April Fools— Can You Pick Them?

We have surveyed the school for the most foolish of escapades. Can you match the fool to his or her faux pas?

By Jaci Alford and Dalton Kirtley

Tom-foolery is in the air! April is the month pranksters love, and April 1st is the day even amateurs attempt to make fools of friends and foes alike. Although it is not a national holiday, it is widely recognized and celebrated in many cultures. The precursors of April Fool’s Day are the Roman festival of Hilaria, and the medieval Feast of Fools. However, it doesn’t have to be April for some of us to do foolish things all by ourselves!

We surveyed the campus—both students, faculty, and staff—asking “What is the most foolish or crazy thing you have ever done?”

Now, turn to page 7 and match the fool to his or her foolish act! (Answers are upside down on page 8.)

A big thanks to all who participated for being good sports!

Spring Fling slated for April 26th!

By Jaci Alford

Are you ready for some fun? Spring Fling is Friday, April 26th. The SGA will be hosting most activities in front of the gym.

One exciting option will be the chance to take a photograph and have it made into a crystal-etched 3-D image. It is for all our students, free of charge.

Of course, there will be free food. The SGA is serving barbeque sandwiches, with drink, chips, and cookies.

At Spring Fling, students can have their photo taken and made into a etched 3-D crystal for free. Spring Fling is an annual campus event that celebrates the warmer weather and takes a day to have a little fun before Final Exams, which are slated for Thursday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 8 on the Sayre Campus.

The SGA will be giving away a free lap top.

“We would like to have ideas from students as to what they would like such as games, etc.,” said Ron Kistler, SGA Sponsor. Call him at 580-928-5533, ext. 127 or stop by his office in the Alexander building.

Spring Fling is the last event before Final Exams. To see the Finals schedule, go to swosu.edu, use the “Search Site” button, and type “Spring 2013 Final” to find the link.
Ready for Graduation?

By Samantha Barnett

Graduation on the Sayre Campus will start at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2013. It will be held in the Sayre’s Public School Auditorium, just north of the college campus.

Graduates should be there no later than 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Blake Sonobe.

Dr. Sonobe was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and grew up in California where he graduated from high school in San Diego. He obtained a B.S. in Chemistry from the United States Air Force Academy, an M.S. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of California at Davis.

He served in the Air Force for 20 years where he was involved in explosives and munitions development at the Air Force Armament Laboratory and taught Chemistry at the Air Force Academy. Upon retirement from the Air Force, he came to southwestern Oklahoma State University where he taught in the Chemistry Department. He served as a faculty member, department chair and Senior Vice President and Provost. In January 2013, he was appointed as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Classes and Tour of the Massacre at the Washita to be Given

A program providing different perspectives of the Massacre at the Washita is being presented at SWOSU-Sayre Campus.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler and Dr. Sunu Kodumthara, SWOSU Department of Social Services, will present “A Cultural and Historical Perspective of the Massacre at the Washita” on April 23 from 6-8 p.m. in the Conner Building 313. Then, on April 25, 6-8 p.m., Cheyenne and Arapaho Mr. Alden Whiteman, Tribal Liaison with the Corporation for the National and Community Service, will present “White Buffalo Woman: A Granddaughter’s Perspective.” A field trip to the Washita Battlefield National Historical Site with a special presentation by Bob Rea from the Oklahoma Historical Society and Director of the Fort Supply Historical Site. Buses will leave at 9 a.m. on April 27. Lunch will be provided by Smokin’ Aces Catering at the Washita Battlefield site. Seminars are FREE and open to the public. Registration for the field trip is $25 covering the cost of transportation and lunch. Register by April 23rd. Space is limited for the trip, so register soon by visiting the Dean’s Office, or call 774-7012 for more information.

Calendar

- April 22 — Earth Day!
- April 23 and 25 — Seminar: A Cultural and Historical Perspective of the Massacre at the Washita — Conner Bldg. Room 313 at 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- April 26 — Spring Fling on campus by gym
- April 27 — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fieldtrip to Washita Battle Site.
- May 2 — Finals start for TR 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. classes
- May 3 — 8 a.m. MWF classes have finals at 8:30, and 12 p.m. MWF classes are at 10:30.
- May 6 — 9 a.m. MWF classes are at 8:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. MWF classes are at 10:30 a.m.
- May 7 — 10 a.m. MWF classes will test at 8:30, and 12:30 p.m. TR classes will test at 10:30 a.m.
- May 8 — 11 a.m. MWF classes test at 8:30 a.m., and 9:30 TR classes test at 10:30 a.m.
- May 8 — Graduation practice 11 a.m. in Sayre School auditorium
- May 10 — Graduation @ 7 PM in Sayre School auditorium
- May 11 — Semester ends
- June 4 — Summer semester starts
Tornado Season...Be Prepared

By Naomi Leverett

In Oklahoma, tornado season usually ranges from the end of March to mid-May. This year, with all of the cold weather, I don’t think tornado season will last as long, but it is important to be ready.

A tornado can be a beautiful thing to watch from a distance, but it can get pretty scary when you get up close. If you are at home during a tornado, try to get to the smallest room in the center of your home. Take pillows, blankets, or a mattress to cover yourself.

When you are driving during a tornado, NEVER try to out-drive a tornado. Tornadoes can shift direction quickly and easily pick up a vehicle.

If there is no time to get indoors or there is no nearby shelter, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or a low-lying area away from the car.

If on campus, the safest places in the buildings are small, interior rooms, like restrooms. If in the gym, go west to the back where the dressing rooms are small. Plans for tornadoes (as well as fire exits) are posted in each building. Take a second to review them.

Earth Day is April 22nd

By Naomi Leverett

Earth Day falls on Monday, April 22, this year. Students are invited to spruce up the campus by donating flowers or seeds. They can bring them to the Dean’s Office any time on Monday. What was the purpose of Earth Day? How did it start?

According to Senator Gaylord Nelson, the idea for Earth Day evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. “For several years, it had been troubling me that the state of our environment was simply a non-issue in the politics of the country,” says Nelson. “Finally, in November 1962, an idea occurred to me that was, I thought, a virtual cinch to put the environment into the political ‘limelight’ once and for all. The idea was to persuade President Kennedy to give visibility to this issue by going on a national conservation tour. I flew to Washington to discuss the proposal with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who liked the idea. So did the President. The President began his five-day, eleven-state conservation tour in September 1963. For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day.”
By Kaley Riley

Have you ever wondered what the staff at SWOSU @ Sayre does after they get off work? Like the faculty featured last issue, the staff also lead very interesting lives other than just being up here making sure everything is alright for the students and faculty.

**Terry Billey,** Registrar, is the secretary-treasurer for the Red Knights Chapter 8 Firefighters Motorcycle Club of Oklahoma. She and her husband have been members of the club for years. This group is basically a brotherhood of firefighters who enjoy riding.

**Sherron Manning,** Dean, spends a good part of her time helping her husband with the carwash that they own. She and her husband also have three sons and four grandchildren who keep them busy most of the time.

She is also involved in the Sayre Rotary Club, and participates in the local Rotary activities that are taking place all the time.

**Paula Hudson,** Administrative Assistant to the Registrar, likes to spend her free time in her garden, where she grows both flowers and vegetables. She likes to can her vegetables and make different jellies.

She also enjoys sewing, crocheting, and cooking for her family. When she has the opportunity she likes to go on road trips with her husband, Rick Hudson, who also works on the campus.

**Ron Kistler,** Director of Financial Aid Services, is the former mayor of Carter! He loves spending his free time with his grandchildren. He also works in his yard and likes to garden. He raises angus cattle, so he spends a lot of time taking care of them.

**Nancy Sanders,** Financial Aid Administrative Assistant and Receptionist, enjoys cooking and working in her yard and garden. She works with the children at her church. She loves to travel and also enjoys watching television stations such as HGTV and Food Network. Which would make sense for her love of gardening and cooking, as these would give her good recipes and gardening tips.

**April Miller,** Librarian, has a 9-month-old child who takes up most of her time. When she is not tied up with her child or working, she likes to spend her time doing anything artistic or crafty. This would include quilting, crocheting, painting, mirror etching, or anything she feels like doing at the time.

**Starla Walker,** Administrative Assistant to the Dean, has three children to whom she devotes most of her time. Her children take up a good amount of her time, she participates in their activities; such as Church and family functions, athletic events, including softball, baseball, and t-ball. She likes to entertain her friends and family. She also likes to exercise. She wraps up her day with making sure all the homework is done and getting the kids ready for bed. She finally ends her day around midnight.

The staff lead interesting and very busy lives. Many of them are into gardening, and most of them have either young children or grandchildren to whom they devote a good part of their free time. Many are busy with local activities and school activities. Get to know the staff and you might find that you have more in common than you thought.
Meet Jessica Moore—Rodeo’s “Demon Racer”

By Rachel Ryan

Jessica Moore is a 19-year-old freshman here on campus. Her nickname “Demon Racer” describes her talent as well as her passion!

She grew up in Elk City and is currently taking her basics, but her major is undecided. Jessica volunteers at the DFW (Veterans of Foreign War). She enjoys playing bingo with the residents there. She is currently working at Cowboy Café, as a dishwasher. Jessica has many hobbies, but rodeo is her passion.

Jessica’s mom loved rodeo and was one of the best in her time. She introduced Jessica at a very young age. Jessica says, “I remember my mom putting me on a horse and walking me around barrels when I was little.”

Jessica’s horse is named Kristi. She bought her horse for only $100. This horse has proven to be worth far more than the price paid for her.

Jessica and her mother have ridden together, and this sport is a strong but competitive bond between them both.

One of Jessica’s favorite memories is when she was with her mom driving to Oklahoma City, and her dad called to ask how her mom did because her mother also ridden that day. Jessica said, “Well, she rode to the best of her ability,” and her mom just laughed.

Like her mother, Jessica has proven also to be one of the best of her time.

I hope you are as inspired as I am to see Jessica Moore, such a young woman, so talented and driven. When you see Jessica around campus, don’t forget to say hello.

How Do Dads Manage School and Fatherhood?

By Elizabeth Underwood

In the last issue, we examined moms, so it’s only fair that we acknowledge the busy fathers that are also attending college. We found some very compassionate fathers, and here are their words of wisdom:

“Always stay patient. Never put your own work ahead of your child’s,” said Jason Parkhurst, of Weatherford. “They are the most important thing you’ll leave behind. So, there may be a lot of late nights, but you’ll always be #1 in their eyes as long as you keep them top priority in yours.”

Dakota DeLeon, of Erick, is a new dad of a 3-week-old baby girl. He was a little overwhelmed to find out he would be a dad while attending college, but soon accepted it and was excited by the prospect. He spends evenings from 6-9 p.m. playing with her, and thankfully she sleeps a lot, but he doesn’t get to his homework until about 11 at night. He takes a 9 a.m. class (after a lot of morning coffee), so getting to class isn’t too bad. He works on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and sometimes Sunday, so his schedule works well for him with MWF classes.

Justin Short, of Elk City, gave us his strategies: “I make time for father-daughter dates. Second, I make time to do guy stuff with my son and teach him how to work with his hands. Third, most of my study time is done early in the AM before everyone gets up and is loud. And last of all, I employ stress management!!”

DiscoverHealth.com recommends these de-stressors:

◊ Learn to say no to projects that aren’t necessary
◊ Don’t try to be Superman; give yourself a break.
◊ Take one day at a time; don’t look too far ahead.
◊ Be flexible; compromise and listen to other’s opinions.
◊ Stay healthy; exercise and get a massage.
◊ Be a volunteer to get your mind off troubles; tap into your spirituality or visit a professional counselor.
Some E-Books Now Available for Summer Semester

An Ebook (or electronic book) is available for a few of the texts that instructors are using this summer. Per Follett’s company policy, Mrs. Jolene Bales at the bookstore, has adopted the hard copy textbook and the EBook to make available the choice for students.

“The digital book can be used on a computer, with internet, an iPad, iPhone or iPad touch & can be downloaded for offline reading,” stated Bales.

The following classes have textbooks that are available as an EBook:

- **Chris Stufflebean** - ALHLT-1162-47-Eisenberg-Comprehensive Radiographic Patho
- **Scott Froneburger** - POLSC-1103/24-Bardes-American Government; PSYCH-1003-42—Bernstein-Psychology
- **Terry Ford** - COMM1313-28-Hybel—Communicating Effectively
- **Landy Brewer** —GEOG—1103-13—Rubenstein-Cultural Landscape.

Option Available for Hotel, Restaurant & Gaming Mgmt. Program

The Hotel, Restaurant & Gaming Management Program (HRGM) at SWOSU – Sayre is entering its third year on campus, and now a new option for existing hospitality industry workers is now available.

The program, first introduced in the spring semester of 2011, offers as an Associate of Science Degree in Hospitality Management with an emphasis in hotel, restaurant or gaming management.

Coursework includes general education classes and the HRGM courses. Sixty-five college credit hours are needed to complete the program.

A new option is now available for individuals currently employed in a hospitality-type job that allows the person to complete a certificate program in HRGM. The program involves a 24 college credit hour program concentrating strictly on hospitality courses with no general education courses required.

April is a busy month…Full of Awareness!

**Alcohol Awareness:**

- Alcohol is a depressant drug that slows the central nervous system which can cause drowsiness, sleep or pain relief
- Legal limit is 0.8 for people 21 and over

**Child Abuse Prevention:**

- Child abuse is any act that endangers a child’s physical or emotional health and development.
- Child abuse and neglect often take place in the home. The child often knows the abuser well—a parent, relative, baby-sitter, or friend of the family.

**Autism Awareness:**

- A bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age 3.
- Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

You might spend hours on the internet with useless things. Take a second to find about these different things and find out how to be aware. :)

**Stand up against child abuse—**
Match the foolish deed in the pink box with the person who confessed in the green box:

Foolish Deeds
1. Desperate after car trouble at 2 a.m.—hitchhiked—in a smoke-filled jalopy with a hippy wearing nothing but cutoffs, and survived unscathed
2. Lost truck in Padre
3. Jumped off a bridge nude
4. Went Semi Slapping
5. Stole an old table out of an abandoned house and got caught.
6. Stole a Garden Gnome
7. Smoked a cigar
8. Drove pick-up into a pond
9. Stole a car
10. Skipped a session of Cheer Camp to sneak over to Baseball Camp and watch the boys, but got caught

“Fools” (at one time, at least!)
A. Maya Divorce
B. Mrs. Terry Ford
C. Chris Trent
D. Alisha Crum
E. Dalton Kirtley
F. Jennie Craven
G. Jaci Alford
H. Chelsi Jones
I. Mrs. Nancy Sanders
J. Desha Smyth

Answers on page 8.
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PUZZLES!

ACCREDITATION
MATRICULATION
MORTARBOARD
BACCALAUREATE
PREREQUISITE
SCHOLARSHIP
PEDAGOGY
COLLEGIAL
COMMENCEMENT
VALEDICTORIAN
CURRICULUM
UNDERGRADUATE
MAGNACUM LAUDE
SUMMACUM LAUDE

Sudoku Puzzle - Medium

1 6 7 5 4
3 2 7 6
2 1 3 5 8
1 3 7 9 5
4 9 3 7 8
6 3 5 3 1
2 5 2
5 8 1 9

Answers to April Fools Match

1. Mrs. Ford
2. Maya Divorce
3. Chris Trent
4. Persona Smith
5. Aliha Cui
6. Jamie Cavan
7. Nancy Sanders
8. Eboni Knerly
9. Chris Jones
10. Jack Maleh