Todd Winn to speak at Spring Convocation

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet,” Aristotle once said, and Class of 2006 knows this all too well. The 63rd Annual Spring Convocation for Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre will be held on Friday, May 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sayre Schools Auditorium.

In this ceremony, 128 students will receive an Associate degree. Todd Winn, superintendent of Sayre Public Schools, will be the featured speaker at this year’s ceremonies. At a time when many speakers step up to tell students all dressed in identical robes that “individuality” is the key to success, this year’s speaker will put a different spin on things. Winn will be educating the audience on the importance of a “Balanced Life,” as his speech is entitled.

Mr. Winn was born and raised in Kansas. After graduating high school in Junction City Kansas, Mr. Winn proceeded to attend S.W.O.S.U. obtaining a bachelor’s in Social Science in 1987 and a master’s in special education, and a second master’s in educational administration. Mr. Winn has been a familiar face in Sayre Schools since 1988 when he taught as a special education teacher. In 1990 he continued to teach special education and also became the district director of special education. In 1992 he assumed the title of elementary school principal and in 2004 he became the superintendent of Sayre Schools.

With much experience in the field of education and the knowledge of balancing his own priorities Mr. Winn believes, “The richest and fullest lives attain a balance of work, love, and play in quality order.”

He has plenty of work, loves his family (wife, Sandy, and two children, Gabe and Kristen), and never misses an opportunity to play out the gifts he is given.

Polly Barker, a graduate (Continued on page 9)

Test anxiety can cause tears, fainting, heart palpitations, praying, grouchiness, uncontrolled begging or excessive smoking!

Up-Coming Events

- May 2—Clearly You Crystals. All students bring I.D.
- May 4 & 5 Final Exams
- May 8,9,10 Final Exams
- Exams will start on the hour (not the half-hour).
- Exams schedule pg. 8
- May 10 Graduation practice, 10 a.m. at Sayre Schools Auditorium
- May 12 GRADUATION! 7 p.m. (Grads arrive 6:30 p.m.)
- June 5 last day to enroll for summer
- June 6 classes begin
- June 12 last day to add/drop classes
- July 4th -no class
- July 28 last day to drop classes
- Aug 3 Semester ends

Finals—Stress, Stress and More Stress!

By Martha Barber

Anyone who has ever had to go through the experience of Finals can relate to the stress it can cause the human body. Everything from crying, to passing out, to heart palpitations, it can be a real strain on the human body. There are many different ways to cope with this very stressful time in pursuing the dream of a higher education.

According to Joyce Dodson, Med Tech sophomore, the best stress relief she has found is to play video games on the computer, such as Treasure Hunt, and work puzzles. According to Joyce, this time away from studying helps to relax her and put her mind at ease. If that doesn’t work, she likes to take long walks along a scenic country road and enjoy the Oklahoma wildlife that is abundant here in western Oklahoma along with the beautiful sunsets that (Continued on page 6)
By Sue Brown

Jeff Roland was born and raised in Alfalfa, Oklahoma. He is a country boy and got his education through high school at Carnegie. It seems that everyone knows Jeff. He’s the most likable guy around. You could be in such a mood, and he’ll snap you out of it in minutes. How can anyone be in a good mood all the time? You can always count on Jeff to be the same good-humored kid. He’s so refreshing and a pleasure to know. He just doesn’t seem to have a care in the world. Things just seem to fall in his lap, and someone like him is so lucky to be so happy all the time.

Jeff hopes to get a Master’s degree in Parks and Recreation. He loves the outdoors and is an avid fisherman and hunter, so what a perfect job to have. He’s really interested in possibly working at a fishery or as a Lake Game Warden.

SWOSU at Weatherford offers this degree, and Jeff plans to stay at SWOSU at Sayre until he gets his Associates Degree, and then transfer to Weatherford.

He’s a little shy, but once you get to know him, he really grows on you. He is a procrastinator at times, but he always comes out “smelling like roses.” If you haven’t met him yet, just say hi to him and he’ll do the rest. He always has something to say. This Focus is on you Jeff and I was proud to get this assignment.

By Matt Lee

The final Employee Spotlight for this semester is on Mrs. Carpenter. She is finishing up her first full year of teaching here at the Sayre. Chances are that if you are taking Computer Applications or any other Computer Science course, you probably will be taking it with her, and if not, you should.

Debbie Carpenter grew up in Oklahoma and graduated high school from Lookeba-Sickles. She describes herself as a “non-traditional student” because she waited so long to go to college after high school. She says that she can relate to a lot of the students here at Sayre because a good majority of them are also non-traditional students. She graduated from SWOSU at Weatherford with a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science in 2001. Mrs. Carpenter taught two classes on an “as-needed” basis at Weatherford. She also worked at Beckham County Sheriff’s Department as an Administrative Assistant. After the 9-11 tragedy she found it hard to find computer related jobs as many people were getting laid-off in that field.

Outside of school she spends time with her husband and her two daughters who are in high school. Her daughters play sports, so she enjoys attending lots of their games. Living in Elk City, she likes to garden in the summer, read, listen to books on CD, and attend garage sales and flea markets. She and her husband love to cook. She has even had a poem published.

So if you are going to take a computer class, you should really consider taking it with Mrs. Carpenter. She is an awesome instructor, easy going, and willing to work with you if you are having problems. When asked why you should take computer courses, she replied, “Computers are our future, everyone needs to learn more about technology and computers. Most jobs require some type of experience with computers.”

She enjoys working here at the Sayre campus and doesn’t think she will be leaving any time soon. “I’d love to stay here at Sayre and retire,” said Carpenter.

And we wish you a long and successful career here, too.
Students Share a Historic Trip

On Thursday, April 27, a group of staff and students went on an excursion to Oklahoma City for a very historical and learning experience.

“We were glad to be ahead of schedule because we had a full itinerary,” said Sue Brown. They started at the new Oklahoma History Center, then they were off to the downtown area to the Arts Festival for lunch and browsing, and lastly, they saw the Oklahoma City Murrah Memorial.

“We squeezed too much in too little time, but it was well worth it!” Brown added.

Those attending were (pictured at right, from left to right) Tom Worley, Landry Brewer, Debra Ortiz, Alex Nichols, Gloria Lau, Amber Moore, D. Farrell, Judy Haught, Barbara Brownridge, Amber Phillips and her husband, and also not pictured was Sue Brown, and Carl Bounds.

Book Buy Back

By Belenda Terry

The campus Book Store is buying back books from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. each work day.

Jolene Bales, book store supervisor, states that the following books have no dollar value: biology, college algebra, master student and writing first. Also, if the book came with anything such as a cd or pamphlet, that must be brought back with the book.

Do Not Forget to bring your summer or fall schedules in to reserve your books for the next school semester. “This is a free service and is beneficial to everyone,” Bales said.

Winnners announced for Certified Public Accounting

Three SWOSU students from the Sayre campus received awards for their academic achievement in accounting.

The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants gives annual Outstanding Students Awards to students in Oklahoma colleges and universities.

SWOSU associate professor Patsy Wootton presented the awards to Heather Damron of Sayre, Virginia Strong of Elk City, and Gloria Lau of Sayre.

“I’m very proud of all three of these ladies,” stated Ms. Wootton, “and this award gives them positive recognition for their future careers.”

ATTENTION

There will not be any free lunches provided by local churches during finals week. However the SGA will make available free donuts and ice cold drinks in Alexander, Mackey, and Conner buildings during finals.

Only Four Can Travel to PBL Nationals

By Bobbi Calvert

The students from SWOSU at Sayre did outstandingly well at the PBL conference and competitions held in Tulsa last month. Ten students received first place; however, funding was only available for four students to attend Nationals being held in Nashville, Tenn.

At the last PBL meeting, points were awarded based on merit, commitment to PBL as officers, placement at state, and votes garnered. Members themselves were able to vote on who deserved to attend, thus adding to the point tally.

Those who garnered the most points and will be attending are as follows: Virginia Strong in Word Processing, Gloria Lau in Accounting and Economics, Dustin Batterton in Public Speaking and Emerging Business Issues (team presentation) and Tara Cape in Financial Analysis and Decision making and Emerging Business Issues (team presentation).

These lucky and dedicated students will leave June 23rd for Nashville, Tennessee. Please wish these students good luck and a safe trip.
The Tassel 411—Colors decoded

By Kara Shrader

A graduation ceremony is a cultural tradition some define as a “rite of passage.” What is a rite of passage?

It is a ceremony marking the transition from a person’s present stage in life to the next. Graduation ceremonies are all unique but share the same history.

Today you will see graduates wearing the color of robe that is specific to their school colors, when in fact up until 1950 the primary color for graduation robes was grey.

Also the diplomas you will see given are placed in leather binders, but it wasn’t until recently that they stopped the practice of “rolling” diplomas because of the difficulty of framing.

Different schools and organizations play tribute to traditions specific to them, but all share in similar tactics. At this year’s graduation, you may notice the different colored tassels swinging about as the ceremony gets underway.

Each tassel worn by a student represents a different field in which they are obtaining their degree. The green tassels are to represent the medical field; white is the omen of general studies, light tan holds the sentence of education, and apricot for nursing, (among others and depending on who you ask!)

Additional colors include red and white for the arts, gold for science, pink for music, drab for business, light blue for education, and apricot for nursing, (among others and depending on who you ask!)

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre held the seventh annual Timed WARP (Writing and Research Project) for high school juniors Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Area students competed for scholarships by researching and writing essays over current topics.

Laramy Edwards of Sayre High School placed first for a $600 scholarship with her essay entitled “Problems Looking in the Mirror.” An essay entitled “Drug Testing High School Students, Helpful or Hurtful?” earned Will Fuchs of Merritt High School a second place scholarship of $500. Eric Evanson of Sayre High School placed third for a $400 scholarship with his essay entitled “Legal Tattoos.”

English teachers who attended with their students went on an electronic scavenger hunt for continuing education points, and both teachers and students competed for door prizes throughout the day.

Lunch was served in the Bulldog Café and games of Scene-It, basketball, foosball, table tennis, and pool rounded out the day, in addition to showing the campus to the students.

Mrs. Judy Haught does a fabulous job each year spearheading this project. Assisting her were Landry Brewer, Debbie Carpenter, Terry Ford, Tom Worley, Dr. Jim James, Earl Bales, Patsy Wootton, Diana Mosburg and Janice Hodge, Marita Kennamer, Jennifer Taylor and Chad Lagunas. Special thanks to all involved.
Students on the Sayre and Weatherford campus will likely face a tuition hike for the fall semester according to information shared with the Sayre campus at a recent campus tuition hearing. The exact amount of the increase is dependent upon several factors, according to University President John Hays. In his comments, Dr. Hays presented basic financial facts about the state of university funding. According to Dr. Hays, our current funding per student is almost identical to our inflation adjusted funding of 30 years ago. Unfortunately during this time period and especially the last five years, the percent of funding paid by students has increased dramatically from 25% to approximately 44%.

A recent study conducted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education found that Southwestern Oklahoma State University is under funded by $1,212 per student, according to the national average as adjusted for numerous factors including Oklahoma’s lower cost of living. In order to overcome this shortfall the State Regents requested that funding for higher education in Oklahoma be increased by 123 million dollars. However, the State Senate recommended 87 million and the Oklahoma House only 23 million in additional funding. The 23 million proposed by the House is less than the increased funding needed for the OLHAP program and debt funding the recent Higher Education Bond Issue. The amount of the recommended tuition increase at SWOSU will depend, on part, on the final negotiations at the state level. According to Vice President Tom Fagan, SWOSU had planned to increase tuition very modestly, if any, when an additional 123 million dollars was proposed. The tuition increase was estimated at 7% when funding appeared to slip to 87 million. However, if no new funds are received from the state (a possibility under the House plan), another serious review of the entire budget would be required and the tuition increase might be in the 10% to 11% area. In the past, SWOSU has tried to keep its tuition and mandatory fees at approximately 80% of our surrounding states. An 11% increasing tuition would move our tuition to 87% of the peer group, according to Vice President Fagan.

President Hays discussed how the competition for the state funding is growing with various groups requesting increased funding for corrections, health care, and common education. Tax cuts are also on the minds of many representatives at the capital. The President reminded those present that the students and their parents are not powerless in the struggle for additional funding and reasonable tuition levels. Students as a group and individually need to express their concerns about these issues and let their representatives and senators know that funding higher education is a priority with Oklahoma voters.

Did you enjoy SGA events? Then join!

Sure, it may be windy at times, but Dena Mackey, Justin Noll, and Johnny Davis are happy to make it to the SGA events, like the hamburger fry. If you enjoyed the SGA events, or think you can plan even better ones for next year, be sure to sign up for Student Government Association during Dawg Days in the fall! New officers will be selected at that time.

Benefit Sale Raises More Money

The second Benefit Garage Sale held Saturday for Alex Nichols raised another $600.00 for his gastric bypass operation. Chad Lagunas and Martha Barber of the SGA, and Sue Brown were present to assist with the sale. The sum will be deposited in Great Plains Bank with the previous $2,200 raised, and is in the care of Chad Lagunas and Ronnie Duffield.
Stress, continued from page one

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*Oxy cleaning action, carpet freshening foams, and Splenda; that was news to me.*

To keep up with my daily “June” chores. The time I had was so hefty, I often improved on them. I know I surpassed anything June ever did.

Technology offered a helping hand. I can recall the joy that overwhelmed me when I first saw the Glad Press-n-Seal commercial. That commercial told me I could keep my vegetables fresh another three days longer. That was like saying gas prices dropped to $1.50 a gallon.

Like June in character, my devotion to being a merry maid kept my widest of interests within my neighborhood. In fact, I didn’t even know about the tsunami that swallowed the coast of India until a week after its occurrence. The real world just wasn’t intriguing to me. Oxy cleaning action, carpet freshening foams, and Splenda; that was news to me.

I had achieved my number one goal in life, and it satisfied no one except me.

Just remember, when you start feeling the stress of studying for finals, it’s time to step away from the books, get away from the stress and find something that will briefly take your mind off the inevitable. Tests are really just educator’s way of saying, “Let’s see what you really know or how much stress you can stand.” Hang in there, and *Good Luck* to everyone during these final weeks of school!

One young woman shares her story . . .

“June Goes to College”

By Jessica Toler

I had always enjoyed life, even though it always whispered things I could not understand. There was more in store for me. But what? What do I do now? Where do I start? One day I got over all of those questions. “Just do it,” I told myself, and I did. I decided to live life for more than just me.

I enrolled in college not really knowing what to expect. While a few things remained the similar, my life dove into a circle of change.

Before I enrolled in college, my number one priority was to come as close to “June Cleaver” as I possibly could. I did wonderful. My husband had pleasure in a life with only one chore; mowing the lawn. I supported any decision he made; and I never debated him. There was never a dish in my sink for more than half an hour and dinner was served at seven nightly. I never let a Saturday close without pampering myself to one of my very own spectacular, at home manicures and pedicures. I could hardly let my husband see me unless I felt presentable.

Since I was a house-wife, I had the time to adorn our skyline uncluttered by a busy metropolis.

Sunny Marshall, Rad Tech graduate, deals with the stress of those very difficult radiology tests and clinicals by leaving her books at home and going out with her friends for a night of fun. Whether it be enjoying a good movie, playing a game of pool or singing along with Karaoke, this time away from the book gives her the relief she needs to catch a breath and enjoy life. Another stress relief for Sunny is to fill a tub with a hot bubble bath, turn off the lights, light some candles, pour a glass of wine and settle into the tub and let the stress melt away. After that, she said the studying is a little easier to handle, and it will actually let her catch that second breath of air that is needed to get ready for Finals.

Those soon become dissatisfaction. I needed more than streak-free glass and dishes to do everyday. So now I’m in college and my husband is lucky to eat a home-cooked meal more than four times a week. He is lucky to go two weeks without doing laundry. I still support any decisions he may make, but might debate him on occasion.

As for me; getting homework done on time is now my number one goal. I haven’t even had a pedicure “June-Style” since my first day of class. Besides my feet, some people would shriek at the sight of my home interior. The dishes in my sink look like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but at least I keep my dishes organized. In my life today, I wouldn’t have time to think quietly if I created it. Life is very enrapturing. I haven’t heard of a new cleaning product or pie crust recipe in three months. Instead, I look for updates on things like the Moussouai Trial and government candidates. My interests go beyond my major in college, and it doesn’t hurt as much as I thought it might.

June is still here despite the backwards operation of her work. I will always be her in one way or another; it is just hard to catch her when she’s busy with college.
The Corporate Dogs Are Back in Their Cage!

By Martha Barber

I’m happy to announce that the Big Corporate Dogs of the multimillion dollar insurance company that I’ve been dealing with are back in their cages.

As I reported in the last issue of The WatchDawg, I have experienced the greed and inhuman ways these corporations, doctors, and hospitals treat uninsured Americans. I guess the Hippocratic Oath that doctors take to uphold, has gone by the way side like most of the morals Americans have held dear throughout our history.

However, with the help of a lawyer and of course those dear Benjamin’s, I have been able to finally complete my surgeries, start my physical therapy, and I am finally on the road to recovery.

After a trip to Oklahoma City to see my lawyer and make a statement to the insurance representative, I was scheduled to have the final surgery to remove the six pins in my wrist and have physical therapy three times a week to regain the use of my left hand.

However, the delay in physical therapy has made it a longer and tougher road to regaining the full use of my left wrist and hand. According to my physical therapist, the delay has caused the soft tissue in my fingers to become thick and hard and will need intensive therapy to break the soft tissue down enough to motivate the fingers, wrist and hand.

For those of you have had the experience of physical therapy, know just how painful this time of recovery can be. However, it is probably the most important part of recovery from an accident or surgery.

Our bodies are programmed to shut down the muscles and tendons that are not used for any extended period of time, and it takes a lot of work and dedication to get them back in working order again.

I am now dedicating this time in my life to regaining the use of my left wrist and hand so I can continue my education and follow my life’s dream to be a Music Therapist.

I have postponed my guitar and piano lessons until next spring to give my hand the time it needs to fully recover, and am focusing on the vocal classes needed for this degree.

After the physical repair on the bones are complete, guitar and piano will be the perfect example of just what Music Therapy is all about.

Getting back to doing the things in life that make us happy and incorporating the music in the healing process is exactly what this new and unique medical field is all about.

I guess you could say that I am The Poster Child for this wonderful and new field that is finally being recognized for its real worth.

I Did Not Ask For Your Opinion!

By: Bridgette Gibson

Why is it that people who have no kids are always trying to tell those of us who have them, how to raise them? If you have never been a parent then what makes you think you have the right to tell others how bad of a job that they are doing?

For some people being a parent is not always easy, but it is hard to swallow when someone who has never had a sleepless night or had a child back sass you, tells you what you are doing wrong.

Some people think that even though they have never experienced the ups and downs of raising a child that they are an expert. Until you have been in the shoes of a parent, then you ought to try keeping your mouth shut on giving out the advice on what we as parents are doing wrong.

It is a hard enough job being a parent without the “experts” with no kids telling you what you are doing wrong. If you have never experienced the joy or the hardship of being a parent, then why would you think you know how to give advice to someone who has?

Some people are blessed with having a spouse to help out with the kids while others have to go it alone. For those who have done it by themselves, it is not an easy thing.

Not having anyone to help take care of them when they are sick, to help you worry when they have to be rushed to the hospital from an accident, when you have to wait for the doctor or X-rays to be taken to determine the extent of their injury.

Watching T.V. or videos in no way makes you an expert. Even having kids yourself does not make you an expert, but you definitely have more knowledge when you experience it first hand.

When your child grows bigger and learns to back talk, you learn to grow with them and their mouth, no matter how much you want to pull your hair out.

Ask anyone who has had a child, and they wouldn’t give them up for anything.
By Belenda Terry

With summer vacation coming up and the high gas prices, many folks wonder what activities they can afford to participate in with their families. A vacation is a time to get away and relax from the daily grind of everyday life. It does not mean you have to travel half way around the country and spend thousands of dollars to be together as a family. The whole idea is to spend quality time and reconnect with the family unit.

When the boredom of the dog days of summer finally drives you to the point of madness, then try a 3-day weekend. Drive north to the Washita Battle Site in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, and take a historical hike. The kids won’t even realize that they are learning local history. After the hike, go into town to the historical park in Cheyenne, where you can find air-conditioned museums, the Roll One-Room School House, a swimming pool or take a brisk walk around the walking park while the kids run, holler and release the pent up energy. If dad or mom love to golf, Cheyenne also has a golf course located just south of town, and so does Quartz Mountain Lodge. Ride a real train past the lake if your kids love trains.

Why not drive over to Erick to get a little music in your life? Erick is the home town of the famous Roger Miller, and they house the only Roger Miller Museum in the country. Learn about his life and career as a famous singer/songwriter. Be sure to watch Disney’s Robin Hood, so the kids can hear Miller in action as a minstrel rooster!

Sensational Sayre also contains many fun and unusual things to do. Visit the Shortgrass Country Museum or the RS&K Railroad Museum, both downtown and free. But if you like to walk, ride bikes, or just feed ducks, you can drive south to the beautiful Sayre Park. There you can also swim, golf, picnic and camp.

Elk City is home of an elaborate and beautiful museum located on historical Route 66 where they have reincarnated several old building fronts, and inside they have collected local historical items. Elk City also has many wonderful small parks where you can let the kids run wild. Try the local swimming hole or the whimsical new Carousel located in the Elk Park. Elk City will also host many Baseball/Softball games during the summer months in their new Baseball Park located north of Wal-Mart. Be on the look out in the local newspapers for activities in which you and your family can participate.

These are just a few of the towns in western Oklahoma—there’s so much more. Everyone get outside and discover the Oklahoma we all love.
Summer classes begin

By Rebecca Rippy

The clock is ticking for summer class enrollment. June 5, 2006 is the last day to enroll if you did not pre-enroll. Classes begin Tuesday, June 6.

The classes will be Monday through Thursday, so you still have those 3-day weekends! Some say that it is easier to take summer classes.

The classes are four days a week, and it really helps some people to have concentrated sessions on one subject.

To be a full time student for financial aid, you only have to enroll in one class for the summer semester; whereas for the fall and spring semesters, you have to take at least 12 hours or four classes. The summer offerings include some classes that only last half of the semester.

Some even say that it is a good time to take one of those classes that may be hardest for you, because you will have more time on it with less distractions from other classes. There’s even a rumor that the professors are more relaxed in the summer!

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from SWOSU at Sayre, majoring in Nursing, will offer special music.

Immediately following the graduation ceremony, a reception will be held in the Bulldog Café, the Southwestern-Sayre Student Center. All graduates, friends and family are invited to attend.

Students earning an Associate in Science degree in GENERAL EDUCATION are as follows: Burns Flat – Sabrina G Morse; Canute – Martha Ann Barber, Amanda G Moler Maddox; Carter – Jennifer Renee Phillips Cartwright, Mary (Tilly) Motley-Cox; Cheyenne – Brett R Moore, Anna Rice; Clinton – Robert Clay Bogle, Sherry Sue Soltow Clinton, Travis Hann Stockton; Cordell – Jeremy Darrel Gregory; Elk City – Jami Lyn Brewer, Danny Douglas Britton, Jarad D Fletch, Sherry Collins Hays, Ashley Michele Copeland King, Angela Dee Martin, Shaina Rae Pettit Moran, Marisa Raquel Rascon, Kandy Shannon Harman Stevens, Zachary David Werth; Erick – Michelle Renee Bobo Cox, Aaron Gary Hobbs, Joesanto P Mendez; Foss – Heather Renee Edler, Devyn Joy Ferrari; Hydro – William Ebb Dooley; Mangum – Crystal Dawn Williams Biddy; Reydon – Bobbi Lorene Calvert; Sayre – Courtney Nicole Allison, Sheila Rae Carver Cannon, Alicia Renee Morgan Cox; Olivea Rene’ Gray Easter, Samantha Ann Flowers, Brandi Jo Garrison, Tami J Dodson Hodge, David Chad Lagunas, Jaclyn C Trout Mundy, Justin Anthony Noll, Peggy Sue Davis Thompson; Michelle LeAnn Young; Weatherford – Jennifer J Shumpert; Wil- low – Heather Ann Fite Damron.

Six students will be earning an Associate in Science degree in COMPUTER SCIENCE: Cordell – James Vincent Ferrero; Elk City – Dalea Irene Robinson Robinson, Virginia G Chester Strong, Emily Diane Ferrrell Western; Erick – Connie Marie Montgomery Carpenter; Hammon – Mary Delena Spurlin Elliott.

Associated in Applied Science degrees in RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY are: Elk City – Tiffanie Nicole Moore; Fairview – Chauncey Nicole Mallory; Gracemont – Lori Meehe Burns; Hobart – Linda Rae Hunter Flow; Mangum – Micky Aaron Clark; Mooreland – Gardner Heath Lockheed; Reydon – Sunny LeeAnn Dyer Marshal; Sayre – Connie Sue Ruth Bruce, Landon Earl Hise, Jennifer Michelle Neece; Thomas – Amber Elise Williams; Weatherford – Julie Diane Rose Bradley, Guy Grammer, Shelby Michael Moody, Dedra Kay Swigard; Woodward – Heather Mae Hoffert.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSIS- TANT A.A.S. degrees are: Altus – Jenni- fer Eve Priddle Allen; Anadarko – Mary S Bautista, Sarah Nicole Price; Blair – Kim- berly Dawn Shaw; Cache – Tracey Lynn Cullins; Chickasha – Sarah Danielle Jackson Jarvis; Clinton – Jamie LaNell Williams Weil; Fort Cobb – Azurea Dyan Propps Peck; Frederick – Robin Elizabeth Copeland Freeman; Hinton – Amber Dawnell McCormick; Okeene – Tiffany D Fisher; Sayre – Kristy Dawn Lowrance Phyllaier, Jason Christopher Ross; Tuttle – Tania Marie DeGiusti; Weatherford – Mindy Jae Evets, Adrienne Lavee Floyd.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNI- CIAN A.A.S. degrees are: Cheyenne – Shari Dawn Collins; Canton – Jaclyn Foster; Erick – Susan Shea Bass; Sayre – Patrick Eugene King, Sara Jo Wilhelm Medders; Sweetwater – Marjorie Deene Banks.


Come and share in the joy of the class, and learn why the tassel is worth the hassle.
Grads give advice to Underclassmen

By Trista Fields

Are you an upcoming freshman? Here it is! Some advice from the 2006 graduates.

After interviewing the seniors, the most common response was to stay away from the partying and do your work.

Most of the seniors also advised that as a freshman you need to pay close attention in class and, of course, never fall behind. Once you have gotten behind on work it is almost impossible to catch up, grads said.

Some also mentioned that before signing up for your classes, ask around to see which professors might fit your personality better. Some people think the worst thing of all is to choose a class instructed by someone with whom you do not work well. But of course, how are you going to know until you try?

Be careful to not overload yourself. Taking 18 hours is too much for a new-comer. Stick with 12, or no more than 15, in order to keep your GPA up.

Many also said that attending such a small school is a blessing. They all agree that the teachers are capable of giving each student one-on-one attention, so get to know that instructor, and don’t be afraid to ask questions.

Go ahead and buy the book was mentioned, and You might want to sell back your books early, before the book store says they have enough.

Also, get someone’s phone number that sits next to you in class. You never know when you will have to “phone a friend.” There it is. Now you know what they have really learned in their time here at SWOSU at Sayre.

Finals Schedule

Finals are coming up and that means study for your exams. The end of the semester is in sight. Woo-hoo! It’s time for a break for some students while others are taking summer classes. Some are graduating while others are going to keep pressing on towards their degree. The schedule for finals is as follows:

Thursday, May 4, 2006  8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  All 8:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday classes
  10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  All 11:30 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday classes

Friday May 5, 2006  8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  All 8:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes
  10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  All 12:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes

Monday, May 8, 2006  8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  All 9:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes
  10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  All 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes

Tuesday May 9, 2006  8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  All 10:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes
  10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  All 2:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes

Wednesday May 10, 2006  8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  All 11:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday classes
  10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  All 10:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday classes

**All other final exams will be scheduled by the instructor.**