Avett Brothers scheduled for September concert

American band The Avett Brothers will perform in concert on Thursday, September 25, at Southwestern. The Avett Brothers concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the new Pioneer Cellular Event Center, and the show is part of the university’s Panorama series.

Tickets go on sale Friday, July 18, and range from $37 to $75 and can be purchased online through the SWOSU website at www.swosu.edu or www.pioneercellulareventcenter.com. The Avett Brothers combine bluegrass, country, punk, pop melodies, folk, rock and roll, indie rock, honky tonk and ragtime to produce a sound described by the San Francisco Chronicle as having the “heavy sadness of Townes Van Zandt, the light pop concision of Buddy Holly, the tuneful jangle of the Beatles, the raw energy of the Ramones.

College of Pharmacy receives national accreditation again

Southwestern’s College of Pharmacy’s Doctor of Pharmacy program on the Weatherford campus has received national accreditation once again from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Dr. Dennis Thompson, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, said the accreditation of the program is through June 30, 2022, which represents the customary eight-year cycle between self-studies for accreditation.

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Students interested in NASA internship opportunities should visit https://www.nasa.gov/education/summerprogram/summerfellowships.html

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Two make NABC Honor Court

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced today the 2013-14 NABC Honors Court, recognizing those men’s collegiate student-athletes who excelled in academics during the past season. Two players from SWOSU - Bret Atkins and Jordan Franz - were among the record 895 student-athletes to earn the NABC Honors Court distinction.

The NABC Honors Court recognizes the talents and gifts that these men possess off the court and the hard work they exhibit in the classroom. In order to be named to the Honors Court, a student-athlete must meet a high standard of academic criteria.

Atkins (Zagreb, Croatia) provided depth in the backcourt for the Bulldogs, appearing in 19 games last season. He shot 45.5% from the 3-point range while averaging just under three minutes of action per game in his sophomore season.

Franz (Alva, Okla.) saw action in all 27 games his junior season, making seven starts for the Bulldogs in midseason. He averaged 1.8 points per game while shooting 30.6% from the field and 31.0% from 3-point range in just under 10 minutes of action.

White helmets return

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - A traditional look will return to the SWOSU Football team in 2014 as they don white helmets this fall for the first time since 2005. Head Coach Dan Cocannouer recently unveiled the first prototype, which will be the only change in the Bulldogs uniforms this season.

"I’ve been thinking about ways to help our program out each year and one of the biggest pieces of feedback I get from our former players is, ‘When are you going to go back to white helmets?’" Cocannouer said. "I’ve thought about it quite a bit, because I like the blue helmets, they’re very sharp, but I’m ready to get back to tradition."

SWOSU has worn several variations of the white helmet through the years, with different Bulldog logos along with the popular ‘SW’ logo that was on the side of the lids from 1988-2003. It was also the helmet worn by SWOSU during the programs only National Championship in 1996. That helmet design was replaced by a white helmet with the new SWOSU logo in 2004 before the change to blue occurred in 2005.

“When you look at our history, all but one conference championship was won by the team while they were wearing white helmets,” Cocannouer mentioned. “We’ve come a long way since we’ve been here and I feel like it’s time for our kids to start expecting to win. We’re at the point with our program where we feel like we should expect to win and these white helmets are going to keep us in mind of that.”

Two assistants accept jobs

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - Two former assistant coaches - Kadie Berlin and Kalie Mader - have moved on from SWOSU to accept junior college head coaching positions for next season. Berlin has been named the new head softball coach at NOC Tonkawa while Mader has accepted the position as head volleyball coach at Pratt Community College.

Berlin assumed her new role on July 1st after two years at SWOSU, serving as an assistant to the Bulldog softball and cross country teams. She came to SWOSU after a playing career at Pratt CC and Ottawa (Kan.) University and she is completing her Master’s in Business Administration from SWOSU this summer.

“I am very excited to join the NOC ‘Tornadoes family and community,’ Berlin said upon her appointment. “I am blessed to have this opportunity and to do one of the things I enjoy most in life, coaching softball.”

Mader will be returning to her home state and the junior college where she played at before transferring to SWOSU. She was an assistant for the Bulldogs last season after one season as a graduate assistant at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. Mader played at SWOSU from 2010-11 and she was named to the inaugural GAC all-academic team.

“I am so thankful that I was given the opportunity to be part of the Bulldog family,” Mader said. “I will always have a special place for SWOSU in my heart. Without the support system at SWOSU, I would not be part of the coaching world and for that I’m very grateful.”

Athletic Training camp...

Several area students attended the Athletic Training camp on campus July 10-12. The prospective athletic training majors attended classes and participated in hands-on techniques. (Photos by Hannah Danforth, Tim Williams, and Morgan Brian).
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