The annual February blood drive on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford will be held February 2-3, and the year’s event will benefit a Weatherford ninth-grade student. Jace Hilliard continues his fight against Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, a rare form of cancer that attacks the body’s red blood cells. Hilliard was diagnosed in late 2014 and began treatments during the week of Christmas. Cindy Dougherty, dean of students at SWOSU, said students wanted the SWOSU drive to show support for Hilliard as well as thousands of others who are fighting alongside him.

The blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day in the Wellness Center. The drive is conducted by the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

New year, new schedule

 Semester features later start and week of finals

By Raven White and Maggie Tran
Staff Reporters

This spring semester, Southwestern Oklahoma State University administration enacted a new policy to change the start day of school from Wednesday to Monday of the following week - three days later than usual. This change led to a longer-than-normal winter break. The change also affected finals, which now will take place Monday through Friday at the end of the semester. Traditionally, finals have started on a Thursday and ended the following Wednesday.

This spring semester, Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s Student Publication Staff Reporter

Spring Panorama series features Shark Tank star

By Stacey Bailey
Staff Reporter

Raymond John, star of the hit television series The Shark Tank, will appear as part of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Panorama series at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Pioneer Cellular Events Center. Students can purchase tickets for $5 with a SWOSU I.D. card. Tickets may be obtained by visiting the SWOSU Wellness Center and Marketing Office, Room 305 of the Administration Building, by calling 877.990.7882, or online at panorama.com or pioneercellular- eventcenter.com.

The Shark Tank, the root ofRaymond John’s fame, is a critically-acclaimed television series that gives ambitious entrepreneurs the chance to face some of the most successful self-made millionaires in hopes to gain support of their business endeavors.

John’s story of rags-to-riches with his unique clothing line, FUBU: (For Us, By Us), serves as a model for success not only from a business perspective but life in general. His presentations are known to inspire and educate audience members about effective business-related strategies such as branding, proactivite, and social media integration as well as strategies for goal setting and implementing positive lifestyle changes.

Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama committee, hopes that students will take advantage of this opportunity to listen to Raymond John’s entrepreneurship expertise.

“The Shark Tank show is currently on the rise, so SWOSU is lucky to have secured Mr. John as a speaker this time,” Adler said. “The committee’s No. 1 goal when scheduling events for the Panorama series is to gear the content toward the students.”

Adler said that it is challenging at times to find a variety of feasible, entertaining events; yet he believes the Panorama series has a history of successful events, and John will be no exception.

“I hope that everyone will show up to this event because Mr. John is a highly-regarded business consultant and motivational speaker,” Adler said. “In addition to his fame on The Shark Tank, John is also a highly-regarded business consultant and motivational speaker.

“The new schedule brings lots of Dead Days -- which were once the Monday through Wednesday before finals, are now the three class days -- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday -- before the beginning of Finals on May 4. Convocation is scheduled for May 9, one day after the end of finals. Grades will be due the Monday after graduation.

“The new schedule brings lots of benefits to students, especially, international or transferred students,” said Dr. Randall Beidtloff, director of International Student Affairs. A later school beginning impacts on students in residence life, who wanted the SWOSU drive to benefit local youth.

Residence Life students Val Lopez, Trinity Nicole, and Cassidy Hayes spent the evening in Bricktown as part of Residence Life’s trip to a Thunder game. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)

Blood drive to benefit local youth

About 100 students enjoyed a night on the town and a Thunder game at Chesapeake Arena courtesy of Residence Life. Sitting the stands are Beau Srader, Clay Brooks, Stewart Tripp, John Srader, and Jonas Taliaferro. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)

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Participants sought for scholarly fair

By Colley Lamar
Staff Reporter

The 22nd annual Research and Scholarly Fair gives students and faculty an opportunity to present their research to peers and the community through oral presentations and posters. The fair is usually held in the spring to allow students to study up in the fall and work on their presentations. Students wishing to register can speak with their department heads and then fill out an abstract submission form. The final deadline for abstract submissions is Friday, March 6th.

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who need more time to get ready. Beckloff said that
to complete their paperwork and get comfortable with
in Weatherford on Monday and started classes on
in previous semesters, international students arrived
Lab (MS) Summer Internship Information
Pharmacy Supervisor at Reynolds Army Community
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Brandy from page 1

Institute, speaking on the science of the cochlear implant
Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.
semester biology seminar series at Southwestern

Five biology programs scheduled

Five programs are planned during the 2015 spring
department heads and then fill out an
abstract submission form. The final
presentations. Students wishing to honor the achievements of someone who works on
behalf of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Crossword (courtesy of mirroryes.com)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pharmacy LifEFP Meeting
7:20 AM - 9:00 AM Introductory Programming
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Community Meeting
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Student Senate meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2015
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pharmacy professionalism Dinner
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM OMEGA SIGMA
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Women’s Basketball vs. Southern Nazarene University
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Friday, January 30, 2015
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM President Beckloff Luncheon with SGA
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM SGA Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2015
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM SWOSU Softball Org Meeting
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6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women’s Basketball vs. Eastern Oklahoma State T

Sunday, February 1, 2015
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tau Beta Sigma meeting
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM SGA Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2015
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Blue Devils
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Business Meeting
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Black Student Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2015
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FEATURES

Bring on the popcorn
Season’s shows and movies appeal to all viewers

By Brad Rowson
Staff Reporter

Now that the holidays are over, our favorite television shows are coming back. In addition to screening favorites, there are some exciting new television shows that are worth checking out. Currently airing on AMC is one of the new Marvel show, Agent Carter. Hayley Atwell returns to her role as Agent Peggy Carter from Captain America: The First Avenger. Working for the covert SSR (Strategic Scientific Reserve), Peggy must balance administrative work with secret missions for Howard Stark. This show will run from now until March when the other Marvel show, Agent of SHIELD, will return.

Starting on Feb. 19, at 7:30 on CBS, The Odd Couple returns with original stars Matthew Perry and Matt LeBlanc in today’s take on Neil Simon’s 1965 Broadway play about polar opposite roommates. Sarah Baker (Friends), Michael Park (Medium) will also star.

March brings quite a few new shows. Starting on Sunday, Mar. 1, on Fox it will be the comedy Last Man on Earth with Will Forte created and stars in this comedy series about two families who, after the apocalypse, must put their differences to the survival of the human race. Then that same night, on CBS at 9, Bull, Craig, from Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan and House, M.D. creator David Shore, will be about two detectives with different views on the world teaming up. Dean Winters, Josh Duhamel, Jami Fechter, Ashley Duhier, Eduardo Femandez Jr. and Kali Reim star.

On Wednesday March 4, at 9, CBS’ Color-casting Patricia Arquette (Mojob) as the lead of the fifth NCIS: Cyber crime division. James Van Der Beek (Dawson’s Creek) and Peter MacNicol (All My Children) also star. Finally, on Tuesday, March 7 at 8 on the CW, iZombie is about a student turned zombies (Rose McIver) who takes a job in the coroner’s office to gain access to the brains she must reluctantly eat to maintain her humanity, but what happens when she starts consuming the corpse’s memories? Written by the Wachowskis (the creators of The Matrix), will be in theaters. The movie is set in the future and is about, a young destitute human woman gets targeted for assassination by the Queen of the Universe, and begins her destiny to finish the Queen’s reign. The film stars Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis. Also on the 6th, The Odd Couple Movie: Spoon out at Water will premiere. It is a sequel to the first SpongeBob movie and probably be a very nostalgic experience for a lot of us. Then on February 13, Kingsman: The Secret Service will be in theaters. It is about a British Secret Service, agent on the 20th, Fifty Shades of Grey, based on the novel of the same name premieres. On the 25th, The Fall Time Machine 2 has most of the cast return for more time traveling hijinks. Finally, on the 27th, Focus starring Will Smith, is about a veteran grifter who takes a young, attractive woman under his wing, but things get complicated when they become romantically involved.

March will bring Cloudy, a live-action retelling of the classic fairytale. Directed by Kenneth Branagh and starring Lily James, Hayley Atwell, Helena Bonham Carter, and Caizy Blanc, also yet another Paranormal Activity comes out, Insurgent, the sequel to Divergent, has all the cast return on March 20. On the 27th, Get Hard, starring Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell about millennials James King, will premiere. King is nailed for fraud and bound for San Quentin when he turns to Darnell Lewis to help him go behind bars. Hone a new animated movie about a young girl and an alien who go on the road trip of a lifetime comes out on the 27th.

There is not much yet scheduled for April. However on the 6th, in Fast & Furious, franchise. Then on the 17th, the sequel nobody asked for, Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 comes out.

Beginning the summer movie season, but technically still the spring, Activity will be in theaters. The movie is set in the future and is about , of Grey comes out on May 1. When Tony Stark tries to jumpstart a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry and it is up to him to prevent the villainous Ultron from enacting his terrible plans. This will more than likely be the biggest movie of the year, and I am sure that just about everybody will see it. Then we have all the big summer blockbusters that will come out after, but those stories are for another time.
Bills select Ryan as head coach

By Will Sagraves and Tyler Steenly Staff Reporters

On Jan. 12, 2015, Southwestern alumni Rex Ryan joined the NFL’s Buffalo Bills as the 18th head coach in team history.

Ryan’s first task was to long-term coaching career with the New York Jets. It finished with a 40-52 combined regular season record and 4-2 postseason record in his six seasons with the team. The 1987 alum combined regular season record and 4-2 postseason record, bringing its total size to 7,500 square feet currently. In total, more than $350,000 worth of cash and donations were used to complete the center includes new barbells, strength and medicine balls that are placed at each workout station.

"Our Strength & Conditioning Center has been in need of an upgrade and we are very thankful for the gracious donations of SWSU Athletics supporters that enabled this to happen," SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Thurman said. "A special thank you goes to Jim & Joanna Loomis, De Carl & Sandra Hoke and the SWOSU Athletic Association for taking on a major role in making this idea come to life. The best part about renovating the Strength & Conditioning Center is that it will benefit all of our student-athletes, making it a virtual improvement for the future of our programs."

Strength and conditioning center to be unveiled

The latest improvement for the SWOSU Athletics facilities will be displayed on Hall of Fame Weekend as new equipment is added to the SWOSU Strength & Conditioning Center on Saturday, January 31, at 9:50 a.m.

The plan to renovate the Strength & Conditioning Center went into action last September and was completed within a four month timeframe. In total, more than $50,000 worth of cash and donations were used to complete the project, which expanded the gym by 2,500 square feet to the south end, bringing its total size to 7,500 square feet currently. Windows were added to the structure on the east side and in the addition while the walls were lined with sheet rock and painted. The ceiling was created with a black paint job and had five new ceiling fans installed along with an additional water fountain within the addition. New custom flooring from PLAE flooring — the best performance flooring on the market today — was laid throughout the building along with SWSU logos featured throughout and 14 custom half racks built by Hammer Strength, another top of the line provider. Nearly 6,000 pounds of custom bumper plates made by Intek were ordered, featuring SWSU's blue and gray colors. Another custom feature of the Strength & Conditioning Center is dumbbells made by Troy Barbell that feature the SWOSU Strength and Conditioning head logo on opposite sides.

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Such a little thing can sometimes cause a big problem.

Bulldogs lose close game at Alva

ALVA, Okla. — After taking a nine-point lead with 11:28 to play, SWOSU was outrebounded 23-17 to end the game as Northwestern Oklahoma State outresewed 65-56 steal was in the lead until under the five minute mark as SWSU’s Adrian Motley hit a short jumper to pull the Rangers up 58-54. That basket started a 6-0 run that put Northwestern up for good left the Bulldogs battling from behind. Martell Collins hit a basket with 2:25 to play to get SWSU within three and an Ayin Ok-Hock on the next possession gave SWSU the lead back a 59-56 deficit with less than a minute to play, but a left wing 3-pointer from Kenyan Borders was off line and free throws from the Rangers closed out the game.

The loss drops SWSU to 2-8 in conference play, which puts them in a tie for fourth place in the conference standings heading into a matchup at Southern Nazarene Thursday evening.

Women’s offense shut down by Northwestern

ALVA, Okla. — Disappointing second half led SWSU to defeat, 61-31, to in-state rival Northwestern Oklahoma State on Thursday night in the Porcellly Fieldhouse.

On Jan. 12, 2015, Southwestern alumni Rex Ryan

Rex Ryan speaks at his induction into the Southwestern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. Ryan was recently selected as the new head coach of NFL’s Buffalo Bills.
**Balls Of Fury**

By: Cody Ewing

The time has come to engage in the war of Ping Pong! Neff Hall's bi-annual Ping Pong Tournament is October 9th at 6pm and is open to any Neff resident. If you enjoy playing ping pong and want a chance to compete against Rogers and Jefferson Hall come by Neff Hall next Thursday. You must place first or second to qualify to play against R&J's best! Come out and battle for the top two spots, 1st place receives a three star paddle and 2nd place receives a two star paddle; not to mention your name will be forever remembered on Neff Hall's Ping Pong Champion P
ics of the Res Life

**Meet a Res Life Person**

**Mary Iliff**

Hometown: Shattuck, OK

Classification: Freshmen

Residence Hall: Oklahoma Hall

Major: Political Science

Mary is a Freshman Political Science major here at SWOSU and hopes to become a corporate attorney. Mary also is on the SWOSU cheer team; she has been cheering for ten years and was on an All American team four years in a row. She once had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii and cheer at a Hawaii State football game. Some other things Mary loves include shopping (especially at the outlet mall) and dogs. She owns three dogs of her own but she could, Mary would own 100 dogs. One thing Mary enjoys about SWOSU is the small campus because it makes thing easier. Mary would like to give a big shout out to Paityn Matthews, one of the Oklahoma RA's. Come by Oklahoma Hall and say hi to Mary and don't forget to tell her happy birthday on February 13th.

**Tayla Steckel**

Hometown: Edmond, OK

Classification: Junior

Major: Chemistry, B.S.

Residence Hall: Rogers Hall

Tayla is the exceptional RA of the month! When asked why she became an RA Tayla said "My RA my freshman year made me feel welcome to college. I know as freshman first moving away from family we can get scared and I wanted to be there for those people." Tayla aspires to help people through medicine; in order to do that she wants to become an Anesthesiologist. A fun fact about Tayla is that she is the oldest of five kids and during the summer she is a Supervisor at Frontier City. Tayla is involved in Intramural volleyball and attends Chi Alpha occasionally. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and family. Her favorite quote is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13. If you are ever near R&J swing by and meet Tayla, RA of the Month!

**Brainstorm**

By: Anthony Braden

Advantages and disadvantages. Where do they come from? The answer is simple: YOU. Advantages are tools in a situation where you can find yourself above and beyond where you think you ought to be, with relative ease. A dedicated 20 hours of study time a week or a diligent teacher of whom you can ask questions at all hours of the night count as advantages. Now many people think that when something bad happens, it's someone else's fault. That's totally false. Any person prepared for something bad to happen can get rid of a disadvantage in two seconds flat. A disadvantage is the opposite of an advantage. Both come from you being ready to make them happen. Advantages are never made on their own, you have to look for them and make them work for you. When you're always ready for something bad to happen, you can always turn it around. And always be ready to be someone's advantage. You never know when you'll need the same. Giving you something to think about: If you never give up on something, how can it ever fail?