Donations Needed for Christmas Can Drive and Angel Tree

By Sharon Adair

Holidays are here, and it’s that time again to give. SWOSU students are reaching out to the community to help do their part.

The SGA is asking every student and employee to contribute for the holiday.

The canned food drive has been set up by SGA members so that donations can be made. This will be for needy families for Christmas dinner. All can goods need to be in no later than December 10, 2007. Please bring donations to Ron Kistler’s office, in the Alexander Building.

An Angel Tree has been set up at the Bulldog Café. People are encouraged to stop by and get a name off the tree to help the children who are in DGS custody or foster care in our community this Christmas. Once a name has been selected and a purchase has been made for the child, the gift can be dropped off at Ron Kistler’s office. These gifts and food items will be distributed on December 10th, so hurry to contribute.

Let’s all get together and make a family smile this year that otherwise would not be so happy.

DANGER! Driving Survey tallied

By Nicole Smith

Are you a good driver? What about the person in the lane next to you?

We’ve all seen the All State Insurance commercial on TV showing how many different things people are doing while driving that isn’t necessarily driving.

We at The WatchDawg thought it would be interesting to see exactly what some of the students at SWOSU at Sayre are doing while in the driver’s seat. We conducted a survey in which 80 participants responded.

Results showed that 95% of our student body has made phone calls or answered cell phones while driving.

A whopping 96% of those surveyed ate food while driving.

Do you ever use your knee to steer because your hands are too busy? Well, 75% of those surveyed do.

When it comes to last minute cramming for that doozie of a test, you might be surprised to find that 50% of all women have studied on the road, while a slightly lower amount of 39% of all men attempt to get in those last few minutes of reading or studying.

While only one male respondent had shaved while driving, about 50% of women had put on make-up or shaved while driving!

Included in our survey a blank was left for those willing to grace us with other interesting things they may have done while driving. One woman admitted to driving with her feet while she was hanging out the sunroof of her car. Another lady said that getting dressed on the road was sometimes the norm.

Men on the other hand did quite a bit more interesting tasks while driving. One explained how he lit his passenger floorboard on fire on purpose while driving down Main Street. Another guy wrote that he went coyote hunting from the driver’s seat. A few have reached into the back or floorboard of the passenger’s side. Half a dozen folks reported romantic and/or lewd conduct while driving, and one woman breast fed her fussy baby while driving!

While driving on the road, it is rare to not see someone driving while on his or her cell phone. According to Ezine articles, “Applying make-up while driving is thought to be a leading cause in accidents. Eating can also cause a distraction.” Author Helen Hawkes stated, “Good habits are hard to break as bad habits. You can change your dangerous driving

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Students in the 2007 graduating class of the radiologic technology program at Southwestern @ Sayre made history this year by being the first class in the history of the program to achieve a 100% first time pass rate on American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national registry exam. The pass rate had been high in the past few years, but never 100%, which is what every program strives for. The national registry exam certifies graduates to work as staff radiologic technologists in any healthcare facility in the United States. Some states require state licensure, but Oklahoma, as yet, has not required a state license. Students begin preparation for the exam by taking registry prep courses in the spring and summer semesters of their second year in the radiologic technology program at Sayre. They must schedule a date to take the exam soon after graduation in order to complete the registry process, and 15 to 17 students having the highest scores are chosen to start the program in the fall of 2008. Interested individuals can contact Chris Stufflebean or Jess Parker at 580-928-5533 or chris.stufflebean@swosu.edu or jess.parker@swosu.edu for more information.

Driving Survey, cont’d from front

(Continued from page 1) habits by applying good driving skills for a few weeks. If you need to make or answer a call on your mobile, pull to the side of the road, and concentrate on one thing at a time.” According to a recent survey in Telstra of 400 mobile customers, 8% said that they almost had a car accident while on their phone. One person in 10 in Europe was not aware that it is illegal to talk on handheld phone while driving, even though it is illegal in 30 countries. Those caught are usually prosecuted for dangerous or careless driving. Last year in New South Wales, police fined more than 10,000 people $118 each for using there phone while on the wheel. A recent study at Transport Research Laboratory sponsored by insurer Direct Line has provided new evidence that driving and using the mobile phone may be more dangerous than driving while under the influence of alcohol! It causes your reaction to be 50% slower than when driving normally or hands free.

Sometimes we don’t think how dangerous the littlest things can be. Be safe and remember, it’s not just an open road.

Oklahoma Research Day well-attended

Oklahoma Research Day 2007 was held October 26 on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in Edmond, Oklahoma, with twenty-one universities and colleges participating. The annual event is the largest celebration of creativity in the state and is organized by the Council on Research for Regional Universities. Each year, Oklahoma Research Day provides an opportunity for regional university students and faculty from all disciplines to showcase their research activities. At noon, presenters were invited to attend a banquet in their honor with Dr. Glenn Johnson, Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Chancellor, presenting the Chancellor’s Remarks and introducing the keynote speaker, Regent Bill W. Burgess, Jr., Chair of the Board, OSRHE. 

With 52 presentations registered, SWOSU was one of the largest universities represented. Participating SWOSU students and faculty represented the following Colleges: 1) College of Arts & Sciences [Department of Art, Biological Sciences, Chemistry/Physics, Department of Mathematics, and Department of Social Sciences] 2) College of Professional & Graduate Studies [School of Allied Health, Athletic Training Education Program, Department of Entrepreneurship and Computer Systems, Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology, and Department of Psychology] and 3) the College of Pharmacy [Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences].

MLT attends Wellness Clinic

By Brent Bogart
Sayre medical technology students manned the SWOSU booth at a free clinic held recently at the First United Methodist Church in Sayre. They distributed information health, on the school’s medical technology program, and passed out free SWOSU markers and other souvenirs.

State Representative Percy Dale Walker stopped by to visit. The health fair featured free monitoring and lots of great information on health issues. The students who participated included Martha Bustamante, Jessica Toler, Darcy McLeod, and Trevor Kuczajda.

The Medical technology program is under the direction of SWOSU instructor, Mrs. Roxann Clifton.
Phi Beta Lambda Officers Selected

The first meeting for PBL was held November 12 and the election of officers was held at that time.

The officers are as follows: President- Jenni Hayden, Vice President-Casie Leal, Historian-Doug Tate, Secretary-Dava Leal, and Reporter-Cassandra Leal. The next meeting will be December 10, in Mackey Hall 105, and it is not too late to join.

“Join PBL!” You’ve seen the posters around campus inviting you to join PBL, but what is it?

Phi Beta Lambda is a business organization where you will have an opportunity to hold office, take school-sponsored trips, compete for awards and honors, meet students from colleges around the nation, and learn a little bit about business as well!

Instructor Holly Hernandez is the sponsor for PBL.

You don’t have to be a business major, either, because all of us are interested in business-related skills. However, business majors can certainly get a jump start on social networking by joining PBL.

A business degree is one of the most versatile degrees available in higher education. Business is important to the life of almost every social and economic system. Interactions and exchanges between people provide the energy that drives life forward. Because of this, a degree in business usually leads to a secure career. In fact, more and more jobs require, simply benefit from, some amount of continuing business education. Employees who understand how a business functions are more likely to get ahead in many companies. An associate’s degree in business is a great beginning to a college career. Following an associate’s degree, the students can continue on the business track and earn a bachelor’s degree in a business-related area.

The next step to success is earning a master’s in business administration (MBA), a terminal degree in the business world, representing ultimate achievement. Graduates of business programs are considered the best candidates for the most desirable executive positions.

Now Showing: SWOSU Students, Faculty in Christmas Play at Red Carpet Theater

As October faded away and November slapped us in the face, you may have begun to wonder how in the world you would ever be ready for Christmas this year. Now showing is a play to help you get ready!

“Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas,” is a collection of stories that cover a gamut of emotions from fall-out-of-your-seat laughing to grab-a-Kleenex and sniffle along with the cast.

The stories range from the disastrous family gathering and Church Christmas Pageant to what to do with the leftovers, how to decorate the Christmas Tree and what to do with the dastardly poinsettia once the holidays are over. The laughs and tears will wear you out.

This play was written by Robert Fulgrahm, the author of “Everything I Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten,” and is directed by Sherri Lashley.

Two SWOSU students, Tom and Candise Warren, play a husband and wife that spend moments throughout the play trying to decide the best and most “humane” way of ridding themselves of the POINSETTIA, once Christmas has come and gone.

This play will also feature the voice of SWOSU Instructor Landry Brewer as the announcer that introduces the “Scrooges.”

“He is a natural for this part,” added Candise.

So, mark your calendars for the Red Carpet Community Theatre’s Christmas Production of “Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas.” Showtimes are now through December 2nd. Nightly shows (except Wednesday) will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a Matinee on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. It may be necessary to call ahead for reservations.

For more information, you may ask Tom or Candise on campus, or you may call (580) 225-5461 or (580) 225-1941 for information or reservations.
Spanish Club Takes A Cultural Road Trip

By Sharron Adair

The Spanish classes went on their annual field trip to OKC to see the Oklahoma Museum of Arts.

The traveling exhibit this year was entitled “The Baroque World of Fernando Botero” and is featured only until December 2. The work of this unique artist is often featured in the text book used by the Spanish classes.

The 100 paintings, drawings and sculptures from Fernando Botero’s personal collection reveal the influence of his Colombian background on his work.

Themes of religion and violence, mysterious still lifes, larger than life sculptures, and tributes to the master artists he most admired offer a comprehensive look at his life.

Attending the trip with sponsor Mrs. Haught was her Spanish class: Maressa Armendariz, Brooke Breeze, Matthew Brooks, Cody Carnahan, Cindy Ezzell, Alicia Houston, J.D. Moore, Kara Morphew, Danielle Randle, Zach Sanders, Matthew Swint, and Chloe Whitecrow.

The class was able to view the other cultural exhibits, including the amazing blown glass artwork that is a permanent part of the museum.

There were all sorts of fine art from glass to canvas. The exhibits are a great way to learn about many different cultures, including our own. There was a beautiful spring lined with rocks, which was filled with a variety of fish scattering about.

Of course, one of the favorite parts of the trip is eating authentic Mexican cuisine at Chelino’s. Also the group visited a Spanish open-air market.

Spanish is offered every fall at SWOSU at Sayre.

Career Day—Informative and Fun

By Yuridia Soto

Wow!! What a turn out we had at SWOSU in Sayre for Career Day. The students from the area high schools were supplied with donuts and milk to get things off to a great start. The students were first taken for tours around the campus by college student volunteers.

After their grand tour, they were released to attend sessions being held in the classrooms.

Professors and guests hailing from Weatherford, along with Sayre’s staff and faculty, made this day a great success.

After the students attended their choice of career sessions, they all met back in the SWOSU gymnasium.

There they mingled with faculty, staff, and SWOSU students before being served lots and lots of Pizza Hut pizza, breadsticks and drinks, provided by SWOSU at Sayre. Next, door prizes were given away in a drawing.

Kim Seymour, registrar, who coordinated the event, would like to thank all the volunteers and also thank the area high school counselors and students who attended.