By Erica Lynch

Friday, August 30th SWOSU held the traditional Dawg Day event which included fun activities, such as rock climbing, spinning the wheel for prizes, music, food, booths from the local businesses and fun in the sun. Many of our faculty attended, and SWOSU President Randy Beulter and some guests came over from Weatherford.

Be sure to attend all the events that SWOSU has to offer for you, so you won’t miss out on the goodies that can be given away for free or even get a chance to win the big prize. This year a laptop was given away.

For this year’s winners, see page 3; photos on page 7.

By Kaley Riley

The bulldog in the spotlight is Mrs. Chelsea Richardson, a junior from Mangum. Chelsea was born in Altus on March 5, 1993, but has lived in Mangum her whole life, where she graduated in 2011.

She has attended OPSU, Cameron, WOSC, and now SWOSU @ Sayre. She is majoring in Elementary Education and has approximately a year and a half to go.

She is married and currently has no kids, but has two miniature twin dachshunds, named Foxy and Roxy. She says, “They are like my kids.”

She currently holds the position of Assistant Manager at United in Mangum, but when she is not busy with work or school, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She also loves the OKC Thunder and enjoys watching Pretty Little Liars when she has some free time.

Chelsea’s favorite restaurant is Olive Garden, and her favorite thing to order there is the Chicken Fettuccine. Her favorite colors are pink, grey, and yellow.

If you have not met Chelsea, you should get to know her. You will not be disappointed!
By Kaley Riley
A Bulldog video contest is being sponsored by The Watchdawg Newspaper with scholarships as prizes.

Videos can be uploaded to either YouTube or Vine. Please email your video to terry.ford@swosu.edu by midnight on Monday, September 30th.

Make the most entertaining video about SWOSU or college life or really about anything, but there’s one catch. Your video must contain people wearing SWOSU clothing.

1st and 2nd place will be awarded. The prize for 1st place will be a $250 Scholarship, and 2nd place is a $100 Scholarship, courtesy of Dean Manning.

So Bulldogs, help us make SWOSU go viral. Get out there and get creative!!!
Meet the Winners

Ron Kistler was the boss man of calling off all the bingo numbers, while Rick Hudson and Nancy Sanders assisted. It is a large task to plan the event, but they like to join the fun with the students, as well!

Below is freshman, John Mauldin from Erick, OK. He spun the big wheel at Dawg Day and won a gift certificate to Big Splash Burgers!

Belinda Graham, of Willow, won the Kindle given away by Great Plains National Bank!

Above is our Dawg Day bingo winner of the laptop, Jamie Whitton of Sayre. She was quite EXCITED!

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in the business office are constantly printing out forms for students to sign, and in some instances it takes longer to find the link and print it out than it does to open a file cabinet and grab the pre-printed form needed. In administration it saves time because “the new system makes it easier to see what classes one needs in a department rather than someone looking it up and telling the student what they need to take. Once the students get accustomed to the new forum, it should be fine. New students won’t know the difference.”

Students Say . . .

If you are lucky enough to be a freshman this year, the enrollment process came fairly easy, as it does for most all freshmen, who need every general class listed and are able to have more than one option to choose from in a time frame. The freshman I spoke with said, “It was easy to enroll, but I spent more time looking and going back and forth between departments, trying to come up with Tuesday and Thursday classes I could take and what times classes were offered on those days, than it did to walk my dog.”

The sophomore I spoke with said, “All I need is three classes to graduate, the class for my major is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m. I need my other classes to work around that one class and time it’s offered, so I am not driving over here five days a week. Instead of seeing what classes are offered at 10 a.m. or noon that I might need, I spend 45 minutes looking for a class offered at 10 a.m. or noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

With the old layout of the schedule it would have taken less than 10 minutes. Pre-enrollment was time consuming this year. If it is supposed to save time, whose time it is saving?”

His frustration is understandable to the students who have completed all the general requirements and who are now starting on the courses needed to complete their majors. The fact that some students do not have access to a computer, let alone internet, outside of school made the process far more difficult than it needs to be.

Not having a visual aide arranged with the time and date forum makes it impossible to arrange our college schedules to concur with our other responsibilities off campus.

The old forum divided classes by time and days, so a student would know with one look what classes were offered in the 10 a.m. time frame— in the “I drank too much last night, can you work for me,” “Mommy, I need to pee,” “Honey, I need clean underwear,” everyday hectic life of a student.

I feel the university is transitioning us to the standard Weatherford campus students are accustomed, but since we, as students, are the most important people on the campus and are the purpose of the university’s work, I don’t think it is too much to ask to at least pacify us and put to rest our weary eyes.

Offer us a link to a forum, to which we are familiar, divided by time and date, instead of just by individual departments.

While the university saves trees and money, students may spend more time enrolling online.
SWOSU Students Pained By Tuition Hikes

By Abbey White

As most have heard, this semester tuition has increased at Oklahoma’s public colleges and university, including our very own.

The State Regents for higher education approved tuition and mandatory fees increase. College is an expensive chapter chosen in life, and with the increase in tuition and fees, some adjustments might need to be made to this year’s budget. Compared to last fall, this semester will be breaking the bank even more. Here are some of the cost increases that you may not have noticed.

Last fall semester tuition at SWOSU was $132.50 per credit hour and fees were $26 per credit hour. As for this semester, tuition rose to $136.50 per credit hour and fees are at $30 per credit hour.

Although it seems like a small increase, it will add up quickly considering there are generally around three credits per class. Also there has been a Sayre Student Facility fee added this semester of $3.50 per credit hour. Additionally, if it is a class chosen under Arts & Science, there is an extra $9 per credit hour charged.

The biggest increase in cost is for courses that are web based. For interactive classes there is a distance learning charge. It went from $20 per credit hour to a whopping $40 per credit hour. With tuition increasing, money in your pocket will surely decrease. With such increases the best way to manage with the new cost is to look into scholarships to apply for or even maybe unknown grants that you could qualify for.

There are thousands of unused grants and scholarships every year that could just be that extra help you need with the increases in college tuition and scholarships.

Grant Writers Honored

A banquet and reception was held last week in the Weatherford Ballroom for grant writers. Honorees from Sayre were Dean Sherron Manning, Terry Billey, Judy Haught, and Terry Ford. Manning and Billey wrote a grant for improvements to the Sayre campus, including new windows in Mackey Hall, a laptop station in Alexander and other nice physical improvements. Judy Haught’s grant funded the Literary Festival, which brought authors and speakers to campus, a panel discussion by students, and provided a beautiful full-color printed anthology of student writings and photography. The honorees were each awarded a plaque and treated to a festive banquet. Photographs were displayed of their projects.
Kathy Brooks celebrates 30 years at SWOSU

By Shelby Duran

Kathy Brooks, instructor at Sayre, was honored on August 19th at the Weatherford faculty meeting, for 30 years of employment at SWOSU. She was presented a plaque for her award during the campus wide faculty workshop.

When Brooks started 30 years ago, what is now SWOSU, was Sayre Jr. College.

Things have changed from then to now; for example, thirty years ago the pay for Brooks was a lot less than it is today. Not only was the pay less, but the supply budget was a lot less. Then, they would “make do” with what they had. Mrs. Brooks says she loves teaching at SWOSU—it is her home.

Kathy Brooks is one of the instructors for Medical Technology and an advisor for the Pre-Nursing program, OTA, and PTA.

Brooks sponsors the Blood Drives here on campus annually, and serves on the Faculty Senate. Brooks loves to play volleyball; she modestly says, “It is a way to socialize.” Brooks is very athletic, and has participated in the weekly campus volleyball game for decades! She is known for her mean serve that few other than her sister can return!

Brooks also oversees the Fitness Center, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. All students are welcomed to take advantage of the weight machines, free weights, tread mills, elliptical, stair-stepper, and stationary bike (See below).

The Patterson Field House here on campus had quite a different look to it when it was brand new, as shown in the photograph below. The artistic glass frontage proved to be too hot for fans of Sayre Junior College basketball games and was eventually enclosed. This building was completed in 1957 and was named for former Sayre Junior College President, Harry Patterson.

TODAY: Fitness Center and Walking Track: The building houses athletic offices, physical education facilities, a 350-seat gymnasium, and a fitness center. Located in the Patterson Field House is the Sayre Fitness Center, filled with a variety of equipment to cover a broad range of workouts. Located behind the Patterson Field House is a walking/jogging track and small park that includes a gazebo, drinking fountain, and a sand-based volleyball court. It is free for all SWOSU students to use, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
Dawg Day

- Rock Wall Climbing
- Vendors
- Door Prizes
- Goody Bags
- Music
- Free Food
- Games
- Drawings
- Educational Fair
- Information Booths
- FUN!!!
Movies off the Shelf

By Rowdy Cloud

The 1989 comedy, *Uncle Buck*, stars comedy acting legend, John Candy. In the film, Uncle Buck (Candy) is called to watch his nieces and nephew. Buck’s carefree way quickly charms his younger relatives, Miles (played by Macaulay Culkin, known for *Home Alone*) and Maizy (Gabby Hoffmann). However, his teenage niece, Tia (Jean Louisa Kelley) is not impressed with her uncle, and vice versa.

Buck is also struggling with his long time girlfriend, Chanice, who is looking to settle down with someone, hopefully Buck, and start a family. Throughout the movie Buck and Tia play a game of wits against each other. Tia, playing the rebellious teen, acts out and tries to ruin Buck’s life. Buck, genuinely caring for his niece, tries to help her realize what trouble she’s going to get herself into, in his own comical and witty way. “How would you like to spend the next several nights wondering if your crazy, out-of-work, bum uncle will shave your head while you sleep? See you in the car.” Buck Russell.

All in all, *Uncle Buck* is a great family comedy. John Candy brings a delightful and notable comical performance. It’s full of just enough humor and seriousness to hit home. Directed by John Hughes, *Uncle Buck* is a wonderful movie to be taken off the shelf and put in the DVD or VCR player.

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**Blood Drive is Monday Sept. 16!**

10 a.m.– 3p.m.
Patterson Fieldhouse (Gym)
Contact: Kathy Brooks
Photo ID required
Each donor receives FREE:
- SWOSU t-shirt
- Health Screenings
- Donor Rewards Points

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