The WatchDawg

Fall Festival Provides Proceeds and Prizes

By Candise Warren

On Friday, October 31, all SGA members showed up ready to work, and work they did. To start the day, there were sausage balls and miniature cinnamon rolls, along with hot cocoa and coffee at the Famished Fridays Food Sale.

Later in the morning, several kinds of cookies and red velvet cupcakes were offered. The proceeds from the food sales and the upcoming apparel sales will go to furnish a Thanksgiving dinner for one student and their family on campus, as well as Holiday Baskets for two families. All of the money raised will go toward SGA sponsored events.

About 10:30, SGA members began moving everything to the Patterson Field House for the Fall Festival activities. Many students attended, ate free lunch, played a few games, and even sang some Karaoke. For lunch, hot dogs with chili, onions, and all the fixings, potato chips and cookies were served.

Prizes galore were given away, and for those who entered the door prize drawing, please check in with the Financial Aid office. Everyone that entered won a door prize. The Wii went to Kyle Merz for winning the Treasure Hunt. First place went to Carrie Myers, a “One Night Stand” from the movie Knocked Up.

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Spanish Club’s M.A.M.A. Project Underway

The Spanish class here at SWOSU, with the help of Mrs. Judy Haught, language arts instructor, is assembling Health Kits for the MAMA project (Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart), a development project focusing on the educational, health, and nutritional needs of Honduran children.

This project began over a decade ago as a partnership between Mennonite women’s groups in Pennsylvania and Honduras, thus the acronym, “MAMA,” which in English means “WOMEN FRIENDS MILES APART.” This is a great project for the Spanish club and benefits the children of Honduras.

This year’s MAMA class has provided many new items for the children and are in the process of brightening up the holidays by sending out Christmas cards and many cheerful greetings.

MAMA’s mission is to be a network of health and wholeness, through partnerships at many levels, national and international, regional and local, public and private, to deal with problems that rob children of their chance to survive and experience a full and satisfying life.

Additionally, the Spanish Club will be traveling to OKC on Nov. 21 for a multicultural Field Trip.

Calendar

- Nov. 11th— Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 14 and every Friday— SGA Bake Sale in the Alexander Building hallway, 9-11:30 a.m.
- November 21— Spanish Club travels to OKC for Multicultural Field Trip,
- November 26-28 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1— Last day to donate Toys for Tots to PBL.

Editor: Kasie Gatlin

Sheena Dunn wraps gifts in Spanish class for Honduran mothers and their children.
Bad Weather? Time to Sign up for SWOSU ALERT

By: Kasie Gatlin

Inclement weather is almost here; this cell phone notification system will be used to communicate important information during any potential emergency, such as a homeland security advisory or weather warning, for example. 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/alert.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. You can also call the SWOSU hotline at (580) 774-3225.

SWOSU-Sayre Offering Night Classes in Elk City

Sayre’s spring night class schedule includes classes at both the SWOSU-Sayre campus and at Elk City High School.

Beginning in January, SWOSU-Sayre will offer general education classes three nights each week—Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classes such as American Government and Politics, English Composition II, Biological Concepts and U.S. History will meet at the SWOSU-Sayre campus.

In addition, two classes—Introduction to Literature and College Algebra—are offered at Elk City High School. Literature will meet Monday evenings, and Algebra will meet Thursday evenings. Both classes begin at 6 p.m.

“Night classes are ideal for busy adults who want a college education but must juggle work and home responsibilities,” said SWOSU-Sayre instructor Landry Brewer. “But the classes are also available for eligible high school juniors and seniors who want to get a jump on college before graduating.”

Brewer also reminds that Oklahoma senior high school students who have a certain ACT score do not have to pay tuition.

Night classes meet one night a week from January until May.

For a complete listing of SWOSU-Sayre spring classes, pick up a schedule on the Sayre campus or go to the following site: http://www.swosu.edu/resources/data/sayresched2.htm.

The spring semester begins January 8.

Career Day well attended by area high school students

By Cheryl Irwin

Campus was abuzz with visitors Wednesday as professors and department chairs from 14 different academic programs came to speak to area high school students about their career options.

After a Welcome by Dean Jim James, over 200 students from 13 schools were given a tour of the campus and then attended several breakout sessions. At lunch, students were treated to a 120-foot-long Subway sandwich, and names were drawn for door prizes. Each school received a $375 scholarship, and each student received a complimentary gift bag.

Both James and Registrar Kim Seymour expressed appreciation to all students, faculty, and staff who helped make the day a huge success.
SWOSU-Sayre freshman Carrie Myers, of Elk City, has received a $2,400 scholarship award from the Willis Johnson Scholarship Foundation.

This scholarship is awarded to low-income students with High Academic Excellence. Mrs. Myers has held a 4.0 GPA for the last three semesters.

“First, I want to thank the foundation for allowing me to continue my education,” Myers stated. “Without the financial help, I could not afford to attend college. Next I want to thank my husband of 12 years, he has helped with whatever needs doing, whether it’s laundry or cooking dinner for the family. Last, but not least, my three children for encouraging me to set higher standards for myself, for they are watching my actions.”

Congratulations, Carrie, from your fellow staff members and Mrs. Ford here at The Watchdawg.

We’re proud to work with someone of your caliber and to have you representing our school!

PBL “Get’s The Edge” at Fall Leadership Conference

By Sarah Kenney, SWOSU at Sayre, PBL Reporter.

Nine members and advisers from SWOSU at Sayre’s chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the 2008 Oklahoma FBLA-PBL State Fall Leadership Conference at Tulsa Community College Metro Campus on November 1, 2008.

“FBLA-PBL: Get the Edge” was the theme for the event. Keynote speaker, Kyle Eastham, combined his knowledge and experience as a judo instructor, professional speaker, and corporate trainer to inform, motivate, and entertain.

Kyle has been practicing the martial arts since 1985. He holds the rank of black belt in 3 different arts: Judo-3rd degree, Aikido-3rd degree, and Karate-1st degree. He has worked as a training manager, human resources manager, part-time Army officer (National Guard), game warden, and martial arts instructor. He is also the author of one of the coolest books on performance, success, and everyday life, Life is a Bowl of Choices.

Members attended various breakout sessions including Officer/Member Training: Life is a Bowl of Choices; Test Taking: Interview Like a Pro; Stress Relief; Communication Station; How to Effectively Communicate with Your Chapter; FBLA Business Achievement Awards and PBL Career and Membership Achievement Awards; Ice Breakers and Team Building Exercises; Self-Defense for Non-Black Belts; Best Practices; Getting More Bang for Your Buck; Communication; and Split it Out!

Workshop presenters included Linda Morgan, Oklahoma FBLA-PBL State Adviser; Brian Ferrel, Oklahoma FBLA-PBL State Officer Team Adviser; Jr. Calton, Oklahoma FBLA-PBL State Assistant; Amanda Cox, Human Resources Administrator for HMT; Gloria Lau, 2008-2009 PBL National Secretary; Mary Marshall, 2007-2008 PBL National Treasurer; Jane Anderson, CMP, Vice President of PDC Productions; Lisa Smothers, FBLA-PBL National Membership Director, and Kyle Eastham, Keynote speaker.

Attending for SWOSU at Sayre were Advisor Holly Hernandez, Kelsey Ackley, Blake Bustin, Petra Acosta, Sarah Kenney, Cindy Ezell, Cyndy Blevins, Lendell Jones, and Brandon Raleigh.

Future Business Leaders of America- Phi Beta Lambda, Inc, is a national student vocational education association that prepares students for careers in business and business education. Membership is over 260,000 in 11,000 chapters across the United States and abroad. Future Business Leaders of America has two divisions—mid-level and high school and Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division.
**We the People**

Make Some Demands, Mr. President

“HOPE WON!” Oprah Winfrey declared, the day after Barack Obama was declared President-elect of these United States. So that got us at The WatchDawg staff thinking about what we hope for.

We know President John F. Kennedy told us to ask not what our country could do for us, but that was before we found out our country could bail out rich executives with 700 gazillion of our tax dollars.

So, we the people are making our “Want List” and checking it twice.

#1 Bale US Out! Just pay off one of our credit cards and we promise not to go on a spa vacation to celebrate. We know it’s our fault for buying into that “No payment down! Pay nothing ‘til next year!” crap, but we are eternal optimists; we really do always think we’ll have more money later than we do right now.

#2 Lower our % rates! Make it illegal for credit card rates to go above 6.9%! We cannot function with 29.99% interest. That’s not free enterprise; it’s free rape and pillage. And do not allow credit card companies to raise our rates if our payments are late. No one believes it takes 7-10 days for our payments to get to the credit card company, but only 2 days for their bill to reach us. We’re calling “BS” on that card trick.

#3 Happy Hour! We love it and we want some more of it. All food and drink establishments shall give us 2 for 1 specials daily.

#4. Put a moratorium on post-election criticism of Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin. Okay, they lost; go back to dogging Brittany Spears, or better yet, find some man to criticize for a change.

#5 Dollar Movie Night. We want to eat real buttered popcorn and watch a show in the movie theater in Dolby Surround Sound with our family of four without having to take out a second mortgage on our home.

#6. Outlaw Viagra commercials and such. I’m tired of ruined Elvis songs and Smiling Bob creeping out the kiddies while we’re trying to watch Smallsville. Shut them down just like they did cigarette commercials. With the money the companies save from not advertising, they can afford to discreetly send all of us free samples, and we’ll know if there’s anything to smile about or not.

#7. got milk? Heck, no, because it’s $4.39 a gallon. This isn’t Crown Royal, people. Pass it out like they did cheese in the ‘80s.

#8. We want Aloha Fridays

Aloha Fridays are like Casual Fridays, but you wander in late and leave early, too, like the Hawaiians do.

#9. Martin Luther King Day should be mandatory, not optional. If he’s worth honoring, he’s worth being honored by all of us, and, of course, we like another day off of school and work to stick it to The Man.

#10. We want miracles. Real live modern-day miracles. Gas down. Housing market up. We want our shoes never to wear out, just like the Israelis’ shoes when they were wandering in the wilderness, and we want Moses!

Barack Obama, can you do all that?

Well, we can want all this stuff in one hand . . . .Yes We Can.

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**Editorials**

**Abortion—Just a Rant of Mine**

By Tiffiny Holloway

This is really just a rant of mine. This is a topic I’m really stuck on. I don’t support abortion, but yet I do.

My personal opinion is that you should always be allowed to have an abortion, but their should be restrictions placed on that. Such as, if you’re under the age of 18 and you get pregnant, you cannot abort it.

Most people would probably disagree with me on that, but honestly; if teenagers want to let hormones take over their everyday activities, then they should have to take the consequences that come with it. Maybe that would teach teenagers to stop thinking about sex and start thinking about school. All together, I support abortion with some restrictions.

A poll taken in 2006 in the United States shows that 33% of respondents said that abortion should be “permitted only in cases such as rape, incest or to save the woman’s life,” 27% said that abortion should be “permitted in all cases.”

Fifteen percent said that it should be “permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now,” 17% said that it should “only be permitted to save the woman’s life,” and 5% said that it should “never” be permitted.

Some people just aren’t ready for children. Yes, they made a mistake by getting pregnant. And those people should have the right to abort the fetus if they want to. After all, how many times have you looked at a person and said, “They shouldn’t be allowed to have children.”
What Makes My Heart Hurt?

By Carrie Myers

The one thing that concerns me most is the unwanted children of this world. What is the fate of an unwanted child whose mother is unable to obtain an abortion she so desperately desires? In 1996, women ages 20-24 had over 400,000 abortions, about one-third of the total performed that year. Many children are left at hospitals and a few have been found in waste receptacles. Critics argue that legalizing child abandonment sends a message promoting irresponsible behavior, but we have been doing that for years. Abortion on demand is the law of the land. Some object to the teaching of abstinence. Condoms are passed out as the cure-all for hormone fever, and babies are created, birthed and abandoned. Some children have been taken away from the home because of abuse or neglect. In 2005, over 13,300 Oklahoma children were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect. This is an increase of almost 1,000 children from the year before. These children are innocent but suffer the most. Unwanted children grow up to have more psychological and social problems than children from similar backgrounds do. Many of these children do not know what love, hugs, kisses, or cuddling up in a blanket on mom's lap feels like. When I think of these children, I get very sad, and want to hug them all. If I had enough money, I would start my own orphanage. I would give these children a home to be proud of, filled with love, lots of hugs, a shoulder to cry on, a lap to sit in, and arms to hold them.

I will never forget a child I met while volunteering at the local Head Start. The child was staying with its mother but had no food after school. That morning we were having a party and this child took the bag of treats and hid in the corner, opening every piece of candy and eating as fast as possible. When told of the child's circumstances, I was overwhelmed with emotion. I went to the child and held the crying child, as the child was saying "But I am hungry." At one point, I was very angry. How could the organization that was established to help protect these children fail them? This child was only three years old. This story still makes me cry when I tell it.

The unwanted children of this world are what hurts my heart the most. I realize that the problem is too big for one person to tackle, although a person with a loud voice can make a difference. One solution to the problem is to let our voices be heard. We can write to our Governor, Congressional Representative, and Senate leaders and make them aware that these children need their help. I will continue to voice my opinion and I encourage everyone to voice his or hers. Together we can make a difference.

Did you ever wonder why the $1 bill has the designs that it does? Take one out of your pocket and study it. On the rear of it, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States.

The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, Annuit Coeptis, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, Novus Ordo Seclorum, means, "a new order has begun."

At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCCLXXVI)

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes’ monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown.

We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle’s beak you will read, “E Pluribus Unum” meaning, "one from many."

Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. They will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor.

But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in, Annuit Coeptis, 13 letters in “E Pluribus Unum.” 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And finally, if you notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle you will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Hayim Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army, Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself but that he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know that it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions but died a pauper.

Your children don’t know this, and their history teachers don’t know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Too many people remember coming home to an America that didn’t care. Too many veterans never came home at all. Go thank a vet and tell others about this so they can learn what is on the back of the United States One Dollar Bill, and what it stands for!
**Eagle Eye** is a race-against-time thriller starring Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Mackie and Billy Bob Thornton. Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf) and Rachel Holloman (Monaghan) are two strangers thrown together by a mysterious phone call from a woman they have never met. Threatening their lives and family, she pushes Jerry and Rachel into a series of increasingly dangerous situations -- using the technology of everyday life to track and control their every move. As the situation escalates, these two ordinary people become the country's most wanted fugitives, who must work together to discover what is really happening -- and more importantly, why.

In the romantic drama *Nights in Rodanthe*, based on the Nicholas Sparks best-selling novel, Diane Lane stars as Adrienne Willis, a woman with her life in chaos, who retreats to the tiny coastal town of Rodanthe, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, to tend to a friends inn for the weekend. Here she hopes to find the tranquility she so desperately needs to rethink the conflicts surrounding her -- a wayward husband who has asked to come home, and a teened daughter who resents her every decision. Almost as soon as Adrienne gets to Rodanthe, a major storm is forecast and Dr. Paul Flanner (Richard Gere) arrives.

The only guest at the inn, Flanner is not on a weekend escape but rather is there to face his own crisis of conscience.

Now, with the storm closing in, the two turn to each other for comfort and, in one magical weekend, set in motion a life-changing romance that will resonate throughout the rest of their lives. --

*Miracle at St. Anna* chronicles the story of four black American soldiers who are members of the US Army as part of the all-black 92nd "Buffalo Soldier" Division stationed in Tuscany, Italy during World War II.

They experience the tragedy and triumph of the war as they find themselves trapped behind enemy lines and separated from their unit after one of them risks his life to save an Italian boy.

Directed by Spike Lee from a screenplay written by James McBride, the author of the acclaimed novel of the same name, the film explores a deeply inspiring, powerful story drawn from true history, that transcends national boundaries, race, and class to touch the goodness within us all. --

**New Interactive Map**

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Interactive Campus Map is now available to assist everyone around campus, according to Brian Adler. New features allow you to look at the map by using 3D graphics. It allows you to download and print the map, and customize the features. The map is finished just in time for Sophomores moving on to the Weatherford campus. Southwestern hopes you will find this map useful to navigate your way around.

**Results of Last Week's Campus Blood Drive**

By Tom Warren

On Wednesday, October 29th, the SWOSU Sayre campus sponsored a blood drive given by the Oklahoma Blood Institute. According to instructor Kathy Brooks and sponsor of the event, it was a great success.

"There were 86 participants, with 66 of those who actually qualified to donate their blood," she stated.

Brooks also said there were four donors who gave double units. Thank you to everyone who gave. Someday it may save a life.
What’s Goin’ On?

By Candise Warren

What’s going on around campus? In Nelda Tucker’s class, some pretty amazing stuff.

Mrs. Tucker is the nighttime science teacher. She teaches Physical Science in the fall and Biological Concepts in the spring. In her classes there are many hands-on experiments, as well as a lot of notes to take. In her Physical Science class, the students are responsible for turning in a science project about every three weeks. This class meets once a week, so it lasts four hours at a time. Mrs. Tucker brings the right balance of notes and experiments to keep the class interested. The students can choose from several categories of Physical Science to make their projects, and even then, there are many different ways to make the same project.

These pictures are from the first class that had projects due. As is demonstrated, there were a wide variety of projects to tackle, and hopefully they all passed the standards they were required to pass—proof that you can have fun and learn at the same time.

Candise Warren’s Spaghetti bridge.

Jessica Steinke made a toothpick tower.

Jennifer Hodge with her homemade drum and flute.

Mrs. Tucker takes the class to the lab to show them how to set up a scale properly.

Candise Warren’s Spaghetti bridge.

Mouse Trap Cars made up a big part of the projects.

Jesse Roland made a rubber band – launched airplane.
Carrie Myers 1st Place Costume Contest Winner.

Leslie Acuna, 2nd Place Costume Contest Winner.

Carrie Myers 1st Place Costume Contest Winner.

1st Place in the hot dog eating contest goes to Chase Cook. 2nd Place goes to Kendra Quibodeaux—for such a little girl she can sure put away the hotdogs!

Matt Wilson, winner of the karaoke contest, with his beautiful daughter Amber.

Shannon and Nancy—serving up some witches' brew.

Shannon and Shannon—a duo singing a duet!

Third Place Winner Carla Chaparro.

Mr. Swartwood getting ready for some lunch.

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to Lauren Tatum, second to Jessica Steinke, and third to Scotland Ford. All of the pumpkins were very good, and everyone who entered deserves kudos for their talent. The winner was chosen by a vote of the student body.

The food race this year was a hot dog eating contest. First place, of course, went to Chase Cook (he always wins the food races). Second went to Kendra Quibodeaux, and third place to Jenny Crawford.

Two classic games were added to the line-up by Matt Wilson: the wheelbarrow race and the three-legged race. Winners include Jenny Crawford, Lauren Tatum and Kendra Quibodeaux.

The faculty and staff were included in a drawing. Theresa Villa made sure she got faculty and staff to enter, and the winners were Scott Froneberger, Dianna Mosburg, and Debbie Carpenter.

The costume contest was won by Carrie Myers, a “One Night Stand,” which consisted of a homemade costume that looked like a night stand. This contest was also decided by a vote of the student body. Second place went to Leslie Acuna, and third place to Carla Chapparo. Everyone had great costumes, and should be proud of their resourcefulness. Jessica Steinke won the scariest scream contest, and Matthew Wilson won the Karaoke contest. His singing was so good that he even inspired the Dean to get involved. He amazed all with his voice.

The day was a big success, and could not have been accomplished without the help of many faculty members as well as the members of the SGA and members of the student body. A great big thank you goes to everyone that helped make the Fall Festival so much fun.