Ready for the Halloween Party?

By Matt Lee
Do you think that you’re too old for Halloween? If so, you probably are, but who cares!

On Wednesday, October 31st SWOSU at Sayre will be holding its annual Halloween Costume Contest, sponsored by the SGA.

The festivities start in the gym at 10:30 am and end at 1:30 p.m. Come on down and dress up in your most ridiculous, creative, or scary costume. It could pay off: 1st place in the costume contest wins $250; 2nd place $150; 3rd place $100.

Even if you don’t dress up, there will be plenty of other activities, including pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, and pie eating contests with random prizes given away by local sponsors. Free food and drinks will be provided. The food will be from Quizo’s. So at least come down and get your grub on.

Take advantage of being a student. It is all free of charge. Come down eat some food, have some fun and win some cash or prizes.

New Top Cop on Campus

By Jeff Roland
SWOSU at Sayre has a new police officer, Alan Shockey. Okay, Alan Shockey isn’t new, but seeing him in a police uniform toting a gun is new. He has been employed by Southwestern for over fifteen years, but he has recently been commissioned as a police officer in June and completed his CLEET certification in September.

“There was a lot to learn in a short amount of time,” said Shockey, of the rigors of CLEET. He learned many things such as laws, use of firearms, criminal investigations, traffic control, etc.

“We have been trying for a while to improve campus security,” Shockey said, and he was willing to take the position if the school would send him to get his certification.

He completed the course on his own time, spending his nights and weekends studying and attending class.

He enjoyed going to the shooting range, although one day it was pouring rain and the class still had to train from 8:00 in the morning clear up until 11:00 at night.

Shockey is in charge of Sayre campus security, and his chief is Rick Bolar, head of SWOSU police at Weatherford. Shockey is entitled the same authority any police
What is “Sex, Trapeze, and Rock ‘n’ Roll”?

By Lisa Phillips

At first glance, the Panorama 07-08 flyer that is circulating can make you think, “What in the world is going on in schools today?”

Then, when you actually open the flyer, you find out about all the different things going on this year on the Weatherford campus.

The first event was the rock-n-roll, which was the Switchfoot/Anberlin Rock Concert on October 4, 2007.

The next event is a lecture on “Sex, Power and the Media.” It takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on November 13, 2007, and admission is free.

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Blood Drive to be held

By Alex Werner

The OBI blood drive is taking place on October 24, starting at 10 a.m. and ending by 3 p.m.

All donors will receive a free “SWOSU DAWGS” T-shirt, and they will also get a free health examinations on body temperature, blood pressure, pulse rate, cholesterol and iron levels.

“We are thankful of SWOSU for their support by sponsoring the community blood drive,” says John Armitage, M.D., President and CEO of OBI. “We also give thanks to the patients and hospitals we help out by giving blood.”

OBI recommends that all blood donors visit www.obi.org and sign up now to become “Members For Life,” earning points for each donation that are redeemable from merchants.

Career Day needs helpers

By Brent Bogart

The Literary Club finished Persuasion and decided to pick David Copperfield by Charles Dickens for their next book.

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To find out the rest of the adventurous story, join Mrs. Haught’s Literary Club today.

Enter the 2008 Young Writers Competition

By Sharon Adair

A writing competition is being sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Teachers of English. Both Mrs. Haught and Mrs. Ford are members and would be happy to submit your entries. This year’s categories are as follows:

• Short Story (maximum 1,500 words)
• Essay (Expository, max 500 words)
• Personal Narrative (first person, max 500 words)
• Descriptive Paragraph
• Poetry

There will be a $2 entry fee per entry. Descriptive sentences may be submitted as “fillers” for a $1 entry fee. You may also purchase a copy of the 2008 Anthology for a discounted price of $3.00. The Young Writers Conference and luncheon will be held April 2, 2008 for the reduced price of $10.00.

Students may only have one entry per category. Entries must be typed and double spaced.

About 35 winners will have their work published in the 2008 Oklahoma Anthology and will be invited, along with their teachers and parents, to attend the Young Writers Conference and luncheon April 2, 2008, to meet with judges and receive a copy of the anthology.

Why not get your manuscripts ready and receive recognition for your hard work?

New book in Lit Club

By Brent Bogart

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Movie Review: 3:10 to Yuma

By Jeff Roland

For those of us who like western movies, we usually wait a while for good ones to come out. This was an exciting movie with plenty of shoot ‘em up parts.

It had the whole Western theme with the old-sounding Western soundtrack. The movie starts out with outlaw Ben Wade (Russell Crowe) and his gang robbing a stagecoach full of money and guns. All of the stagecoach men are shot and killed, except Byron McElroy (Peter Fonda) who was shot in the stomach, but lived.

A poor rancher named Dan Evans (Christian Bale) and his sons come across the incident. The robbers stole their horses. McElroy is taken to a hospital by Evans where Wade makes the mistake of being alone without his gang and is thrown in jail.

Their goal is to get Wade on the 3:10 train to Yuma where he is to be imprisoned. Evans, in debt and struggling to keep his family homestead, is to be paid $200 by the Pinkerton’s to walk Wade to the train station and prevent his gang from saving him.

I’m not going to give away the ending, so you have to see it for yourselves. I think it was a good movie full of excitement, but of course it can’t compare to Open Range with Kevin Costner. All in all, not a bad western movie for 2007.

Motivational Speaker: Part II

By Nicole Smith

A little motivational reminder here or there never hurt anyone.

Dawg Day speaker Amber Smith encouraged and puts some things in perspective for SWOSU students. She pointed out some things to keep in mind.

“When someone says your name, what do people think? Or better yet what do you want them to think?” she asked. Students should think about the things they do, and how it can label or brand them in different ways. Create the label you want.

Some employers will even get on the web and check things like MySpace and Facebook to further reference your job applications, so be careful what you put out there for every-one to see.

Among other points made by Amber were tips on managing stress. Exercising, healthful eating, and getting enough sleep are very helpful in minimizing stress. Talking about things, laughing, and even a good cry will help, too. She also suggested that managing stress with self-medication is a bad idea that only helps temporarily.

There are a lot of resources that help students deal with stress, so take advantage if the need arises. SWOSU has free counseling services. Contact Kim Leibscher at 774-3776 for an appointment.

This is certified counseling that would cost you a pretty penny anywhere else, but it is free to SWOSU students.

There are many other helpful tips and motivational information at www.makingitcount.com. Feel free to indulge in your curiosity and visit this website. After all, the person you’ll be helping is yourself!

Kalisha’s Korner

Why is Halloween better than Easter? Duh! Curz on Halloween they give us candy. On Easter they make us work to find it.
Students named to Who’s Who

By Yuridia Soto

The following students have been honored by inclusion in Who’s Who Among American College Students.

Kelsay Ackley, Megan Anson, Ashley Brewer, Sarah Brunk, and Martha Bustamante.

Tiffany Castle, Olivia Easter, Cynthia Ezzell, Samantha Flowers, Patricia Hardin, April Harris, Lacey Jordan, Khang Le, and Amber Lewis.

Megan Malloy, Judith Mathews, Phillip McKinzie, Darcy McLeod, Lisa Phillips, and Crystal Rippetoe.

Kandy Stevens, Matthew Swint, Jessica Toler, and Linda Zehnpfund.

Congratulations to these SWOSU at Sayre students. They will be receiving awards at the 2008 Commencement ceremony in May.

You must be asking yourself many questions like, “Do I qualify for Who’s Who?” or “Who does the voting?” In order to be able to qualify for Who’s Who, you must be enrolled for the fall semester at Sayre.

You must obtain a 3.0 GPA or above and be eligible for graduation in May of this year. A list of those who qualify is given to the faculty and staff at Sayre, who then will make their selections.

The number that can be selected changes every year, because it is based on a percentage of the total campus population.

2007 Support Staff Personnel Recognition

By Janice Hodge, Vice President Support Council, Sayre Campus

This year’s honorees for years of service were recognized by SWOSU President John Hays at the annual staff recognition reception.

The reception was held at the Bulldog Café Oct. 12.

Susie Campbell, Administrative Assistant Business Office and also adjunct faculty, has been with SWOSU for 10 years. Her years of service are greatly appreciated.

Alan Shockey has worked for SWOSU for 15 years in Maintenance/Safety and has just recently added the title of Campus Security Officer to his duties.

To vote for your favorite administrator or staff member, go to http://www.swosu.edu/administration/hr/employee-awards.asp for Employee of the Year Awards.

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officer has and can arrest someone committing a crime. Fortunately we have never had any major problems here on our campus, yet there is a need for our campus to do everything in its power to keep students, faculty, and staff safe.

“It’s important to keep our students safe. The university’s purpose is not to make anyone feel uneasy about security, but to ensure the students’ safety,” Shockey said.

So when in need, turn to the man in blue. He’ll be there for you.

If you ever have an emergency on campus that requires 911, remember that you have to dial 9 from University phones, so dial 9911 to get emergency help. To reach Shockey from a campus phone for a non-emergency, dial his extension 172, or campus personnel can radio him.

Susie Campbell is honored for 10 years of service by Dr. John Hays, President.

Alan Shockey is honored for 15 years of service by Dr. John Hays, President.

Alan Shockey’s blue POLICE shirt will be easy to spot!
NASA Gives Intern Opportunity to Any SWOSU Student

By Alex Werner

NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, has decided to give any student the opportunity to work there starting January 8th to April 20th.

The student will earn $8,000 from the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium for his or her hard work and dedication to the program.

This internship is available to students in a large number of academic fields, which includes Business, Science, Education, Engineering and Liberal Arts.

The Southwestern student that was given the privilege to attend last year was Dennis Ferron.

“He had a tremendous experience,” said Madeline L. Baugher, of SWOSU’s Dept. of Entrepreneurship and Computer Systems. To read more about it go to http://www.swosu.edu/academics/compsci/nasagrant.asp.

You could be the next intern at NASA!

Jen and babies are doing okay

By Janice Hodge, Proud Grandparent

SWOSU Financial Aid Assistant Jennifer (Jen) Hodge has recently increased her family by two.

Yes, if you have been missing Jen, she has been gone on maternity leave, struggling with a very difficult pregnancy, but the babies are here now.

Baeli Hodge weighed in at 2 pounds, 6 ounces and was 15 inches long. She is the oldest of the babies being delivered at 1:54 Friday the 5th of October 2007.

Baelor, her brother, was delivered just a few minutes later and weighed 3 pounds 3 ounces and was 15 ½ inches long.

Since they were born at 29 weeks and 1 day, the babies will have to reside in the Neo-Natal unit at Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City for quite some time. Jen has taken to motherhood quite well. She has some recuperating to do in order to get ready for double duty, but is very anxious just to get to hold them for right now.

Babies in the neo-natal unit have a very hectic time. From the time that they are delivered, preemies endure many pokes and prods. They are so fragile and yet pretty tough.

A visit to the neo-natal unit will really make one appreciate a full term healthy baby. Our babies have had some ups and downs, but the nurses and doctors tell us that this is normal for preemies. However, it is very difficult for the parents and family of these little preemies to see them hooked up to so many tubes and machines even though they know it is necessary.

So if you have some time to spare, say a little prayer for Jen and these babies as well as for other parents and babies facing similar situations.

Hopefully Baeli and Baelor will get to come home by Thanksgiving or Christmas depending on how well they thrive. What a holiday blessing that would be.
Blackboard—Shouldn’t it be mandatory?

By Kevin Williams

A recent survey among SWOSU students at Sayre proved they believe not enough of their teachers participate in Blackboard, an online register of grades making it easy for students to know their standing in the class.

After speaking with one particular student about the matter, she said, “It helps me stay on top of my class work by knowing where I stand in the class.

If I notice I am starting to slip, I do whatever I can to get the grade back up.”

If students are unaware of their overall grade, isn’t it harder to keep up their grade for the class and, furthermore, for their GPA? If professors were forced to use blackboard, would any difference in the student’s grade occur? One could argue either way; however, the point stands clear, many students believe it does help.

If Southwestern did make it mandatory for professors to use blackboard, what is there to lose? I realize professors have countless work they do behind the scenes; maybe this would open a new door for more work study possibilities. If students were graded solely by their student ID number, would any privacy rights be violated? If so, how much additional time from the professors would be needed to help the students by using this new technology? Shouldn’t the main focus of the professors be in helping the students anyway?

Arguably, Blackboard, if nothing else, would keep the students updated and keep a running total of the student’s grades. Shouldn’t the student have access to this information? If so, why do so few professors take advantage of it?

On Turning Twenty-One

By Jeff Roland

When you are young, you wait for the day you turn old enough to do certain things. Turning 21 is such a milestone. As you gradually gain years in life, you earn certain rights. Many young people can hardly wait to turn 21 so they can drink.

Americans drink an unbelievably large amount of alcohol, and campus binge drinking is a deadly problem. Most young people don’t wait to turn 21 and contribute to the already high number of underage drinkers. Years ago the legal drinking age was only 18, and I believe somewhere around 1983 was when it turned to 21.

In my opinion one of the real thrills when you’re young is underage drinking. When a person turns old enough to do something (and to do it legally) it’s not a big thing anymore. Ever wonder why that is?

My 21st birthday wasn’t what I expected. Maybe being 21 helps a person wise up, but one thing is for sure, kids will be kids.

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The WatchDawg

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The speaker is a reformed supermodel. Her name is Ann Simonton, and she has appeared on the covers of Sports Illustrated and Seventeen, and in Vogue and Cosmopolitan.

She is now lecturing on the issues of corporate ownership, gender, violence, and sexual intimacy.

Simonton is the founder and director of Media Watch, a nonprofit media literacy organization. She has written and produced media literacy videos that are used in schools and universities throughout North America.

Their goal is to inspire thousands to take a stance against media bias by asking questions such as: What impact do media images have on your life? How does corporate controlled media influence democracy? Why does our culture eroticize inequality rather than mutuality and respect?

Ann Simonton has been arrested and jailed 11 times for her courageous, non-violent, and often humorous protests.

The next Panarama event, billed as “Trapeze,” will be the Peking Acrobats, coming to Weatherford on February 14th. Stay tuned for more information as we draw closer to Valentine’s Day.

So mark your calendar for Sex, Trapeze, and Rock-n-Roll, the line up of events for 2007-2008.