### Rodeo rides back into Weatherford

By Stacey Bailey
Staff Reporter

The “Rodeo of the Year” is back in town.

The 43rd Annual SWOSU Rodeo begins tomorrow night at 7 at the Don Mitchell Arena in Radar Park and is followed by two more performances Friday and Saturday evening.

Students will be admitted free with a SWOSU ID, and general admission will be $5 per night or $10 for an all-session pass.

This event brings hundreds of contestants from 15 regional institutions to compete for titles in the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Contestants will showcase their skills in nine events: bareback riding, tie-down calf roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

“The main goal for this rodeo is just to bring it to town so that everyone can experience the fun of rodeo,” said head rodeo coach Michael Vinski. “Students can benefit from its recreational nature while Denver owners will likely experience a big economic impact from a tourism standpoint.”

In addition to the action inside the arena, multiple events will be held. Graduating seniors will be honored during Senior Night just before the Thursday performance. The 2015 SWOSU Rodeo Team golf tournament will be held Friday morning. The tournament will be in a three-man scramble format, and tee times begin at 7 a.m. Entries will be taken by Bill E. Williams at 940-229-9007.

Friday’s performance is “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” night in honor of breast cancer awareness. SWOSU rodeo has teamed up with Cowboys for Cancer to promote the cause.

“We’re really excited to be able to tie our rodeo in with this cause,” Vinski said. “The rodeo itself is a great community service event, but collaborating with Cowboys for Cancer takes it to another level.”

Cowboys for Cancer was established in 2014 by breast cancer survivor Ch某ia McSperry and family. The organization has raised more than $30,000 to benefit families in western Oklahoma.

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Facklam is excited.

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### Library offers variety of new technology

Maggie Tran
Staff Reporter

The A. Harris Library has introduced new technologies for students.

These technologies range from charging stations tosnowboarding options. For example, students can check out Go Pro Camera from the circulation desk. These high-definition personal cameras are compact, lightweight, rugged, and wearable or mountable on vehicles.

Also, the libraries are trying to change the “boutique habit” of most students by providing charging battery packs for multiple devices. If a student’s device (laptop, cell phone, tablet, etc.) is low on battery, he or she can check out one of the power packs, plug it into the device and take it with him or her.

“We start doing the because we notice them as a lot of people plug the chargers into the wall across the walkway,” said Jason Dus­pee, library director. “We were told that could cause fire hazard."

Other innovations are still in process, such as construction of Group Study Room #1 on the second floor. It will contain a conference table and a 42-inch TV for students working on group projects and presentations.

Also, for students who take online classes, the room is where they can interact with teachers. There is a camera on the screen that allows the professor and students to see each other, so they can work on the assignments like an in-class course.

### Crew favorites return for SWOSUpalooza

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### Outdoor classroom...

Students in the Outdoor Recreation Class watch as instructor Dr. Chad Kindler demonstrates cooking in Dutch Ovens. The classes meet at Crowder Lake. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)
Alumni Mixer will be held at 5 p.m.

The term “digital footprints” refers to any data that users leave behind when using digital services. There are two main types of digital footprints: those that are passive, meaning that the data is collected without the user knowing, and active footprints, which are left by the user themselves.

Easter egg hunting in the dark

Students and children get instructions before Friday’s Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Zeta Phi. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)

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NEWS

Experts warn students to monitor their social media habits, postings

We live in an age of computers and the Internet. Tons of information is at the fingertips of everyone on the planet, and everyone can communicate with one another. However, the Internet has been exploited by people and there are security and privacy issues that can happen when information is put up and even browsing can leave a trail for people to follow.

Students, staff and area residents are invited to the SWOSU Wellness Expo the Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The annual free event is hosted by SWOSU’s Health and Counseling Services and functions to educate individuals on the importance of overall wellness and ways of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Several departments, organizations and businesses will set up booths at the expo including: Athletic Training and Exercise Science Department, Campus Ministry, First Choice Pregnancy Care Center, SWOSU Health and Counseling Services, Health and Wellness Services, SWOSU Human Resources, Music Therapy students, personal fitness trainers, College of Pharmacy, Psychology, Psychiatric Services, Psych of Women Class, School of Nursing, vocational rehabilitation services, Wellness Center/Humanmarks, Whole Foods, Markets and more.

For more information or if an organization would like to be involved, contact Health and Counseling Services at 580.774.3776.
Zeta Phi to host brisket dinner/auction

By Raven White
Staff Reporter

Zeta Phi will host an all-you-can-eat brisket dinner April 9 at 7PM at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries. The dinner will consist of brisket, vegetables and dessert. The event will also include a labor auction consisting of the Zeta members. They will be auctioning themselves off to do labor such as laundry, dishes, cooking, or baby-sitting.

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Tips offered for finals preparation

By Tyler Steinly
Staff Reporter

To some students, it may seem like there is still a ton of time left in the school year. Students may be surprised when these last few weeks fly by and they find themselves unprepared for their final tests.

Finals can be an extremely stressful time for many students, and it can be very helpful to start preparing as advance as you possibly can. Here are three helpful tips to get you ready for finals.

Prioritize your classes.

With most of the semester already over, you should have a pretty good grasp on what classes you are taking. Review your syllabus and determine what classes you are in. This will help you see how much time you have for the hardest tests early. You may even find there is still time to give your grade a little help when test time comes around.

Learn how you study best.

With a few weeks left, there’s still time for you to figure out your best method for studying. Try the trial-and-error method to figure out what helps you retain information the best. Some people like complete repetition with recursion, while some like making word games and acronyms. Some students like to walk while they study. They find that sitting still makes them lose focus quickly, but doing okay in and what ones you’ve let slip a bit. Check your scores and grades and figure out which of your classes you need to study the best in so you can start preparing yourself for the harder tests early. You may even find there is still time to give your grade a little help when test time comes around.

Tips offered for finals preparation (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

Movie Review

Cinderella

By Brad Rowson
Staff Reporter

Video games are a fun way to pass the time when you have nothing else to do, or to help relieve stress from everything else in life. It can also be a fun more relaxing than watching a movie or television show because it is a much more attractive experience.

You can take your favorite sports team to a championship in the many different sports video games, or you can spend over 100 hours in a world that has been created where you can create a character and take him through every inch of that world. The possibilities of video games are endless.

That's dangerous for a student with two tests or a paper due the next day. Sometimes playing a game goes from a fun hobby to something much more serious.

"I played so much WoW (World of Warcraft) that I actually barely passed my senior year of school," one student said. "I took all the time I should have spent working on homework and studying for tests and spent it playing the game instead," said Jason Moore, one of many students that trade their girlfriend say that I didn't pay enough attention to her and it ultimately ended up breaking the main reason we broke up."

Another student, Chris Miller, "played video games so much that it made my ex-girlfriend say that I didn't pay enough attention to her and it ultimately ended up breaking the main reason we broke up."

In America, 81 percent of youth play video games once or more times a month, and roughly 85 percent of those young people are addicted to gaming. On average, these young people play video games 14 hours of the week, which equates to almost two hours a day.

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**Bulldog pitching leads to weekend victories**

WEATHERFORD, Okla. —Those SWOSU pitchers combined to throw 16 shutout innings on Friday as the Bulldogs earned a pair of victories over Great American Conference leader Ouachita Baptist at the Athletic Complex.

SWOSU won the first game 3-0 before getting just a single run and holding off the Tigers in the seventh of a 1-0 win in the second game.

**SWOSU 3, Ouachita Baptist 0**

A two-run GAC Pitcher of the Week already this season, Jon Chidester has had too have his top performance of the season as he carried a one-hit effort into the ninth inning of the series opener against the top offense in the conference. He wound up with allowing those hits in his first complete-game shutout as a Bulldog while striking out six Tigers and walking just one.

Facing a pinch-hitter would have enjoyed the nightcap even more than the opener as the teams combined for just nine hits and one run in another quickly played game. Austin Hilton took the hill for the Bulldogs and gave Bryan Holt the RBI opportunity that has been named the Great American Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week, earning league honors for the third time this season. Chidester, who shares this weekly award with a time this season. He wound up with allowing three hits in his first complete-game effort that also saw him bringing Barton home to score.

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Res Life

CAN’T BE MISSED EVENTS
By: Cody Ewing

It’s baseball season and it is time to pack the park and support our Dawgs. Grab your friends and come out to the fields. Nice weather, free food and drinks, and a chance to win an Apple TV. Pack the Park will be Friday, April 10th at 2:00pm. There is no better way to start your weekend than baseball, free food, and a chance to win prizes. So come on out!

PICS OF THE
Res Life

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT
Rebecca Dill
Hometown: Hollis, OK
Classification: Senior
Residence Hall: Stewart Hall
Major: Mass Communications

Rebecca is a Mass Communications major here at SWOSU. She will be applying for graduate school at the University of Oklahoma this coming fall to pursue a Master’s of Public Relations. Rebecca is passionate about communication and team work and hopes to one day work in public relations for a major Oklahoma corporation. On campus Rebecca is president of Delta Sigma Theta. In the months to come Rebecca is excited to watch Delta Sigma Theta grow in numbers and also grow in Jesus. Her favorite past time is simply hanging out with her sorority sisters and letting them know they are loved. Rebecca would like everyone to know that Jesus Loves You!

MEET A RES-LIFE PERSON
Angelica Lagaunie
Hometown: Yukon, OK
Classification: Junior
Major: Allied Health
Residence Hall: Stewart Hall

Meet Angelica! Angelica became an RA to inspire females to be the best they could possibly be. A fun fact about her is she was the only girl born in the hospital on the day she was born. In her spare time Angelica likes to hang out with friends and watch Thunder basketball games. Angelica is involved in Phi Delta Chi and Medical Professions Club. Her favorite quote is “She believed she could so she did.” If you’re ever near Stewart Hall, you should come by and say hi to Angelica!

BRAINSTORM
By: Anthony Braden

What makes a bond? There are as many things that tie us together as there are that tear us apart: ethnicity, gender, age, scholastic achievement, common goals or activities, and social circles are all different ways we come together...and judge each other. What makes this big difference between brethren and outcasts? I think it has to do with choice. As I’ve stated so many times before, we all make up how our own world’s turn, and everything we do is by choice. This includes who we bring into our inner circle. However, remember that all those things that bring us together or tear us apart are only illusions. In the end, there is only humanity. We bring people close to us because we want to share ourselves with them, and they with us. Giving you something to think about: Without your friends—past and present—by your side, where would you be today? Sources of teamwork and imaginative potential, or a waste of time for everyone?

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