SOMETHING STRANGE FROM SWOSU!

THE WATCHDAWG

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HAVE A...

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

FROM THE NEWSPAPER STAFF!
Calendar of Events

- Oct. 29 Halloween party, food, and Costume Contest, & Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Nov. 2nd Flu shots are being given in the Dean’s office $15 dollars, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Nov. 3rd Career Day, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5th Last day to drop with a guaranteed "W" and last day to add CAI courses
- Nov. 11th Veterans’ Day
- Nov. 18th, SSPO Staff appreciation reception, Bull-dog Café at 3 p.m. Congratulations to Terry Billey for 15 years of service.

SGA members Dandi Clark, Jessica Egner and Aaron Fultz remove old computer monitors out of storage, so that the garage can be turned into a Haunted House. Photo by T. Ford.

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Retraction

The WatchDawg report from last issue was in error. The cutline for the front page photo stated the students received a citation for using too many parking spaces for stringing up their hammock, when in truth, the students were only politely asked to move within the yellow lines by campus security. The Watchdawg regrets this inaccurate report.
Flu Shots to be given here Tuesday...

By Becca Sims

Flu shots will be given right here on campus!

Laura Smith, university nurse, will be on campus November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Dean’s Office to administer the flu shots.

The cost of the shots will be $15.

All students, staff, and faculty are eligible to take advantage of this offer.

“It is important to get the flu shot,” stated Roxann Clifton, Director of Medical Technology, “so that we can protect ourselves and others since we are going places with large groups of people, whether it be school or work.”

Always an advocate for the flu shot, Clifton preaches to her med tech students that the flu shot not only protects them, but also the patients they come in contact with during clinical. It is important not to take the flu into health care facilities.

“You cannot get the flu if you have taken the flu shot,” states Clifton emphatically, although she admits you may have side effects. “One caveat to that is this: if you are allergic to eggs or have had a severe reaction to the flu shot in the past, you may want to think carefully about whether or not you should take the flu shot.”

Students wanted!

Volunteers needed for President’s Dinner...

SWOSU is looking for a few good men and women!

An open call to all SWOSU-Sayre students—we are looking for a dozen volunteers to assist with a special event. On Tuesday December 7, 2010, the Sayre campus will host an Inauguration Dinner for SWOSU’s new leader, President Randy Beutler.

The event will be held at the Sayre High School Cafeteria and will be catered by the SWOSU Food Services Team from Weatherford, led by Duncan Taylor and Chef Dirk. It will be an elegant sit-down dinner with many dignitaries and prominent individuals from Weatherford, Elk City, and Sayre. The volunteers will assist as servers for the meal. You will help with the set-up, service and breakdown. Time frame will be approximately from 4 p.m. until about 10 p.m. We will have a brief meeting before the event to review basic service tips. Be part of the special event as we inaugurate a new SWOSU President and show him the Sayre spirit!

Students interested in volunteering contact: Bill D’Alessandro, Director, Instructor H.R.G.M., SMH 125—580-928-5533 Ext. 156.

Get Connected with SWOSU... Mobile and

SWOSU is reaching out to current and prospective students through mobile devices. SWOSU PR & Marketing is sending messages throughout the year about upcoming events, enrollment reminders and important information about SWOSU.

In order to send a message, SWOSU first must collect your number!

The systems require mobile users to text “SWOSU” to the mobile list number (91217) to join SWOSU’s mobile list No spam here!

Before December 26, text SWOSU to 91217 for your chance to win a $500 Scholarship to SWOSU.

Text SWOSU to 91217 to join the SWOSU text club for more information about SWOSU.

Questions? Please contact Brian Adler, 580-774-3063.
Meet the Staff: Rick Hudson...

By Zack White

Have you ever wondered who was keeping the campus spick and span? As of June 1, Rick Hudson has taken on the task of keeping the place clean and safe. Rick is the official custodian/safety/maintenance man for both the Capps and Mackey buildings. He is also on the list to attend the CLEET class to become a Reserve officer. After he attends the class he will be certified to carry a gun and increase security for the campus. Besides working on campus, Rick owns G&R construction. Outside of work, Rick likes raising plants and collecting artifacts. He is married to Paula, who also works on campus as the Administrative Assistant in the Registrar's Office.

Carpenter enjoys Tech Conference...

By Matt Dyson

This last summer Mrs. Carpenter went to the 9th annual Convergence Technology Center at Collin College in Frisco, Texas, an IT convention for faculty development.

Of the four different classes that the instructors could take, Mrs. Carpenter took the Online Course Development. It was a week long and the classes were eight hours a day and half a day on Friday.

The participants were introduced to all kinds of new technology that can be used to help develop online classes. Karla Damron was Mrs. Carpenter's instructor. Most of everything that they used was on the computer. They improved upon technology that they already know how to use, and also learned some new technology that none of the instructors have ever used.

While there, Carpenter learned how to use a flip camera, and upload videos of how to use the online courses. Carpenter is planning to have two workshops for the SWOSU Sayre site instructors. She hopes to do the first one within the next couple of weeks, and then do another one toward the end of the semester. This will help the teachers here at Sayre with logging in their professional development hours. The conference was paid for by a grant that is written by partnering colleges in the Dallas area. She is hoping that she will be able to go back in December some time for the next conference.

Here is a picture of me creating an avatar of myself during my online course development class.
SWOSU has initiated a new Associate of Science Degree in Hospitality, Restaurant & Gaming Management at its Sayre Campus.

This degree is designed for those who seek a career in the exciting Hospitality Industry at the management level.

Bill D’Alessandro, Program Director, says “We are not looking for Top Chefs but for Top Managers! This program is a business management degree specifically tailored to students who seek a career path as managers in the Hotel, Restaurant and the Gaming enterprises.”

The hospitality industry is a colossus; annual revenues are over a trillion dollars and employs close to a billion people world-wide.

Hospitality offers everything from hotels, resorts, restaurants, casinos, cruise ships, airlines, and contract food service for schools, parks, hospitals and company campuses.

The United States is the world leader in hospitality expertise and businesses. In Oklahoma, 1 of every 10 jobs is in Hospitality (Oklahoma Restaurant Association) and the state is set to add over 25,000 jobs in this field over the next 5 years.

According to D’Alessandro, “Hospitality expertise and businesses are one of America’s leading exports today.” The opportunity to travel, work overseas for companies like Marriott International, Friday’s or Brinker International is limitless.

Entry-level salaries for graduates with hospitality degrees are in the $42,000 To $48,000 range with benefits for a 5-day, 55-hour work week. General Manager and above positions offer pay scales of $65,000 to $250,000 and more.

D’Alessandro likes to point out that hospitality employs people from all career fields.

“Corporations such as Hilton, Yum Brands, Marriott and even McDonald’s have thousands of jobs at the corporate level for people with legal, real estate, advertising, sales & marketing, human resources, and product development backgrounds. Having a Hospitality program degree or even a Minor in Hospitality will enhance your employment opportunities,” he said.

The new HRGM degree program has great plans for future development. It will provide the students with a balanced view of the industry, combining classroom with interaction with industry professionals and hands-on internships.

“We are setting it up to be able to offer the Internship class over the summer session at The Lodge at Quartz Mountain State Park. The students will stay at the park, take class daily and work side-by-side in the hotel and restaurant with skilled professionals,” adds Bill D’Alessandro.

D’Alessandro worked in the industry for over 35 years as an employee, manager, corporate officer and consultant for hotels, restaurants, country clubs and clubs. His career has included positions as a chef, caterer, television chef, and has developed recipes for cooking sauces for Llano Estacado Winery, one of Texas’s premium wineries. He was the chief architect of the plan that created the Depot District, an entertainment/hospitality complex in Lubbock, Texas, similar to Bricktown. He taught eight years at Texas Tech University and also North College in Irving, Texas.
By Michael Amberson

November 3rd is Career Day...

The campus will be very busy November 3rd as high school seniors from several surrounding schools will be here to listen to representatives from many different departments.

College students are also encouraged to attend and listen to representatives of their areas of interest. There will be instructors from engineering to show off robotics, from nursing, education, and many more.

High school students will take campus tours and have chances to win door prizes and scholarships.

Lunch will be served for free in the gym for both high school and college students.

If you would volunteer to be a tour guide, call Kim Seymour at 928-5533 Ext. 101.

Culture Corner: Blown Glass...

By Michael Amberson

On our field trip we took in Spanish, we went to the Oklahoma City museum of art, and as boring as it might sound, it was kind of cool. My favorite exhibit was the Dale Chihuly exhibit on the third floor, which was blown glass art.

Anyone who likes color or glass or art will be visually stimulated by both the small and the huge displays of fragile, colorful blown glass. There is also a video room where you can watch Chihuly and his associates blow the glass, working at a frantic pace with the superheated liquid medium before it hardens into fragile glass. They have only seconds to create their masterpieces.

Here are some amazing facts about the Dale Chihuly exhibit, which should make you want to visit. There are . . .

-1,500 pieces of hand-blown glass
-18 glass installations, including walls, ceiling, cases, and groupings
-Sixty 4’ x 8’ sheets of black Plexiglas to create amazing visual backdrop for the brightly colored glass
-2 fishing boats imported from Finland used as displays for wild glass artworks
-3 white bark silver maple logs to display 12 ft. pick tubes of blown glass
-Ten 12-inch high stages or platforms, some holding cherub-shaped blown glass, one of Chihuly’s specialties
-28 moveable walls
-3 enclosed cases, containing Seaform sets, or glass blown in the shape of giant sea shells
-226 sq. ft. of shatter proof glass ceiling for a 40 foot long Persian Ceiling display, so that you can see the amazing colors of the blown glass above your head for a unique sensory treat.

Dayna Hicks, Victoria Brose, Dandi Clark, and Zac White examine a tower of glass behind them. Photos by Bianca Sanchez

FREE LUNCH—A 100-foot sandwich provided for college and high school students!
**Movie Review...**

**Life As We Know It**

By Becca Sims

Two people who can't stand each other are forced to care for the same child in this domestic comedy drama starring Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel.

Holly (Heigl) is a caterer whose career is just getting off the ground; Eric (Duhamel) directs sports for a major network. Their first date was a nightmare, and now they're about to become a family.

When their goddaughter's parents both perish in a tragic accident, Holly and Eric are informed that they were singled out as Sophie's caretakers in the event of an unforeseen disaster.

Now, in order to raise Sophie right, this bickering pair must put their differences aside while mastering the fine art of parenthood. Coordinating their new lives and getting along won't be easy for Eric and Holly, but somewhere between the conflicting schedules and drastic lifestyle changes, the reluctant couple realizes that with help from Sophie, they're starting to resemble a real family.

Despite the predictable plot and outcome, this movie is worth seeing as light romantic comedy. As all of Katherine Heigl films are, *Life As We Know It* is superb. This movie is definitely recommendable. It is rated PG-13.

**Sports Update...**

By James Racadio

The notion that Brock Lesnar's win over Shane Carwin at UFC 116 proved his worth has been tossed around recently. I would like to point out some details that have been omitted from this notion. First, Brock Lesnar got man-handled in the first round of that fight. Second, Carwin was defeated before the second round even started due to him being extremely gassed. So that win proved nothing. However, his beatdown from Cain Velasquez proved EVERYTHING! Cain Velasquez made Brock Lesnar look like a 15-year-old girl with braces who attempted to tackle Adrian Peterson. Yeah, that bad.

And on to Boise St. Oh, how much I have to say about Boise State. It can all be summed up in one statement, though. Boise State plays in the WAC. The WAC to the SEC/Big 12 is like what the Special Olympics is to the Olympics. It just does not stand up to the others. This is why it was a slap to the face of teams like Auburn, Oklahoma St, Missouri, and LSU who were all undefeated at the time. Why were they ranked so high? It all has to do with the crying and whining they do after every year. Which brings me to the next bit of news. Boise St. has surpassed OU and Texas in claiming the Whiniest School in the NCAA. Congratulations to the Broncos.

I like that Kobe Bryant puts out a commercial that says, “Hate me because I’m a champion. Hate me because of my work ethic.” We hate you because you were accused of rape. What planet does that guy live in to be like, “Seriously guys, why are they mad at me?” Thank you, Daniel Tosh, for that excerpt.
By Zack White

Every Halloween people all across the world go trick-or-treating, wear costumes, attend costume parties, carve jack-o'-lanterns, ghost tours, bonfires, bob for apples, visit haunted house, commit pranks, and tell ghost stories, but do they really know what it is all about? Halloween is a blend of three different ancient rituals. The Celtic holiday of Samhain, the Catholic Hallowmas period of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and the Roman festival of Feralia all influenced the modern holiday of Halloween.

The Celtic holiday of Samhain was celebrated over 2,000 years ago in the regain now known as Ireland. It was held on the 1st of November to celebrate the New Year. For the pagan Celts, who believed that on this day (which is also the day that their summer changed into winter), the door between the land of the living and the home of the dead was open. So the night of the 31st of October, the Celts would dress up in animal hides and have on fake heads to celebrate the dead coming to earth to cause trouble and possibly damage their crops.

The Romans later conquered the Celtic islands in 43 A.D. and had control for over 400 years. Over the course of the 400 years, two Roman festivals were blended with the Samhain. The first one was the Feralia, which was a festival in late October when the Romans remembered their loved ones. The other was the day of honor for Pomona. Pomona was the pagan goddess of fruit and trees, so naturally her symbol was an apple. Most scholars believe this is where we got the modern practice of bobbing for apples.

Then Pope Boniface IV, in the seventh century, declared November the first as All Saints’ Day. All Saints’ Day was a day to honor the saints and martyrs. This is where the name Halloween came from. All Saints’ Day translates into all hollow’s eve, or in Middle English, Allhalowmesse.

So with all three combined, we have the modern day Halloween. Even though the celebration did not reach the United States until about the 1920s or 1930s, it is one of the most popular holidays, but then again how could you hate it? You get to dress up in crazy costumes and get free candy.

By Robyn Hudson

The lit club has chosen a new book. It has been decided that the next book that they will be reading will be The Girl Who Plays with Fire; it is the next in the series after The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

Mrs. Haught has ordered a few extra, or you might be able to purchase the book from Wal-Mart or K-Mart or on-line from Amazon.com.

If you are finished with The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo and would like to sell your book to another student, please see Mrs. Terry Ford for a list of students who would like to purchase it.
Uncovering the Folklore...

By Matt Dyson

Has anyone ever wondered what culture one might be missing out on in this small world? If that’s so, no longer does one have to go far to see it.

Here in Sayre in Mackey Hall, we have our own space for the arts to be displayed.

Most of us have seen the same stuffed Bulldog and SWOSU cup for well over a year in the same exhibit. When Mrs. Ford joined Mrs. Haught in taking students to several museums that hold vast amounts of influential pieces, she thought, “Why not have some culture brought to our students here at Sayre?”

Even some of the instructors here at Sayre have their own collections. Currently, our librarian, April Miller, has her magnet collection on display for our eyes to gaze upon. She has collected them from every National Park that she has ever visited in the U.S., and even Canada.

Mrs. Ford has collected dolls from every culture and place that she has visited, and even Mrs. Carpenter is going to let us show off some of her art collection as well.

Soon the display will feature some art from students enrolled in Southwestern’s Department of Art, and following that, some of the Native art collection that Dr. Henrietta Man of the Tribal College has acquired at her cost. Future displays will be very interesting, so pay close attention. One never knows what might be in there next.

Auction Brings in the Bucks

A “Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction” was recently held to raise funds for SGA.

Volunteers offered to spend a 30-minute lunch date at the Bulldog Café with the highest bidder. Sealed bids were taken, and the event raised over $250.00.

Jessica Egner was auctioned for the highest price at $110.00. Her bidder was her dear old dad! Then Jessica donated $22 to win a lunch with friend Lauren Tatum.

Other bachelors and bachelorettes participating were Dandi Clark, Jeff Roland, Aaron Fultz, J.C. Ely, Lauren Tatum, Bianca Sanchez, Teldon Ueland, and Brittany Harris.