Student numbers jump up again

By Jennifer Stein
Staff Reporter

Southwestern's enrollment jumped again this spring, continuing a two-year upward trend in student numbers.

In comparison to spring 2015, SWOSU had an increase of 5.5 percent toward enrollment headcount. The number of students in 2016 is 4,828, compared to 4,614 in 2015. The Weatherford/Sayre campuses also had a 4.0 percent increase toward credit hours. There are 4,158 full-time equivalent students (FTE) credit hour count, compared to 3,957 FTE in spring 2015.

Registrar Shamus Moore said the increase in enrollment helps offset budget cuts due to Oklahoma's budget shortfall.

There are several different factors that play into the increase or decrease in enrollment headcounts. According to Moore, some of those factors have to do with the economy, as well as the price of oil. Another factor is when there are more jobs offered, enrollment numbers are lower. However, when the economy suffers due to a recent decrease in the price of oil, SWOSU will see higher enrollment numbers.

Moore said that Southwestern had one of its largest enrollment years around 2006 when enrollment was at 4,939 students for the spring semester. Enrollment for fall and all classes begins on Feb. 8.

Here to help

Second City offers advice in time for Valentine's Day

By MaKenli Ladd
Staff Reporter

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SHINE Scholarship Fund seeks to help students

Amidst a tightening state budget and dire economic circumstances, alumni and friends of Southwestern Oklahoma State University now have an immediate opportunity to help SWOSU students continue investing in their education.

The SWOSU Foundation has established the SHINE Scholarship Fund to provide immediate scholarship relief and assistance to SWOSU students. Garrett King, executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, said 100% of gifts to the SHINE Fund will go to increase the giving capacity of 205 existing scholarship funds and to establish new scholarship funds when needed.

“For nearly four decades the SWOSU Foundation has pursued the generosity of Southwestern’s friends and alumni with the best aspirations of our students,” King said. “The SHINE Scholarship Fund will immediately direct all gifts to provide much-needed scholarship support and relief to SWOSU students. It is our sincere hope that this will help struggling families at this time of financial strain.”

King said gifts of any size are greatly appreciated and needed. To contribute: go to the SWOSU Foundation website or call the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267.

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over $20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information please visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

Student Government Association officers for Spring 2016 meetings

By Caytie Patton, Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association has begun their Spring 2016 semester. The SGA is the governing body for the SWOSU student body and meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Stuard 104. Elections are held every fall but seats are often notified in the spring due to changing schedules.

This semester, the SGA will pursue legislation with statements on campus during Higher Education Day. The event occurs every year at the capitol and will be held on Feb. 16 this year. Members of the Student Government Association, along with SWOSU President Randy King, will meet with state government officials to discuss budget cuts and higher education, as well as other campus issues.

“This is my last semester at SWOSU so I am really excited for the spring semester. I think we have some really exciting legislation that will be coming out to the floor and some great events for students, faculty, and the city of Weatherford,” said Student Body President Austin Cantrell. SGA is also gearing up for a few spring student activities such as Kid’s Night, Relay for Life, and SWOSU Palooza. Kid’s Night will be held April 1 from 6 to 11 p.m. and proceeds will go towards Relay for Life, which will be the Walk/Run Center on April 14. SWOSU Palooza is SWOSU’s annual concert that will be held Tuesday, April 19 with the time and weekend to be released at a later date. It is a $5 suggested donation to Bulldog Angels to get into the concert.

LinkedIn can be useful for students

By Amber Bachiochi, Staff Reporter

As the list of social networking sites continues to grow, there is one in particular that has potential to serve college students better than any other. LinkedIn is a unique platform that allows users to network with those in their desired career fields and connector to new opportunities. One unique characteristic of LinkedIn is that it is in part a working resume.

SWOSU’s Career Services Coordinator Savannah Schones believes that networking is an undeniably ar- part of job searching and professional development, and that LinkedIn can be a very beneficial tool for this. “LinkedIn is a fantastic social networking site for students wishing to make some connections with business leaders in varying industries,” she said. “Students who have a professional profile and are actively trying to engage in professional networking will see the reward ten-fold when it comes to internships and job placement.”

A profile checklist for college students can be found on LinkedIn’s website. Besides filling out the typical education, professional involvement, and your work experience fields, LinkedIn also encourages users to brief about what is important to them. For example, the “Headline” section says, “Tell people what you’re excited about now and the cool things you want to do in the future” while the “Summary” section asks to type, “Describe what motivates you, what you’re skilled at, and what’s next.”

On this same note, Schones implies that finding the right fit for an internship or employment opportunity takes more than simply knowing certain people. She con- cluded that professionalism is still a key feature on and off when networking.

“You need a strong resume, good interpersonal skills, professional dress, and what many people forget is that you need to do your research. Doing your research and walking into an interview or networking opportunity with company knowledge will make a huge amount of difference.”

The Southwestern is the student newspaper of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. It is published every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters, except during holidays and final week. Students in the editing class serve as section editors, and students in the news gathering and reporting class serve as writers. The editorial board meets every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the journalism lab. Campbell 211. We strive to give coverage comments from the student body, faculty, and administrators in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must include a name for consideration, but your name may be withheld upon request. The opinions expressed or omitted reflect the opinions of the writers; the opinion is unsigned when signed columns are the opinions of the staff. Neither the newspaper nor the university administration, staff or faculty.
The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Pharmacy Alumni Association on Weatherford is accepting nominations for March 10 for various awards.

The awards include Humanitarian Award, Professional Achievement Award and Young Professional Achievement Award.

The Humanitarian Award recognizes a SWOSU pharmacy graduate who has significantly affected lives in a humanitarian way through service to their communities beyond the call of duty. This award also recognizes the recipients’ dedication to the pharmacy profession and extraordinary humanitarian service to society.

The Professional Achievement Award recognizes outstanding professional achievement in the profession of pharmacy of an individual who has graduated from the SWOSU College of Pharmacy in the last 10 years.

Patti Harpe, alumni and development director at SWOSU, said the nomination forms can be found online at: http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com/nomination-form.htm

Three students win MLK awards

Three students won cash prizes in a recent essay contest honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Winners included: Ashley Powers, SWOSU, first place and $25, “The Insatiable Thirst;” Williams, SWOSU, third place and $25, “The Insatiable Dream.”

The Collegiate Activities Board (CAB) sponsored the contest.

“It was a hard process choosing the winners” said coordinator Morganay Benson. “Everyone did a great job, and we were really proud to see how students in the Weatherford area appreciate Dr. King and his dream.”

Participating students were asked to write their essay to answer the given prompt: In what ways has Dr. King’s dream of a non-judgmental society been reached? Where do we need to improve on his dream of a better society and what have we fallen short on?

For more information about the writing center, please visit their website.

http://www.swosu.edu/academics/writing-center/online-consult.aspx

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Friday, February 12, 2016

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Free Trip to Wal-Mart Available

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Free Trip to Wal-Mart Available

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Residence Life Spring Movie Screening

Corning, New York

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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Eta Iota Sigma Meeting

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The Fifth Wave

By Bailey Hood
Staff Reporter

The Fifth Wave, based on a book written by Rick Yancey, is the fifth film to be released for the 88th annual Academy Awards. Many critics believe this year has more great nominees than the previous year. In fact, a survey done by NBC News shows that there are still great nominees.

There are a few issues that have been brought up by many people, including myself, when the Oscars were announced. The norm for a Actor in a Leading Role include Bryan Cranston, Benicio del Toro, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Michael Fassbender. All three of these actors are known for their great performances, but there are still many others who are worthy of an Oscar.

The Oscars are right around the corner, and the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite has spread throughout social media, as many are upset because this is the second year in a row that no person of color was nominated for the four top categories. As a result, boycott has formed. Jada Pinkett Smith and Spike Lee announced that they will join in the boycott on March 28, 2016.

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The Oscars are on ABC on Sunday, Feb 28 at 6 p.m. They are live on ABC on Sunday, Feb 28 at 6 p.m. They are also available online. If upgraded to Pandora One, there are no more commercials and more skips to pass by music they do not like.

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The hours for the Downtown Diner are Tue.-Wed. 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Thu.-Fri. 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Sat. 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., and closed Sun.-Mon. It is located on W Main St. near the intersection of W Main St and N Broadway.

The Downtown Diner

By Brooke Harden
Staff Reporter

The Downtown Diner is a fun place to eat great food, experience the small town atmosphere, and receive excellent service. The Diner offers an exceptional variety of home style cooking with popular items such as theKEY'S Chicken Basket with your choice of regular or jalapeno cheddar.

The best part for college students is that they offer excellent prices. Many people, including myself, choose the Diner simply for its small town atmosphere. The waiters are always friendly and ensure to provide good customer service. Another special quality is that each table or booth has a set of cards to play a favorite card game with friends or family while waiting on the meal. Even though there is a lack of diversity for the top award categories this year, there are still great nominees.
D2Football.com, earning the recognition Honorable Mention All-American by leading the Great American Conference outlet to recognize Jones following his specialist DJ. Jones has been named an Commissioners Association (D2CCA).

Jones returned 14 punts for 275 yards and two touchdowns while also taking back 22 kickoff attempts for 533 yards. His punt return yardage is the second-highest total in SWOSU history and he ranked second in all of NCAA Division II for kickoff return average before he fell out of the national rankings due to lack of attempts. Jones was also the Bulldogs top receiving threat this season, catching 54 passes for 923 yards and seven touchdowns and he set a new single-season school and conference record with 1892 yards all-purpose yards this season.

Jones’ performance earned him the second-most votes in the conference’s awards ballots for the best all-purpose player in the nation behind Arkansas’ Alex Collins and in the nation only behind Northern Iowa’s David Long. Jones’ 923 receiving yards are the second-most in NCAA Division II while his 1892 all-purpose yards are the second-most in the conference and the second-most in NCAA Division II. Jones’ 923 receiving yards are the second-most in the conference and the second-most in NCAA Division II. Jones’ 1892 all-purpose yards are the second-most in the conference and the second-most in NCAA Division II. Jones’ 923 receiving yards are the second-most in NCAA Division II while his 1892 all-purpose yards are the second-most in the conference and the second-most in NCAA Division II.

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The Southwestern face Arkansas-Monticello this Thursday at home. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)

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Super Bowl 50 Party

Neff Hall’s RAs are hosting a watch party for Super Bowl 50 Sunday February 6th starting at 7pm. Super Bowl 50 has two great matchups this year. One Peyton Manning, a meticulous seasoned veteran of the game against Cam Newton, a young and energetic possible league MVP. Two, the exciting defense of the Denver Broncos against the high octane offense of the Carolina Panthers will be fun to watch! So come by Neff Hall for free food, good people, and a chance to win prizes. See you Sunday!!

Pics of Res Life

Paige Ketch

Hometown: Mustang, OK
Classification: Junior
Major: Elementary Education
Resident Hall: Stewart Hall

Why did you choose SWOSU?
I chose to attend SWOSU because of the small class sizes. This has really been prominent this semester with my largest class having around 20 students.

What are your hobbies?
A few of my hobbies include playing volleyball, being active, baking and knitting.

What do you want to do when you graduate?
I hope to find a teaching job in Texas. Right now I am thinking I'd like to teach third grade and coach volleyball.

What's your favorite SWOSU moment?
Supporting the football team at the Texarkana Live United Bowl Game. Go Dawgs!

Jacobi Wilson

Hometown: Newcastle, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Health Science
Resident Hall: Oklahoma Hall

Why did you choose SWOSU?
Haley Zellner convinced me to come and be her roommate.

What are your hobbies?
I am in Sigma Sigma Chi and love to hang out with my friends.

What do you want to do when you graduate?
I want to become a nutritionist.

What's your favorite SWOSU moment?
My favorite SWOSU moment is when I became a member of Sigma Sigma Chi.