Everyone Wins at Dawg Day

By Becca Sims

On Friday, August 27, the place to be was at the SWOSU Sayre campus for the annual Dawg Day. This was a day for students to mingle, collect free items, gain information, eat free food, and see exactly how fun the Sayre campus can really be, making everyone a winner!

A drawing was held for a 26” flat screen TV and Blu-Ray player, and J.C. Ely was the lucky winner. Students had five chances to get their names in the drawing for these big prizes. Starting at 9:00 a.m., everyone began to run around the campus in a crazy frenzy filling out the questionnaires for this drawing. Don’t be (Continued on page 3)

Campaign for Student Gov Offices Currently Underway

By Dandi Ré Clark

With the new semester, fresh ideas emerge for student politics and parties. Let your voice be heard in the decisions that are made in the Student Government Association (SGA)! The SGA is a great way to have your opinions voiced, and it is only by your participation that important topics regarding campus life can be discussed and resolved.

This week marks the beginning of the campaign for offices in SGA. Current campaigners for office are Jessica Egner and Brytany Harris for President; Dandi Ré Clark and Lauren Tatum for Vice President; Dayna Hicks for (Continued on page 4)
Why Buy a Book When You Can Rent?

By Zac White

Look what is new on the SWOSU-Sayre campus! Rent-a-Text is now available at the local book store. You can rent up to fifteen books, including biology and college algebra, for up to 50% off of the regular price. Store supervisor Jolene Bales had only positive things to say about the program: “I am really pleased with the program,” she said. “I think that it is very beneficial to students. I hope to have more titles available next semester. We are just trying to help students by providing a cheaper means of getting their books.”

There are many benefits to renting your text books. Besides just the cost difference, the amount of hassle is reduced. Just remember to pre-register or finish out your registration. Mrs. Bales will surely appreciate it.

Participate! Sign Up for Campus Activities

Now is the time to sign up for activities and clubs on campus. What is available?

Student Government Association (SGA) will soon hold elections for officers. SGA members plan the student activities and fun days and work to make positive changes in the campus. See Ron Kistler in the Alexander Building for more information, or call the campus at 928-5527 and go to extension 127.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a professional business organization. The members compete against other colleges in areas of computers, public speaking, business knowledge, skills and etiquette, and much more. Those who place on the District Level win a trip to the national competition in exciting cities like Orlando or Nashville! Holly Hernandez in Mackey Hall is the sponsor. Her extension is 153.

Literary Club is a great opportunity to meet, mingle, enjoy a snack, and discuss a good novel. Some classes even award bonus points for participation in Literary Club. For more information, contact sponsor Judy Haught in Mackey Hall or call extension 159.

Newspaper staff members can be volunteers or can take the course for three credits. Articles and photos are always welcome and can be mailed as attachments to sponsor Terry Ford at her e-mail: terry.ford@swosu.edu.

MLT Club is available for those studying to be medical technicians. See Roxann Clifton in the Conner Building, or call extension 113 for information.

X-Ray Club is for x-ray students accepted into the program. Officers will soon be elected. To run, contact Chris Stufflebean in Mackey Hall.

Panorama Event

See The Dan Band in Weatherford

By James Racadio

Whether it was their flawless rendition of “Candy Shop” or the very explicit version of “Total Eclipse of the Heart,” The Dan Band has made a name for themselves. That name is “the band from Old School and the Hangover.” They are known for making covers of pop songs by females artists and adding in obscenities where “necessary.”

September 14th will be your chance to see them with your very own eyes as they perform at the Fine Arts Center in Weatherford. This is for Mature audiences only, though. The youngsters will just have to rent the movies. Tickets will be $10 for students, $15 for others who ordered in advance, and $20 at the door. Call 580-774-3063 or e-mail news@swosu.edu for tickets.
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mistaken, though; this was not the only fun thing about Dawg Day. Each student received a little backpack filled with things helpful to college life. There was also a wheel to spin for exciting prizes!

Some of the venders gave away free books, free information on college, free hair products, and the banks gave away key chains, pens, pencils and other items.

Starting around 11:00 a.m., the smell of food filled the campus. There were delicious grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings, soda, and even snow cones! Also, an amazing band performed to keep all of the students entertained throughout the event.

Happy to help with Dawg Day were Rick Hudson, maintenance; David Brooks, History; Nancy Sanders, Financial Aid; Ron Kistler, Financial Aid; Louis Brittain, Maintenance; and Dr. James, Dean of the College of Associate and Applied Programs and the Sayre Campus.

Books for Sale in Library

Gathering free goodies are Jordan Ochoa—sophomore student majoring in general ed; Ashley Mendez—freshman student majoring in ultrasound; and Brittani Fite—sophomore student majoring in nursing.

2010 Oklahoma Student Leadership Retreat is Open to Students

By Tim Racadio

A Student Leadership Retreat will be held on October 7th and 8th at the Hilton Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa.

The seminar will be an opportunity to network with other student leaders, participate in relevant breakout sessions, and hear and be challenged by keynote speakers.

“If there are academically strong and motivated students who wish to attend, please have them contact me with their name, ID number, organizational sponsor name, and contact reference. SWOSU will pay for twenty-five students, and it will be first come, first served,” said Dr. Cindy Foust, Vice President of Student Affairs, 580-774-7172.
It’s SGA Election Time!

Student Government campaign, cont’d from front

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Secretary; Patric Green, Jordan Miser, Presley Thomas, Margaret Holbert, and Bianca Sanchez for Freshman Representative; and Aaron Fultz and Jeff Rolland for Sophomore Representative. Those still interested in campaigning for an office are welcome to join the race any time before next week. To cast your ballot on Friday, September 10th, stop by the financial aid office any time before 1:00 p.m.

Regular membership is also a great way to be a part of SGA without having to hold an office.

“Anyone can become a member, and it’s an opportunity to be a part of what’s happening on campus,” says Nancy Sanders, staff member. She and Ron Kistler of the financial aid office are always ready to assist students who have questions about joining SGA.

After the election, regular SGA meeting times will be discussed and announced. Don’t forget to vote on September 10th and support our school! See you at the polls!

Fun in Nashville . . .

SWOSU-Sayre Phi Beta Lambda Does Well at Nationals

The Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) chapter did well in National competitions this summer, which were held in Nashville, Tennessee. Those who represented the Sayre PBL chapter included Kelsey Wynn, William “Bill” Akins, Petra Acosta, and Cyndy Ridlen.

Two students were winners among the field of national competitors: Akins placed 5th in Client Service and Ridlen placed 7th in Management Concepts.

During the times when those in attendance were not competing, they enjoyed attending seminars held by a variety of people, which included many subject matters. A couple of the popular seminars were Business Etiquette 101, held by Dr. Patsy Parker of SWOSU-Weatherford campus, and a Project Management Seminar held by Dr. Tami Moser of SWOSU-Weatherford campus.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and felt they learned something from their experience in Nashville. The group also had a chance to meet people from all over the United States. PBL President Kelsey Wynn said she meet an instructor from Iran who had been teaching business for over 15 years here in the United States. He said he attended Oklahoma City University for a year before moving farther north. “He was very nice, and it was interesting to meet someone from another country that is so far away,” said Wynn.

Those who attended expressed appreciation to the SWOSU faculty and staff for their continued support over the past years.

“Thanks to the community, as well, for supporting PBL projects,” Wynn added.

WHEN IN ROME . . . Enjoying shopping for cowboy hats while in Nashville, Tennessee, were Petra Acosta, Sponsor Holly Hernandez, and Cyndy Ridlen. Ridlen and William “Bill” Akins placed in the national competition. Akins took 5th place in Client Service and Ridlen won 7th place in Management.
OSLEP: A funny word that means fun in learning

By Tim Racadio

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are sponsoring an intercollegiate academic program known as OSLEP. The Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program is a 5-day seminar based learning program that is designed to help developed leadership abilities in Oklahoma’s college and university students, and is available to any student enrolled in an Oklahoma college or university.

Imagine 3 credit hours in 5 days!

Small groups of students are selected from any one of Oklahoma’s four-year colleges or universities and will get to enjoy seminars hosted by distinguished visiting scholars. The program offers a unique learning environment with time devoted to one subject, and the opportunity for one on one interaction with world-famous scholars. The program also offers 3 credit hours to participating students.

The program provides room and board, as well as the needed books, at no additional charge to the participating students. Upcoming seminar topics include politics, memory, writing memoirs, biodiversity and climate change, and filming documentaries.

Applications for admissions can be found at the website, www.oslep.org, as well as additional information and contact information.

SWOSU-Sayre Gets a Big Summer Facelift

By Aaron Fultz

You may have noticed that the restrooms look new, and if you have been in the Chemistry lab any this year, you might have noticed it looks a little different this semester than last semester.

All the rest rooms on campus are now ADAAA (handicap) accessible. The Chemistry lab has all sorts of new goodies in it. The student work stations are all new and two of them are ADAAA accessible. There are also two new chemical vent hoods, and one of them is ADAAA accessible. The chemical storage room is also bigger, but some the maintenance men lost one of their storage closets!

Another new edition in the lab is the prep area for Mrs. Davis. One of the best things I think they did to the lab is the air circulation unit that was installed. This means that when chemistry labs start up in the spring, that the lab and the hallways will not have a funky odor. There is also an abundance of new safety equipment installed. When former chemistry students where asked what they thought of the new lab, they all answered that they wish they had this lab instead of the old one. Mrs. Davis is excited about her new lab and is ready to get it all set up for her chemistry lab in the spring.

Mrs. Davis (at right) shows students the new chemistry lab. Photo by Aaron Fultz
Sports Update

James Racadio

We can start to feel the transition from summer to fall, and we all know what that means. If you said cooler weather, then stop reading this right now and smash your index finger between two encyclopedias. The correct answer is FOOTBALL! There is nothing quite like it. Weekends now have meaning. Mondays are no longer the worst day of the week. Well, Monday nights are cool. And this season promises to be a very interesting season. There are so many questions waiting to be answered. For example, how many games will OU have to lose until the infamous whining starts? Or Texas, for that matter. Will this truly be Brett Favre's last season? How many times will Brett Favre retire, and then return, and then retire, and then return before next season? I can go on with this for days (the retire/return sequence), but I will not bore you. I will jump into the important issue: college football. While they are not top news for the rest of the country, the SWOSU Bulldogs hold a special place in our hearts. Or they should, anyway. How will they fair after their dreadful 1-10 season a year ago? Well, they are headed in the right direction with 17 mid-year transfers and 31 student-athletes signed. But will it be enough? The future Big-12 champs, or Oklahoma State Cowboys as they are more commonly known, are going to be facing some major obstacles.

Writing Center Open to Tutor You

The Writing Center will open for the Fall of 2010 Wednesday, September 1st. The Writing Center is located in the basement of the Al Harris Library. Our hours are available on the Writing Center web page. We invite you to send your students in all disciplines who are working on papers or presentations. Students may come at any time during their process in developing a project. Trained student peer consultants can help by engaging students in discussions of their work. Both strong and struggling writers find these discussions useful.

Writing Centers nationwide adhere to the philosophy of helping students learn to become better writers rather than focusing entirely on cleaning up a single paper. “We prefer face-to-face sessions for more interaction with writers. It is possible to make appointments, but walk-ins are welcome,” said Dr. Valerie Reimers. Students are allowed to e-mail papers, but they need to do three things when e-mailing: 1) explain the requirements of the assignment, 2) ask for specific help with a specific aspect of the draft, and 3) tell us whether the document is an early or nearly finished draft.

“We encourage teachers to send copies of assignments to the Writing Center with information about what the students should try to accomplish. We also welcome faculty to bring their own papers to the Writing Center,” said Dr. Reimers.

To e-mail papers, send to writingcenter@swosu.edu. The Writing Center telephone number is 774-7083.

If you have questions about the Writing Center, please call or e-mail Dr. Valerie Reimers. Phone 774-3244. E-mail valerie.reimers@swosu.edu.

Suggestion Boxes Available

By: Robyn Hudson

If you have some cool ideas for this campus, suggestion boxes have been placed in two buildings. There is one by the coke machines in the Alexander building and one by room 111 in Mackey Hall. The suggestion boxes are blue with silver lids and are labeled “suggestion box,” but if it is a complaint it is a whole different process. Who you go to over your complaint depends on what your complaint is. If you are having a problem with your bulldog card you need to go to the business office located in the Alexander Building. If you are having problems with your financial aid you need to talk to someone in the financial aid office to discuss it with, but if it is something that you need to take up with the dean, then you need to make an appointment with his assistant, Terry Billy. Also counselor Sherron Manning and Dean of students Cindy Dougherty can be of assistance.

Take away the starting QB, running back, wide receiver, and 4/5 of the O-line, and you don’t have much to work with. So as I don’t see them winning the Big-12 THIS year, someday. The Sooners and the Longhorns will most likely be the teams expected to win it all this year. And as they should seeing as they both lost their starting QB’s as well. I will discuss the NFL in the next issue.
Meet Bill D.—Former Chef Turned Teacher

By Matt Dyson

We have a new professor teaching here at Sayre. Bill D’Alessandro (already nicknamed Bill D) came here to help SWOSU open up a Hospitality program in Western Oklahoma. With Bill having spent over forty years in this industry; it’s safe to say he really knows his stuff. At the age of eighteen he took a summer job flipping burgers and washing windows. One month later he was promoted to the night manager’s position while working at a McDonald’s in the Bronx. For him, this is what made him tick. Being eighteen and running a three million dollar business with sixty employees under him just became very interesting.

He just had a knack for problem solving. For the three and half years he was in New York, he wound up working at twenty different units. They all seemed to have problems with employees, theft, bad neighborhoods, sales, and inventory. Some of these places no one wanted to even touch, but Bill would jump right on it and solve the problems.

His career as a hospitality manager/consultant has taken him to numerous places in America, from Florida to Los Angeles and Laguna Beach. Yet, he ended up in Lubbock in 1983, and was on the board of directors for the restaurant association. While on this board they met up with Texas Tech to bring a restaurant and hotel management program (RHIM) into their school. It started off with just a handful of students, but within a year it had close to 600 students enrolled. At one time in his career, he hosted a television cooking show!

Many people do not understand how big this business really is. There are easily over 200 positions in this field of work; from accounting, food services, human resources, sales and marketing, that’s just a few of the subfields. A number of these companies can’t expand anymore because they don’t have managers. Even here in Oklahoma our gaming casinos, hotels, and restaurants are looking for these managers. Whether one is getting the two year or four year degree in Hospitality Management, this job is in high demand. So where are they going to get help? Hopefully from our Sayre graduates in the Hospitality Management.

There is a lot of money to be made in this business. As long as everyone keeps traveling, and going out to have fun, these jobs will be steady. While everyone is playing, someone in Hospitality Management is working hard. The program’s motto is “Be Our Guest.” According to Bill, one has to be a little crazy to be in this business, but with this job, no two days will ever be the same. It’s always something new and different that one must deal with, so it’s never a dull moment.

If someone has a passion for people and service, this could be “the” job for an individual. Now it won’t always be fun and games. Problems do arise that one must deal with, but that’s the role of a manager. Who knows? With the right leadership, one might take a nothing, and turn it into the next big thing!

Lit Club Goes with the Tattoo

The Lit Club had its first meeting to decide what books would be read and when the group would meet. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo won a tie breaker, so the first eight weeks will be The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo and the second eight weeks will be The Alchemist. If you are interested in going to the lit club meetings, they will be in the Lit Pit in the southeast corner of Mackey Hall at 1 p.m on Wednesdays. Refreshments are provided by volunteers. If you would like to be a part of Lit Club but cannot make it to the meeting in the pit, you can also participate by going to the SWOSU website. Click on the “Search” button in the upper right corner and search the site for “Literature Club.” A site is provided where you can answer questions over the book. A third way is to participate in conversations about the book online through Desire2Learn’s Discussion Board. You will have to see Mrs. Debbie Carpenter to enroll in this third option.
Meet Mrs. Hicks, New English Instructor

By Dayna Hicks

Born in Canyon, Texas, in December 1951, Judy Hicks came from a farming family who had five children. She had an older sister, an older brother, and two younger sisters. When Judy was four years old, the family moved away from their farm into the town of Wildorado, Texas. Her father became the custodian, bus driver, and the “fix it guy” for the Wildorado Elementary School. Everybody in the family had to help when anything needed to be done at school or at home. The kids helped sweep rooms, empty trash, and clean restrooms. Their father finished the job when he got in off his bus route.

Judy’s father also owned a service station and garage in Wildorado before I-40 replaced the old Route 66 highway. When cars were abandoned on the roadside, he towed them to his garage. One of the memories that she can laugh at now happened when she was seven years old. Her ten-year-old brother convinced her that the top of a convertible car was just like a trampoline. “The first step I took, I went through the top. All the rest of the steps went through the top while I was just trying to get off.” She remembered a great big pair of hands grabbing her off the car. She got the worst whipping of her life for ruining that car top. Only many years later when she was grown did she find out that her brother got his too.

Judy taught school in Amarillo, Mobeetie, and Sannorwood, Texas. She and her husband, Paul, have lived in Shamrock, Texas for over nineteen years. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. She is currently teaching English Composition 1 and Improvement of Reading as an adjunct (part-time) teacher at Sayre. She’s completely excited to have the opportunity to work at SWOSU. When asked how her first week went, she smiled and said, “It went great! It was cool enough to participate” in campus activities, like Woodstock Day last spring.

In back, Mrs. Davis is at home in her lab.

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Froneberger and Davis Win 20-Year Plaques

By Kayla York

In 20 years, a number of events can take place. Since 1990 there have been some major events go down in history, such as the Gulf War, the Fall of the Berlin Wall, and the War on Terror, just to name a few. But there has also been another milestone, which includes two of our educators on the Sayre Campus obtaining recognition. Scott Froneberger and Tommye Davis have been teaching at SWOSU for the past two decades! They were honored with plaques at the Fall Faculty Meeting in Weatherford on August 16.

Davis confirmed that right after college, she was a chemist for ENSCO, a chemical incineration company in Arkansas, that burned chemical waste for other companies. From there she went to work for Mason and Hanger-Salias Mason Co. Inc., as a chemist in the Texas Panhandle. This was an outside contractor employed by the federal government to build and disassemble weapons.

A few classes that she has taught over the past 20 years include Freshman Orientation, Physical Science, Science and the Environment, Biological Concepts, General Chemistry, Qualitative Analysis, Astronomy, Geology, Chem. I lecture and lab, and Chem. II lab.

“Toward the chemistry classes the most, and the science and the environment class when it was offered,” Davis stated.

When asked if she plans on teaching for another 20 years, Mrs. Davis said, “I will probably bow out before the next 20 years is up, but it has been a lot of fun because I enjoy seeing students reach their goals, and I am definitely learning in the process!”

Froneberger had a variety of jobs before finding his niche in teaching. He was even a car salesman! He says, “The teaching profession found me when I was 35. It had never dawned on me that if I liked being a college student I might like teaching. (I’m kinda slow). Teachers are really students—with pay! Tests are like Christmas presents, more blessed to give than receive.

“There is one undeniable fact that has slowly penetrated my consciousness over the years. I was born to teach. My fate was decreed from the first dim mist of an ancient evolutionary time. I have finally recognized the grand delusion of free will. An innumerable long concatenation of the cause and effect of natural law predetermines all our thought and behavior.

“The acceptance of this cold fact renders one tolerant and peculiarly produces an unemotional quietude of mind.

“There is only one important question: Can I embrace my destiny? Of course, my destiny has already answered that question,” says Froneberger, who teaches philosophy, among other things (in case you couldn’t tell.)

We are fortunate to have two excellent teachers with such vast experience at SWOSU.

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