The WatchDawg

For National Library Week . . .

Discuss Dystopia!

By April Miller

To celebrate National Library Week, April 12th-18th, the Sayre campus library will be having a program on Monday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m.

This discussion will be focusing on the popularity of dystopian themes in both books and movies of late.

Come discuss the difference between these blockbuster movies and the novels on which they are based.

Are you a fan of the Hunger Games trilogy or the Divergent series?

Join the lively discussion of these popular titles, plus many others.

A variety of snacks will be served. Bring your friends and celebrate National Library Week with us!

Calendar

- April 13—Library Discussion of movies and books. 12:30 p.m. Snacks provided.
- April 14 SWOSU will be having it’s 22nd Annual Research and Scholarly Activity Fair, it will be held at the SWOSU Memorial Student Union Ballroom, from noon to 3 p.m.
- April 24 Late Payment Penalty Applied to Tuition and Fee Balance
- April 29, - Last Day to Drop with Instructor Permission
- May 4. Finals start at 8:30 a.m. and end Friday, May 8th at 12:30 p.m.
- May 7 11 a.m. Graduation practice at Sayre Public School Auditorium
- May 8 Graduation 7 p.m.
Way to go, Dawgs!

Campus Represents at Alumni Parade!

The Sayre Campus of SWOSU was well represented at the Alumni Festivities over the Easter Weekend in Sayre! From the students on the SWOSU float to the Dean of campus on the Judge’s Stand, our Bulldogs made an impact. In fact, this annual event was organized and implemented by a SWOSU student, Belinda Graham.

Graham is a student with a very interesting job—Chamber of Commerce secretary. She went from organizing campus events as SGA president to organizing town events such as Alumni—one of the oldest and best-attended annual events in the community. She’s like a real-life Leslie Knope of Parks and Rec.

At Graham’s side was another highly visible and highly-involved student, DeShawna Smyth. She was hired by Graham and the Chamber to assist in the town’s celebration, and also in the recent Street Races—which were a smashing success! Smyth is also a work-study student for Instructor Judy Haught, so she is often seen taking charge of events on campus, such as Lit Fest and Timed WARP.

Our campus Dean, Sherron Manning, is no stranger to community works. In past years, she was stirring batter at the crack of dawn for the Alumni Pancake Breakfast, and this year, she was honored to serve as a judge for the parade.

Floating through the parade was a pickup full of Sayre students who performed the requisite candy tossing. These included Avery Dixon, Jerry and Izzy Varnell, Zachary Reyes, and Will Cooper Hudson. Thrilling the crowd was the appearance of SWOSU’s mascot, Brandy the Bulldog, embodied by our own bouncing Boy Wonder, William Barr.

While the Alumni may focus mainly on Sayre High School graduates, the college here in town was originally a part of Sayre Public Schools. It was then known as Sayre Junior College, and many young people were encouraged to further their education by having a ju-co in their hometown, as well as by the many scholarships that were made available. In recent years, concurrent enrollment also helps high school students get a foot in the door of the University setting, which starts them down the path of obtaining a degree. SWOSU is proud to be a vital part of the community of Sayre!
The Art of Time Management - Part 2
Fitting it all In = Prioritizing!

By Belinda Graham

We all have many things to do, and we never have time and energy to do them all. We don't have time and resources to do them equally well, either. Many things will be left undone, no matter how hard you try. **Prioritizing** is a way to solve that frustrating problem.

One key reason why prioritizing works, and works well, is the 80/20 Rule. The 80/20 Rule states that 80 percent of our typical activities contribute less than 20 percent to the value of our work. So, if you do only the most important 20 percent of your tasks, you still get most of the value. Then, if you focus most of your efforts on those top value activities, you achieve much more than before, or you will have more time to spend with your family.

Prioritizing is about making choices of what to do and what not to do. To prioritize effectively, you need to be able to recognize what is important, as well as to see the difference between *urgent* and *important*.

The *important*, or high priority, tasks are the tasks that help us achieve our long-term goals or can have other meaningful and significant long-term consequences.

At first glance, many of the tasks we face during a day seem equally urgent and important. Yet, if you take a closer look, you will see that many of the *urgent* activities in which we are involved are not really important in the long run. At the same time, things that are most important for us, like improving ourselves and our skills, getting a better education, spending time with family, often are not urgent.

With good prioritizing skills, you finish as soon as possible all the important urgent tasks, the ones that would get you into a crisis or trouble otherwise. Then, you focus your attention and try to give more and more time to those most important, but not urgent tasks, the ones that are most rewarding in the long run.

When you set priorities in to do lists, also keep asking yourself if any of your tasks can be eliminated or delegated. For planned activities, like the ones included in your to do list, you can mark each of your tasks with "A", "B", or "C", depending on its importance. The "B" tasks should be done only after you are finished with all the most important "A" tasks—the ones that just must be done. If you have time after you are finished with the "B" tasks, you can move on to the "C" ones.

So remember the sand, pebbles, and rocks from article one. Your "A"s are the rocks that need to be placed first in the jar, then your "B"s, the pebbles, go next, and then you can add your "C"s or the sand. When you layer your jar, and weed out time-wasters, you can indeed fit it all in!

For More Information on Setting Goals and Prioritizing check out: www.goal-setting-motivation.com
The Next Step after College

By Kimberie Archie

So graduation is quickly approaching, and it’s time finally to figure out what our next step will be!

Some may decide to continue their education, whether it is working on a masters or doctorate, while others decide to hit the job market. It can be scary sometimes, especially if you have never worked before, especially if it is a field you have never actually worked in. There are many resources available now that can help you get that started in today’s workforce.

The first thing you will want to get together would be your resume. Many of us should already be familiar with what a resume is, especially if you have taken a computer class in college or even high school. A resume is one very useful tool in helping you land that perfect job, if you craft it carefully. It is very important to make sure you list every possible qualification and experience you have pertaining to the job you are trying to obtain. Don’t forget to list things you’ve done on campus! Did you help with Timed WARP, lead a group on a campus tour, participate in Lit Fest?

Most computer programs will come with a Word template that will help you put a resume together. And there are also several online options available to help: Resume-Now.com and MyPerfectResume.com.

You will also need to figure out where you want to begin your job search. One good thing about having Internet nowadays is you don’t have to wait for the Sunday paper or go pound the pavement to conduct your job search. With the Internet, we have almost everything right at our finger tips. We have the ability to look for jobs in your own town, or if we want to be really brave, we can see what might be available in another city or state. If you decide you want to go to work for the state or government or any large corporation, they will have their jobs listed on their own websites. Here are a few of the more popular ones: indeed.com, jobhat.com, usajobs.gov and jobs.ok.gov/OK.

Also useful when looking for a job is to have a list of possible references and any reference letters you may have available from previous employers. If you are submitting your resume online or through the mail, it is helpful to include a cover letter expressing your interest and contact information. I would also suggest doing follow-ups—a letter or phone call—especially on a job in which you are really interested. So it would be a good time to get the old suit out of the closet and dust it off...

The hiring process may take a few weeks, but don’t get discouraged. I personally wish you the best of luck with your job search and new beginnings!!

Westview Writers' Festival 2015 is April 20-21

Dr. Amanda T. Smith, Editor of Westview, and Dr. Tugba Sevin, Assistant Professor of Spanish are working hard on bringing the Festival to the Weatherford campus.

“We hope to see you at the event,” said Smith.

April 20th, Public Lecture by Dr. Edward H. Friedman from Vanderbilt University. Location: East Ballroom. Time: 11 am-12 pm. Professor Edward H. Friedman of Vanderbilt University will speak on Don Quixote and his dramatic adaptation of Cervantes’ novel, Crossing the Line: A Quixotic Adventure in Two Acts. The title of the talk is “Don Quixote, Old and New.”

April 20th, Class Lecture by Dr. Edward H. Friedman on the theme of “Micro-stories, Macro-ideas: Latin American Fiction.” Location: Stafford 112. Time: 1-2 pm

April 21st, Westview Poetry and Literary Performances, Q&A, and Retiring Faculty Reception. Location: SWOSU Conference Center. Time: 6-8 pm. Dr. John Graves Morris from Cameron University will be reading selected works, some of which have been featured in Westview.

• Q&A by Dr. Helen Maxson of SWOSU

• Dr. Flowers Rivera will be reading from her newly published, award-winning book of poetry, HEATHEN

• Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer of SWOSU will read her creative non-fiction essay “Nature’s Tattoos” featured in Westview.

• Victor Wolf will read his short story “Good Vibrations” featured in an upcoming issue of Westview.

• ALSO, we will be honoring the retiring faculty members from the Dept. of Language and Literature at this evening event.