By Michael Amberson

An inaugural celebration for SWOSU President Randy Beutler will be held December 7-8 on both the Weatherford and Sayre campus locations. The events are as follows:

**Sayre Inaugural Dinner:** A special dinner is planned for Tuesday, December 7th, in Sayre. A Reception begins at 5:30, followed by the 6 p.m. dinner. Both will be held in the Sayre Public Schools Cafeteria.

Past and present deans and presidents of Sayre Junior College and SWOSU-Sayre will be honored for their long-term service, including Harry Patterson, Paul Conner, Don Roberts, and Jim James.

“The food will be wonderful (steak and all the trimmings) and the Sayre school cafeteria will be transformed into a beautiful setting,” stated Judy Haught, who is heading up the planning committee. “The entertainment will be former Miss SWOSU Sara Simpson and the Jazz quintet from the SWOSU Music Department. I think you will have a pleasant evening.”

Tickets are $15 and are available in the Dean’s Office on the SWOSU-Sayre campus, 928-5533 x 106.

**Midnight Student Pancake Breakfast:** Also taking place on December 7 will be a late-night inauguration pancake breakfast for SWOSU students. The 10 p.m. to 12 midnight event will take place in the Memorial Student Center on the Weatherford campus.

**Investiture Ceremony:** The events continue on the next day with the investiture ceremony taking place at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, at the Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus. A reception will follow.

**Presidential Dinner at Weatherford:** A fund-raising dinner will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Student Center Ballroom in Weatherford.

The proceeds from event will benefit the SWOSU Museum and Archive Center in downtown Weatherford.

Tickets are $45 and available in the SWOSU PR & Marketing Office, Adm. Bldg., Room 205. Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the evening. Seating is limited and tickets are going fast. Hurry to be part of this event.

Student volunteers are welcome to participate in the Sayre campus Inaugural Dinner.

“Volunteers are needed,” stated Bill D’Allessandro, director of the Hospitality, Restaurant & Gaming Management Program on the Sayre campus. “We have two times—those who can help with set-up from 3-5 p.m. and those who can help serve from 5-9 p.m. Of course, anyone who wants to do both is great! The servers will be fed.

“It is the first time a SWOSU President is holding an inauguration event at both campuses - he knows we are a big part of SWOSU family, and thus it is an honor for us to host this event!” D’Allessandro continued. “So let’s see if we can get a few more students to help make this a great night! Thank you for the support.”

Funding for activities is coming from private donations. Corporate sponsors are as follows: Floyd Law Firm, P.C., First National Bank and Trust of Elk City, ConocoPhillips Company, Joe D. and Vickie Hall, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, PhRMA Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America, Tyson Foods, Pat and Melanie Hall, Luke and Kyle Martin, Hutch’s, and the SWOSU Foundation.

Additional information about the ceremony and dinners are available by contacting the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing office at (580) 774-3063.
SGA Providing an Angel Tree

By Dandi Ré Clark

As freshman Margaret Holbert recently said, “It’s better to give than to receive.” With the Angel Trees set up by the SGA in the Financial Aid Office and the Bulldog Café, there is now a perfect opportunity to put those words into action.

The Angel Trees are sponsored by the Beckham County DHS and Child Welfare. Every year, small Christmas trees bearing the name and age of a child in need are set up around the community. Some of the cards contain information as to what specific gift items are needed, such as presents or clothing. The children listed on the cards come from disadvantaged home lives, and for some, the gift they receive through the Angel Tree is the only one they will be given this Christmas.

To give someone a gift, select a card with a child’s name and age from the tree. Place the gift of your choice in a sack (gift sacks are preferred), and attach your child’s card to the sack. Return the gift to the school or business and place it under the Angel Tree. The packages are picked up daily, and the deadline for the drop-offs is December 13th.

As you go through the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, don’t become so absorbed in your own affairs that you forget what the spirit of Christmas is all about—giving. The Angel Trees are just simple ways in which you can help a child in your community have a more blessed Christmas.

Nancy Sanders of the Financial Aid Office says, “Remember why we celebrate Christmas by sharing with the children of our community.” Adds the Director of the office, Ron Kistler, “Remember the children less fortunate than you who may not have much for Christmas without the Angel Trees.”

PBL Invites You to Sponsor a Pet

By Dandi Ré Clark

While walking down the halls or lounging in the break areas, you may have noticed flyers depicting adorable animals up for adoption.

“The PBL group is excited to help Friends for Life Animal Sanctuary,” says Holly Hernandez, PBL sponsor. The club is collecting food and other items for animals in need, as well as promoting adoption and fostering. Until December 10th, you can bring any kind of dog or cat food or new leashes and collars to Ms. Hernandez’s office in SMH 103. All animals on the flyers are adoptable, and some are even up for fostering. Another incentive for helping Ms. Hernandez is that Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Brooks are encouraging students to help these animals by giving five bonus points per item donated up to 15 points in appreciation of your support. If you are interested in helping a cat or dog, talk to Ms. Hernandez. Before you know it, you could have a new, cuddly best friend!
By Tim Racadio

A few new laws were put into effect last month in order to discourage the use of cell phones while driving.

One, Senate Bill 360, prohibits the use of cell phones (This means no texting as well, youngsters!) by anyone 18 years old or younger while operating a vehicle.

The second, the Distracted Driver Law, does not specify the use of cell phone devices, but allows penalties if their use causes an accident or any traffic violation. In other words, texting while driving is not enough to get you pulled over on its own, but now comes with a hefty fine and possible loss of your license if it causes you to get stopped for any reason.

Is this enough to deter the masses from using cell phones while driving a vehicle? Very doubtful. In fact, to some, these new laws seem like little more than meager steps in the fight against texting while driving. With a rough average of 21% of all fatal car accidents being attributed to cell phone use (expected to grow 4% each year), an all out ban of cell phone use of any kind while driving has been recommended. As we play out our consumerist roles in our technology-advantaged world, most of us tend to forget a very basic lesson we should’ve learned in grade school: Safety First.

Retraction on Flu . . .

A misquote occurred in the November 29th issue of The WatchDawg. Mrs. Clifton was wrongly quoted as saying, “You cannot get the flu if you have taken the flu shot, but you may have side effects.”

What she actually said was, “You cannot get the flu from the flu shot, but you may have side effects.” The Watchdawg regrets any confusion caused by this error.

The cost—money or your life?
**Biggest Loser Contest planned**

The Sayre campus will be holding a “Biggest Loser” Contest! Make plans now to join in the fitness fun and win prizes and cash for losing weight.

The contest will begin in January after the Spring Semester begins. There will be weigh-ins once a month, with the big prize being for the top loser in April or May.

A neutral party will measure the weight loss and figure the percentage lost based on beginning weight. Signs will be posted with more information in January! Come lose with us!

**Looking to Save Money on Textbooks?**

**By Matt Dyson**

Is there a cheaper or better way to get college text books? The new thing is the book rentals. Our bookstore in the Student Union offers many books to rent. Check with Mrs. Jolene Bales first to see what books are available to rent.

If the books aren’t available in SWOSU’s bookstore, one website to go to is called Chegg.com. The books should be available within two to three business days. Plus, they offer a thirty-day guarantee and if it’s not the right book it can be returned for a full refund. Of course, you will miss out on selling the book back for pocket change at the end of the semester, but you may save a lot.

**Would You Donate Toys for Children?**

**By Robyn Hudson**

The holidays are here, and what is the best way to celebrate and spread joy than to give?

We have a donation box at the SWOSU Sayre campus. The gifts do not have to be much. You can make a child happy with a dollar toy. The gifts go to Oklahoma Children’s Cancer Association.

OCCA has provided safe and rehabilitative activities for children with cancer since 1974. OCCA has reached out to communities of patients and their families dealing with cancer and aiding them throughout their road to recovery, as well as providing support to those who have embarked on the path of survivorship.

OCCA is an independent, non-profit organization affiliated with the Children’s hospital of Oklahoma. All funds and contributions remain in Oklahoma and help support local volunteering efforts for children treated at the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Different groups of parents and volunteers work together to provide fun and therapeutic activities for the patients during and even after treatment.

These activities and additional patient services are made possible by tax deductible donations from the Oklahoma community. A volunteer-based organization, OCCA’s greatest challenge is to continue to fund programs that benefit these children and their families.

**Poetry Corner**

I Turned My Back on Love

By: Dandi Ré Clark

I turned my back on love
And hid my heart in songs
That only seemed to mask the pain
Leaving you had caused.

You asked me if I loved you still?
I could not whisper my reply--
Oh, darling, without you I am
But a star without a sky!

I turned my back on love
But I could not set you free;
You have shown me Paradise,
You are more myself than I am me.

SWOSU students can put toys in the box in Mackey Hall to brighten the life of a sick child. Photo by Bianca Sanchez.
The Hospitality, Restaurant & Gaming Management program (HRGM) has made some new adjustments to the upcoming Spring 2011 class schedule. In hopes of making the program accessible to students on the Weatherford campus who might be interested in a Minor in HRGM, along with potential students working in the industry at the Clinton casino, the following changes have been made:

The Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. HOSP 1003 has been changed in favor of offering it on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

A section on Tuesday/Thursday - HOSP 2213 - Restaurant Food & Beverage Mgmt. has been added at 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

Also added is a section on Tuesday/Thursday - HOSP 2313 - Gaming Operations at 2:00 p.m. To 3:15 p.m.

Although these classes are scheduled to be able to broadcast via IAV to the Weatherford and Clinton sites, they are available to Sayre students as well.

“It is our hope to have students here at Sayre who are pursuing General Education classes without a chosen major to look at the HRGM program as a viable option,” stated Bill D’Allessandro, Director of HRGM. “The schedule changes reflect a desire to offer the broadest options to students who need flexible options due to work schedules. Hospitality is a great career choice with excellent prospects for future growth. We hope our students will look at Spring 2011 as an opportunity to take a class and see if it is a career for them.”

Chris Stufflebean, Director of Radiology, is very proud to be able to use the Intravenous Pyelogram (IVP). The IVP is an “arm” that helps the students learn to do venipuncture on patients, which is one of the clinicals’ competency requirements for them to pass their Radiology Certification Examination. SWOSU is one of the few colleges in the state to offer this degree in two years.

According to the “Radiography Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements” issued by ARRT rules and regulations, candidates must successfully complete coursework addressing the topics listed in the ARRT Content Specification for the examination in Radiology. Venipuncture is just one of the requirements, along with training in CPR, vital signs, sterile and aseptic technique, transfer of patient, and care of patient medical equipment.

The IVP was purchased from Armstrong Medical Ind. Inc for $415.00 and is the first new one purchased by SWOSU since 1999.

It is an essential learning tool for students to complete their training in this field. Anyone interested in pursuing a degree in this rewarding and great-paying field is urged to contact Chris Stufflebean or Jess Parker to find out more information.

Rad Techs use “The Arm” to Practice Venipuncture

Mr. Stufflebean directs students in venipuncture.
How much does a coach factor into a team?

Well, if you take the Dallas Cowboys for an example, it's a whole lot. Wade Phillips successfully led his Cowboys to an atrocious 1-7 start. New guy Jason Garrett is currently at 2-1. Now, I do not like to blame coaches for losses, seeing as they are not out there playing. However, when you have Miles Austin, Dez Bryant, Roy Williams, and Jason Witten in your passing attack, a record of 1-7 is unacceptable. So shame on you, Wade Phillips. Now that Brad Childress is out of the way in Minnesota also, maybe Favre won't go out on a 10 loss season.

That brings up another point in Minnesota. Remember when people were raving about that guy from OU? Adrian Peterson, I believe his name was. What happened to that guy? He was a monster. He was the kind of player who could take a team on his back and win some games. This year he is the kind of guy who does nothing and watches his team go from near-Super Bowl contenders to 3-7. Shame on you, AP. Got to give mad props to Sam Bradford, though. At least you got one player right, OU. Bradford is making the Rams good. Not great, though. I mean, it is nothing like what Barry Sanders did for the Lions, but still good.

I would like to give a few pointers to all you "fans" of sports in an attempt to make you less annoying. First of all, if you blame a QB for a loss and call him trash and terrible names in a season, stick with that notion. Secondly, don't pick a team for a "cute guy on the team." You are a child and should go play with your Easy Bake, not watch football. Thirdly, if you like OU, then don't talk. I don't believe I need to elaborate on that anymore. And fourthly, pick a team and stay with them. Flip Floppers, or wagon jumpers, are THE WORST!

I can't have a sports article without mentioning THAT THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS WENT INTO HEINZ FIELD AND BEAT THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS! Not just beat, oh no. They manhandled them. An accurate metaphor for that game would be the Patriots beat the Steelers like Brock Lesnar would beat a 15-year-old girl with braces in a MMA match. Imagine how messy that would get. The game was JUST LIKE THAT! Subtract the blood and possible death, though. But you can't expect Brock to win them all, just like you can't expect the Miami Heat to win them all.

Wait, you CAN expect the Miami heat to win them all, and you should. The fact that they haven't is a bigger bust than OU in the 2005 National Championship game. And the 2009. And also the 2007 Fiesta Bowl. And also the 2008 Fiesta Bowl. I know, at least they can make it to the big game. But what OK St. lacks in bowl appearances, they make up in character.

And to end this semester's "Sports Updates," I will give some advice to Tiger Woods. You are close to being the best again. Not quite there yet, though. All you need to get that little push that will get you to the top is to have a night out on the town in Vegas. Go wild.

That is all.
Final Exam Schedule
Fall 2010

(Yes, it is time to face your finals!)

Thursday, December 9, 2010
T R All 8:00 AM 8:30-10:30 AM
T R All 9:30 AM 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Friday, December 10, 2010
M W F All 8:00 AM 8:30-10:30 AM
M W F All 12:00 PM 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Monday, December 13, 2010
M W F All 9:00 AM 8:30-10:30 AM
M W F All 1:00 PM 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14, 2010
M W F All 10:00 AM 8:30-10:30 AM
T R All 11:00 AM 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 15, 2010
M W F All 11:00 AM 8:30-10:30 AM
T R All 12:30 PM 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Students may drop classes up until December 3 with w/p and w/f.
December 6th, 7th, and 8th are “dead days” when hopefully your instructors don’t
assign anything new so that you may begin to study.
Final grades are due in the Registrar’s Office by 12:00 PM December 16.
Students may check grades posted on Campus Connect on December 17.

Calendar of Events

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- Dinner at Memorial Student Center Ballroom, Weatherford, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13— Angel Tree deadline
- Dec. 10th— PBL animal donations deadline
- Jan. 4— Enrollment
- Jan. 5— Class begins
- Jan. 6— Telecourse Orientation in the Student Union
- Jan. 11— Last day to add a class.
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~Terry Ford, Publications Advisor

What Did You Do Over Thanksgiving?

“Ate too much while surrounded by family.”
~Mr. Landry Brewer

“It was very scattered, but some kind of eating happened, so we’re good.”
~Lauren Tatum

“Went to Grandma’s. Ate, talked loudly over each other, and left.”
~Chelsea Risinger

“Food!!!”
~Jessica Egner

“I cooked, moved to Hobert, plucked a Turkey, and had a great time with my family. We put up the Christmas tree and played some board games. It was a great experience.”
~Amada Wilson

“My daughter, who is in the military, was home for this holiday, so we celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas together. There was a lot of cooking involved.”
~Mrs. Judy Haught

“My grandmother, parents, and two friends and I had a scrumptious dinner at my house. After that, the friends and I went on a hike in the canyons in the dark, had an adventure getting separated and lost, and finally returned home to wash dishes while singing Backstreet Boys. Then we watched Gladiator and Phantom of the Opera until almost four o’clock in the morning. It was such a snarkleffuzzy day!”
~Dandi Ré Clark

What Are You Doing for Christmas?

“Starting a new tradition.”
~Mrs. Debbie Carpenter

“This is only our second Christmas together, so we are still deciding.”
~Paula and Rick Hudson

“Moving back to Houston to be near family again.”
~Melissa Perkins

“Spend money on other people in hopes that they’ll spend money on me. Mutual bribery!”
~Mr. Bill D’Alessandro

“I’m spending the day with me dear ol’ mum.”
~Ryan Smyth

“I’m going gambling in Laughlin, Nevada.”
~Jennie Early

“Sending the kids money in Austin.”
~Mr. Earl Bales

“I’m going to a lot of Christmases. I’m going to see my mom, who lives in Lexington.”
~Marlena Johnson

“My family is coming in.”
~Aaron Fultz

“I plan on duck and goose hunting with my dog Puppuzilla, as well as spending time with family and friends.”
~Jeff Roland

“Eating, hanging out with friends, and playing hacky sack and whatnot.”
~Robby Sanchez

“Opening presents with my son Darren and spending time with family.”
~Jessica Steinke

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