By Colter Gilmore and Megan Dickson

Halloween is just around the corner, and it’s time again for the annual Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the SGA here at Sayre.

Start getting together your best costume, because the prize money has gone up.

The winning amounts for the costume contest will be awarded as follows: First place, $300.00; Second place, $150.00; and Third place, $75.00.

Teachers are encouraged to participate this year. The winning teacher will receive a gift donated by a local business.

Also new to this year’s festivities are games. There will be the Basketball Contest, Bobbing for Apples, Pie Eating Contest, and a Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest. For the Jack-O-Lantern Contest, you will need to carve your own at home and bring it up to the gym for display and voting.

Food and drinks will be served free to everyone—even if you are not a participant in any of the contests. Pizza and pop will be served starting at 11 a.m.

There also will be a radio station throughout the morning. Details are still being hammered out by the SGA committees, so look for signs around campus for exact times and locations of events, and be sure to vote for your favorite costume.

The events will be going on all morning; however, it is still your responsibility to attend class or make arrangements with your instructors.

Ready . . . Set . . . SCREAM!!

WINNING designs from 2005 (left to right): Supergirl, sexy nurse, trick-or-treat bag, June Carter and Johnny Cash, and (below) a cross-dressed man.

Buffalo brightens and baffles campus

By Lauren Pryor

The newest addition to the campus is hard to miss. Yes, it’s a lime green buffalo. (See related story, page 3.)

Our very own Matthew Swint, a freshman at Sayre campus, was involved in the painting of the buffalo, located at the main entrance. Swint, a graduate of Sayre High, was involved in the art club his senior year, which was one of the groups creating buffalo designs seen around town.

Swint’s own design was chosen a winner, but was determined to be un-feasible to paint due to the intricate design on the buffalo’s rough exterior, so he helped implement another artist’s lime green design.

The buffalo was chosen in celebration of our state’s 100th centennial, 1907-2007. The art club began designing in December of 2005 and finished in May of 2006. In that period of time many hours of hard work were put in, which in the end paid off, because we have these unique beautiful statues set around town.
Tracy Morgan: For Mature Audiences Only

By Roy Herndon

The first event for the 2006-07 year was Tracy Morgan. Many have seen him on *Martin* and later joining the cast of *SNL*, where he is best known for playing *Brian Fellow*. He also appeared in *Third Rock From the Sun* and in such films as *Half Baked* (1998) and *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* (2001). His raunchy humor was appealing to many of the younger students. His stand-up routine contained vulgar language, jokes about drugs, sex, and the professors at the campus. It didn’t appeal to me because he was trying to be like Eddie Murphy and not come up with anything original. But many of the students had a good time and really enjoyed his humor, so I think the panorama was a success with the students. To see more of Tracy Morgan tune into NBC on Wednesday night for *30 Rock*, Tracy’s new sitcom show.

Halloween Night: Perfect for Legend Hunting

By Brandon Miller

Have you ever seen a ghost? Have you ever heard footsteps behind you yet no one is there? Then perhaps you’ve been to the Sunken Graveyard and are familiar with the legend of Crybaby Bridge?

On a bridge east of Sayre (supposedly), if you go there at night, you can hear the eerie cries of baby. It’s a popular late-night spot for teens who want to test the legend. Some claim to have heard the cries, and some hear nothing. And if you sprinkle baby powder on the hood, you can see baby footprints appear.

There are many different stories on why the baby cries—it was thrown off the bridge by a heartless mother or the mother and baby died in an accident on the narrow bridge. Some fright-seekers have played the Ouija board on the bridge to try and contact the mom or the baby. “I lock my doors every time I cross that bridge,” says Alicia Co-
hagen, sophomore, “which is dumb because a lock isn’t going to keep out a ghost. But I do it anyway!”

Near the bridge is the creepy “Sunken Graveyard,” a.k.a. the Old Doxey Cemetery. The head stones are covered in a sea of overgrown weeds and grass, making them hard to find.

Every town seems to have similar legends that keep teens busy in the wee hours.

“I grew up in Hooker,” tells Colter Gilmore, sophomore, “and we had our own Sunken Graveyard (where I accidentally stumbled into a 3-foot sunken grave one night and freaked out!) and we had the Legend of the Lost Boy. Once a little boy was struck by a car when riding a bicycle, and the legend was that his death was never reported, until someone discovered his buried bones and broken bicycle. Us kids would drive around late at night and sometimes the driver would claim to see in his rear-view mirror a white ghostlike haze behind the vehicle and the vague outline of a little boy with red eyes pedaling like a demon behind our vehicle. You’d slow down, and the girls would scream and then you’d speed away! One night we actually took my 7-year-old cousin and his bike out there, and scared the crap out of some kids.”

The directions to Sayre’s legendary bridge are fairly simple. To get there you can go east on I-40 and exit on the right at the TA. Take the access road that goes east from there. You will cross a type of covered bridge (this is not crybaby bridge). You will come to a stop sign. Here you must go right (south). The first bridge you will cross on this road is Crybaby Bridge.

Get Your Spook On at Local Haunted Houses

By Roy Herndon

Cost is $6 per person - located on West Main Street. **Haunted Jail** - located on West Main Street.

**Death Palace** - Norman, Oklahoma - Oct. 22 and 23rd. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Located on 1207 Leslie Lane.


**Haunted Firehouse of Horror** - October 27, 28, 30, 31. It all starts at 8 pm - Glencoe, Oklahoma, 208 West Main.
Nine SWOSU at Sayre students traveled to Stillwater for Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Fall Leadership Conference. Officers attending were President Lauren Eaves, Treasurer Jessica Jamison, and Reporter Brian Atteberry. Members attending were Kelly Taylor, Josh, and Billie Roberts. Dr. Patsy Wootton, advisor to the Sayre chapter, accompanied the group to the conference. PBL’s 2006-2007 conference theme is “Your Ticket to the Future.” The conference agenda included keynote speaker Patti Hendrickson, author and motivational speaker, and workshops for officers, members, and advisors. Following the conference, the group attended the Orange Peel Concert and then returned to Sayre.

New Art Brightens Campus!

By Lauren Pryor

LOOK! It’s a bird; it’s a plane... NO! It’s a lime green buffalo!

You may find yourself questioning why there is a lime green buffalo at the entrance of our campus. The buffalo is a celebration of our state.

The state of Oklahoma was established in 1907. Since the coming year will be 2007, we will be celebrating our centennial by placing these statues all over the state. There are four buffalos and two horses to be placed in Sayre. Some will be placed at the entrance of town, one is at the courthouse, one at the Shortgrass Country Museum, and the other right here on our campus.

As is often the case, art work is a matter of taste, can be controversial, and engenders many different opinions.

Dena Mackey, sophomore, said, “It’s an awesome color that represents our campus well—since our colors are blue. Just kidding, I think it’s neat.” “I actually love that color and have it in my kitchen,” said Mrs. Ford, instructor. “I think it’s perfect for a college campus. It’s bright and wild, vibrant, and non-traditional, like many of our students! I think it reflects the youthful and experimental attitude of the college atmosphere, yet its roots are here, with its collage of Route 66 and our courthouse.”

“It makes me feel like I’m inside of Pedro’s Restaurant,” laughs Matthew Swint, freshman. Sophomore Trista Fields quoted, “I really do like the color—it’s super vibrant! But, still don’t understand why it is a buffalo and not a bulldog or why it is the color it is! Seriously though, it’s really pretty!”

“When I round that corner everyday, it makes me smile,” remarked instructor Debbie Carpenter. “Me, personally? I think it’s very eye-catching,” said freshman Cinnamon Heizberg with a laugh. So, when someone asks why it’s not blue and it’s not a bulldog, tell them its not a college thing, it has to do with our state and city heritage—or just tell them it’s “art.”
The Focus is You

By Trista Fields

Roy Herndon, one of our SWOSU students, recently attended a Tae Kwon Do tournament in Arkansas City, Kansas. Of the tournament’s twelve categories, he won first place in two.

Roy received a first place in breaking boards with feet and hands, plus he won first place in Forms, which is the different hand and feet techniques. Roy has been in Tae Kwon Do since the eighth grade. He now helps teach young children the art of Tae Kwon Do.

“I enjoy helping teach children self discipline, confidence, and helping them stay out of trouble by keeping them active in Tae Kwon Do,” said Roy. “Tae Kwon Do is a discipline of the mind and body.”

Roy attends three times a week, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at Team Chip Tae Kwon Do in Elk City. He encourages people to join, no matter the age. Married with children, Roy still manages to be a vital part of campus life. He has been a member of PBL, Honor Society, Who’s Who, Lit and Spanish clubs, and is also on the Watch-Dawg staff.

American Red Cross needs YOU!

SWOSU student Tom Warren is an active member of the Red Cross, and he would like to urge everyone to recognize the shortage of Red Cross members in our region.

“What would we do if a disaster struck?” asks Warren. “We need volunteers to sign up today.”

It’s vital, local, and personal. Whether down the road, around the world, or across the nation, the work of the American Red Cross has changed lives for millions. The Red Cross has provided people with food, shelter and comfort during many disasters. The American Red Cross is the human response to the needs of our friends, families and neighbors during emergencies. Joining is not hard or far away. The Red Cross is here for you. So, all who can, make time and join!

To make a difference in your own neighborhood, contact the West-Central Oklahoma Chapter, American Red Cross, 916 S. Main St., P.O. Box 2376, Elk City, OK 73648.

Hoot ‘n’ Scoot booth well-received

By Terry Ford

A hot, sunny day prevailed for the downtown Hoot ‘n’ Scoot, which could only be alleviated by the dunking tank and the fire hose war games, but fortunately for those working under the bright blue tent, the SWOSU booth was on the shady side of the street. Boxes full of key rings, pens and highlighters bearing the campus logo were given away and many people took brochures on degrees offered here.

The Indian Tacos and the Main Street Diner’s cinnamon rolls were the best of all the street vendors’ fare. The high-flying motorcycle stunts thrilled the crowd, and the day ended with a street dance.

The students and faculty who worked the SWOSU @ Sayre booth included Sharon Adair, Carletta Crook, Melissa Barham, SGA vice president Adam Brooks, Ron Kistler, Terry Ford, Jennifer Hodge, Tommye Davis, and Kathy Brooks.

“Thanks to all who helped,” said Mr. Kistler.
Spanish class learning and keeping ocupada

Class Donates to Honduras kids

By Lauren Pryor

Our local Spanish class is at it again. Last year they donated baby gifts, and this year it will be school supplies to needy children in Honduras. It’s part of the MAMA Project.

MAMA is an acronym for Mujeres Amiga’s (Women Friends) Miles Apart. The MAMA Project is charity that sponsors medical clinics and schools in Honduras.

The Spanish class was studying a chapter on items in the classroom, so the school supplies for the children of Honduras worked well with the curriculum.

“One of the objectives of the class is to learn about Hispanic Culture,” stated instructor Judy Haught, “and working with the MAMA Project is our service learning unit for Elementary Spanish 1.”

Everyone wins when learning couples with community service.

Spanish Class enjoys Mi Fiestita in OKC

Several Elementary Spanish I students accompanied Mrs. Haught to Oklahoma City Wednesday, October 4 for a day of culture and fun.

They began the day at the Myriad Botanical Gardens where they took a tour of the South American Rain Forest, the high desert of Mexico and the island of Cuba.

After their tour and a visit profitable (for the shop) to the Myriad Gardens Gift Shop, they went to Bricktown where they had an authentic Mexican meal at Chileno’s.

The afternoon was spent shopping in several Hispanic-run businesses. They bought sweet rolls at a panaderia and admired the piñatas at a store called Mi Fiestita (my little party).”

Centennial Moment

By Joel Delp

When the Convention was called to create a constitution for the State of Oklahoma, it was a general conception that parts of the counties in western Oklahoma would be rezoned in order to add what is now Beckham County.

The people of both Sayre and Elk City were determined to have the county seat as their home town. In order for the seat of Beckham County to reside in Sayre, Roger Mills County would have to be moved north and the southern part would be taken away.

Part of northern Greer County was removed and old Day county, which was north of Roger Mills, was dissolved. When this actually happened, the eastern and western sections of the county were very unhappy and petitioned to have a permanent county seat named at an election.

This election was held in June of 1908 with Sayre and Erick, which was supported by Elk City, as the candidates.

Sayre won by a small majority and in 1910 an election was held which carried out a bond issue to build a new court house. According to E.H. Gipson, “The courthouse was built by Sept. 1911, with Judge John B. Harrison, who served eighteen years as a member of the Supreme Court, making the principal address.”
Would You Like $1,000?

By Matthew Swint

Oklahoma Campus Compact has been selected by the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation to present a $1,000 student Carter Academic Service Entrepreneur (CASE) award to a student who designs and implements an innovative and promising project that promotes a partnership between the student, the campus, and a community nonprofit organization.

Students from all disciplines are welcome to apply. The CASE award recipient will have the 2007 spring semester to finish the project (no longer than six months).

Seniors may apply as long as the project is completed before graduation. Applications are due November 1, 2006.

For further questions and application information, go to www.jrcpf.org.

Hurry! Apply TODAY for Summer Internship

By: Megan Dickson

Hey Students! Guess what you are eligible for? If you’re a student at SWOSU, you are eligible to apply for a summer employment opportunity in a university research facility. The objective of the program is to provide undergraduate students first-hand experience working in a biomedical research laboratory. Only twenty of the students will be selected on a competitive basis to be placed in a laboratory. Once the twenty students are matched with research projects, each will be provided with a faculty mentor from the undergraduate institution. The summer term will approximately last the first week of June through the last week of July. The program also provides $6,000 per student for the eight weeks they are there during summer. That consists of $4,000 of salary pay, $1,500 for your laboratory supplies, and $500 for incidental expenses. So hurry up and get your applications in!!! THE DEADLINE IS TODAY October 16, 2006.

The application form and statement of career goals may be submitted by e-mail using the form at http://Arapaho.nsuok.edu/~debanzie/INBRESummerApplication.html.

Submit the completed application by October 16th to:
Ms. Sasha Smith
Oklahoma EPSCoR
655 Research Parkway, Ste. 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Additional copies of the application or additional information may be obtained online at http://www.okinbre.org, or by contacting Sasha Smith at 405-225-9419 or ssmith@osrhe.edu.

? Interested in Intramurals?

By: Megan Dickson

Are you interested in playing an intramural sport? Would you and your friends like to form a team? Ron Kistler, SGA sponsor, would like to assess interest. If the SGA were to sponsor the events, would you be interested in forming teams? He requests that you fill out the form at right, clip it out, and return it to his office in the Alexander Building within the next week.

Some possibilities are volleyball and basketball for the fall semesters, and then softball or perhaps even bowling in the spring semesters.

In intramural sports, brackets are drawn up and teams play each other for fun and bragging rights. Everyone is welcome.