The WatchDawg

SGA seeks students to run for offices; help plan events

Start campaigning today!

First of all, what is SGA? The Student Government Association (SGA) is the governing body of SWOSU students. Student activity fees fund the operations of SGA, and student-elected officials oversee the expenditure of those funds. The three branches of student government—executive, legislative, and judicial—work together to lead students by serving them. SGA is the advocate for student interests, a powerful voice for change and progress, and a dedicated provider of student services and resources. SGA takes the lead in providing entertainment, activity (Continued on page 5)

Students enjoy Dawg Day; Rodeo Parade

By Yuri Soto

“Rain, rain, go away” may have been the thought of many who had been awaiting Dawg Day. Due to the inclement weather, Dawg Day was held in the gymnasium, but was still full of surprises and entertainment. Not even the rain could wash down the excitement of everyone there. The gym was full of fun, food and great displays by the community. Everyone there received free pens, pencil, a goody bag, pamphlets and information. Many signed up to join SGA, Lit Club, and PBL. For entertainment, KECO radio disc jockey Nathan Brewer was hosting the remote, and there was an inflatable obstacle course which was a hoot. All that attended put their name in for the Dawg Day prize drawings. Lists of winners have been (Continued on page 5)

Shannon Margerum is enjoying the obstacle course.

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Above: Jesse and Jeff Roland enjoy the Dawg Day hamburger fry. At right: The SWOSU Rodeo Parade Float.
Join Intramural sports now! Sign up today.

By Jeff Roland

Looking for something fun to do here at Sayre? Are you tired of sitting around being bored? If so, you should get into intramural sports. Playing intramurals is a fun way to exercise, meet new people, or improve your skills in a certain sport. Intramural teams are now being formed.

Intramural sports are played for fun, and it doesn't make a difference whether or not you're any good. There is no qualification for playing and everyone is welcome. The definition of intramural means within, therefore intramural sports means playing within the same team.

There is no specific time to play, and the choices of sports are many. The most commonly played sport by the students here at Sayre is basketball. Other sports like volleyball and flag football could be played. Since we have a full size gym, basketball is the most logical idea.

So if you're interested in playing, sign up in the registrar's office. Be sure to stop in the weight room and the gym to see what's going on. Hope to see you there!

Cell phones to be used in campus safety plan

SWOSU has recently adopted a new notification system that enables SWOSU to send emergency news to cell phones. The notification system will be used to communicate important information during any potential emergency, such as a homeland security advisory or weather warning, for examples.

Rick Bolar, director of public safety at SWOSU, said university employees and students can sign up for the free service at www.swosu.edu/resources/alerts.asp or by going to one of the following web pages and clicking the “SWOSU Alert” logo: Current Students, Faculty and Staff, Sayre Current Students and Department of Public Safety. Once the person signs up for the service, SWOSU will be able to text message the cell phone with timely information about emergencies. Bolar encourages the entire SWOSU community to register.

The new system, powered by ezcampus, enables officials to send instant alerts directly to registered subscribers’ email accounts and mobile phones via SMS text messages. Bolar said SWOSU plans to use the system ONLY for emergency situations. Depending on the person’s cell phone plan, there may be a nominal fee from the carrier to receive the messages, but there is no charge from SWOSU to use this service. Students should also check with their instructors to determine the class policy for leaving all cell phones on and in the silent mode during class.

Many choose two-day T-R schedule over MWF

By Terry Ford

One look at the parking lot and it is easy to see that there are more students on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those two days have traditionally been used mainly for labs and remedial courses; however, the Scheduling Committee provided more core classes for this fall, and the response has been positive.

Registrar Kim Seymour confirms, “We have had more students than ever interested in a Tuesday-Thursday. I’m not sure why, but it probably has to do with the rising cost of gasoline. In response, to the demand we are adding classes for Spring 2008.”

The spring schedule has been placed on the web. If you would like to try a Tuesday-Thursday schedule, go to www.swosu.edu and click on <Future Students> where you will find a link to “Finals and Class Schedules” on the lower right-hand side. Move past the Weatherford class schedules and go on down to find Sayre’s schedules.

An easier way to find what you need is to use the <Search> button on swosu.edu. Just type in “Sayre Spring 2008 schedule” and it will take you directly to the site.
SWOSU to set up booth at Hoot ‘n’ Scoot

By Sharon Adair

It’s that time of year again here in Sayre for the traditional Hoot ‘n’ Scoot. It will begin September 29 on Main Street in Sayre.

This will be the 6th annual Rt. 66 Hoot ‘n’ Scoot celebration for Sayre. The events scheduled this year could be the best ever, with lots of fun, old cars, food and music.

Villa wins Lit Club drawing

By Jeff Roland

During the Dawg Day events, Lit Club sponsor Mrs. Judy Haught held a drawing for a brand-spanking-new book. The grand winner was Teresa Villa. She was the winner of Tales and Poems by Edgar Allen Poe.

Coincidentally, Teresa is a big fan of Edgar Allen Poe.

Literary Club gets set for a good read

By Lisa Phillips

Lit Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Fridays in the Lit Pit (Mackey Hall). You may also join online at swosu.com if you can’t attend the meetings. The book selected is PERSUASION by Jane Austen. You can find the book on your own or read it for free online at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/. If you read it online the computer will “bookmark” your spot, so you can pick up where you left off!

According to one website, the plot of the book is as follows:

Anne Elliot, heroine of Austen’s last novel, did something we can all relate to: Long ago, she let the love of her life get away.

In this case, she had allowed herself to be persuaded by a trusted family friend that the young man she loved wasn’t an adequate match, social stationwise, and that Anne could do better.

The novel opens some seven years after Anne sent her beau packing, and she’s still alone. But then the guy she never stopped loving comes back from the sea. As always, Austen’s storytelling is so confident, you can’t help but allow yourself to be taken on the enjoyable journey.
Ms. Hernandez to lead PBL and business courses

By Brent Bogart

New to the Sayre Campus is Holly Hernandez who is the business instructor. She was born in Mangum, OK. Holly tells us she was raised by a single father, Bill Folsom, who “did a great job” and of whom she is very proud. Holly moved to Clinton as a teenager where she worked at her father’s auto body shop doing accounting. She also had a job at the Pizza Hut when she was a senior in high school. She graduated high school in 1995 as a Clinton Red Tornado. After graduation Holly went to work for a seismic company doing accounting and got to travel all over the United States which she thought was a wonderful experience.

In 1999 Holly moved back to Clinton and began college full time at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. In 2003 she moved to Hoonah, Alaska, to work as the controller for the Hoonah City School District. Hoonah is a Tlingit community located on the northeast shore of Chichagof Island.

Once she actually was lucky enough to encounter a whale that came into the bay, and she has been to the famous race, the Iditarod.

In 2004 Holly moved to Bethel, Alaska, to work for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation as the Assistant Controller. Mrs. Hernandez has also worked at North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre as an Academic Instructor teaching G.E.D.

Holly’s only “hobbies” right now include finishing up her M.B.A. and studying for her C.P.A. exam, which she takes early next year. Holly has two kids, Santana, 7, and in the 1st grade and Hunter, 2. A great piece of information that Holly Hernandez left us with is “No matter where you live or where you work, you have to learn to make the best of your situation, and your goal should be to learn as much as you can at each organization, but always enjoy what you are doing.”

Thank you, Holly Hernandez, and welcome to the campus.

Hello, SWOSU. You Look Nice Today . . .

A column by Chase Cook

What goes through your mind when you see someone you don’t know?

If you are anything like me, then your probably having judgmental thoughts about them and many times you don’t even realize it.

This is a natural response. But don’t let it end there, go and talk to that person. Don’t let looks deceive you. There are some crazy looking people that are fun to talk to, some people not so appealing to the eyes, that are really beautiful on the inside.

Some people may be a little hard to get to know, but it can be well worth your while. Spend time with someone new. Don’t be shy, break out of your everyday routine. Be bold without being too forceful. Step into their shoes and find out what a day in their life is like, it can be very revealing. Remember that one kind word can change someone’s day and a good friend could change their life.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The only way to have a friend is to be one.”
ties, and educational events for the Sayre campus, for example the annual Halloween Dress-Up Contest in the fall and the Concert & Cookout in the spring.

SGA members can also attend the Oklahoma SGA Congress and vote on important legislation that affects student life; for example, health care, taxes, and tuition.

The offices are president, vice-president, and secretary; also two freshman representatives and two sophomore representatives are needed. To run for office, simply stop by the office of Ron Kistler in the Alexander Building and sign up. Then if you’d like to campaign, you may do so during the week of September 10th. Posters may be hung in any or all of the buildings.

The voting will take place during the week of September 17th. Everyone should drop by the Registrar’s Office with student ID in hand and place your vote. If you haven’t gotten your student ID, do so in the library as soon as possible.

Motivational speaker Amber Smith recently encouraged Sayre students to set a goal to get involved in campus activities and hold an office, as your volunteer spirit can set you apart from other candidates in the job market.

Student author Chad Cohen writes, "A problem plaguing students today, as well as society in general, is the increasing rate of political apathy. Students just don't care what is going on with the government since they believe that it doesn't affect them. Well the students who subscribe to that school of thought are sorely mistaken. The local, state and federal governments impact teens with all kinds of legislation, addressing topics such as the driving age or the drinking age. The government also shapes what kind of America we're going to live in as adults. So it is in everybody’s best interest, regardless of political leaning, to take an active role in the decision making that goes on in this country." — MakingItCount.com

Dawg Day, Parade, continued from front

Bridgette Gibson and Rebecca Rippy saddled up the horses and decorated them with an SWOSU logo and paw print. Also looking precious in the saddle was 4-year-old Bryce Lagunas riding his miniature horse “Molly” and wearing his SWOSU shirt. He and horse were led by his mom, Krissie Griffin.

Those students, their family, and their friends riding on the float include: Carolyn and Devin Connell, Candisie and Tom Warren, Stacy Strong, Kenneth York, Aaron Fultz, Gina and Josh Sullivan, Nicole Smith and Braxon Robertson, Eddie and Cheyenne Rippy, Josh Gibson, Carlita Crook, Ron Kistler, Terry and Tate Ford, Joe Snow, Aaron Dickens, Jamaica Rodgers and baby Zane.
This summer, Sayre students enjoyed a winning trip to Chicago!

Sayre SWOSU Phi Beta Lambda student members and advisor Dr. Patsy Parker attended a Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) national conference held June 23 through June 26 in Chicago, Illinois. The theme of the 2007 national leadership conference was FBLA-PBL: Your Ticket to the Future.

The Sayre students represented SWOSU in various competitions. Brian Atteberry competed in business law; Dustin Batterton competed in financial concepts and future business executive; Megan Dickson competed in database design and applications and word processing; Lauren Eaves competed in accounting principles and emerging business issues; Jennifer Hayden competed in management analysis and decision making; Tina Porter competed in emerging business issues; Doug Tate competed in economic concepts and marketing concepts. The emerging business issues team of Tina Porter and Lauren Eaves placed eighth among 28 national competitors.

Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., is a post-secondary national student vocational education association that prepares students for careers in business and business education. Membership is over 250,000. There are over 11,000 chapters across the United States and abroad. Ms. Hernandez will lead the PBL this semester since Dr. Parker’s move to Weatherford.

Pictured left to right: Front row: Megan Dickson and Jennifer Hayden. Second row: Lauren Eaves, Doug Tate, Tina Porter. Back row: former advisor Dr. Patsy Parker, Brian Atteberry, and Dustin Batterton.

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