Happy Retirement!
Betty Ann

On December 11th we held a retirement party for Betty Ann. The party was held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There were a lot of her SWOSU colleagues that came to celebrate her retirement. Betty Ann has been with the Upward Bound Program for 5 1/2 wonderful years. Her last day will be December 31st, 2009.

We will miss you very much! We hope you have a great retirement!

Happy Birthday!

December

Kristen Schaefer– 2
Zella Buchanan– 10
Lupe Peralta– 12
Coty Tomagos– 24
Aaron Anglin– 25
Javier Torres– 30

Things to Remember!

♦ It is very important that you attend the campus meetings every month. Next month’s campus meetings are January 9th and January 23rd.

♦ Work on Comfit!!! Comfit is due on January 25th.

♦ Next ACT Test is on February 6, 2010, and the registration deadline is January 5, 2010. So if you are going to take the ACT, you need to make sure that you get signed up for it.
Student Spotlight– Shasta Rossetter

What is your hometown? Carnegie
Where do you go to school? Carnegie High School
When is your Birthday? August 30th
What is your favorite movie? Twilight
Do you read the newspaper or watch the news? Yes
What time is your alarm set for? 7 a.m.
What fast food restaurant did you last eat at? McDonalds
What did you eat? Big Mac
What is your favorite hobby? Reading
What was your favorite cartoon as a kid? Rugrats
What is your favorite book? Twilight
What are your plans after completing high school? Going to college to become a kindergarten teacher.
What do you like best about being in Upward Bound? Meeting new people

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!!

The Nutcracker Ballet

On December 12th we went to Oklahoma City to see the Nutcracker Ballet. We all enjoyed the ballet very much! For the students that did not attend the meeting and do not know what the Nutcracker Ballet is about, here is a little information about the Ballet.

The Nutcracker Ballet is based on the story "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice" written by E.T.A. Hoffman. Although what is seen on the stage today is different in detail from the original story, the basic plot remains the same; The story of a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads.

When Marius Petipa had the idea to choreograph the story into a ballet, it was actually based on a revision by Alexander Dumas, a well-known French author. His version reflects more of what we have come to love as the Nutcracker Ballet.
Student Spotlight— Amanda Haynes

What is your hometown? **Anadarko**
Where do you go to school? **Anadarko High School**
When is your birthday? **March 27th**
What is your favorite sport? **Soccer**
What is in your CD player right now? **Vince Carter**

What is your favorite movie? **Twilight**
What movie do you know every line from? **Diary of a Mad Black Woman**
Do you read the newspaper or watch the news? **NO**
What is your favorite hobby? **Reading**
What is your favorite book? **Twilight**
What are your plans after completing high school? **Going to college**
What do you like best about being in Upward Bound? **Getting to meet all the new people from different towns.**

Other information that you would like others to know: I have 2 brothers named David and Bradley and 1 sister named Brittni. I love to read and talk a lot.

Student Spotlight— Christina Perez

What is your hometown? **Watonga**
Where do you go to school? **Watonga High School**
When is your birthday? **September 24th**
What is in your CD player right now? **Metallica CD**
What is your favorite video game? **Viking: Battle of Asgard**

What is your favorite movie? **Rush Hour 2**
What movie do you know every line from? **The Lion King**
Quote from movie? “Oh, I just can’t wait to be King”
Do you read the newspaper or watch the news? **Yes, a lot**
What time is your alarm set for? **6:03 a.m.**
What fast food restaurant did you last eat at? **McDonalds**
What did you eat? **Chicken Nuggets with French Fries**

What is your favorite hobby? **Playing in the marching band**
What was your favorite cartoon as a kid? **Totally Spies**
What is your favorite book? **A Great and Terrible Beauty**
What are your plans after completing high school? **Make a few more preparations and then go to college to get a degree for the medical field and also as a backup being a music director.**

What do you like best about being in Upward Bound? **Getting prepared for ACT tests and college. UB really helped a lot!**

Other information that you would like others to know: I’m currently beginning to learn how to play other instruments other than my clarinet like the flute, trumpet, and possibly the alto saxophone.