Enrollment Up, Thanks to the Economy?

By Rob Ellis

Enrollment is up at SWOSU, according to the latest numbers presented by Dr. Jim James, Dean of the College of Associate and Applied Programs, Sayre Campus. Some of the contributing factors behind this 7.8% upswing include, but are not limited to, the economy and recruiting.

Dr. James explained that with a sluggish economy, colleges will find more people strengthening up their portfolio by returning to higher learning institutes. Recently, when oil production skyrocketed in Oklahoma, enrollment was at an all-time low. In the economically unstable spring of 2009, the Sayre campus enrollment was only 417. By this fall, it was up to 538. Compared to one year ago, this is an increase of 7.8% (from 499).

Meanwhile, the Weatherford campus has a 3.2% increase to 4,589 students from 4,446 one year ago.

Another factor for Sayre may be the stepped-up recruiting. Students may have also noticed SWOSU recruit-

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Election results in . . .

Carrie Myers to lead SGA as President

The results are in! Carrie Myers was elected as President. Scottland Ford was elected as Vice President, but resigned and Lauren Tatum was appointed as Vice President. Secretary/treasurer Coleen Taylor resigned and Dayna Hicks was selected to fill that position. The sophomore representatives elected were Melissa Gilliland and Sharron Adair. Jordan Roberts and Claudia Villegas were elected as Freshman Reps.
At the last Computer Club meeting, members discussed new programs and projects to consider while enjoying snacks provided by sponsor Debbie Carpenter, computer science instructor.

Phyllis Casselberry won a $10.00 Wal-Mart gift card as her door prize. Meetings will be held every other week, with the next meeting scheduled for October 12, 2009 at noon in SMH 104.

**MLT discussed money and elections**

MLT Club met on Wednesday to talk about the election of new officers, fund raisers, and how they are the lucky ones to get to pay for their own MLT pins this year. In a couple of weeks, they will have their new officers for the year. Photo and story by Deneile Nash

**It’s “thumbs up” for Computer Club as members plan events and win prizes.**

Sara Kenney, sponsor Holly Hernandez, and Petra Acosta will be happy to answer your questions about PBL.

**PBL Saw Disney World; Soon to Compete**

By Kelsi Wynn, PBL Pres.

Everyone has been asking about our PBL trip to California. We really had a great time there, and we had a great year in PBL with lots of success as a club. We had fun, saw new places, and learned a little about business and ourselves. We met people from all over Oklahoma at both the Fall and Spring Conferences, won awards and competitions, and then met people from all over the United States at the National Conference in California! Those who placed in the top two at the Spring Competitive Events were able to go to Nationals in sunny Anaheim, California. We took tours of the beach, went to Disney Land, and participated in the many PBL activities provided. There wasn’t time to do it all. Those students going to California included me, Kelsey (Ackley) Wynn, and Blake Bustin, Cindy Ezzell, and Cyndy Blevins. We all had a good time and got to see a new place.

Blake said he had so much fun he lost track of three whole days. He’s just kidding. He did remember a trip to the beach, where it rained! But the bus driver gave them a discount to return again the next day, because it almost never rains.

The Sayre students traveled along with the Weatherford PBL and their sponsor Dr. Patsy (Wootton) Parker, who started the PBL program here on the Sayre campus a decade ago, so we enjoyed meeting those folks, as well.

PBL is a business organization, but you do not have to be a business major to join. Membership is open to everybody. This is a great chance to have some fun and be a part of an organization that will enhance your resume, improve your business skills and provide a chance to meet some new people in the process.

Dues will be $25.00.

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**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage**

By Kylie Franklin

A time for celebrating the culture, art, and achievements of Hispanic people began Sept 15 and extends through October 15. This has been designated as Hispanic Heritage Month. September 15th also marks the independence days of five Hispanic countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independences on September 16, and Chile on September 18. The SWOSU Spanish class took a field trip to Oklahoma City on October 6. Students visited museums of culture and enjoyed fine Spanish cuisine with instructor Judy Haught.

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Clifton Earns 20 Year Plaque

By Deneile Nash

Roxann Clifton received a plaque for an outstanding 20 years here at SWOSU.

“Twenty years plus one,” said Clifton, who worked as an adjunct before working fulltime. When asked what she has enjoyed most about her 20 years here she replied, “The weekends!” After a laugh she responded seriously, “The opportunity to meet so many people that have enriched my life.” Many things have changed in 20 years, but for Roxann Clifton technology has changed the most.

Clifton, an MT/AMT, is the Director and Instructor for Medical Technology. She is an officer on the Board of Directors, which means she is nationally recognized for her contributions to the field.

Two earn their 10-Year Plaque

By Deneile Nash

Two faculty members were honored at the annual fall faculty meeting at Weatherford.

Jess Parker received a 10 year plaque from SWOSU. Jess is an instructor of Radiologic Technology and the Clinical Coordinator and for the Radiology Department. He often travels to hospitals to see how students are doing during “clinical,” their hands-on training as rad techs.

Speaking about his time here, he said “Technology has changed the most!”

When he was asked what he has enjoyed most about his 10 years here he said, “The relaxed family like atmosphere.”

Parker loves horses and music. He plays guitar and is learning piano. He is a terrific singer, as well, so next time the karaoke machine is on campus, sing one with him!

Dayna Coker is a math and computer science instructor here at Sayre. Coker is known for her diligent efforts to teach concurrently enrolled high school students, as she often juggles seven or eight satellite sites for the interactive video classes.

Coker is the sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society, and presides over their membership ceremonies each year.

She is a proud grandmother, so ask her about those grandchildren.
Southwestern Cares—New Security Measures Taken

By Shannon Eslinger

In these perilous times in which we live, the administration has invested a lot of money and taken many new steps to make our campus secure. Some new aspects of campus security include the new office for Officer Alan Shockey, a new defibrillator, and the intercom system.

The new Campus Security Office is located in the gym, opposite of the weight room. Having a centrally located office will help students know where to go if they need help.

The new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located in the Dean’s Office. Shockey, along with Sherron Manning and Terry Billey have been instructed on how to use the device. In case of emergency, 9-911 should be called and the Dean’s Office should be notified that the device is needed.

The intercom system was installed last fall. It links every room and office, so that in case of an emergency that would affect everyone (a gunman on campus, tornado, etc.), all could be notified immediately. These are located on the instructors desks, and are not to be used for announcements or non-emergencies.

Implemented a few years ago after a campus shooting in Virginia is the “Critical Incident” system, a packet of papers that hang by all room doors. In the event of a shooter on campus, students and instructor can barricade the door, but place either a red or green sign under the door so that S.W.A.T. team knows whether to enter or skip the room. Red means injury, stop and green means to go on. This process helps the officers locate a shooter quickly, before he enters more classrooms.

The security of our campus is much like that of city, county, and state law enforcement. Many agencies combine for safety. Together with the Sayre Police Department, our security works very hard to make sure that our campus is safe for each one of us. They patrol campus, keeping a watchful eye for anyone who might be breaking the law. However, they do have the authority to make arrests. Other services that they offer are escorts, money transports, and emergency message notifications. They work very hard to make sure that students, faculty, and guests feel safe on our campus.

Below are the statistics for crime rates on campus and a list of emergency phone numbers that students may want to cut out and place by the phone.

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PHONE NO.

Emergency (police, fire & ambulance) 9-911
Sayre Campus Security (Dean's office) Ext. 106
CAMPUS POLICE 8-3111
SWOSU Nurse 8-3776
Sayre Civil Defense (Sayre P.D.) 928-2122
Physical Plant 8-3788
Beckham County Sheriff 928-2121
Oklahoma Highway Patrol (Clinton) 323-2424
Hospital (Sayre Memorial) 928-5541
Animal Control 928-2122
Oklahoma State Dept. of Education 405-521-3812
OK State Dept. of Transportation 405-521-2554
Safety & Hazards Office 405-521-3025
American Red Cross (Oklahoma City) 405-232-7121

These are the men responsible for our safety on a daily basis: RICK BOLAR, Chief, Cleet Certified, Campus Police at left, and ALAN SHOCKEY, Reserve Officer, Cleet Certified, Sayre Campus Security at right.
Students attend Art Walk; Experiment with Human Race Machine

Sayre students traveled to Weatherford’s Art Walk on Saturday, Sept. 26, where streets were filled with musicians, shops were filled with artists, and the air was filled with poetry.

Sayre students were invited at the last minute to enter their poems in the poetry contest, and they quickly compiled; however, all three winners were from Weatherford. *(The Watch-Dawg* will run those winners’ names and poems in the next issue.)

One interesting opportunity was the Human Race Machine, a devise that photographs people then shows them what they would look like as another race or as they age. It can even combine a couple’s photographs and speculate on what their children will look like.

Scotland Ford and Lauren Tatum enjoyed the festive atmosphere as people dressed up like colorful mimes and adorned the streets with music and activities.

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These photographs show a computer-generated image of what Scotland Ford would look like as an Asian and as a 45-year old man, according to the Human Race Machine.

Funny Man Demetri Martin to appear Oct. 23

On October 23, the Weatherford campus will be presenting comedian Demetri Martin.

Martin is best known for writing for *Conan O’Brien* and starring in his own show *Important Things* on *Comedy Central*.

The event will begin at 7:30 and will last until 9:30 in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center. Ticket sales begin August 24 in the Public Relations Office, ADM 205, and the Business Office, ADM 109, and cost $20 for SWOSU students and $30 for non-SWOSU students. All tickets at the door will be $40.

Travel down to the SWOSU Weatherford campus for a wonderful Friday evening of adult entertainment. For more information, contact Brian Adler at (580) 774-3063, or via e-mail at brian.adler@swosu.edu or check out the Panorama Events at swosu.edu.
Meet These Dawgs

By Deneile Nash

Desiree Lovelace, a lab tech major, is a single mom living in Elk City with her three kids: Jacie, 10; Taia, 7; and Sharley, 5. Desaree, unfortunately, has never left this great state. If she could have it her way, she would be living it up on the Virgin Isle. When she’s not spending time with her kids, you can find her outside doing landscaping or gardening. Desiree would love to have a Japanese dinner with the Man Upstairs, mainly because she has so many questions to ask Him. She would like one day to own her own business and take her kids to Walt Disney World in Florida. When asked what candy bar she would be and why, this eccentric student replied, “A Junior Mint because I love how they are creamy, minty and ooh, so chocolaty!”

Cody Lord is an Engineer major living in Elk City. When he’s not catching up on his studies, he is outdoors riding four wheelers, hunting, or fishing. Cody loves pizza and the book Dancing with Wolves. He would have a thrilling time hopping around with the kangaroos in Australia. Cody tends to get upset when people ask him too many questions!

―Meet These Dawgs‖ will be a regular feature which introduces you to some interesting students here on campus.

Photos by Neneile Nash

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