By Jason Bollinger

SWOSU at Sayre is holding a Literary Festival and Medieval Fair on Friday, April 15. It is free and open to the public.

The festival will begin at nine o’clock in the morning with workshops being presented until 2 p.m. by authors, editors, photographers and publishers.

At noon, students can have lunch on the square in the center of campus and enjoy a couple of songs from members of the Jr. Actors Guild from their upcoming production of High School Musical. At six o’clock that evening, the festivities will move off campus to The Brick, Sayre’s downtown coffee shop, located at 109 East Main Street. There will be an open mic where anyone can share poetry, read excerpts from a book, or play guitar and sing. “Maybe you write your own poetry or would love to share a classic written by your favorite poet—we don’t care,” said Mrs. Terry Ford, one of the sponsors of the event. “If you write songs, we’d like you to perform those, as well. All are welcome to participate.”

To set up a booth for the Literary Festival, vendors and authors can call 580-928-5527 ext. 128 to reserve a spot.

The Medieval Fair will be held in conjunction with the Literature Festival, featuring games, food, prizes, a medieval dress-up photo booth, and more. Everyone come out and enjoy a fun-filled, educational day celebrating the writing and culture of Western Oklahoma—and one of everyone’s favorite literary periods from the past!!

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Jeff Kelly graduated with a BA in History from East Central University and a Masters from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is presently serving as Principal of Reydon Public Schools. Jeff writes Christian articles for The Cheyenne Star and ChurchesAid.com. He and his wife met at the Baptist Student Union at ECU and were married in 1991. They have three children, Makenzie 14, Cassidy 11, and Stockton 8. Jeff has recently authored a Christian novel, Winds of Change, based on the struggles of a teenage girl. The title of Jeff’s workshop is “Write a Book in Less Than an HOUR,” and will be held at 11 a.m. in Room 135 of Mackey Hall.

Alden A. Whiteman is an enrolled Southern Arapaho-Cheyenne member, who was born in Elk City, Oklahoma. He holds a

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FELLOW STUDENT AND SOLDIER . . .

DESCRIBING LIFE IN IRAQ IN JOURNALS

By Casey Bloomer

In Issue 8 we introduced Aaron Lathrom, a fellow student that is currently serving in Iraq. Aaron has been keeping Mrs. Haught posted through his journal assignments. Here are a few of his journal entries to help us understand how life is as a student and soldier in Iraq.

“October 21, 2010- Well it’s not too bad here now that I’ve made it. This place is kind of big, especially for just the three of us. It will be nice out here because we are away from our company. The down side is that there are only like 150 soldiers on this base and we could be easily over ran at any time, which is possible because we are on the Assyrian border. That’s where all the freedom fighters were coming from. But we have put a hurting on them, so they have slowed down substantially.

“October 22, 2010- The team we are replacing is still here for a few more days. They have been briefing us up on what’s been happening in this area. They had a few IED and a lot of caches. That is the place where they store ordinance or IED building components. They also had to burn 5,000 boxes of cigarettes that were being smuggled across the border. That is a lot of smokes! The I.A. (IRAQ army) did not know what to do with them so they called our friends to come and just burn all of them.

“October 25, 2010- The team we are replacing just left out on a clip and now it’s just my team left, which only consists of three people total. I’m a senior team member, Ryan is a team member and Tom is the team leader. Tom is in charge of this operation here. EOD, only role with security, never by ourselves. We are a high dollar target and everyone out here wants us dead, because we are the ones who take out their IED. So they don’t like us too much. You should watch, The Hurt Locker, that movie is about us. It will give you a better idea of what I go through.

“October 29, 2010- Well we just had an interesting day. We had someone bring us some stuff to burn and get rid of. A guy brought some grenades by for us to blow up, and just a few moments ago someone brought buy propane tanks to blow up. This day is something else. It was so quiet up to this point, out of nowhere, all this stuff came in. It could be due to the based getting shut down soon. But I can’t talk too much about that, but it means a lot of stuff is going to be showing up that we have to get rid of.”
If a student has not applied for graduation and thinks he or she is eligible, please see Kim Seymour in the registrar’s office. In order to receive a degree and diploma, he or she must apply first.

By Megan Hanna

With the end of the semester approaching, graduation is almost here. On Friday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m., the convocation exercise will be held in the Sayre Schools Auditorium. Practice for this occasion will be held Wednesday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the auditorium. Caps and gowns may be picked up in the Student Union Bookstore any time after April 1, and announcements may also be purchased at the Bookstore. Blunk’s Photography will be at the graduation exercise to take the picture of each student as he or she receives the degree. The proofs will then be mailed to the student’s home and ordering will be up to each person. If any graduate will not be able to attend the graduation, the graduate must obtain permission from Dr. Jim James to graduate in absentia. This must be taken care of prior to the graduation date. Immediately following the graduation exercises, there will be a reception held in honor of the graduates at the Student Union Bulldog Cafe. Cake and punch are served free of charge. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

SWOSU graduates for the spring semester of 2011 include the following:

**General Studies 29**
- Keri Lee Barker
- Jason Craig Bollinger
- Camron Scott Ezekiel Brimage
- Michelle Lynn Butcher
- Andrea Nicole Calverley
- Michael Steven Carli
- Dandi Re’Ann Clark
- McKensey J. Coit
- Jessica Faye Egner
- Jarrod Lee Esparza
- Megan Kay Hanna
- Courtney Gayle Anmis Hanrahan
- Bryttany Lynn Harris
- Dayna Rachelle Hicks
- Joseph Charles Hough
- Phillip Terrell McKinzie
- Barry Wade McLeod
- Britten D Nies
- Jordan Chels Ochoa
- Christie Dawn White Rodriguez
- Lary Joe Sales
- Penny A Savory
- Amy Lynne Braun Shephard
- Gayla Sue Greene Sheperd
- Becca Del Sims
- Spencer Scott Smith
- Brittnee Victoria Gibson St
- Amand Hamden
- Robert Michael Ward II
- Kayla DeAnne York

**General Business 6**
- Kelly Dawn Lemmon
- Ridge J Lowrance
- Katie May Maiuro
- Keri Ann Nelson
- Katie Lane O’Neal
- DeeDee Diane Owens

**Comp Sci A.S. 5**
- Michael James Amerson
- Michael Steven Carli
- Keri Ann Nelson
- Jeff E Roland
- Robert Lee Sanchez

**Pre-Nursing 1**
- Amber Katelin Holley

**Criminal Justice A.S. 4**
- Michael James Amerson
- Kylie Lynn Michele Franklin
- Joseph Charles Hough
- Nicholas Kyle Merz

**OTA 12**
- Elisabeth Renate’ Bledsoe
- Omar Tarek B Camero
- Tiffany D Cochran
- Kellie Renee’ Laxton Daniels
- Regina A Emmons
- Jaimie Danielle Henry
- Rebecca Lynn Hilterbren
- Amber Dawn Moore
- Jaimie Leigh Nault
- Marlee Blair Farrow Newton
- Shelbie Lorena Schenk
- Meghan Elizabeth Gose Zoschke

**Radiology 9**
- Megan Lynn Dickson
- Stephanie Leigh Hale
- Tristyn DeAun Hinkle
- Krista Shea Lee
- Tiffany Denae Morrow
- Kristin Leigh Ann Rasbury
- Brady Glenn Redd
- Jacque Rae McMillan Rivera
- Whitney Shea Schreck

**MLT 6**
- Evan Lee Bratcher
- Judy Ann Thompson Campbell
- Marlena Ann Johnson
- Misti Dawn Patterson
- Celia Margarita Ramirez
- Lauren Michele Tatum

**PTA 14**
- Jennifer R Barker
- Jennifer Nicole Elam
- Lori Rae Exinia
- Matthew Kenneth Fleming
- Jessica Ann Fletcher Findley
- Nicholas P Johnson
- Christopher Neil Larsen
- Jade Korey Maddoux
- Srijana Mukhia
- Tiffany A Myers
- Jennifer Sue DeGarmo Nightengale
- Megan Renee Mckinley Raines
- Audra Suzanne Ramirez
- Lacey Marie Stewart

**Criminal Justice A.A.S. 1**
- Robert Michael Ward II
ARON RALSTON’S STORY WAS GRIPPING

By Becca Sims

The latest Panorama event at the Weatherford campus featured Aron Ralston, known as “the man who cut his arm off.” Aron Lee Ralston is a mountain climber who, trapped by a boulder in May 2003, was forced to amputate his lower right arm in order to free himself.

Aron’s hand “died” from lack of circulation and, after five days of trying to lift and break the boulder, dehydrated and facing certain death, Aron chose a final option that made him an international sensation—cutting off his lower right arm.

During his time trapped by the boulder, he had made a video for his goodbyes to his family and a RIP sign on the canyon wall. The fourth night he did not think he would make it through the night; the temperature at night would drop into the 40’s and all he was wearing were shorts and a t-shirt, and he was completely out of water and food. When he made it past midnight he had a vision of a little boy playing with a truck; the boy looked up at him and without saying anything, Aron knew this was his future son. That is when he decided he was not going to die.

Starting in the morning, he applied a tourniquet to his arm, broke the two bones in his arm, and began to amputate his arm with a dull pocket knife. The entire time he was smiling, knowing that soon he would be free from his grave.

Finally freed, he was still eight miles from his truck. He had to repel down a small cliff and began to hike until he finally met a family of hikers. They were actually told by park rangers to be on the lookout for Aron, so the wife and son ran ahead to find help. Shortly afterwards a helicopter took him to a hospital. The helicopter only had 30 minutes of fuel left; they were about to head back for fuel and would not have returned for two hours. If Aron would have been five minutes later, he would not have survived.

It was truly a miracle. Aron reflects, “I agree with the people who say to never go out alone without telling someone where you are going. Normally, I do that. I didn't this time, because I miscalculated the risks.”

Aron is now a public speaker and has a movie, 127 Hours, just released to DVD. He is an amazing person who has not let anything keep him down, not even losing an arm. He still climbs mountains and explores frequently, but he always leaves a note on where he is going.

“it really was a miracle that things just worked and fell into place, ... I feel like there was a reason why things happened in the way they did. It wasn't just happenstance.”

―Aron Ralston

ORDER THE ALCHEMIST NOW!

By Michael Amberson

The Lit Club has chosen to read The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. If you are interested in getting a copy of the book, you can get a copy of the book from Amazon.com. The book is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and is receiving a lot of attention from people in Hollywood wanting to make a movie about the book.

The Lit Club meets Wednesdays at noon, but you may earn bonus points in English classes by joining online. Do a site search for “Literary Club” on the swosu.edu website.

Students enjoyed watching a free screening of the movie and meeting the man behind the story.
Urinetown: The Musical

By Amber Richie

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Theatre will present Urinetown: The Musical starting March 31-April 5 on the Weatherford campus.

One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, according to director Steve Strickler, Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold.

A terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single greedy corporation that profits by charging admission for one of humanity’s most basic needs.

Amidst the people, a hero decides he has had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom. Urinetown is a satire—a cultural parody. It is a satire of almost every musical (Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, to name a few) and it parodies the traditions of musicals as a whole in terms of style, structure and story. It also takes jabs at the legal system, capitalism, corrupt corporations and waste.

“Don’t let the title scare you away—the show actively encourages the audience not to take the play too seriously,” Strickler said. In spite of its title, the play proved quite successful in New York. Opening on Broadway on September 20, 2001, Urinetown was nominated for an impressive 10 Tony Awards, winning for best book, score and direction. It also won the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical.

Urinetown will take place at the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre at 7:30 p.m. nightly on March 31, April 1, 2, 4 and 5 and at 2 p.m. on April 3. The Hilltop Theatre box office will open on March 21 for reservations. Reservations can be made at the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre box office Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. or by calling (580) 774-6046.

Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU ID.

Timed W.A.R.P. Winners!

By Julie Olson

The results from the Timed W.A.R.P., a writing and research project/contest, are now in! Congratulations are in order for these three hardworking students: 1st place, $600 scholarship, Katy Kirkpatrick – Thomas-Fay-Custer. 2nd place, $500 scholarship, Amber Hensley, Merritt. 3rd place $400 scholarship, Trevor Ham, Canute.

BLOOD DRIVE TURNOUT

By Aaron Fultz

On March 9th, OBI (Oklahoma Blood Institute) was on campus for the Spring Blood Drive. There were a total of 52 people who try to donate blood but only 43 units were accepted, according to Chris Stufflebean, Director of the Radiologic Technology program at the Sayre campus.

They are in town — Among the SWOSU-Weatherford students involved in the production are (front row from left): Casey McKay, Lone Wolf; Justin Hayes, Hurst TX; Emma Brown, Clinton; Eryn Brooks, Woodward; Dakota Jones, Yukon; and Eric Martin, Weatherford. Second row from left—Riley McCallay, Hammon; Daniel Serna, Oklahoma City; Bethany Schmidt, Enid; Megan Alspach, Elk City; Cody Carnahan, Sayre; and Adam Boothby, Guymon. Third row from left—De’Andre Moore, Midwest City; Ashley Howard, Fort Worth TX; David Day, Morris; Sara Christoff, Prague; Tanner Fisher, Calumet; Sara Molnar, Fay; and Ashley Underwood, Forgan. Back standing to left—Kayla Argo, Plains KS; and Shanna Clark, Marlow. Not pictured are Tyler Powell, Woodward; Randi Rowland, Tuttle; and JJ Witt, Guymon.
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUPERHEROES?

By Tim Racadio

1. What was Superman’s Kryptonian name?
   A. Kal-el
   B. Clark Kent
   C. Shur’In Ra

2. Frank Castle is better known to the criminal underworld as?
   A. Batman
   B. The Punisher
   C. The Incredible Hulk

3. Who were the original X-Men?
   A. Wolverine, Cyclops, Magneto, Storm and Gambit
   B. Cyclops, Jean Grey, Beast, Angel and Iceman
   C. Professor Xavier, Magneto, Jean Grey, Jubilee and Rogue

4. What gives Superman his power?
   A. Kryptonite
   B. Gamma Radiation
   C. Earth’s Yellow Sun

5. Which of these is NOT a regular Spiderman villain?
   A. Green Goblin
   B. Chameleon
   C. Insecticide

6. How many different kids did Batman take up in the role of Robin, Batman’s sidekick in the comic book series?
   A. 1
   B. 2
   C. 3

7. Who made up the original Avengers team?
   A. Ironman, The Hulk, Captain America and Thor
   B. Batman, Wonderwoman, Superman and Aquaman
   C. Cyclops, Wolverine, Storm and Colossus

8. Ironman was created and published by which major publishing company?
   A. DC
   B. Marvel
   C. Darkhorse

9. Who says “It’s clobberin’ time”?
   A. The Hulk
   B. Thing
   C. Thor

10. What is Gambit’s real name?
    A. Hank McCoy
    B. Reed Richards
    C. Remy LeBeau

Super-heroes are super popular on campus

Super-mania is sweeping the campus. What seems to be a product of the Fifties is having a supercomeback in this era!

Many of the students at Sayre can be seen sporting the t-shirt of their favorite comic book hero. Aaron Fultz, of Cheyenne, buckles up with the “S.” Joseph Hough, Sayre, not only

walks the walk, but drives the drive—he has Kal-el’s crest on the hood of his truck. He has a room dedicated to Man-Of-Steel memorabilia, and his baby daughter can be seen cloaked in Supergirl pink.

Randall Brown, of Elk City is permanently attached to his Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, inked on his right shoulder. Tim Racadio, of Sayre, a fan of Batman, knows all the trivia, and (along with partner-in-crime-cartooning, Chris Hooks) aspires to draw his own comic book modeled after his favorite quirky character—himself.

Adam Brooks, Sayre, is crazy for X-Men. Who isn’t? We all need heroes.
LEADING LADY IN BIGGEST LOSER
HAS MANY REASONS TO WIN

By Megan Spitz
The weigh-ins have been taking place on schedule, and Sayre student Coleen Taylor has won the last three weigh-ins in a row—and considering what she’s been through, she needed something to cheer about!

Coleen decided to start her diet to help her husband control his diabetes and to teach her girl how to be healthy and to eat right. Close on the heels of finding out that her husband was diabetic, he came through an accident when he fell and broke his fourth and fifth fingers and his ankle. Later on down the road, her house burned! This happened right around the first weigh-in.

All together she has lost 20 pound, won a candle set, some free indoor golf, and two prizes of $50! At the first weigh-in she lost 7 pounds, the next 12 pounds; and the third was only 1 pound.

Coleen said, “The hardest thing to do after losing the weight is sticking to the diet. After I won the first two weigh-ins I thought, oh I can have this and I can have this, too. Then I realized that I had gained about three more pounds, so I had to actually to lose four pounds to make a one pound loss for the weigh-in.”

Coleen’s diet includes no carbs, nothing white, no diet pops or any pops, and cutting down on proportions.

3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT WAS MAD SUCCESS

By Spencer Smith
The 1st annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament kicked off March Madness in style on the SWOSU-Sayre campus last week. With over 100 spectators present, 52 players comprising 14 teams vied for the prize money of $220.00. The winning team was “The Has-Beens,” which included Landon Whinery, Tanner Williams, and Jerrod Williams. Second place went to “B. J. J,” made up of Brad Blackwell, Jared Fletcher, and Jason Williams.

The Student Government Association sponsored the event. Teams could be co-ed and everyone was welcome to join, even if they did not have a player that attended SWOSU. Players came from towns such as Hollis, Burns Flat, Elk City, and as far as Amarillo.

The SGA operated a concession stand as a fundraiser, and the SGA members wish to express their appreciation to the players and community and hope to see all back next year.

Winning Team: The Has-Beens, Landon Whinery, Tanner Williams and Jerrod Williams.

Second place: “B. J. J.” was Brad Blackwell, Jared Fletcher and Jason Williams.

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The line-up for workshops will include the following: Lisa Conard-Frost, historian Sam Hagan, known photographer; Carol Marvin Palmer, Fiction Writer; Alden Whiteman, Vice-President for Development and Planning for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College; Dr. Fred Alsberg, poet and member of the faculty at SWOSU in Weatherford; Jeff Kelly, Young Adult Fiction author; Jeanetta Calhoun Mish, author, editor and publisher from Albuquerque, N.M.; Connie Ferrero, Newspaper Associate Editor for The Sayre Record, and Deborah Carpenter, Computer Instructor and member of the faculty at Sayre.

All workshops are free and open to the public and students to attend. Area high schools are welcomed to bring students.

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Master of Arts degree in Ethical Leadership from Duquesne University, and will be completing his second Masters degree at Central Washington University in Natural Resources Management. In addition to working for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, he has been employed as the Tribal Liaison with the Corporation for National and Community Service, the umbrella organization for AmeriCorps Programs. He also has been employed with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Administration for Native Americans, all of which total twelve years of federal service. His research interests are tribal gaming and applied leadership and he has delivered four papers on tribal casinos before the National Social Sciences and Technology Conferences in Las Vegas and the 52nd Congreso de Americanista in Sevilla, Spain. Whiteman’s workshop will be on Native American language and literature and will be presented in the O.H. McMahon Library at 11 a.m. in Mackey Hall.

Sam Hagen is a photographer and takes most of his photographs in Western Oklahoma. Born in California, Sam moved to Oologah, Oklahoma, when he was six. He came to Erick, Oklahoma, a few years later.

At age 23, Sam was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Following cancer treatment in Tulsa, he returned to Erick where he worked odd jobs until one day in 1998 when a friend handed him a camera and gave him the feature editor job at the Sayre Journal. When the newspaper closed a year later, he bought his own camera and never looked back.

Sam Hagen’s photos depict a fading lifestyle on the prairie. From vacant homesteads to the vanishing family farm, his work captures a moment in time. Sam has been featured on Integris Health’s Discover Oklahoma, a weekly televised travel program, and on KFOR-TV’s Is this a Great State or What? His work also hangs in the State Art Collection at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Sam’s workshop will be on photography and his book, The Master’s Light, in Room 110 of Mackey Hall at 10 a.m.

Dr. Jeanetta Calhoun Mish is a poet, writer and literary scholar; in 2009, she earned her Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Oklahoma. Her first book, Tongue Tied Woman, won the Edda Poetry Chapbook Competition for Women in 2002. Her second poetry collection, Work Is Love Made Visible won the 2010 Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry, the 2010 Western Heritage Award for Poetry from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and the 2010 WILLA Award for Poetry from Women Writing the West. Dr. Mish was previously Poet-Scholar in Residence with World Literature Today and is currently a member of the Red Earth Creative Writing MFA program at Oklahoma City University.

Mish has published many essays and poems. She published Ain’t Nobody That Can Sing Like Me: New Oklahoma Writing, as editor of Mongrel Empire Press, which features work by two SWOSU instructors, Terry Ford and Kelly Logan. Mish will hold a Reading and a Q & A Session at 1 p.m. in room 110 of Mackey Hall.