Costumes, Candy and Cash

By Jeff Roland

This year’s annual Halloween festival was full of fun and excitement. The SGA costume contest featured around thirty or so folks.

Other activities going included pie eating contests, free throw, bobbing for prizes (a big bowl of Jello from which participants had to fish out a prize) and several just shot hoops.

The first place winner of $250.00 was Melissa Smith as Princess Fiona from Shrek. Second place and $150.00 went to Will Fuchs dressed as a sexy old gypsy woman. Third was Gary Stephens who was brave enough to dress as a Hooters girl for a $100.00 prize.

“The students really worked hard on their costumes this year,” commented Earl Bales. “They were very creative.” Picking a favorite one to vote for was no easy task. Famous people like the Blues Brothers and the President arrived. JD Moore pulled off being a beer delivery guy and actually fooled someone into signing for a keg. There were Hippies, a pig in a blanket, a sexy inmate, and Lil John. Instructor Scott Froneberger gave us all a laugh when he came dressed as a Saudi Arabian oil sheik. (See pages 6-7 for photo spread.)

Thank you to area businesses, such as Hutch’s, Sonic, Pedro’s, Ed’s Katy Diner, and the University Bookstore, for donating gift cards.

Correction: Career Day is November 7

Wednesday, Nov. 7 will be Career Day. The WatchDawg regrets the erroneous date published last issue.

Free pizza will be served to everyone in the gym at 11:30 a.m.

Speakers from both Weatherford and Sayre answer questions about a wide variety of majors (See chart, page 8). College students are also invited to attend and ask questions, but don’t have permission to skip class.

Some of the classrooms will be in use, and instructors will notify their classes of any room changes or class cancellations.

Student volunteers are needed to give tours at 9:00 a.m. to small groups and must first see Kim Seymour, Registrar, in the Alexander Building, for instructions.

Show your Dawg spirit; be a volunteer!
SWOSU-Sayre Adds Criminal Justice Degree

SWOSU-Sayre is adding an Associate in Applied Science degree with a major in criminal justice.

Registrar Kim Seymour said the program is expected to benefit employees who work in the corrections industry, law enforcement agencies and other related fields.

“Students who provide proof of Corrections Corporations of America training completion will be awarded 32 credit hours toward the new degree,” Seymour said. “The degree only requires 65 hours, so corrections employees with CCA training have completed half the degree before taking a single college class.”

In order to receive the 32 credit hours, a student must provide documentation and pay an advance standing fee of $160.

Employees with the degree could be eligible for promotions and pay raises at corrections facilities, such as the Northfork Correctional Facility in Sayre. Seymour also said SWOSU-Sayre accepts transfer credit from other colleges and universities for all of its degrees, including the new criminal justice degree, regardless of how long ago the credit was earned. And, SWOSU-Sayre has an open-door admissions policy, so students who did not graduate from high school or earn a GED are eligible to enroll.

Enrollment for the spring semester is underway. Classes begin January 10, 2008.

For information about the criminal justice degree, stop by the Registrar’s Office, or call (580) 928-5533.
By Shannon Margerum, Contributing Writer

So very often these days I see and hear protests and complaints. Most of the time, I can’t tell if they are coming from citizens or illegal aliens. But I do know that they are complaining of things they should be proud of. They are protesting the new laws that will eventually protect their children as well as teach them respect and honor and how to be proud of what they have accomplished by being honest.

Our constitution was made for the people and by the people. Who are those people? They are and were the Citizens of the new United States of America. Citizens who gave their life, enriched this land, and opened it up freely to all those who were in need, who were starving and thriving for a chance to succeed. We are the land of the free. We exist because we honor and obey our laws to the best of our ability. We obey these laws even when we don’t like them because of the protection the laws have always given us. We protect. We always have.

Now, we as citizens have one thought etched in our subconscious, and it’s trying to come out. I believe that we all feel it, but haven’t said it yet. What do I think it is? Why are people that have broken our laws, lied, and obtained false documentation to work, continuing to fly through our court systems and commit crimes and get away with it? Why are they wanting to fight us in our request for them to obey the laws and get legal documentation on their reason for being here? If you don’t want to be a citizen of the United States, then why fight for all the rights of a citizen? In other countries, including Mexico, non-citizens have no right to protest, own land, or vote. Yet some claim we are being unfair when we have a nation to protect.

It is the right and responsibility of every American citizen to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that their backyard is safe. How can we do that when we have well over 300,000 undocumented illegal immigrants from Mexico and abroad? Yes, we might be feeling a bit intimidated that a war will break out and there will be no reason to guard our borders, because the war is in our own backyard. I don’t understand why anyone would have a problem with wanting to protect the fate of this great nation.

The immigration laws for the United States don’t have to be changed; we are just sick of not being heard so we are being asked to enforce them a little harder.

By Chase Cook, Staff Writer

Wayne Gretsky the famous hockey player, Mario Andretti the race car driver, Sammy Sosa the world famous baseball player, Michael J. Fox the actor, Hans Bethe a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, Bob Hope, Andy Garcia, Gloria Estefan, Ricardo Montalban, Arnold Schwarzenegger, William Shatner, Gene Simmons, Carlos Santana, Eddie Van Halen, Albert Einstein.

What do these people have in common?

Yes, they are all famous, but what else? They all immigrated to the United States. All of them made a major contribution to our culture. They are known and loved by us.

Maybe if we allowed the new immigrants a chance, then they could make contributions to our society, too. At the very least maybe we could put aside our selfishness and realize that they are people who want to escape poverty and persecution.

Cancun and Cozumel are not the norm for Mexico or Cuba. They are very poor countries. Maybe these people don’t like being poor, watching their children cry at night because of hunger. How strange. And as for the crime rate, most crimes are still committed by people with a social security number.

Sure it will take some thinking to solve the problems of illegal immigration, but is putting up a fence and saying “Go home!” the best we can do?
Four medical laboratory technology students on the Sayre campus recently won awards at the National Convention of American Medical Technologists in Florida.

Two SWOSU at Sayre students were chosen to attend as the top sophomore medical technology students. These were Hallie Keahey and Michelle Culver, both of Elk City. Culver was chosen as the American Medical Technologists National MLT Student of the Year.

Freshmen attending were Trevor Kuczajda of Cordell and Khang Le of Weatherford. Both students received writing awards for their student papers.

Kuczajda's third place paper was entitled Genetic Therapy and the Future of HIV.

Le's second place paper discussed non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.

Accompanying the students on the trip was SWOSU MLT Program Director Roxanna Clifton.

The group stayed on the Disney property at the Swan Hotel. During the convention, the students attended scientific sessions related to the medical technology profession, as well as social events, including a trip to Disney World.

Roxann Clifton, Medical Technologist and MLT Program Director at SWOSU, is a member of the American Medical Technologists’ Board of Directors.

She was elected to this position two years ago. Terms run for three years so she will be seeking the director position again this summer while attending the AMT convention in Providence, Rhode Island.

This past summer, while attending the AMT National Convention in Orlando, Florida, she was elected secretary and now serves as a member of the executive committee of the board as well. Ms. Clifton is also a member of the AMT Education Qualifications and Standards Committee for AMT. Prior to being elected to the Board of Directors, Clifton has served at the state level of AMT as Editor, Board Chair, Vice-President and President. She has received numerous awards for her work at both the state and national level of AMT. Her awards include Distinguished Achievements, Exceptional Merit, Oklahoma State Society Tech of the Year, nine awards for achievement in editing during her eleven years she served as editor of The Sooner Scope, Editor of the Year, and the Pillar Award. The American Medical Technologists (AMT) is a nonprofit certification agency and professional membership association representing over 40,000 individuals in allied health care.

Established in 1939, AMT provides allied health professionals with professional certification services and membership programs to enhance their professional and personal growth.

Free Music Downloads For SWOSU Students

By Alex Werner

Free music is available! Ruckus is the multimedia network that supplies free music specifically for college students. Southwestern students can legally share music, create play lists, send personal media recommendations to friends and neighbors browse classmates’ profiles and media libraries and meet new friends. They can also build their own music libraries from the Ruckus collection of more than three million virus-free songs.

Ruckus has licensing agreements with the major international labels and thousands of independent labels and artists, making the service safe and legal. Downloading music to a computer is free, but to transfer to an MP3 player, students can expect to pay up to $0.99 per song.

SWOSU students can begin using the service immediately by visiting www.Ruckus.com, clicking on “Join Ruckus” and entering an .edu email address. The registration process only takes a few minutes.
School. United States History will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:40, and English Composition II will meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:40. “We’re trying to make college more convenient for students,” said Landry Brewer of the SWOSU-Sayre campus. “Many students live in Elk City or nearby towns in directions opposite Sayre, making it difficult for them to come to us. So we’re bringing the classes closer to them.”

Adults and high school students in and around Elk City will benefit. High school seniors who take these courses do not have to pay tuition if they meet certain academic requirements. The program is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. “High school juniors and seniors are also eligible to take these classes,” Brewer said. “This is a great way for them to get a jump on college and a career.”

Night classes meet one night a week, and all the SWOSU-Sayre spring classes begin in January and end in early May.

For information about SWOSU-Sayre classes in Elk City or Sayre, contact the Registrar’s Office at (580) 928-5533.
Fall Festivities Feature Fun & Food

President of SGA, Nicole Smith, presents Kara Morphew with her prize! She won a $20.00 gift certificate to Ed’s Katy Depot.

Gary Stephens as the Hooters girl.

Thanks SGA!

Lisa Lamar dives into slime bowl for prize!

Students signing up for door prizes.


A basketball game breaks out while waiting for the judging.

President of SGA, Nicole Smith, presents Kara Morphew with her prize! She won a $20.00 gift certificate to Ed’s Katy Depot.

Delicious Quiznos subs and chips brought everyone to the table, but JD Moore, Jessie Roland, Tyler Smith and Dillon Partain topped it off with PIE!

This Mardi Gras old lady turned out to be Will Fuchs!
Costumed Creatures Cover Campus

- Battling with his inner demon is Chase Cook.
- Matt Swint, colorful as always, takes a siesta in Biological Concepts.
- It’s a pirate’s life for Michele Longley.
- Escaped prisoner Robin Morris had a lot of guys wanting to be her warden.
- Froneberger ponders price per barrel.
- How adorable is Karli Davis as Dorothy?!
- Alysia Hand, Cereal Killer
- Squeezable!
- Chuckie’s in love!
- Soul brothers, Tyler Smith and Dillon Par-tain
- Phlebotomists Jessica Toler and Martha Busta-mante.
- Isiac Tovar (Peter Pan) is the son of student Jennifer Mendoza.
- Studying is bad for your complexion!
Campus Book Store features new winter items, book sale

By Sharon Adair

The book store is now having a sale on books and much more. The prices of the books on sale range from only $3.98 to $7.98. Some of these books would cost you three times that originally! There is a variety of books to please all sorts of readers, and they make great gifts. Pink and navy hoodies are now in and will be going for $38.00, and will be helpful for the on-coming winter. Other winter clothing in stock includes long sleeve shirts, sweat pants and coats with the SWOSU logo on the attire.

Also, there is a bin full of goodies from water bottles to computer needs with prices ranging from .49 cents to $21.95. So come on down and see if the book store located beside the Bulldog Cafe has something that is just right for you. And, if you’re hungry, grab a bite to eat while reading the new book you bought or strutting your stuff in a new piece of SWOSU clothing. Stay warm in style this winter.

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