. I also love the basketball games."

Bobby and his wife Vicki are both Stigler High School, EOSC, and Southeastern graduates. (Vicki Mouser the former Vicki Gaither (EOSC 1981 of Stigler). They have three children Magan, Jamie, and Michael. Magan and Jamie are also both EOSC graduates.

In wrapping up Mouser had the following to share, "As the newest Regent for Eastern Oklahoma State College I can say without hesitation the commitment to provide the best possible experience and educational excellence is the goal of the entire team.

"When asked to serve as Regent, I took the time to reflect on my

experience as a student and my career to determine if I was the right fit at the right time. Having spent 35 years in the business world with constant expectations to do more with less, increase profits, improve customer satisfaction, embrace change, maximize technology and innovate the parallels certainly exist.

"Most colleges are being asked to do more with less. I am convinced EOSC under the leadership of Dr. Smith and his staff we will remain the institution of choice for the region. From my perspective the culture is healthy at EOSC. Have fun work hard. Enjoy your time at EOSC."

*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.*



## Denmark

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the group in Copenhagen. The evening was filled with sightseeing, led by SBC instructors Ditte Kudsk and Lise Møller, at Christiansborg Palace, where the Danish legislature meets, and a canal tour of Copenhagen.

The next day, students saw more sights, including the Round Tower, the Marble Church, Amalienborg Palace, and Rosenborg Castle, and enjoyed the iconic atmosphere of Copenhagen.

That Sunday, after visiting the National Gallery of Denmark, the group took the train to Silkeborg, where they stayed with host families.

"Staying with a host family while in Silkeborg made the trip very dynamic because we got to experience how Danish students like ourselves live day to day," Brenna House said about living with a host family, "We were able to experience home-cooked meals and family life, which would have been over looked if we stayed in hotels or hostels."

The first day in Silkeborg consisted of Eastern students giving presentations over majors at Eastern to first year global business students at SBC and going on small tours of Silkeborg and the surrounding area.

The day after, students were bussed to the oldest city in Denmark, Ribe, for tours of the Viking Museum and the city.



Kareesa Kennedy, Dr. Andrea Green, Garrett Rogers, Wyatt Stanford, Brenna House, Logan Shimp, Amber Frazier, Jesse Claybrook, Morgan Spradlin, Robert Bedford, Kane Konsure and Madeline Kraft present Silkeborg Business College with an Oklahoma state flag.

Ribe, established in the 8th Century AD, contains many buildings and homes dating back to the 1400s, and a cathedral built in 1134. Traveling from Ribe up the west coast of Denmark, the students visited the beach at Søndervig, where Germans built bunkers for defense during World War II.

The group traveled the next morning to Aarhus, the second largest city in Denmark, where they visited the ARoS Art Museum and Den Gamle By, or the Old Town, a town made of buildings from all over Denmark, with some dating back to the 1600s. That evening, students from the third year Global Business class made

Danish dishes for Eastern students to try. Eastern students then presented SBC with an Oklahoma flag.

The next day, students began the six-hour-long bus tour to Berlin, Germany. On the way, students were able to see the remnants of the former East German border and Sachsenhausen concentration

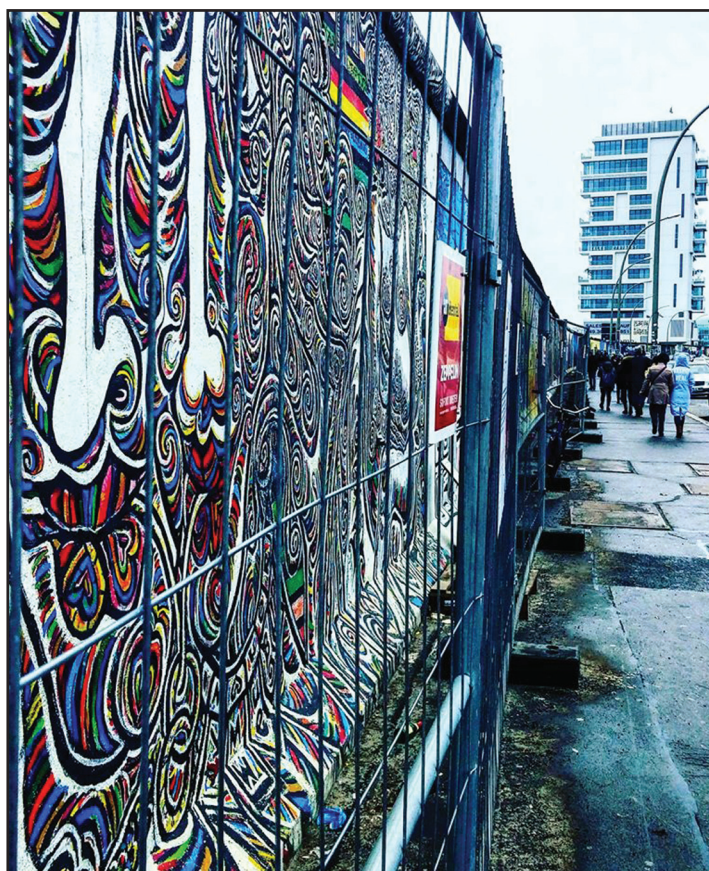
camp. Sachsenhausen, located in Oranienburg, just outside Berlin, was used as model for other concentration camps, such as Auschwitz in Poland.

After arriving Berlin, the following day was spent seeing sights in Berlin, including the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, and the famous Alexanderplatz of East Berlin.

On the final day of the trip, students were taken to see the Victory Column, Museum Island, Berlin Cathedral, and the Gendarmenmarkt Square, the location of the Berlin Concert House and the French and German Churches.

"It was the trip of a lifetime and I am so glad our students got to experience it!" Dr. Green said about the trip overall, "While we were in Europe, I had the opportunity to watch their minds open up and grow a little more each day. Now that the trip is over, I know that these students will be leaving Eastern knowing that traveling to other parts of the world and experiencing other cultures is a priceless experience. I am happy that I got to be a part of that whole process."

The students from the second year Global Business class are expected to visit Eastern from April 1-8. While here, they will learn about the American way of life and participate in various activities, such as going horseback riding at Robber's Cave, visiting Tushkahoma, and shooting at a gun range. This is the third year Eastern has hosted Danish students.



During Spring Break, Eastern students and two faculty members visited Denmark and Germany.

