Student Government Elections to Be Held Monday and Tuesday

For President

Candise Warren is a sophomore here at SWOSU-Sayre. “I am not the ‘traditional’ student, but I am running with a lot of experience. I have been involved in the planning of major events for the American Red Cross and have a lot of experience with fundraising,” stated Warren. “This year, the SGA faces a shortage in funding, and is in need of someone that can raise the money in order to have any events possible. “I also believe that the students should have a voice on campus. That is not always possible, some people are intimidated by talking to the faculty and/or staff about problems they have. I am not. I will listen to the ideas, the issues and the problems the students may encounter, and I will pass them along. I will be a voice for the student body, precisely what a president should do,” stated Warren.

Cody Cook was born in Elk City, Oklahoma. When asked why he wanted to run for SGA, he replied, “If you’re not first, you’re last.” He is in his second semester here at SWOSU-Sayre. He is 21 years old. When asked what attracted him to SWOSU, he replied, “We have a good staff that focuses on our needs and goals.”

For Vice-President

Shannon Eslinger, or Jill (as she is known by friends and family) is a mother who knows how to get things done. Shannon is unopposed for the office of vice-president.

For Secretary

The race for secretary is between Jina Brown and Chase Cook.

Jina Brown is running for secretary. Jina is the mother of two little girls, and she is a sophomore from Elk City.

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Sophomore Chase Cook, 22, of Elk City, is running for secretary. He was Vice President last semester. “I enjoyed being Vice President, so I decided to be in office again,” states Cook. “I am here to help.”

Chase is also a married man, and rumor has it that he plans on never leaving SWOSU. Vote Chase Cook!

In Elections on Monday and Tuesday, voters will face a decision on three representatives for the freshman class. They are Katy Banks, Ma’Rena Caswell, and Cindel Fish.

Kati Banks is an active soccer mom of one from Elk City who loves to read and play sports.

Cindel Fish, a true freshman from Sayre, has made her slogan “Make a Wish, Vote for Fish.” The election begins today, and Cindel would appreciate your vote. Ma’Rena Caswell is also seeking office, but was unavailable for interview.

Writing Center: An Extra Set of Eyes

Would you like to have an English major look over your essays before you turn it in to your Comp professor? Now you can! And it is absolutely free.

SWOSU is proud to offer the service of the Writing Center. Simply e-mail your essay to writingcenter@swosu.edu, and trained students who are English majors or grad students will make suggestions that can save you points. Be sure to tell the Writing Center what type of essay you were assigned to write, and allow them 24 to 48 hours to e-mail it back to you.

You can print out the suggestions, and if you are concerned about any revisions that were suggested, you can discuss these with your English instructor.

“I have found the Writing Center’s suggestions to be quite helpful to students,” stated Mrs. Terry Ford, Language Arts instructor. “In most cases, using the Writing Center improved a student’s essay by a letter grade.”
BULLDOG CAFE — The Price is Right

By Sarah Stevens and Sharon Adair

It is that time of day, you just get out of class and your stomach is telling you that eating would be a good thing right now. There are several near-by places that you can go.

The first is of course the Bulldog Café. There you can find a meal that is sure to satisfy the pickiest of eaters. In a comfortable setting that is conveniently located right on campus in the Student Union next to the bookstore. On the menu there are great sandwiches, chicken strips, along with a daily special.

It’s time for students to save money. Just paying for gas is a chore in itself. When your stomach is empty and your pocket money is low, drop on in to the Bulldog Café and save money on their daily staples ranging in price from $5 to $6 dollars a day. You can also enjoy the daily salad bar for $4 dollars or $6 with a meal. They have bottled water, soda, coffee, and cappuccino to quench a hurried student’s thirst. Some may just have a sweet tooth, and the café has a different treat every day. Daily specials go up about a dollar on the holidays so they can have an extra nice lunch for students away from home. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so run in and grab a bite and be ready for a long day on a full stomach. These ladies work hard so that our students can have a healthy bite to eat; cheap and quick. So come on in to eat, study, or just chat with others and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Another great place to eat is down the street from the college. The Stardust has great food, and great service. There is a daily rotating lunch special that includes a favorite, the chicken quesadillas. A unique feature at the Stardust is their buffet. There is a different meal on the buffet each day, such as chicken strips, along with one side and a salad. The buffet is great for when you are in a rush, and need to get your food quickly. Also included on the menu are burgers, sandwiches, and delicious appetizers. They are located on Highway 66.

The Picket Fence always has an amazing daily lunch special. The special always comes with a homemade beer bread, homemade dessert, and a tossed salad. Or if you are more in the mood for something light, there are many choices of sandwiches, a daily soup, salads, or baked potatoes. Plus, the made-from-scratch coconut and chocolate cream pies will satisfy any college student’s sweet tooth. Other choices in town include the Sonic, Deb’s, El Charro’s, and coming soon, a new restaurant that will be opening up on Main Street inside the Wildflower.

Presidential Elections: A Toss of the Coin?

By Tom Warren

It is almost time to elect another President. In about a month and a half voters will be going to the polls. It seems as if nobody really knows who they want to vote for. To me, it all boils down to the lesser of the two evils.

For the Republicans, it is U.S. Senator John McCain who has been in that position since 1986. Before that, he was a U.S. Representative for the state of Arizona. McCain is an ex-POW from the Vietnam war. In the Armed Forces he was a naval aviator and was shot down, badly injured, and captured.

Barack Obama, who is the first African American to be nominated by a major political party for President, is the lesser of the two evils for the Democratic party. He has been the U.S. Senator for the state of Illinois since 2004. Obama, a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he was the president of the Harvard Law Review.

Only time will tell who is going to lead our country. If you don’t know anything about them, take some time to study up. On November 4, 2008, go to the polls and vote for your candidate. It may be a toss of the coin for some people, and maybe more than you think.
CHOICES

The choices we make determine who we are and how we handle things. Counseling Services has designed sessions to share the basic building blocks to develop and maintain a healthy mind and body. Each session will introduce different tools to:

- help you deal with the challenges of college
- help you achieve a positive, stronger self
- help you make healthy life choices
- work toward your full potential.

This group provides a great environment for anyone wanting to develop healthier ways of dealing with the stress of school, work, relationships, personal problems, and family issues. This group also allows people to share their own experiences, to process their issues, and to problem solve within a group context.

Come join us in the Wellness Center.

INFO 774-3776 for more info

First session begins, Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 2 p.m.
Meet The Man With All The Keys

By Kristine Roed

Meet our new grounds keeper Louis Dewayne Brittian, a fun, spunky all-around nice guy who enjoys his job and does it well.

Born and raised in Elk City, Brittian has had a number of jobs varying in obligations. The most recent of those jobs are as follows: an employee at Great Plains Regional Hospital for 3 years, a C.O. at North Fort Correctional for 1 year, and the Ackley Park Supervisor for Elk City for 15 years.

Brittain says he is “a man of many talents and a master of none.” Not only is he a hard working man but he is also a devoted father. Luis has a 19 year old son who just graduated from Elk City High School and is currently working for Coughlin Equipment.

When asked what some of his hobbies are, Brittian replied “I am an interesting creature.” He enjoys fishing and gardening mainly because he loves to cook with fresh vegetables. Brittain also manages his own lawn service in Elk City called Lawn Creation. He is a very diverse individual who likes all types of music such as country, rap, rock, jazz, etc.

Not all people truly enjoy their jobs, but Brittain says he loves working at Sayre because “It is well maintained, the students and faculty are very nice, and the job includes good benefits.”

We welcome Brittain to the staff.

“Conversations with Will Rogers” presented on September 29 at SWOSU Conference Center

By Jill Eislenger

A treat is in store for all Oklahomans. Dr. Doug Watson will be the guest speaker at the SWOSU Conference Center in Weatherford.

The homespun humor of Oklahoma’s Native Son, Will Rogers, will be brought to the audience on September 29, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Doug Watson is a professor of English at Oklahoma Baptist University, where he has taught American literature and Western civilization for more than twenty-five years.

Since 1991, he has also been involved with historical characterization—first with the Great Plains Chautauqua and National Chautauqua Tour, more recently with state humanities council programs across the U.S.

Dr. Watson’s “Conversations with the Will Rogers” program has been praised by scholars and theatre fans alike.

Poet N. Scott Momaday to visit SWOSU

Oklahoma’s Centennial Poet Laureate N. Scott Momaday is scheduled to appear on the Weatherford campus Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Momaday will share his poetry with the community at 1 p.m. in the SWOSU Memorial Student Ballroom. Everyone is invited and admission is free.

“We are fortunate to be an audience to the insights of a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, especially one who is a native son,” stated Language Arts instructor Terry Ford. “We hope many will attend.”

Momaday won the American Pulitzer Prize for his first novel, House Made of Dawn. He is a member of the Kiowa Tribe, a poet, novelist, playwright, artist and storyteller. He holds an earned doctorate from Stanford University and, among many other honors and awards, was named 2003’s Artist for Peace by UNESCO. For more information, contact Dr. Jill Jones at (580)774-3734.
**Student to Help Hurricane Victims**

By Candise Warren

Erica Martin is a student on the Weatherford Campus of SWOSU, working on her Master’s Degree in Parks and Recreation Management. Erica and her husband and two children live in Cordell, and are both active Red Cross Volunteers.

Erica is doing a section of community service that is required for her degree, and has spent many hours at the Red Cross office in Elk City this semester. When the opportunity came for her to help out in a devastated area, she was excited to go.

With the busy Hurricane season, the Red Cross funds are very low, and they are actively seeking funds in order to assist families affected by a disaster. There will be opportunities to donate to the Red Cross on campus in the near future, or those that wish to can make a donation directly through many channels such as www.redcross.org and by calling the local chapter at 1-800-530-4318.

The local chapter is located at 916 S. Main St. in Elk City, and serves Beckham, Custer, Roger Mills and Washita Counties in western Oklahoma.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of Hurricane Katrina and thousands of other disasters across the country each year, by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Please Call 1-800-HELP NOW or the local 1-800-530-4318.

Those having text capability may send a text to “2HELP” with “Give” in the subject line. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local chapter at P.O. Box 2376, Elk City, 73648, or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting this site: www.redcross.org.

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**Get Your SWOSU Photo ID made**

By Sharon Adair

It is that time again, students, to get your photo ID made at the SWOSU library.

It’s no glamour shot, but the ladies will help you get the look you want. So why not just smile for the camera?

Some students may just want to get their ID’s renewed and some may need one for the first time. No matter—these ladies are just waiting to take your picture and they are all smiles themselves.

This ID card can get you into the gym to work out, can help you get student discounts at stores that offer them, allows you to vote, and helps you get into games and events on both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses.

The librarians are hoping to see new faces and old, so don’t wait, hurry on in, smile and say “cheese,” please.

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Librarian Assistant Dianna Mosburg, left, takes a digital photo of Melissa Smith for her SWOSU student identification card.