Families of SWOSU Students:

It is February in Oklahoma with snow, ice, rain and a few 60+ degree days! In this edition, we have included information about care packages for Valentine's Day, final Panorama program--Dallas Black Dance Theatre and the naming of SWOSU's new president, Randy Beutler.

Your student is important to us. Let us know if we can help them in any way.

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Deadline for Valentine’s Day order is February 8
From-mom.com can make your student’s day!

Valentine’s Day is next weekend! Send your student a great care package that they can enjoy and share with friends. The packages may be sent to residence hall or even to off-campus housing. Check out the selection at www.from-mom.com/swosu. Remember to order by February 8 for delivery by Valentine’s Day.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre to perform
Mark your calendar for February 23

The final Panorama event of the 2009-10 year will be a February 23 performance by the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. This well-known group will perform modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works. The group has performed around the United States and draws huge crowds to its performances.

Randy Beutler named SWOSU's 17th president
Former Vice President took office February 1

Randy Beutler of Elk City has been named president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre.

Beutler, who has been serving as vice president for public policy and leadership development at SWOSU, started as president on February 1.

In 1992, Beutler decided to run for the District 60 seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He was reelected three times and served until 2000.

In 2003, Beutler was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as his legislative liaison to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. In this capacity, he worked closely with all members of the Legislature. He was promoted to director of legislative relations, which elevated him to a senior staff member of Governor Henry's administration. In addition to his duties with Governor Henry, Beutler served as an adjunct professor of history at SWOSU.

When SWOSU President John Hays hired Beutler to work at the university in 2006, he assisted President Hays with external affairs, legislative matters, grant development and development of external funds. He assisted in the strategic direction of the university and also developed the President's Leadership Class.