



# Bulldog Buzz

## EDS Finalizes Unpaid Claim Information

HealthChoice has updated their website to inform all members that the claims administrator—EDS—has finished entering all unpaid claim information into their system.

To check on the status of an unpaid claim, members may call toll free 1-800-782-5218 with the date of service and member number (located on front of ID card). Once you registrar online, claim status and other information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.sib.ok.gov](http://www.sib.ok.gov).

## Health/Pharmacy Card Information

New HealthChoice ID cards have been mailed and all members should have received a new card with the same 8-digit ID# *but* with new claims information on the reverse side.

Please check your card to make sure it is the current card. Also, please keep the Pharmacy ID Card issued by Medco Health for prescription ID information.

Each HealthChoice member should have two cards, one for doctor/hospital claims and one for prescriptions. If you have not received the new HealthChoice card, or need additional cards, call 1-800-782-5218 to request a card. Be ready to give the ID# and verify mailing address. Allow 2-3 days for mailings.



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## Lincoln Financial Group – SWOSU New 403-B Vendor

The group meetings and one-on-one sessions with the new 403-b vendor—Lincoln Financial—have concluded on the SWOSU campuses. Sessions were very well attended.

If you were unable to attend or are interested in signing up for a 403-b deduction, please contact Debra Purdum in the Human Resources Office, ADM 101. You may visit the Lincoln website at: <http://www.swosu.edu/administration/hr/403b/RUSO-fund-lineup.xls>

## The Big Effects of Little Changes

It doesn't seem like much of a change for the cafeteria to eliminate the use of food trays, like the SWOSU cafeteria did last semester. However, according to a recent study that involved 25 institutions, it is a great way to help the university become more environmentally friendly.

The study recently released by ARAMARK indicated that eliminating the use of food trays decreases food waste by 25% to 30%. The University of Maine at Farmington with an enrollment of 2,000 full-time students reported the following savings and benefits:

- Reduced food waste by 46 pounds per person per year
- Conserved nearly 300,000 gallons of hot water
- Reduced dish detergent and sanitizer usage
- Improved the image of the dining experience
- And an estimated annual economic benefit of \$57,000

Vice President Tom Fagan said hopefully SWOSU will experience similar benefits and this will help us keep our food service prices at competitive levels. Fagan thanks Duncan Taylor and his staff for this little, but important, change.

## Suggestion Box

**Suggestion:** Since we have a freshman orientation as a way of introducing incoming students to SWOSU, why not, have a Senior Exit course such as you have in business when an employee is leaving (i.e. exit interviews). But make it a formal class, where it meets 2 or 3 times prior to graduation. This way, any information that needs to be offered is not lost during those frantic times at graduation ceremonies.

**Answer:** From Senior Vice President/Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe: Thank you very much for the suggestion. Valuable information and data can be collected through a class like this that will help us improve the educational experience at SWOSU. Please submit to your Department Chair, Faculty Senate representative or the Provost a detailed syllabus for the course and an implementation plan for proper consideration.

**Suggestion:** Have a computer lab or the library open all night. There are many off campus and on campus students that have no where to go after the library closes and Stafford closes on the weekends to do online homework and projects.

**Answer:** Sonobe said we'll ask the Student Government Association to run a survey of students to see what the need is at this time. If there is sufficient response, we could consider it.

**Suggestion:** That we get a men's track and field team, which would benefit the campus by bringing in more students. This would also give us another sports option at SWOSU.

**Answer:** Budgets are tight, so this option is not available at this time.



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## New SWOSU Employees

Teri Allen...Accounting & Finance  
Dan Cocannouer...Athletics/Kinesiology coach  
Daniel Persson...Athletics  
Toby Trotter...Athletics/Parks & Recreation  
Justin Brown...Cedar Canyon Adv. Program  
James Gichuki...Cedar Canyon Adv. Program  
Amy Smalley...Cedar Canyon Adv. Program  
Teri Williams...Cedar Canyon Adv. Program  
James Scruggs...College of Pharmacy  
Justin Noll...Foss Lake Adv. Program  
Joshua Price...Foss Lake Adv. Program  
Jase Meget...Foss Lake Adv. Program  
Nicole Boyles...Institutional Advancement  
Christopher Bradley...Library  
Albert Essandoh...Management & Marketing  
Kyle Mickley...Physical Plant  
Michelle Roberts...Resident Life  
Janice Akers...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Daniel Bastas...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Daniel Cerny...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Stacey Dickens...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Joseph Marty...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Diana White...Salt Fork Adv. Program  
Kathy Hollister...Student Center  
Andrew Cain...Tenkiller Adv. Program  
Jorie Edwards...Psychology  
Randy Barnett...Psychology

## SWOSU Dates to Remember...

### February

21 OSSAA Instrumental/Ensemble Contest  
25 Allegiance Credit Union Visit

### March

6-10 SWOSU Theatre Production "Cabaret"  
12 New Student Orientation  
16-20 Spring Break  
25 Education Career Fair  
26 SWIM Southwestern Interscholastic Meet  
28 2nd Annual Tough Enough to 5K Run/Walk  
31 Westview Writer's Festival

### April

3 New Student Orientation  
6-7 SWOSU Blood Drive  
9-10 SWOSU University Rodeo  
15 Panorama Event - The Fab Four  
16 SWOSUpalooza  
18 Blue/White Football Game  
21 New Student Orientation  
22-24 SWOSU Theater Production "Directions"  
30 Finals Begin

### May

1, 4-6 Finals  
9 SWOSU Convocation