Upcoming Events

- Friday, Nov. 20
  SGA Bake Sale
  in Alexander Bldg.

- Wednesday, November 25 to
  Friday, November 27, Thanksgiv-
  ing Break

- Friday, December 4, last day to
  drop with a WP/WF

- Thursday, December 10-
  Wednesday, Dec.
  16 Final Exams
  (See p. 5)

- Thursday, Dec.
  17 Final grades
due to office by
  noon.

- Tuesday, Jan. 5
  Enrollment for
  students who
  failed to pre-
  enroll

- Wednesday, Jan.
  6 Spring Semes-
  ter begins

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**Students Thankful For Much**

By Carrie Myers

Thanksgiving can mean many things. Most guys think of hunting or football and food. For the girls, we think of family and food, too. Nothing compares to the smell of turkey baking in the oven or the sweet smell of fresh-baked Pumpkin Pie. For many families, this is a time to visit those long-lost cousins, or aunts that want to pinch our cheeks, grandmas and grandpas, brothers and sisters. It's when we're all together that we are thankful for each other. What memories does Thanksgiving hold and what are SWOSU students thankful for? Here are their answers:

"The most embarrassing Thanksgiving I have had, was when I had Thanksgiving with my in-laws. During our meal my mother-in-law proceeded to tell me things to help with breast feeding, in great detail, that included a toothbrush. The whole family had a good laugh; I just wanted to hide under the table." --a sophomore from Sayre.

"I am thankful that Megan A. allowed me to borrow this pen." --Meranda

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**Wake and Bake with SGA**

By Carrie Myers

Buy a fresh-baked breakfast in Alexander on Friday morning! S.G.A. announces a bake sale Nov. 20 to help raise funds for a Thanksgiving Dinner, to be given away to a student. This meal includes a fully cooked turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, gravy, rolls and many more items, even pie. Anyone interested in donating money or making something to be sold, may contact Ron Kistler or Nancy Sanders in the Register's office. A big Thank You goes out to the many students and faculty that helped make the Monster Bash a big success. Special thanks to Mrs. Coker and Mrs. Davis for making goodies for the goodie walk.
By Rob Ellis

Donations have been pouring into PBL for the women and children’s domestic abuse and sexual assault shelter. Donations of non-perishable foods, women and children’s clothing and personal care items have filled the halls in Mackey. SWOSU students really responded to the call and cleaned out some closets!

Donations will be collected until Friday, Nov. 20th and then PBL president Kelsey Wynn will take the donations to the shelter. Kelsey was overwhelmed by the excellent response and wishes to thank everyone for donating.

These donations will be going to the women’s crisis center and shelter, where the main office is located in Clinton on State Highway 183, two miles south of I-40 exit 66. If you didn’t get a chance to donate, the mailing address is P.O. Box 1534, Clinton, OK.

If you ever need their services, they offer victim advocacy services and the main office phone number is (580)-323-8704/8700. The 24-hour crisis line number is (580)-323-2604 the morning and weekend business line is (580)-323-0838, and the e-mail address is actionclinton@omegalw.net if you need help, call, or if you can help, call.

Dwarfed by the mountain of donations is PBL member Petra Acosta.

P B L  T h a n k f u l  f o r  D o n a t i o n s

By Kylie Franklin

The English Composition II classes taught by Mrs. Haught and Mrs. Ford are participating in a Service Learning Project, which involves the SWOSU students sending letters to 8th grade junior high school students who are what is called "at risk." This means that due to circumstances beyond their control, they are likely to have a hard time finishing high school or going to college. The junior high students are first asked what they want to be when they grow up, so to speak. Then the Comp II class members each choose a student or two to help out. They use their research skills to find out all kinds of information on the career their student is interested in, including pay, work hours, how many, if any, college hours are need. Also, the college students may want to share information with the 8th grader about their past high school experiences and college ones. The meaning behind this whole activity is to let the college students learn through more than just books and to contribute through acts of service in communities. The junior high students get to dream big about success and get encouraged by their letters to stay in school. This service learning project was started by Mrs. Haught a few years back, and the letters go to students that Mrs. Haught's daughter teaches in Texas.

One of the Composition classes with their letters for 8th graders.
Tell about your “Circle of Kindness”

Writing Contest Offers Big Prizes

You could win a red Acer Laptop, a portable DVD player, or a $50 gift certificate! At SWOSU and throughout our everyday lives, we are surrounded by acts of kindness and the Collegiate Activities Board (CAB) wants to hear about it. Between now and Thanksgiving, CAB is hosting a contest to create “a circle of kindness” through story writing.

“Everyone is invited to write a story about how you have been touched by an act of kindness that you have seen or personally experienced,” said Doug Benkendorf, founder of “As We Do Life.”

To enter the contest, simply post your story on the “As We Do Life” website: [http://www.aswedolife.com](http://www.aswedolife.com). Put “SWOSU” next to your name on the story. A panel of professors will read all the “SWOSU” entries and prizes will be awarded after the Thanksgiving holiday break on November 30th.

For more information, contact Cindy Dougherty at 580-774-3767 or email student-dean@swosu.edu.

Staff Appreciation Held

Accolades were passed out at the Support Staff Appreciation Reception, held Thursday, November 12, in the Bulldog Café.

One employee at Sayre, Adam Brooks, was honored for completing his Associate’s Degree while working for the University.

One staff member, Sherron Manning, was given her 5-year pin. She is the Director of Counseling and Assessment, among many other jobs and committees that she serves on at Sayre.

Dr. John Hays, President of the University, was then honored for his many years of service with two gift baskets from Sayre staff and faculty.

Everyone played bingo for prizes and enjoyed a delicious feast of finger sandwiches and desserts. Nancy Sanders and Paula Hudson, members of the Support Staff Personnel Organization (SSPO), organized the event and decorated in festive fall colors.

Members of the SSPO from Weatherford who attended included Kathy Megli, Sonya Roper, Erin Hawkins, and Darla Davenport.

Door Prize Winners included (l. to r.) Linda Woodruff, Alan Shockey, Susie Campbell, April Howenstine, Judy Haught, Erin Hawkins, Sherron Manning, and Jim VanBuren.

ATTENTION!

All students who are planning to graduate in December of 2009, stop by the Registrar’s Office and fill out an application for graduation, as soon as possible.
Meet Famous Native Jane Jayroe

By Ruby Jones

Jane Anne Jayroe was born on October 30, 1947, to Pete Jayroe and Helene Smith Jayroe in Clinton, Oklahoma. Jane grew up in Sentinel and Laverne, Oklahoma. Jane Jayroe attended Oklahoma City University where she received her Bachelor's in music. It was at Oklahoma City University where she first entered the University's pageant through her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and then went on to win the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

Then, at the age of 19, and with no previous pageant experience, Jane was crowned Miss America, 1967. She sang and conducted the orchestra for her talent. This is one of her many achievements. She also was crowned Miss Oklahoma, 1966, and Miss Oklahoma City, 1966. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, 2007.

Since then, she has been unstoppable. She really made it to the big time. She became a news journalist and TV personality.

She has received many other awards such as:
- Bishop Paul Milhouse Award for leadership in church and community.
- Byliners Award
- Music and Performing Arts Award by OCU Societies 2001
- First woman to be named "Outstanding Television News Personality" by the American Women in Radio and Television in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas
- Distinguished Alumni of Oklahoma City University, 1989
- Paragon Award from Leadership OKC for Volunteer Connection
- Outstanding Woman in Oklahoma by the Town Club Business and Professional Women, 1988
- Received the First Annual Clarus Award for Outstanding Communication Skills
- Voted "Best Dressed Woman" by the readers of the Oklahoma Gazette for 1991, ’92, and ’93
- National Award of Achievement presented by Alpha Chi Omega
- Muscular Dystrophy Association Broadcast Journalism Award
- Representing KOCO, Scripps Howard Award in

Have you ever thought that you won’t be able to do anything grand in life because you’re just a small town kid? Big city folks get all the exciting breaks? Banish the thought! The WatchDawg staff, aided by some talented volunteer writers, is tackling the notion that we are “geographically challenged” by bringing you a series of articles on Western Oklahoma folks that have made it BIG!

The first in this series is the lovely Jane Jayroe.

Picture of Jane Jayroe speaking to a group at the State Capitol on tourism

Oklahoma Hall of Fame portrait

It is amazing what folks from little towns in Western Oklahoma can do!
SCHEDULE YOUR FINAL EXAMS

By Rayburn Ritchie

Final exams are rapidly approaching, and we on the newspaper staff understand that this is often a confusing and frustrating time. “Dead Days” are Tuesday Dec. 8th and Wednesday Dec. 9th. All work should be turned in before that day and no new assignments should be given. Here is a user-friendly schedule of exams:

Thursday, December 10, 2009
If you have an . . .
...8 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday class, your final is Thursday, December 10, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
...9:30 a.m. Tuesday -Thursday class, your final is Thursday, December 10, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 P.M.

Friday, December 11, 2009
If you have an . . .
...8 a.m. MWF, your final will be Friday, Dec. 11 from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.,
...12:00 class held on MWF, your final will last from 10:30 to 12:30 P.M.

Monday, December 14, 2009
If you have a . . .
...9:00 a.m. MWF class, your final is from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.
...1:00 p.m. MWF, your final will last from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 15, 2009
If you have a . . .
...10:00 MWF class, your final will be at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
...11:00 Tuesday -Thursday class, your final will last from 10:30 to 12:30.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
If you have an . . .
...11:00 MWF class, your final will last from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.
...12:30 p.m. Tuesday -Thursday class will last from 10:30 to 12:30 P.M.

Remember, you only have until December 4, to drop any classes. Good luck and Happy Testing.

THANKFUL—CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

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Adames
"I am thankful for my family, friends and boyfriend." —Meagan Dobyns

"I am thankful for cushioned soles, and rubber soles of our shoes. Could you imagine if we still stomped around in wood clogs?" Joseph Hough

"I am thankful for all of the teachers who take the time to care, and my education." --Freshman from Elk City

"I am thankful for having to do journals every class period." —Spencer Smith

"One year on Thanksgiving, my sister was responsible for cooking the turkey. She prepared it, stuffed it, bagged it, then slid it in the oven, anticipating a juicy and delicious bird to come out. After hours of baking, she went to check on the bird and baste it, she opened the oven and began to laugh hysterically. The oven was filled with roasting bag, she forgot to puncture the bag!" —Brian Cushman

"I am thankful to my parents for teaching me about my faith. If it wasn’t for my faith in God, I would not be where I am today." —Johnna Renee

"I am thankful to be sober. After making a wreck of my life for so long, it is great to be on track with my life. When I think of the things I’ve done to my friends and family, it brings sorrow to my heart that is unbearable sometimes. Throwing your cares back on the shelf will never bring the things that are troubling to light. The only true freedom is a sober mind." —a freshman

"I am thankful for my son and my fiancé, Jake. He is so wonderful and is the best father." —Taylor Smith.

"A lot of people right now don’t have a job and some can’t seem to get one. I am very thankful to still have my job," Janessa Baker.

"I am thankful that the semester is almost over." —Megan Alspach

"I am thankful for a second chance at love, a second chance at college, and also Coca-Cola. Without it, I couldn’t make it through my days. —Laura Cordell

"I am thankful for a wonderful God who loves me no matter what." —
MEET THESE DAWGS

FROM ARMY HERO TO CLASS CLOWN

By Deneile Nash

If you have this long-haired guy with “springy” curls in class, you have not failed to notice him. He’s a huge cut up. It is hard to imagine him in uniform with his hair high and tight, but it’s true. He is a decorated American hero.

Joseph Hough was born in California and has lived all over the United States and in many foreign and exotic countries. He is enjoying his first semester here at S.W.O.S.U. on the G.I. Bill.

Joseph is married to Dena and has a step-daughter, Lexi. He works for Whitaker Disposal as a manager and is a full time student.

His hobby is music, playing many instruments including guitar. His favorite type of music is punk rock and his favorite band is Lawrence Arms. Joseph’s favorite superhero is Superman, and with a mischievous smile he added, “I sometimes wear my cape to bed.”

When asked the question, “If you could be a monster, what would you be and why?” he replied with a twinkle in his eye, “The devil, because he is the Master of Deception.”

Joseph joined the Army in 2002 and spent two years in Iraq, before being injured and hospitalized for three months. Ironically on the day he was injured, he had given up his safer seat up front to a younger soldier. He doesn’t think it was fate or destiny or that he took a bullet for the other kid. He just takes it all in stride, and jokes about it. He jokes about everything. Laying on the stretcher, he was gasping witty and ironic comments to the medics. He finished his tour in 2008.

When I called him a hero, he said, “I am no hero. Many people sacrifice their lives everyday.” It takes a lot to go to war, not knowing if you will come home alive. Fortunately, for him, he was among those who did—injured, but alive. I thanked Joseph and told him it was an honor to be interviewing a soldier who sacrificed for me and my children. He replied in a soft voice “Thank you.”