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TWO CLOSE LOSSES

Running for the cure

Southwestern students and community members participated in the Tough Enough to Wear Teal 5K Run/Walk on Saturday.

Cindy Doogherty, dean of students, said all proceeds will go toward the battle against ovarian cancer. For the past eight years, the SK “Pink” team has helped ended breast cancer research.

The race was USATF certified, chip timed and began near the Clock Tower on the SWOSU campus. Top Overall Male finishes were:

1. Brian Ely — Weatherford, OK — 29:45
2. Clifford Yunyun — Weatherford, OK — 30:14
3. Dathan Lopez — Weatherford, OK — 30:16

Top Overall Female finishes were:

1. Morgen Price — Weatherford, OK — 31:23
2. Katelyn Floyd — Weatherford, OK — 31:25
3. Paityn Matthews — Weatherford, OK — 32:47

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**Brown named campus police chief previously from South Carolina**

**Kendra Brown** is the new director of public safety at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She has 18 years of experience in law enforcement, including stints at Richland County (SC) Sheriff’s Department, Lexington County (SC) Sheriff’s Department, Columbia (SC) Police Department and Asheville (NC) Police Department.

Brown and her husband, Chester, have four boys: Jacob (13), Adam (13), Alexander (9) and Jonah (7).
Experts offer student financial advice

By: Calley Lamar
Staff Reporter

College serves as the first taste of freedom for students. Some now live independently and make their own choices regarding their daily activities and purchases. However, with freedom comes a price and that price can be very costly. Small things like a can of soda every day or big purchases like a motorcycle. All are costly and the way to ensure that you don’t end up spending all your money is to manage a budget to make wise financial choices.

“Take care of necessities. Wants should be toward the bottom of the list,” says Kim Cook, Associate Director of Student Financial Services. Cook said that some students come in to ask for financial advice including how dropping a class may affect their financial aid.

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) site warns students about the dangers of identity theft and scams. Advice about avoiding identity theft include being sure not to carry your social security card and to avoid using passwords that are obvious or easy to figure out.

Students must also watch out for scams, such as financial aid and loan scams, if you call a company and they want information about you, but will not provide information themselves they should raise some red flags and show that this “lender” is a scammer.

There are many other websites dedicated to students. That advice for budgeting, laying out financial plans and making responsible choices.

CollegeGuide.com offers some budgeting advice for students. Second of these tips include differentiating between needs and wants to help stay within budget limits. There is also a need to be realistic about your budget and get an idea of how much money you have.

Another site: studentaid.ed.org suggests making a record of your purchases so that you know what you’ve spend your money on and where. It also suggests students create a budget to follow. If you can’t record, keep in mind that every can of soda, every cup of coffee and every time you eat out will begin to add up.

SWOSU’s own site also offers some help for students under the money management section. It helps students with a variety of financial situations including budgeting, differences between credit and debit, student loans, savings and even identity theft.

The section on budgeting lays out strategies students can use to work out their spending. The site begins by telling students to keep track of their spending. Keep receipts in a box and be sure to balance your checkbook and at the end of the month check up on your expenses to see if a pattern has formed. Students should set up categories for their spending and calculate their total monthly income and total monthly spending. The site also has a PDF file to help you.

In the end, students must always remember to take heed and make smart decisions when it comes to financial issues, placing necessities at the top of the list and letting wants come after is the way to maintain a healthy financial situation.
The Avengers: Age of Ultron

Major movies lined up for upcoming releases

By Will Savigres Staff Reporter

With the spring approaching around the corner as well as the start of the blockbuster movie season, here is a brief list of movies that may see success at the box office this year.

Kicking off the list is the sequel to the much anticipated The Avengers: Age of Ultron. The movie is set to come out May 1 and the story is wrapped around Tony Stark, "Iron Man," who awakes a new kind of artificial intelligence by Rick Baker. Joss Whedon is back as writer and director to bring the sequel to the much loved series of action and suspense in this series of blockbuster movies.

The Avengers: Age of Ultron was one of the most unique and interesting movies made last year and received a lot of attention for its tricky and new style of movie making.

The story follows the life of Mason, played by Ellar Coltrane, from the age of 6 to 18. But, the kicker is that the director decided to film the movie over 12-year span with the same cast, instead of trying to find different actors to play the same characters.

The film was directed by Richard Linklater and is now critically acclaimed for its achievements in story telling and editing. A lot of people were very confused by the notion of creating a film over 12 years, asking questions like, "Why did you make a movie to do this?" and "Why are you doing this?"

"I'm along myself that right at this moment," Linklater said.

And, anyone who decides to make a project that will last longer than a decade, it bound to have some concerns. But Linklater did an excellent job with the pacing and progression of the story to create an intriguing and interesting story. People tried to make sure that 12 years of work wasn't hurt by trying to be overly intentional or creative, but instead, letting the story tell itself in the most natural and truthful way it could.

"I was trying to make a movie about childhood," Linklater said. "These years of grades 1-12, that's what you're kind of sentenced to. You have to go through those years of school. There was this thing beaming beyond that, and I wanted to have that somewhere between those big moments, " said Patricia Arquette, who plays Mason's Mother.

And that's exactly what he did. Throughout the whole sequence of Mason progressing through school, instead of waiting for a big pay off at the end of the movie, you can be a part of each step of Mason's life and understand how he becomes who he is.

It becomes a chance to watch the struggles and successes of a mom, a dad, a sister, and a boy as they made their way through life in a way that seemed very genuine and real.

"I think it was important that "The film's called Boyhood, but it could be called Middle School. Eastfording through Adolescence. It was an opportunity to watch parents evolve as well," Ethan Hawke, who plays Mason's father, said, "What Rick tries to do is kind of harness a collective imagination and make something bigger than any one person could do."

While watching Boyhood there are several themes that are present, like, "What does boyhood mean?" and "What is life about?" the production of the movie seemed to try and leave these questions unanswered and allow the audience to learn from the experience and apply that knowledge to their own lives.

"All these big moments we think are life, when I was mentally, when I was a student, maybe life is what it's kind of sentenced to. You have to go to those years of school. There was this thing beaconing beyond that, and I wanted to have that somewhere between those big moments, " said Patricia Arquette, who plays Mason's Mother.

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Southwestern gives up ten runs in the half-inning to Arkansas Tech. SWOSU suffered a 10-2 run-rule defeat in the first game before jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the second, only to see the Golden Suns complete the series sweep.

Game 1: ATU 10, SWOSU 2 (5 Inn.)

SWOSU got on the board first on Saturday afternoon courtesy of an RBI single by Tori Hawk. Hawk's hit to third base on the play, it was enough to bring in Adrienne Martinez.

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Picture this... Video gaming is actually beneficial to our minds and help us grow. It’s true! Video gaming can improve creativity skills, critical thinking, and so much more. A “gamer” can easily develop better problem solving skills and have increased reflexes opposed to a non-“gamer”. Want to know more? Neff Hall is going to show all the hidden secrets to how gaming can be beneficial to our minds on April 9th! Come to Picture This at 7:00 p.m. and be automatically entered into a door prize just for being there.

Meet Sydney Hinds! She was born in Plano, Texas and lived there to a ripe old age of 8 months before she made the perilous trek to Oklahoma. Interestingly enough, she has a passion for playing any instrument she picks up. She primarily plays piano and enjoys singing, however she has ventured into ukulele territory for some of her field studies. Her hobbies include playing dungeons and dragons, participating in color guard, and reading for fun. She vehemently enjoys the challenge of sight-reading any music, and has honed her abilities to be proficient in doing so. Her main goal in life is to graduate and become a Music Therapist to aid in rehabilitation of physically or mentally ill patients. Although she doesn’t have much free time, she says it will all pay off in the end.

Janis Taliaferro

Hometown: Purcell, OK
Classification: Senior
Major: Health Science
Residence Hall: Oklahoma Hall

Most Janis, our RA of the Month! Janis is a senior looking to major in Health Science. Janis’ favorite thing about being an RA is having the relationships formed with her residents. She enjoys listening to artist like Christina Aguilera and Sugarland as well as singing during her free time. Two special things that are dear to her are a Bible which was given to her by her grandparents as well as an elephant painting from her grandmother. When asked what she missed most about being a kid, she said she missed taking naps and going on early morning donut runs with her dad. Her most memorable moment at SWOSU was when she and a group of friends pitched in to save money together to buy a plane ticket for their friend to fly back home to West Virginia, codenaming it “Operation Christmas Child”. When she graduates, she said that she will miss all her residents but wishes them luck and a joyful college experience!

Clay Brooks

We are in the home stretch, dear friends. We’ve made it past the lull before spring break and here we are! For some, this is the last semester before the bold steps toward society are taken, while for others this is the closing semester of a first year in college. Whatever the case is, give yourself a pat on the back. You deserve it. In the midst of congratulating yourself for all your hard work, keep your eyes on the prize! This is not the time to rest on your laurels but to fuel up one last time to cap this school year off in the proper way. Do NOT lose your motivation just yet. These coming days are critical in your success story! My best advice is to KEEP GOING. You deserve the best, therefore you must work to achieve the best. You CAN do this! YOU ARE AWESOME!