New College President Named

Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate Randy Beutler of Elk City has been named president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre. Beutler, who has been serving as vice president for public policy and leadership development at SWOSU, started as president on February 1.

"The institution of SWOSU and the people surrounding the university mean a lot to me," Beutler said. "I'm excited about this opportunity. There will be a lot of hard work and I'm ready for the challenge."

"Randy Beutler is a proven leader with a passion for education who represents the values and ideals of western Oklahoma," said Jan Gordon, chair of the Regents. "He has the vision, the ability and the commitment to lead SWOSU forward."

Beutler, who heads up the successful President's Leadership Class program at SWOSU, was born and raised on a ranch north of Elk City. He graduated from Canute High School in 1979. Beutler earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from SWOSU in 1983, graduating Cum Laude with a social science major/minor. He completed his Master of Education degree at SWOSU in 2003. Beutler taught social science at Washita Heights Public Schools and Weatherford High School after graduating from SWOSU. He was named Weatherford Public Schools "Teacher of the Year" in both 1987 and 1990. In 1992, Beutler decided to run for the District 60 seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He was

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Ice Creates Havoc for Campus

By Amanda Gartner

Ice, rain, freezing fog, snow and "a wintery mix." These weather terms have been bandied about for the last week, and seem to be part of our future as well. What has this meant for students? If the freezing rain wasn't enough, snow and fog had to be added too, making the roads even more hazardous to drive on. Perhaps you have been one of the unlucky people who have gotten your vehicle stuck or maybe one of the ones who couldn't even open your vehicle. Some of the excuses pouring in to instructors include: "I can't get my door (or garage door) open. It is frozen shut and I can't get out of my house" and "I'm snowbound in Oklahoma City and can't get back for class." Thankfully, though, the Sayre campus was closed during the worst part (Thursday through Monday) to help prevent students from having accidents. Maybe some got some more studying done, although some were without electricity. That certainly put a stop to some web classes. Many students were happy to get back to school on Tuesday, reporting that staying shut in at home for four days with (fill in the blank—kids, dogs, spouse, in-laws) was driving them crazy. Two who hail from Northern states said they enjoyed it. One thing is for certain, the snow and ice are causing an interruption to our schedules that both instructors and students will have to deal with.

To see if the campus is closed, call the Weather Hotline at 580-774-3224 #4.
Library Offers Net Books

By Lauren Tatum

Has anyone gone to the library to use a computer, but all of the computers were taken?

Well, now you will always have one to use. With the two main computer labs being closed at some point during the day for classes, and the increasing need for the computers, the school has made four new additions to the library.

The four new net books provide an extra computer if you need one. The net books are small and convenient—the size of a notebook—and can be transported easily if you want to relax on the couches and use a computer.

Ask our librarian, April Miller, or the library assistant, Diana Mosburg, for help if you need one.

Who is April Miller, you may ask. Yes, it is our librarian April Howenstine, who was married over the Winter Break to Tim Miller, Asst. Director of Western Plains Library System. He is originally from Rush Springs, but the couple has made their home in Clinton. Congratulations Mrs. Miller!

Students Joseph Hough and Jessica Egner are enjoying the comfort of the couches while using a net book in the library.

MLT Club Elects Officers

By Aaron Fultz

The MLT (Medical Lab Technologists) Club has been busy this year. This is one of the largest incoming freshmen classes that SWOSU-Sayre has had in a few years.

The club went to a state meeting back in October. In December the members gave a $25 gift to a child from the Christmas Angel Tree. They will have a spring state meeting coming up in April at Rose State College.

The MLT Club is led by Mrs. Roxann Clifton.

Front left to right, Lauren Tatum—Freshman Rep., Marlena Johnson—Vice President, Charissa Isch—President. Middle, Alicia Houston—Sophomore Rep., Members: Cythia Dollof, Whitney Lambert, Celia Ra, Back, Misti Patterson, Stacey West, Jennifer Jones, Evan Bratcher, Not Pictured, Jared Killman, Amber Holmes, Judy Campbell.
Meet the BCM Director . . .

As SWOSU student and BCM fan Brandon Raleigh is happy to announce, Nathan Montgomery is the BCM director here at SWOSU in Sayre. Montgomery graduated last May from SWOSU Weatherford, with a major in history and a minor in Spanish.

This bilingual Bulldawg grew up in Granite, Okla.

The BCM is the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, a non-profit organization sanctioned to be on campus. Just one week after graduating from college, Nathan started working as the BCM director. When offered the job his response was, “Oh yeah!”

Nathan says he is here to help students with spiritual guidance. If anyone needs someone to talk to about anything, he is here, every day and if that is not determination, we don’t know what is.

Congratulations to both instructors for being good pupils!

Learning New Tricks at Any Age

By Kylie Franklin and Michael Amberson

Mrs. Judy Haught and Mr. Jess Parker, instructors at SWOSU, both recently started taking piano lessons, so The WatchDawg wanted to know why these teachers wanted to become students at their age.

When asked what interested her the most about piano, Mrs. Haught, a language arts instructor, replied that it is had always been a lifelong dream to play, and she had always been interested in it even as a child, but never had the chance play as a child.

She said that she decided to start playing now because her kids had played as children, and now that they were grown up, the piano was lifeless and unused. When asked what her favorite part about piano is, her answer was a bit different than most: “Practicing” is her favorite part about piano! Yes, she likes to do her homework. Mrs. Haught is also planning on playing piano for as long as she can.

Mr. Parker, radiology instructor, also recently decided to take piano lessons and when asked in a recent interview what made him decide to learn his response was “I’ve always had a love of music and when I was ten or twelve I quit, and I have always regretted it.” The WatchDawg staff also learned that Mr. Parker sings, and one of his goals behind learning the piano is to be able to accompany himself while singing. Is it odd after so many years he wants to pick up where he left off when he was ten or twelve?

Does Mr. Parker feel as if he is at a disadvantage learning the piano at his age instead of when he was a child? His response was “No, I do not feel that I am at a disadvantage at all. In fact, I feel that it is an advantage because I am more focused now then when I was ten or twelve.”

Maybe Mr. Parker has a point. Does age bring determination? Well, in our interview he told me that he practices at least thirty minutes to an hour a day and if that is not determination, we don’t know what is.

Congratulations to both instructors for being good pupils!

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Also, the BCM offers a free lunch every Wednesday at noon! It is located northeast of the campus, a short walk for a good meal.
New Book Chosen for Lit Club

The Lit Club has decided to meet at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the Lit Pit, and has chosen to take turns bringing food every week. “There are three ways to participate in Lit Club: attending the weekly meetings in the Lit Pit, answering the questions that have been posted on the Lit Club website, and the newest way is by participating in discussions on the D2L site,” explained Mrs. Haught. “Be sure to give your name and student ID to me to be enrolled in the D2L site.”

One awesome reason about joining the Lit Club is BONUS POINTS in any of your current English Classes!

Members chose *Made in the U.S.A.* written by Billie Letts. Billie is a Oklahoma author of many short stories, and was awarded the Walker Percy Award and the 1996 Oklahoma Book Award. She is ranked among America’s best-loved storytellers.

To purchase your own copy of *Made in the U.S.A.* students need to either travel to your local bookstore, or purchase a copy online. For any other questions contact Mrs. Judy Haught.

Relief Needed for Those Affected in Haiti

By Marlena A. Johnson

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, a massive earthquake struck Haiti. The astonishing 7.0 magnitude earthquake affected a third of Haiti which is 3 million people. According to CNN news, this is the strongest earthquake in more than two centuries. It is feared that up to 200,000 people may have died in the disaster. Many of Americans are wondering what they can do to help the people in Haiti. Fox news and CNN news are broadcasting on TV how to donate through The American Red Cross. You can help save many lives by donating ten dollars straight from your phone. To donate ten dollars to Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti, text “HAITI” to 90999.

“One hundred percent of every dollar will go directly to supplies that include tarpaulins, water purification tablets, oral rehydration salts, family water kits, medical supplies, medical kits, food, shelter, and protection,” says Yasamin Beitollahi, writer for *The Huffington Post*.

SWOSU-Weatherford students are making an effort to help Haitians. Collection boxes are in every SWOSU building on the Weatherford campus. Items such as shirts, shorts, pants, shoes and other clothing items are needed.

Students who are spearheading the effort are Sarah AlJarrah, Merba Kruah, and McKinley Solomon, who has family living in Haiti.

Let us keep up the generosity, Americans, and remember to pray for the people in Haiti.

Students Join Town’s Biggest Loser Contest

By Becca Sims

This year at Sayre’s Coconut Cove they have a “Biggest Loser” competition. One of our fellow students, Randa Babek, has decided to participate in order to help achieve her New Year’s resolution to lose fifty pounds. Randa heard about the competition from the Sayre newspaper. The competition started on January 4th and already there has been a total of 255 pounds lost! Randa has gone on a diet of yogurt, bananas, and apples and she exercises at the Coconut Cove.

In the first two weeks she has already lost twelve pounds!

“I am having fun and getting used to the diet. I am actually starting to enjoy it,” says Randa.
Dallas Black Dance Theater comes to SWOSU

By James Racadio

On February 23rd the Dallas Black Dance Theater will be performing on the Weatherford campus at the Fine Arts Center in the auditorium.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 9:30 p.m. Best of all, it is free! The public is invited to attend.

Dallas Black Dance Theater is a multi-ethnic dance group of professional choreographers that perform for audiences of all ages and all backgrounds.

They combine contemporary modern dance with jazz, ethnic, and spiritual styles. Internationally known, the Dallas Black Dance Theater’s sole purpose is to create, produce, and perform modern dance at the highest level of artistic excellence.

For more information regarding the Dallas Black Dance Theater, contact the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office by phone at 580-774-3063 or by email at brian.adler@swosu.edu

The Wide, Wide World of Sports . . .

By James Riccadio

The SWOSU Men’s Basketball team dropped their game to UCO 99-76.

The Women’s basketball team lost their game against UCO 82-43.

Other news from Oklahoma sports, the Oklahoma State Cowboys record for the season is an impressive 16-4, while the Cowgirls are at an equally impressive 17-3. The Sooners men’s basketball squad is at a 12-8 record while the women’s team is at 16-4.

The UFC will be back in Vegas on the 6th with UFC 109:RELENTLESS. The main event will feature a battle of hall-of-famers when Randy “the Natural” Couture faces Mark “the Hammer” Coleman.

Also Nate Marquardt vs. Chael Sonnen, Matt Serra vs. Frank Trigg, Mike Swick vs. Paulo Thiago, and Demian Maia vs. Dan Miller.

Superbowl XLIV is Sunday the 7th. You can watch it on CBS at 6:30 p.m. It will feature the New Orleans Saints vs. the Indianapolis Colts.

They’re Everywhere; They’re everywhere!

By Amanda Gartner

Maybe you have noticed the increase in students this semester, or perhaps the increase in males? According to Kim Seymour, our campus registrar, our enrollment is up twenty-three percent.

She also explained how the semesters are compared. We compare spring semester with spring semester not Spring to fall. In the spring of 2009, we had 417 students enrolled with 123 of them males.

As of Wednesday the 20th, the last day to withdraw and get a full refund, there are 539 students enrolled with 159 of them males. Congratulations guys and welcome back! Seymour advised that the main contributor to this large increase is the economy.

“They waited for a while for their jobs to come back but are now coming back to school to learn new skills. When the economy is down, we are up,” said Seymour.

On the other hand, state funding is being cut back due to money shortages. This means less money given for higher education. This year is not the worse to come either.

It has been said that 2013 will be very lean when it comes to funding. Most students may believe that our tuition contributes to most of the faculty’s pay and campus funding.

Truth is, it doesn’t. State funding also helps with all of the necessary money distributions. So we can only cross our fingers and hope that some funding picks up, not only for our sake, but our faculty, also.
**Movie Review:**

**It's Complicated**

By Cindel Fish

Jane (Meryl Streep) is the mother of three grown kids, owns a thriving Santa Barbara bakery/restaurant and—after a decade of divorce—has an amicable relationship with her ex-husband, attorney Jake (Alec Baldwin). But when Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated. An innocent meal together turns into the unimaginable—an affair. With Jake married to the much younger Agness (Lake Bell), Jane is now, of all things, the other woman. Caught in the middle of their renewed romance is Adam (Martin), an architect hired to remodel Jane's kitchen. Healing from a divorce of his own, Adam starts to fall for Jane, but soon realizes he's become part of a love triangle. Should Jane and Jake move on with their lives, or is love truly lovelier the second time around? It's...complicated.

- Cast: Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin, Lake Bell, John Krasinski
- Director: Nancy Meyers
- Genres: Romantic Comedy, Comedy

**The Book of Eli**

By Cindel Fish

Synopsis: In the not-too-distant future, some 30 years after the final war, a solitary man walks across the wasteland that was once America. Empty cities, broken highways, scoured earth—all around him, the marks of catastrophic destruction. There is no civilization here, no law.

The roads belong to gangs that would murder a man for his shoes, an ounce of water...or for nothing at all. But they're no match for this traveler. A warrior not by choice but necessity, Eli (Denzel Washington) seeks only peace, but if challenged, will cut his attackers down before they realize their fatal mistake. It's not his life he guards so fiercely, but his hope for the future; a hope he has carried and protected for 30 years and is determined to realize. Driven by this commitment and guided by his belief in something greater than himself, Eli does what he must to survive—and continue.

Only one other man in this ruined world understands the power Eli holds, and is determined to make it his own: Carnegie (Gary Oldman), the self-appointed despot of a makeshift town of thieves and gunmen. Meanwhile, Carnegie's adopted daughter Solara (Mila Kunis) is fascinated by Eli for another reason: the glimpse he offers of what may exist beyond her stepfather's domain. But neither will find it easy to deter him. Nothing—and no one—can stand in his way. Eli must keep moving to fulfill his destiny and bring help to a ravaged humanity.

Director: Allen Hughes, Albert Hughes
Screenwriter: Gary Whitta
Starring: Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Ray Stevenson, Jennifer Beals, Frances de la Tour, Michael Gambon, Evan Jones, Joe Pingue, Tym.
SWOSU Grad Featured in Book on Cancer Survivors

At age 9, Scoville of Watonga was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. After 8 months of chemotherapy, he was rid of the cancer until December of 2006 when he was diagnosed with a meningioma, a type of brain tumor. Scoville had surgery to remove the tumor and can finally say that he is cancer free.

He credits his faith, friends, and family for helping him overcome the cancer.

“I had many loved ones and friends supporting me,” said Scoville. “I was never alone in the battle.”

Caleb is a graduate student in psychology and maintains nearly a 4.0 GPA. He wants to use his life and experiences to help people. Cancer has given him a different perspective on life.

"Cancer can make a person realize how precious and fleeting life really is," Scoville said. "For me, cancer has opened up a world of experiences I would have otherwise never known. For that reason, I can say that I am thankful for cancer."

The book by Rubenstein features various stories about cancer survivors.

Groundhog Day—The Other February Holiday

By Robyn Hudson

Yes, Phil saw his shadow and we are headed for 6 more weeks of winter.

This story got overshadowed by the snow storm. It was supposed to be front page news, because our paper was supposed to come out before Groundhog Day.

But being overshadowed is nothing new for Groundhog Day, which often gets overshadowed by a barrage of red hearts and ribbons.

But to please our editor (Miss Fish—a huge fan of Groundhog Day), we will still endeavor to give the g-hog his day.

According to Jason Patton, the legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." (If you read our December issue, you know all about Candlemas.)

Every February 2, people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded know just outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong; weathermen say Phil is only right 39% of the time. But that's probably better than the weathermen. The ceremony in Punxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event. The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese." The representative then translates the prediction for the general public. If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner. Approximately 90% of the time, Phil sees his shadow. Phil started making predictions in 1887 and has become an American institution.

He did garner some extra attention this year, when members of PETA objected to this unethical treatment of a groundhog.

Beutler Named President, from front

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reelected three times without opposition and served until 2000. Beutler represented the counties of Roger Mills, Beckham, Greer and Harmon. He eventually became the Majority Whip of the House. In 2003, Beutler was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as his legislative liaison to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Beutler served as an adjunct professor of history at SWOSU. When SWOSU President John Hays hired Beutler to work at the university in 2006, he assisted President Hays with external affairs, legislative matters, grant development and development of external funds. He assisted in the strategic direction of the university and also developed the President’s Leadership Class. Beutler serves on the Quartz Mountain Arts & Conference Center Board of Directors and Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson’s Legislative Advisory Network. Beutler becomes the 17th president of SWOSU, which was founded in 1901.
Aaron Blake Fultz was born in Shawnee, and now lives in Cheyenne. Aaron’s favorite movie is *Toy Story 3*, and if he won a trip to anywhere in the world he would choose Japan. Aaron is planning to be a Medical Technologist.

Michael Amberson was born and raised in Elk City, Ok. He has a wonderful girlfriend named Kylie, and Michael would love to travel into the future. Michael is a computer science major. He’s a Capricorn, loves kittens and slow walks in the rain. Not really. He’s totally kidding and just wanted to fill up this space.

Kylie Franklin was born in Hobart, Ok. and now lives in Elk City, Ok. with her boyfriend Michael. Kylie is most thankful for her family and friends, if she could have dinner with anyone famous it would be Tom Welling. Also, if Kylie would like to live in the Medieval period if she went back in time, and her favorite color is blue.

DeeDee Owens was born and raised in Elk City, Ok. Her favorite color is pink and she would like to live in Paris one day. DeeDee is a business major and wants to someday own her own clothing store.

Meagan Dobyns was born in Elk City but was raised in Canute, where she still lives. If Megan could have dinner with anyone famous it would be John Lennon. She would also like to travel back in time to the Victorian period.

Amanda Gartner was born in Oceanside, Ca. and now hails from Elk City. Amanda and her husband just bought a house together, and they have a 9-month-old lab puppy. He’s her baby, although he weighs close to 90 lbs. In her eyes he’s still a lap dog.

Amanda wants to become a nurse and will be applying at Altus this summer.

Kristen Dion Tuck was born in Clinton, raised in Burns Flat, and now lives in Elk City. She would love to see Amsterdam, and she likes rap, rock, and country. Her hobbies are riding her *Honda 300 Quad* and keeping her house clean.

James Ricadio was born in Victorville, Ca. He now lives in Sayre. James enjoys playing the guitar and loves to play and watch football. In 5 to 10 years James wants to become a NFL, college, or high school football coach. As an avid sports fan, James will be writing our sports column, a new addition to *The WatchDawg*. 

Katie (Livingston) Walker was born and raised in Elk City. She is married to Tyler Walker. Katie is also a big fan of the movie *Toy Story 3* and she loves to eat Mexican food. She has a handsome three-year-old son named Gatlin.