The WatchDawg

Hypnotist Coming to Sayre!

By Yuri Soto

Look who is coming to town. Hypnotist Rich Aimes. Are you ready to be entertained or be the entertainer? Come and join the fun on March the 9th in the Patterson Field House (gym).

A free lunch is going to be provided by SGA at 11:15 a.m. before the performance at noon. The show will start at noon with the hypnotist Rich Aimes and wife.

Rich Aimes presents a high-energy comedy hypnosis show which highlights his training and extensive experience as a performer and trained hypnotherapist. His undergraduate work in psychology and training in theater is a perfect match for his incredible hypnosis show and rockin’ stage performances.

Rich received his hypnosis training in California and Florida and is certified by NBHEC. He is also a member of the American Counseling Association. With Rich is his partner and wife Marielle, who is also a member of NBHEC (National Board of Hypnosis Education and Certification). She has a Master's degree in counseling from Arizona State University. Together, they present a high energy comedy hypnosis show for primarily college and university audiences all over the country! Don’t miss it. It’s going to be a blast!

Bonus for Blood Drive

By Melissa Greene

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As always, some of your instructors will give bonus points for your participation in the blood drive. Check with your instructors to see which ones are participating. This semester, however, in addition to points, you can also do a good deed for a boy in our community by the name of Cameron Gene Vincent.

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Cameron’s insurance will not cover blood transfusions, but we have been informed that if people donated blood in his name they would replace the blood Cameron used at no charge. Michelle has a special request for those who can donate.

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You may not know Mrs. Connell unless you hang out in the gym or weightlifting room, but she’s on campus every Tuesday and Thursday teaching classes like Intermediate or Advanced Exercise, Wellness, and Golf. For the past three years, she has been an adjunct (part-time) faculty member, although some may remember that she was employed full-time from 1992-1998 as the Radiology Clinical Coordinator at SWOSU at Sayre.

Connell hopes to follow in the footsteps of her father, Audy Campbell, who served as a Sayre school board member for over 10 years, so you may see her name on billboards around town until the election run-off is held in April.

She is a 1983 graduate of Sayre High School, attended this school when it was called Sayre Jr. College, and received a Bachelor’s of Science in Radiologic Technology from OU Health Science Center. After graduating, she worked in various Texas hospitals as a radiologic technologist and MRI supervisor. She obtained her Master’s of Education in Natural Science from SWOSU. After that, she and her family moved to Venezuela for three years. She learned a lot about the culture there, and she saw what it was like for people when the school system isn’t free. She really appreciated schools in America after that. She also lived in Houston for a while, so she knows a bit about the big city life, as well!

In high school, she was an outstanding forward for the Lady Eagles, so it’s not surprising that she is involved in Eagle sports. She’s been active on committees like Parent Teacher Organization, Superintendent’s and Principals’ Parent Advisory Committees, School Improvement Committee, Safe School Committee, Committee Charged with the Responsibility of Interviewing and Recommending Candidate for Girls’ Basketball Coaching position, Committee Charged with the Review and Restructure of District’s Athletic Program, and she has volunteered for the Youth Basketball Program.

After leaving Venezuela and returning to Sayre, she worked as a substitute teacher at the Sayre Elementary. Carolyn and her husband Bobby Connell have been married for 19 years and have one daughter, Devin, age 13. Bobby is self-employed as an oil field consultant.

If you are registered as a voter in the Sayre School District, you can bet Mrs. Connell would appreciate your vote!

By Matthew Swint

How many times during college do you find yourself missing the old days of high school? Classes where free, Friday nights where reserved for football games, and you had the fun of picking a date for prom.

For concurrent SWOSU students Carla Parker and Zach Sanders, these things are still a part of their college experience. Both Carla and Zach are Sayre High School seniors who have decided to get a jump on their education after high school.

“I wanted to get a head start and get some classes over with,” replied Carla Parker when asked what made her decide to take college classes while still in high school. Zach Sanders reason was, “It’s saving my parents money.”

Both students agree that at times it is hard to juggle the many activities of senior year with the responsibility of completing their college assignments. Zach plays basketball, football, and Carla plays basketball and softball. “It sucks because you forget about assignments sometimes, only coming three days a week,” says Zach.

Concurrent students make up nearly 10 percent of all SWOSU’s enroll-

ment. They receive free tuition, but must still pay an admission fee and pay for any books or fees that are required. Zach and Carla both feel that what they are doing is a good thing and encourage future seniors to consider this opportunity.

“It is a good experience,” says Carla.

“I will be starting college as a second semester freshman,” adds Zach.

You might be asking how it would be possible to take advantage of this opportunity if you don’t live in or near Sayre. Both Sayre and Weatherford offer interactive video courses that students can take right from the comfort of their very own high school campus.

For more information on how to get ahead in the game and save some money doing so, talk to your high school guidance counselor today. What better way to prepare for college than to experience it first hand while still in high school?
By Rebecca Rippy

SWOSU student Alex Nichols has fought a very public battle with his weight for the past two years and is very grateful for all the help he has been given. His dangerous, but long-awaited surgery is finally going to happen.

Slated for March 19 at Norman Regional Hospital, his gastric bypass will be preformed by Dr. R Keith. This is very risky and will change his life forever. He will always be on pills and a very strict diet, along with protein supplements.

Nichols seems to be ready for the surgery and has been recording his story on YouTube.com. He has battled his problem since he was eight years old, and was told by doctors he would never see age 30. Although there were many offers of help, Alex says S.W.O.S.U. has done the most for him so that he may live a longer life. His letter below shows his gratitude for all the people who lent time and money along with items for the fundraisers.

It is wonderful how fellow students have let Alex know that they are all behind him and hope for the best for him.

TO SWOSU, WITH LOVE

BY ALEX NICHOLS

Through April, May, and June of 2005 I was in and out of the hospital for numerous health problems. My health was deteriorating and my doctors said my only hope for living past 30 years of age was a Gastric Bypass, which is a form of weight loss surgery. There were problems with this plan, though. My doctors wouldn’t let me work, I didn’t have insurance, and I didn’t have the $30,000 lying around to pay for the surgery. I didn’t know what to do.

Since I was unable to work I decided to enroll in college. I began attending SWOSU @ Sayre in the fall of 2005. I figured I might as well get a degree while I was struggling to get the Gastric Bypass. Then one day I was coming out of the Computer Lab in Mackey Hall when I was approached by another student, Chad Lagunas. At that time Chad was the Student Government Association President and was a member of the local Masonic Lodge. He had heard about my situation and wanted to help raise funds to go toward my surgery. I honestly didn’t know what to think because I had never met him before that day.

I was also introduced by Chad to Mr. Ronnie Duffield, an instructor here on the Sayre Campus, who is also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Chad and Mr. Duffield planned three different benefit garage sales to help raise the funds. I was amazed and really felt blessed. I had never met these two men and yet both were putting their personal time and effort into helping me. I want to thank both of them from the bottom of my heart.

There were quite a few people who helped with these garage sales either by helping the days of the garage sales or by donating items. I would like to thank those people, too. So a big thanks to the Masonic Lodge, Martha Barber, Mrs. Terry Ford, Mr. Tom Worley, and Krissie Griffin. That is all I can think of off the top of my head so if your name was not mentioned, I’m sorry…I appreciate you so much. Maybe some of you donated some items or bought some items to help me out and I don’t even know your name—I thank you, too. I want to mention one other person. Sue Brown. This lady is also a student here at Sayre and has to be one of the hardest working people I know. She was there for every garage sale, one of the first to show and one of the last to leave. She worked very hard to help me out, and I greatly appreciate it.

Again, I want to thank all the good people of the Masonic Lodge and also Dr. James and the sponsors at SWOSU that allowed the college to help one of its own. With everyone’s help, I have gotten my life back.
Spring Your Clocks Forward March 11

By Daniel Ferrari

Beginning in 2007, most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March (March 11) and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday in March and will end the first Sunday in November. This comes quite a bit earlier than usual, and the reason for the change is that we will use less electrical lighting because there will be longer daylight hours, and in turn we will use less energy.

Scholarly Activity Fair Deadline Mar. 9

The application deadline for the Fourteenth Annual Student Research and Scholarly Activity Fair is March 9, 2007. If you are involved in research or other scholarly activities, you are welcome to come and present your work in the poster, podium format, in the arts, or even in the fine arts format. An Application is required and is accessible online at www.swowu.edu/administration/osp/fair/index.asp or visiting the office of Sponsored Programs website and clicking on Research Fair. The application process is through on-line submission only. No application will be considered beyond the deadline. No posters or podium presentations will be allowed without a completed and accepted application. If you have any questions or required assistance, please contact Dr. Jason Johnson by email at jason.johnson@swosu.edu or by phone at (1-580-774-3110). The Fourteenth Annual Student Research and Scholarly Activity Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 13-3 pm in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Juniors Compete for SWOSU Scholarships

Twenty-eight area high school students competed for scholarships Tuesday at Sayre’s Timed W.A.R.P. (Writing and Research Project.) The students spent the morning researching, were treated to lunch at the Bulldog Café, played games for prizes and then returned to the computer labs to type and document their essays. The competition was so tight, a 3-way tie brought judges back on Wednesday, but the winners were finally named: 1st Place, $600 scholarship—Samantha Garrison, Hollis High School; 2nd Place, $500 scholarship—Lance Culver, Elk City High School; 3rd Place, $400 scholarship—Lyssa Prince, Hollis High School.

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Click on “News and Events” then click on Current Publication under The WatchDawg heading!
Yard Dawgz invite us to OKC

By Justin Edler

If you like arena football, you might like to watch the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz play. Ticket Sales Coordinator Adam Shelton has contacted SWOSU to see if the students and faculty are interested in a group rate.

“The Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz Football Season will begin play on April 21st. We would love to have a group of students, faculty or staff members of your school to attend any of our home games,” said Shelton.

Would you be interested in getting your friends, family, and co-workers together for a group trip? Large groups can save up to $5 per ticket with Dawgz Group Packages.

If interested, contact Ron Kistler, SGA sponsor, in the Alexander Building, 928-5533, ext. 127.

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Guitar Hero Competition Raises Money

By Melissa Greene

The members of Kappa Gamma Beta invited all to have fun while raising money for cancer research in the first ever SWOSU Guitar Hero competition.

This event took place on Wednesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. The event had students performing songs with the popular PlayStation 2 video game series Guitar Hero.

The competition was set up in a talent show format. “Guitar Hero II was one of the top selling video games last year,” says Zac Dumas, the event’s coordinator. “Lots of students enjoy playing and watching this game, so it’ll be interesting to see who will be the best at SWOSU.”

Proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Custer County Relay for Life. Corey Lumley, vice president of Kappa Gamma Beta stated, “We’re so excited to host this event, not only to bring something new to campus, but to support a worthy cause.”

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By Mrs. Ford

...Computers: Apple Attacks Vista
For nearly a year, television and Internet audiences have been seeing a familiar string of “I’m a Mac—I’m a PC” ads from Apple attacking rival Windows-based computers. With the release of Windows Vista, the newest jabs aren’t any friendlier, especially since Vista is experiencing a problem with iPod compatibility. In one ad, the character personifying the PC is dressed in hospital patient garb, talking about how he’s set to undergo major surgery to upgrade to Vista. He then saunters off, telling the Mac character that if he doesn’t come back, Mac can have his peripherals.

...Higher Education: Wikipedia Banned By College
As Wikipedia has become more and more popular with students, some professors have become increasingly concerned about the online, reader-produced encyclopedia. While plenty of professors have complained about the lack of accuracy or completeness of entries, and some have discouraged or tried to bar students from using it, the history department at Middlebury College is trying to take a stronger, collective stand. It voted this month to bar students from citing the web site as a source in papers or other academic work. All faculty members will be telling students about the policy and explaining why material on Wikipedia — while convenient — may not be trustworthy.

...Business: YouTube Founders Making Millions$$$ 
The investors and founders of YouTube received hundreds of millions of dollars in Google shares as a result of the deal between the two companies late last year, according to new documents. Chad Hurley, YouTube’s chief executive, was paid in Google shares with a current indicated value of more than $345 million. He received 694,087 shares and an additional 41,232 in a trust. Another founder, Steven Chen, received 625,366 shares and another 68,721 in a trust, for more than $326 million. Jarred Karim, the third co-founder, received 137,443 Google shares, with an indicated value of $64.6 million. The big payout was revealed Wednesday in a regulatory filing Google made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The $1.76 billion acquisition of the video-sharing Web site was the biggest in Google’s history, and took place less than two years after YouTube was founded. The startup had about 70 employees when the deal was announced in October.

...Education: New Rule: Pass Every Essential Class or Repeat 8th Grade
Florida Education officials have made it tougher for students to pass eighth grade. Starting with this year’s sixth-grade class, any student who fails one core course must retake the class or will not be promoted to high school. Core courses include English, math, science, and social studies.

...Language Arts: LaVar Burton Leaves “Reading Rainbow”
After 25 years as the executive producer and host of “Reading Rainbow,” actor LeVar Burton has announced that he is leaving the popular children’s television series. Burton, star of Roots and Star Trek: The Next Generation, says one of the reasons he is leaving is because the “Reading Rainbow” brand was sold to and education company, and the new leadership does not align with his work. Burton is the 1994 winner of the NCTE Literacy Award for his work on “Reading Rainbow.”

See Ron Kistler for information on the Foundation for Continuing Education Scholarship. This is available to people continuing their education at SWOSU. Due Date is TODAY, March 1st.