Over forty-two years ago, on an August day, rain fell on the Woodstock Festival near Bethel, New York, but failed to dampen its spirit. The same could be said of the SGA’s Woodstock Day, billed as ‘The Day that Rocked the Campus.” Students were not disappointed, as the event was brought indoors and the party continued.

Scores of students donned tattoos and peace sign medallions, rocked to the sounds of two music groups, played hacky, and ate free hot dogs with all the trimmings. Some danced to the music of the Damon Jackson band, while some kept the rock concert atmosphere alive by bouncing beach balls through the crowd. Still others sat on blankets to soak up the tunes. Between the band’s sets, Taylor

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A man who would have taken a bullet for six American Presidents will address Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre graduates next month. Hobart resident Louis B. Sims, a 20-year veteran of the Secret Service—the organization assigned to protect the President of the United States—will deliver the 2010 SWOSU-Sayre commencement address Friday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sayre High School auditorium.

All students, friends and family are invited to the reception immediately following graduation in the Bulldog Café on the SWOSU campus.

Louis B. Sims
Project “Memory Lane” is launched

By Robyn Hudson

A new service learning project on the Sayre campus involves four teachers, four classes, and dozens of students.

The project is entitled “A Walk Down Memory Lane” and is a service to area nursing homes.

Students in Mrs. Haught’s English Composition class have interviewed residents at the Elk City Nursing Home and have written stories about the residents. Pictures of the residents were taken, along with those who interviewed them. The stories will then be combined with the photos and placed in a book by Mrs. Ford’s Publications class. They will use Microsoft Publisher and scrapbooking tools to decorate the pages. The book will be displayed at the nursing home for family and friends to read.

Also, Mrs. Carpenter’s computer students will blog the stories so that everyone can read them online. This will be convenient for family and friends who live far away.

For additional convenience, Mrs. Hernandez’s business class will make business cards saying who wrote the stories and where to find them online.

Talking about their past is a good memory improvement aid for the elderly, and documenting their stories is a nice service to the family.

Rad Techs Enjoy Convention

By Aaron Fultz

Students of Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre’s Radiologic Technology program, along with students from eight other schools, recently attended the 64th Annual Radiological Sciences Seminar on April 1st and 2nd held at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills.

The students were accompanied by program director Chris Stufflebean and clinical coordinator Jess Parker.

On the first day of the two-day event, the students were divided into teams of four from among the other students from across the state in a Jeopardy-styled competition called “Wilhelm’s Trivia.” SWOSU had one student place 3rd in the trivia contest which was Brain Clark. In the evening, a dance was held for all the rad tech students.

On the convention’s second day, students attended educational seminars, and a keynote address was delivered at noon. An awards banquet followed where Clark received his Wilhelm’s award.

The students and faculty would like to thank SWOSU for supporting their attendance at the convention.

The event provides students with the opportunity to learn and experience many things about their profession and make professional contacts.
By Dee Dee

Bill Swartwood was born in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, in February of 1957. His favorite activity as a child was “climbing trees, but I had a pretty normal life,” he stated. “My father was a custom harvester at the time, and we spent summers traveling to North Dakota cutting wheat. It was a very adventurous time.”

One of his fondest memories was traveling to town with a load of wheat one day. The driver told him he could make chewing gum out of wheat by chewing it so he tried. It worked! After dumping the load of wheat the driver took him to a 7-11 and bought him some gum. “It was cool.”

At the age of 12 he began playing guitar after a little instruction by an older brother. He played baseball and basketball but didn’t particularly excel in those sports, he said. He received an Associate in Science degree from Sayre Junior College and Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Mathematics Education from SWOSU in 1980 and 1989 respectively.

When asked if he always wanted to become a teacher he replied “No. I decided to become a teacher when, as a high school freshman struggling with Algebra, I had an epiphany about algebra akin to turning on a light bulb in a dark room. I’ve understood math as long as I can remember, but that course was a new and harrowing experience for me until that a-ha moment. It was at that dramatic and emotional event that I decided to become a math teacher.”

He was married on January 31, 1976, to his wife Toni. They have two children, a daughter who is a math teacher, and a son who is an electrician. They have two grandsons, ages 10 and 4, named Stockton and Cord.

An interesting fact about Mr. Swartwood is that he has a twin brother and, though they are not identical by definition, he said “If you saw him you would think it was me.”

His favorite food is Mexican-American. He doesn’t have a favorite color. The family has a one year old Yorkie named Molly. He has traveled to Mexico and Canada.

If you take a math course, you will enjoy Mr. Swartwood’s sense of humor and admire his analytical mind.

Business Students Place at State

Members of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre chapter of Phi Beta Lambda competed in the business organization’s State Leadership Conference March 25-27 at Norman.

Cyndy Blevins of Sayre placed 1st in Business Communications and 1st in Management Concepts.

Petra Acosta of Sayre placed 1st in Human Resource Management.

Bill Akins of Erick placed 2nd in Client Service and 3rd in Justice Administration.


The top two finishers in each category qualify to compete in the National Leadership Conference this summer in Nashville, Tennessee.

“This edition’s focus is Mr. Bill Swartwood, Mathematics instructor at SWOSU –Sayre.”

“PBL gives the students an idea of what business and career-related areas are out there for them,” said faculty sponsor Holly Hernandez.

“The Phi Beta Lambda members would like to thank everyone in the faculty and staff at SWOSU-Sayre, as well as members of the community for their continued support,” Hernandez said.
Students who will be graduating with their Associate’s Degree from Southwestern at Sayre are listed below:

**IN GENERAL EDUCATION**
- **From Canute**
  - Ashley E Luttmer
  - Erica Von Mahan
- **From Clinton**
  - Becky Jo Bashaw Jones
  - Stephanie Elizabeth Salas
  - Caleb James Dixon
  - Jill Shannon Cook Eslinger
  - Kyle Edward Evans
  - Richard Lewis Garner
  - Amanda Marie Chase Gartner
  - Lane Michael Henry
  - Jalyn Dea’ Wells Koch
  - Ashlee Nicole Lawrence
  - Marisol Lopez
  - Desaree Layne Lovelace
  - Carrie Ann Hoffman Myers
  - Jeremy David Nichols
  - Ashley Marie Larson Womack
- **From Edmond**
  - Christopher Bryan Copeland
  - Cindel Rene’ Fish
  - Deneile Nash
  - Cody Lane Stallings
  - Jessica Lynn Marie Steinke
  - Jennifer Diane Wynn
- **From Weatherford**
  - Cheryl Ilene Irwin
  - Amanda Marie Chase Gartner
  - Lane Michael Henry
  - Petra Acosta
  - LeAnna Edler Patton
  - Lacie Marie Thompson
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  - LeAnna Edler Patton
  - Lacie Marie Thompson

**In Criminal Justice**
- **From Canute**
  - Shannon Lee Margerum
- **From Elk City**
  - Robert Michael Rodgers

**In General Business**
- **From Canute**
  - Matthew W. Luttmer
- **From Elk City**
  - Petra Acosta
  - Lane Michael Henry
  - LeAnna Edler Patton
- **From Canadian, TX**
  - Lacie Marie Thompson

**In Computer Science**
- **From Dill City**
  - Brandon Dale Raleigh
- **From Elk City**
  - Lendell Austin Jones
- **From Erick**
  - Brian T. Atteberry
  - IN PRE- Nursing
- **From Elk City**
  - Lauren Breanne Givens
  - Angela Arleta Keith Harguess

**Graduating With An Associate In Applied Science**
**In Medical Laboratory Technician**
- **From Cheyenne**
  - Aaron Blake Fultz
- **From Elk City**
  - Amber Irene Holmes
  - Alicia Michelle Houston
- **From Reydon**
  - Charissa Codilla O’Clair Isch

**In Radiologic Technology**
- **From Burns Flat**
  - Jaclyn Christine Garrett
- **From Clinton**
  - Callie Ann Looper
- **From Elk City**
  - Chasity Lynn Bartee
  - Brian Joel Clark
- **From Hobart**
  - Michelle Leigh Lowrance
  - Jeremy Patrick Winkler
- **From Mooreland**
  - Kyla Renee Vassar Wages
- **From Okarche**
  - Beau Francis Mueggenborg
- **Oklahoma City**
  - Jacie Lea Smith Upchurch
- **Sayre**
  - Britney Phillips Porter
- **Weatherford**
  - Kendra Rae King
  - Kendell Nikole Lau

**Do Men Still Get Paid More than Women?**

By Marlena Johnson

The workplace pay gap between men and women, once thought to be narrowing, has only been getting worse, according to an analysis of recently released census data conducted by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Women make only 75.5 cents for every dollar that men earn, according to a new release by the U.S. Census Bureau. Between 2002 and 2003, median annual earnings for full-time year-round women workers shrank by 0.6 percent, to $30,724, while men’s earnings remained unchanged, at $40,668.

The 1.4 percent decrease in the gender wage ratio is the largest backslide in 12 years (since 1991).

The 2003 Census data also show the first decline in women’s real earnings since 1995.

All should fill out the 2010 census so this trend, along with many others, can be tracked.
Med Tech Students and Instructor Win Honors

By: Lauren Tatum

Two students enrolled in the Med Tech program will be honored at the American Medical Technologist (AMT) national conference this summer.

Charissa Isch, a sophomore from Cheyenne, will be honored as Student of the Year. Lauren Tatum, a sophomore from Sayre, will be honored as third place winner of the technical writing contest.

The students will go to Las Vegas to attend the conference. The conference will be the week of July 12-16th. During the conference Med Tech program director, Roxann Clifton, is also going to be honored as Tech of the Year. She is currently vice president of the AMT, a national organization with over 45,000 members.

There are thousands of student members of the AMT as well. Many students enter for the Student of the Year award as well as submit an essay into the technical writing contest. This only adds to the honor of the two students we have that won these very prestigious awards.

AWARD WINNERS Lauren Tatum, 3rd place essay, Roxann Clifton, “Tech of the Year” and Charissa Isch, “Student of Year.”

Custodian Jim VanBuren Retires

By Amanda Gartner

Jim VanBuren has announced his retirement, and SWOSU is currently seeking to fill that position. He started working for SWOSU-Sayre in January of 2008. He was the custodian of Mackey Hall. He was born in Sayre, but did most of his schooling in Harrah. Jim is a resident of Carter and a father of two children whom he raised on his own. His son and daughter have both done extremely well with their lives, and Jim has, as well. His greetings, as he passed us in the hall every day, will be missed, and so will he.

SWOSU-Sayre will be looking to hire a replacement for Jim in June. Helping out temporarily with Mackey Hall will be Louis Brittin, maintenance and groundskeeper, and Alan Shockey, maintenance and security.

Summer Classes: Enroll Now!

By Katie O’Neal

Holy cow! Summer is right around the corner! That means tanning by the pool, vacations, and getting a headstart on the fall semester by taking summer classes! Yes, that’s what we all think of when we envision our summer break.

Okay, maybe just the over-achievers, but it never hurts to knock out a few classes during your summer free time. Here’s some information to help you get motivated for summer courses and staying on track with school.

Tuesday, June 1st- Enrollment for students who did not pre-enroll.

Wednesday, June 2nd-Summer 2010 class work begins.

Tuesday, June 29th-Final Exams for 1st 4 week classes

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 27th & 28th-Finals for 2nd 4 week classes
Essay Exam Excellence

Gearing up for essay tests is a breeze with a step-by-step approach from Amy Mercurio of Pacific Lutheran University. These recommendations in the article “Tips for Essay-Exam Prep” (Curriculum Review, September 2000), 9, detail what to do when you're face-to-face with the exam question: Carefully listen to, and read the directions before you begin writing. If you are allowed to choose a topic do so quickly based on your interests and knowledge. If you cannot choose the questions to answer, begin with the easiest one first. Save ample time for the tougher ones near the end of the exam. Give the most time to the questions with the highest point values. Relax! You are prepared. You're going to do great! Before answering each question, make notes about what you will say, or a brief outline of the points you will discuss. Put important points first. If possible, refer to the outline as you write; include all major points. As you write: In crafting the answer, rephrase the question as the thesis statement (unless directed not to). Use clear, strong topic sentences and transitions. Use specific information to develop each topic sentence. Use key terms and phrases from the course. Vary the sentence structure and choice of words (particularly for words such as “and,” “but,” and “for example”). If possible, double-space to make neat revisions. If you need to, cross out a word—don’t scribble over it. Do not use a pen with erasable ink because they smudge. If the question asks you to: Explain (cause, effect)–discuss what caused specific events, conditions, situations, results, and so on. Compare/contrast–discuss two or more items by pointing out specific similarities and differences. Classify–discuss subjects by categorizing them into types, groups or classes. Define–provide a logical and clear definition. Cite specific examples. Describe–discuss a subject in terms of its parts, stages or steps. Before you finish, check: Did you cover the question? Did you support the main points with specific evidence? Did you proofread for spelling, clarity and mechanics?

The SWOSU baseball team is at 19-23, with only the Abilene Christian series and the Cameron series remaining. The SWOSU softball team is at 22-18.

The Duke Blue Devils are the NCAA Men's national champions. They defeated Butler Bulldogs 61-59. The University of Connecticut Huskies are the NCAA Women's national champions for the second year straight. They defeated the Stanford Cardinals 53-47. They have not been beaten in two seasons, 78 straight games. Congratulations to both.

Phil Mickelson is the Masters champion as he went 16 under. Lee Westwood got second at 13 under with Anthony Kim third at 12 under. Tiger Woods, while struggling, tied fourth with KJ Choi at 11 under.

Shane Carwin defeated Frank Mir at UFC 110 by KO. He unleashed one of the most vicious and explosive combos I have ever had the privilege of seeing. Georges St Pierre retained his belt by a decision over Dan Hardy. Frankie Edgar pulled off the upset of the year and took the lightweight championship belt from BJ Penn. Anderson Silva held onto his middleweight belt in defeating Demian Maia.

SWOSU men's baseball pitcher is Hector Iribe.

Anderson Silva held onto his middleweight belt by dropping Demian Maia.
The Timed W.A.R.P. Contest is sponsored every year by SWOSU at Sayre. This year’s winner was Sayre High School junior, Camee Thomason. Her essay, reprinted below, tackled controversial books about werewolf, vampires, magic and more.

“Teen Attraction to Controversial Books”
By Camee Thomason,
Sayre High School

Over the last few years many authors have looked to witchcraft, magic, werewolves, and vampires as interesting writing topics. As intriguing as these topics are, some feel that these controversial subjects are negatively influencing today’s youth. Harry Potter, The Twilight Saga, House of Night Series, the Vampire Diaries, the Chronicles of Narnia, these are only a few of the popular books that contain these controversial topics. By reading these books are teens more likely to experiment and take part in such dangerous activities? And just how dangerous can these activities be?

Magic and witchcraft may be trendy, but they are not new subjects. Magic or witchcraft has been around for thousands of years. Did you learn about the Salem Witch Trials in school? How is this any different than reading these books? Except that the author has altered it to appeal to modern readers? If the reader is not mature enough to know that the ideas and characters in these books are fictional, they should not be reading these books at all.

Adam Rickel, the marketing manager for Human Events Magazine, who has read the entire Harry Potter Series says, “We know there are good powers and evil. Good magic and bad. And most importantly, there are always consequences for your actions. But beyond that it is left up to the reader.” Most teenagers know the difference between fantasy world and our world. They know that when they put their book down, the real world doesn’t cast spells and fly around on brooms.

Vampires and Werewolves are an entirely different subject than witches and wizards. Instead of casting spells these creatures are infecting and killing humans! Who came up with such a gruesome idea for a mythological creature? According to Bryan Frost, a literary historian, “Belief in vampires and bloodsucking demons is as old as man himself.” What about werewolves? How many full moons have these beastly creatures been roaming the pages in our books? Werewolf stories date back to the 10th century, that is long before handsome Jacob Black from Twilight was around! But when did vampires and werewolves go from being hideous, monstrous beings, to cute high school boys? I believe this is to capture the attention of the reader. But honestly, is it harmful? I would have to say no. Once again, it goes back to the maturity level of the reader. If the reader isn’t mature enough, his or her parents should not let them read these books. Vampires and werewolves are folklore that has been around for many, many years. If stories written about these creatures were going to harm anyone, wouldn’t it have harmed the generations before?

Are teens attracted to books about magic, witchcraft, vampires and werewolves? Of course they are, but is it harmful? No it allows teens to have an imagination, which is extremely important. It allows them to wonder and imagine. Teens know that the magic they are reading about is fictional and the creatures are made up. It gives people a story to escape to. The only magic kids will bring home from the stories is the magic of imagination, and the abilities it gives them to strive in life. What would the world be without imagination? It would certainly be a world without books of magic and vampires. If anything, these books help our teens grow imaginatively.

Works Cited

Kudos
• Candise Warren, a former student here, was accepted into O.U. to work on her masters in social work.
• Students in Mrs. Haught’s Literature class are filming “Hamlet 8.45—Stupidity Strikes Back.” Their amateur production is sure to be a U-Tube hit. Watch for it soon.
By Danny Trevino

Today we are reviewing the AT&T iPhone and the Verizon Droid. The iPhone has many different versions ranging from the 8, 16, 32, and if you pay a very hefty price, a 64 gigabyte hard drive, now all iPhones have nonexpendable memory. They are preset and cannot be changed, whereas the Verizon Droid has an interchangeable memory card and can be changed to your preferences.

Both have a large battery life. The iPhone has 300 hours of standby life, while the Droid trails at 270. If you take a lot of pictures, you’d prefer the iPhone. It has editing options, which is a nice perk, but only runs at 3.0 mega pixels. The Droid, on the other hand, has a smooth 5.0 mega pixel camera set up, but has no editing options. If you are looking for GPS and WIFI, both sport the same attributes, so no harm no foul there.

In our free time we play and or waste time in our day-to-day lives playing on our apps (applications) on our phones. There are almost ten times more apps on the iPhone than on the Droid, so if that’s what you like, the iPhone is the avenue you should go for.

On browsing the web, the Droid does what it is told, for the most part, but it downloads pages on the average speed. The iPhone has serious lightning-fast page downloads and simplicity with its web interface capabilities. The iPhone wins out by sheer user-friendly compatibility. Now on the keyboard, the iPhone has a touch screen that is very nice, but lacks in practicality, whereas the droid has a very inviting keyboard that has close resemblance to the computer keyboard.

In this case I would have to choose the droid over the iPhone.

GAME REVIEW: Dante’s Inferno

By Danny Trevino

Dante’s Inferno is a video game that was just released this year. If you like mind-blowing, action packed games, then you will love this one. Dante’s Inferno was originally based off Dante’s The Divine Comedy, which amazed and captured people by its bizarre and in-depth interpretation of the afterlife. Visceral Games and Electronic Arts decided to make this into a game, Dante’s Inferno.

In this game, you play as the young crusader who gets destroyed by the war that he is in. When he comes home to his beautiful fiancée, Beatrice, he finds his family slaughtered and her lying dead outside. He thinks that all is lost, but finds out that Beatrice had made a deal with Lucifer. Lucifer then drags her soul to the innermost core of hell so she can become his bride.

To get his beloved Beatrice back, you play as Dante and fight through each level of hell. This game being based on The Divine Comedy is going to have its mature moments, where indeed you will pass multiple souls being tortured though the various acts they’ve committed. At times you will feel sorry for these creatures, but other times you will have to use your scythe to hack through any demons or creatures that get in your way. You can also use a cross to keep many of your attackers at bay. If this sounds anything like God of War, then you are correct. If you have played through any of Kratos’ adventures, then it will be easy to pick up this game and enjoy.
By Marlena Johnson

If you have been watching *The Amazing Race* on CBS on Sunday evenings at 8/7c, you would know that former SWOSU graduates, Jet and Cord McCoy came close to being eliminated in the seventh episode.

“I think that the odds are definitely against us,” Cord said after realizing a mistake that they had made. They managed to avoid elimination.

“But champions aren't necessarily the people who ride the most bulls,” Jet added. “They're the people who can get bucked off and still pick themselves back up and get on another one. That's just what we do, so we hit bottom and there's only one place to go and that's up.”

Jet’s optimistic attitude pays off when they jump from last place in episode 7 to first place in episode 8. The host on the show announced when the McCoy brothers made it to first place from being the last team on the 7th episode to the first team on the 8th episode that they had set a new race record and said “That is pretty unbelievable!”

On Sunday, April 11, in episode 9, the McCoy bothers made it in third place with four teams left in The Amazing Race. The brothers were asked what they would do if they won the million dollars. Jet said he would pay off his house and Cord said he would buy a big ranch.

The two young men certainly have a lot of Oklahoma fans who hope they will show the world what they’ve got!

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**Schedule for Final Exams**

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Woodstock Day, continued from front

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Carpenter, of Elk City, played acoustic guitar and sang barefoot, to the delight of the crowd. It was a welcomed day of relaxation, prior to the stress of finals and graduation.

In the Dress-Up Contest, Kari Nelson garnered enough votes for 2nd place with her amazing crocheted halter outfit, but Matt Dyson beat her by one vote with his wig and American flag shirt. He was the winner of an 8-gig iPod Touch. Dozens of students were dressed for the occasion, and most of the faculty and staff donned at least a peace sign and a bandana, if not the full regalia. The SGA members who worked hard to plan, decorate, and promote, were thrilled with the attendance, and are already hard at work thinking up next year’s fun fest.

The SGA members who worked so tirelessly were Carrie Myers, Lauren Tatum, Jessica Egner, and Dayna Hicks, with assistance from staff members Nancy Sanders and Ron Kistler.

Jeremy, Amanda, Angela, Lisl, Amy, Meranda and Dandi chilling out.

SWOSU student Danny Trevino (center) joins in with the Damon Jackson band. Minutes before jamming with the pros, Danny had proven his skills while giving his demonstration speech in Intro to Public Speaking class on how to play Guitar Hero.
S G A: Jessica Egner, Lauren Tatum, Dayna Hicks and Carrie Myers.

Feelin’ Groovy!

Kari Nelson

SGA Pres. Carrie Myers presents Matt Dyson (right) with his iPod for 1st place in the costume contest.

Hippies swaying to the music included, from left, Dayna Hicks, Mrs. Ford, Lauren Tatum, Matt Dyson, Mrs. Carpenter, Carrie Myers, and Dandi Clark.

Amanda Low

Angela Kent

Librarian April Miller

Custodian Louis Brittin

Dr. Jim James, Dean of the College of Associates and Applied Programs, croons with the band on a Jimmy Buffet classic.

Karla Chaparro

SGA: Jessica Egner, Lauren Tatum, Dayna Hicks and Carrie Myers.
The WatchDawg Staff believes that Southwestern at Sayre has a few Celebrity Look-Alikes. You be the judge!

First is Lauren Tatum, a med tech major, who says she never noticed the similarity between herself and the American Grammy award-winning singer and songwriter, Taylor Swift.

"I didn't even know who Taylor Swift was because I didn't listen to Country music, until people kept saying I looked like her," said Lauren, who is originally from Ft. Worth.

Aaron Fultz, of Cheyenne, who also wants to be a med tech, says he is often told he reminds people of Buddy Holly, American singer-songwriter and a pioneer of rock and roll in the Fifties. It's probably his resonate voice!

Brea Little has a similar style to Twilight's Ashley Greene, who plays Alice, Edward's sister.

Another amazing look-a-like is Corbin Felton, Elementary Ed major from Elk City, who is soon to graduate. Corbin doesn't watch MTV's Real World Washington D.C., but has had to check it out because people keep telling her she looks like cast member Ashley.

There's no denying the resemblance between Sayre's Chris Hooks and Medusa, although he protested with "Medusa is a girl," when we asked for his picture. It's true this earthy monster is female, but as terrifying creatures go, Chris is really getting his Gorgon on!

Last of all is Cindel Fish, who also hails from Sayre. We couldn't forget her pose for a newspaper picture earlier this year when she copied Snow White's famous "vogue." Snow White is the star of the greatest American animated film of all time and the best ever Walt Disney Animated Classics movie, according to the American Film Institute. The WatchDawg staff thanks all the participants for being good sports!