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There are all smiles on this beautiful day at the SWOSU parade, where Duke, the school mascot makes another appearance to represent SWOSU.

Duke always knows where to find the fun and liven it up.

Students enjoy to relax in their spare time.

Whether having fun or buckling down to study, students love getting together for a little interaction.
SWOSU students will do anything for a little fun and entertainment!

The look on Philip Hunsickers face is priceless. Students love to goof around!

Clarke Hale, Jordan Frosch, and Jose Garcia take a break
The new title of Miss Southwestern 2009 goes to sophomore Kaeli Jo Carothers of Hollis Oklahoma. She will represent SWOSU at this year’s Miss Oklahoma Pageant. Her platform is “A Walk a Day Keeps the Doctor Away”. Finishing as runner-up was senior Whitney Sexton, who also won the swimsuit competition. Another senior, Rebecca Witt, won second runner-up as well as winning the talent competition for her dramatic monologue and the Peer and Respect Award which was voted on by the other contestants. Kelsey Cartwright, the current Miss Oklahoma, emceed the event this year and helped to make it one of the most memorable pageants yet.
Dare to Compete for the Crown

Bobbi Poff performing a Broadway song

Rebecca Witt during the evening wear competition

Whitney Sexton singing during the talent competition

Ashley Slemp singing during the talent competition

Kaeli Jo Carouthers, the new Miss Southwestern, next to Kelsey Cartwright the reigning Miss Oklahoma, and the other finalists and contestants from the Miss Southwestern 2009 pageant
Homecoming 2008 was held on November 1. It featured many of the regular Homecoming activities, including a parade, 5K run and fun walk, pharmacy alumni reception, and football game. The football team capped the festivities with a victory over Panhandle State.

Abigail Ntreh of Oklahoma City (Westmoore) and Stetson Schmitt of Mountain Grove (MO) were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Southwestern football game victory November 1.
Religious Organizations

Southwestern has a vastly diverse group of religious organizations that meet on campus every week.

Above: Jen Taylor, Hollie Giles, and Lela Frisbie have a great time with CRU at The Winter Conference in Ft. Worth.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.
-Deuteronomy 7:9

Above: Senior Nathan Montgomery, a History major from Granite, speaks regularly at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry’s Noonday. Noonday is Free lunch for all SWOSU students every Wednesday.

Above: Hilary Click, Emily Blackmore, and Teresa Ezersky enjoy 80’s night at the Chi Alpha House. Chi Alpha hosts event like this every semester.
What is your favorite thing about being involved in religious organizations on campus?

My favorite thing has probably been the missions opportunities. For example, I got to go to Canada with the BCM the summer after my junior year and it was sweet action.

-Trey Hester
Senior, Communication Arts

My favorite part of being involved with FCP has been getting to hear how to live out your faith in our profession. It is inspiring to hear people talk about how they make Christ the center of everything they do, including being a pharmacist.

-Brett Whitehead
Senior, Pharmacy

For in Christ, neither our most conscientious religion nor disregard of religion amounts to anything. What matters is something far more interior: faith expressed in love.

-Galatians 5:6
Panorama Series

Jeff Corwin

Revolution

The Fab Four
Popular comedian and late night talk show host Chealsea Handler canceled her much anticipated Panorama appearance at Southwestern due to scheduling conflicts. Handler’s decision not to reschedule her performance angered several disappointed students who had been looking forward to the show since it was announced last May.

From a tribute to Beatle mania to a rock and roll dance show with a popular animal expert in between, Southwestern students got to experience a little bit of everything with this year’s Panorama Series.

Panorama 2008-09 schedule
- Jeff Corwin - Nov. 3, 2008
- The Fab Four - April 17, 2009
Students can be found all around Weatherford enjoying their time away from teachers and assignments throughout the year. Students keep entertained and relieve plenty of stress during the weekends.

These are a few activities students may be seen participating in during their weekends at SWOSU:

- Sing Karaoke at Nitas
- Play pool or shuffleboard at The Office
- Dance at JC Cowboys
- Eat and relax at The Grill
- Wake up with a cup of coffee at The Cup
- Eat popcorn and watch a movie at Showest 3

"I like to go to Nitas to sing on karaoke night or play pool to get away from school," Vanessa Burkett.

Jeri Gilmore and friends enjoy going out to Cowboys especially for the Halloween Party.
"The movies is a good place to relax and hang out with friends. I like to go whenever there is a really good movie out,"

Ryan Shockey.

Students enjoy The Grill before class, in between class, and after school. Left to Right: Randall Pemberton, Heather Felder, Larissa Copeland.

"I love hanging out at the grill in between classes to relax," Larissa Copeland.
The brand new SWOSU Hilltop Theatre

The 2008-09 school year was full of new beginnings and tragic ends for both our nation and our campus. The SWOSU theatre department was the recipient of a state of the art blackbox theatre. Our nation was also witness to a historic first as we saw the first African-American and first Female candidates for President of the United States, Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton. Obama would eventually win and become the first African-American President in U.S history. The world also lost a number of entertainment figures with the passing of comedians Bernie Mac and George Carlin, as well as gifted actors Natasha Richardson and Paul Newman.
The SWOSU campus and the rest of the world was witness to many firsts this year. The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College opened on campus this year. The world also saw technological firsts as we were introduced to the iPhone and iPod Touch. The world of science also played witness to the "pregnant man" Thomas Beatie. The world of sports saw another amazing first as American Swimmer Michael Phelps captured 8 gold medals, breaking the previous record held by Phelps as well. Phelps also found himself in hot water in early 09 after he was photographed smoking marijuana.

Super Bowl Champions
08- New York Giants
09- Pittsburgh Steelers

World Series Champions
08- Philadelphia Phillies

NBA Champions
08- Boston Celtics

NHL Champions
08- Detroit Red Wings

08- NCAA Football Champions
08- LSU
09- Florida Gators

NCAA Basketball Champions
08- Kansas Jayhawks
09- North Carolina Tar Heels

NCAA Baseball Champions
08- Fresno State Bulldogs

Oscars- Best Film
08- No Country for Old Men
09- Slumdog Millionaire

Oscars- Best Actor
08- Daniel Day Lewis
09- Sean Penn

Oscars- Best Actress
08- Marion Cotillard
09- Kate Winslet

Grammy- Album of the Year
08- Herbie Hancock
09- Robert Plant/Alison Krauss

Grammy- Record of the Year
08- Amy Winehouse
09- Robert Plant/Alison Krauss

Grammy- Song of the Year
08- Rehab, Amy Winehouse
09- Viva La Vida- Coldplay
Daring Trends

President Obama making history our senior year, these shirts were made a hot trend.

Trends our senior year included bright colors, the brighter the better. Much of what we remember from the 1980's rang true as fashion this year. The more it did not make sense with crazy patterns and colors and mixing textures, the more it did make sense as a fashion trend.

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What was your favorite trend of your senior year?

“My favorite trend this year was scarves. I like to wear them with practically anything.” - Krystal Wright

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I dare you to try campus life

This year, the Southwestern dorms offered its residents several activities that ranged from fun to practical.

In an effort to keep campus residents safe, the dorms offered a self-defense class. The class was open to all Oklahoma and Stewart Hall residents.

Other resident life activities included fun monthly parties such as a luau and Easter egg hunt.

In addition, Neff Hall adopted a portion of a local highway and sponsored a clean-up day.

Dorm residents also went on a resident life ski trip.

“I love living in the dorms because I can walk to all my classes and I don’t have to drive and I can be more involved in campus activities.”
- Ashley Slemp
SWOSU has more than 90 organizations on campus ranging from academic clubs to ethnic clubs and religious organizations to social clubs. No matter what a student’s interests are, they are sure to find something to get involved in.

"Getting involved in campus organizations has made my college experience unforgettable. The staff and students I have worked with over the past four years have been so supportive and have taught me so much."
--Theresa Shaklee

"Being involved in the English Club and Sigma Tau Delta made it a lot easier to make connections with people in the department. Because of the groups, I knew who to go to and what to do if I had any problems with any of my classes."
--Heather Harmon

The officer team of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a national business organization: Officers are (left to right): Dana Nightingale, Kelsey Zybach, Jordy Acklin, Mustang, faculty advisor Jim Long; Kody Tucker, Kelsey Boone, and Alyssa Showman.

Senior Daniel Ballard gets messy painting at the New Student Orientation retreat.
CAB members stay busy throughout the year planning campus activities for SWOSU students.

“I am involved in Kappa Gamma Beta, Campus Safety Committee, NSO, and Criminal Justice Association. Getting involved at SWOSU has been the key to my success as a student. I have met tons of awesome people which in turn has allowed me to have a huge networking system. As a senior, I can use these resources to find and develop a career path.” --Aaron Bark

Several students and faculty were recently inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s new chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, a Spanish honor society. Pictured are (from left): Gail Lettkeman, honorary member; Tamara Gregory of Navajo, Travis Hasley of Frederick and Joel Kardokus of Lookaba-Sickles.

“Before my senior year, I wasn’t very involved at SWOSU. However, during my senior year, I got more involved and realized that school was actually much more fun and I enjoyed it much better. Getting involved allowed me to make a lot of new friends and more connections.” --Linsey Hale

Members of the psychology club pose in front of their float.
It's a great way to stay competitive and active in sports, even though we may not have the talent of a college athlete.
-Senior Roger Butts

Playing intramurals in a great way to stay in shape without having to do too much running.
-Junior Danny Vise Jr.
Spring Basketball Champions
- Boys A League: Veterans
- Boys B League: The That Guys
- Girls: Dynamic

I Dare You To...Compete!

Some of the best memories I have at Swosu are from playing intramurals!!

- Senior Jessica Speegle

Intramurals at SWOSU are very competitive yet fun. I would not have enjoyed my college experience near as much had I not had the opportunity to play intramurals.

- Senior Ashley Slemp

Places to Play
- Basketball & Volleyball: Wellness Center
- Flag Football: Soccer Practice Field
- Softball: Rader Park

The Gallopin Goats have fun after they won the Fall Co-Ed Basketball Championship. Pictured are: Back-Kyle Mickley, Asa Zoschke, Brock Gilliam, Brett Whitehead

I Dare You To...Compete!
The first month of school holds many activities for Southwestern students. Activities include Move-In Day, Organization Fair, Oozeball tournament, cookouts, and many more activities offered free of charge to all SWOSU students.

Desirae Sarver, Emily Kelly, and Paisley Ford take a break from helping students move into the dorms.

Students receive information about campus and community groups at the Organization Fair.

Willow Yearby, Harold Lewis, Christa Scott, and Christian Scott take advantage of the free bowling night offered during Dawg Days.

Desirae Sarver, Emily Kelly, and Paisley Ford take a break from helping students move into the dorms.
The SWOSU wellness center provided an outlet for seniors to relieve some stress, whether it was pumping iron, running, lifting weights or just walking. Ashley Slemp a Communications and Political Science Major said that, "I go to the wellness center everyday. It has everything I need to stay in shape.

The wellness center also offers work out classes such as kickboxing, P90X, and an ab class. In order to accommodate students that had a heavy work or school schedule, the wellness center opened at 6am and stayed open until 11pm. Andy Tschetter a senior Communications Major, said that," Working out is a great stress reliever. After hours of lecture and studying I need to blow off some steam."

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I love running, it makes me feel better about that sleeve of girl scout cookies I ate.- Bobbi Poff
The Student Government Association (SGA) is the governing body of SWOSU students, advocating their interests, and venturing to be the voice of change.

SGA braved the challenges of major legislation, passing bills that called for a tobacco free campus, increases in student fees, and rerouting the Homecoming parade. Courageous constitutional revisions were made throughout the year after countless hours of reviews. These issues passed through the Senate and were voted on by the student body at the April elections.

SGA sponsored Homecoming, the Tough Enough to Wear Pink 5K race, open forum debates, Relay for Life, Swosupalooza, and many other events throughout the year.

SGA members also participate in Oklahoma Student Government Association, scavenger hunts, heated debates over tobacco issues and student body elections, campus wid student elections, numerous committees and meetings, and giveaways at sporting events for the students.

**Executive Staff**
Greg Franklin, Student Body President
Josh Buxton, Student Body Vice-President
Nolan Lawless, Student Body Treasurer
Mary Lawless, Speaker of the Senate
Caitlin Harwell, Senate Secretary
Wendy Jones, Sergeant at Arms

**Executive Cabinet Members**
Alain Feghali, Chief of Staff
Sierra Dawn Smith, Internal Affairs Secretary
Hung Nyugen, Public Relations Secretary
Maria Ortega, Special Projects Secretary
Homecoming queen candidates Megan (McCarthey) Atchley, Abigail Ntreh, and Sarah Mueggenborg ride in the homecoming parade.

Message From the President

SGA in Review:

This year, the Student Government Association tackled many key issues that could impact the future of SWOSU in a great way. One of the most interesting was the idea of making our campus tobacco free. This topic brought out passion in students, both for and against, and lead to the first ever SGA hosted Tobacco Debate. After the debate, the student senate had a chance to listen to the facts on the issue, and finally voted, passing the legislation to make the campus completely tobacco free and sent the bill to a vote by the student body. This topic and many others were discussed and thoroughly dissected with the best interest of the student body, the university, and the community always in mind.

Greg Franklin
Student Body President

Student Body Vice President Josh Buxton and Special Projects Secretary Maria Ortega dress as a lumberjack and a librarian for the Halloween session of SGA.

Brandy the Bulldog hands out candy at the Homecoming parade. SGA sponsors a yearly scholarship for the Brandy the Bulldog mascot.

Several members of the men’s basketball team volunteered themselves to be auctioned off as Valentine’s dates to help raise money for cancer research as part of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink 5K campaign.

The opposition (above) and the proponency (below) argued their views on a tobacco free campus at the open debate.
Dare you to...

Go Greek!

Here at Southwestern. Loyalty to our school, sports, and students is prominent in all we do. However, there are a handful of students, both guys and girls, who hold a loyalty unlike any other: for their brothers and sisters. These individuals belong to six different groups, six different fraternities and sororities that make up Southwestern's Greek organization. This social organization, known as Greek life, has an unique history. Those involved with SWOSU's Greek life participate in community events, raise awareness for chosen issues, and build relationships with others. Here, Greek life is more than just another organization. It's a way of life.
Kappa Gamma Beta
Kappa Delta Omega
Sigma Sigma Chi
Sigma Tau Gamma
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Zeta Phi

"Sigma, for me, is way more than just another organization. It's a group of girls who became my best friends. Sigma opened many doors for me and blessed me with many opportunities I wouldn't have had otherwise. It's one of the things that made college such a great experience. Looking back, I'd do it all again."

-Summer Smith, Senior, Sigma Sigma Chi

Sigma girls participate in a tug-of-war contest during SWOSU's annual Relay for Life.

Zeta Phi sorority at one of their many get togethers!
Madelynn Sayers and Dana Miller study for an Applications of Athletic Training test.

Donnel Mathis, Dr. Gaydosik, Melody Bowen, Tina Foster, and Shalini Harris enjoy dinner after attending “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Corey Mingura takes time between classes to read.

Erica Benda represents SWOSU at the State Capitol for Research Day.
James Crittenden works on Westview.

Mike Visnieski and Aaron Gray use defense tactics learned in class.

Steven Cornell teaches the SWOSU students a kneeling shooting position in a firearm safety course. Pictured left to right: P.J. Yoder, Tyler Vogt, Clayton Johnson, Justin Snider, and Jacob Pool.

Calli Hamar teaches the children how similar candy and medication can

Naysha Coffman teaches children at Weatherford East Elementary how to deal with bullies.
Do you have what it takes to be a Pharmacy student here at SWOSU? You don’t have a chance unless you can achieve excellent grades through hours upon hours of studying, and are daring enough to even make it into the Pharm. D program, which only happens for approximately 85 students each year. Those who do make it into this prestigious program can rest assured that graduates from the COP at SWOSU have a nearly 100% employment rate, and make an average of over $90,000/year right out of school! SWOSU’s College of Pharmacy boasts over 5,000 alumni in its 70 years of pharmacy education.

Chad Gassett focuses intently as he carefully measures a liquid in his graduated cylinder.

Jenifer Prater works intently on the computer during an intense laboratory assignment.

"Pharmacy school has been like the coffee it took to make it through... bittersweet."
-Curtis Stinnett
(Above Left) There’s no fooling around for Erin Adams as she steadily moves a substance to the scale.

(Above) Travis Wolf, Sheba Thomas, and Amber Mathos geniusly concentrate on their work.

(Left) Mylinh precisely measures out a substance and Teresa Nguyen works on her lab with a contented smile on her face.
The most useful class I’ve taken so far is Organizational Behavior. We learned how to coordinate the efforts of employees with conflicting behaviors.

- Jennifer Nelson

The class I’ve enjoyed the most is Team Management. We learned how to work in a team effectively.

- James Vei

I really liked the Legal Environments of Business class. The professor explained everything thoroughly in an interesting way.

- Amanda Stradley

My most enjoyable class at SWOSU was Computer Forensics--that has always fascinated me, and we learned a lot of neat, CSI-type stuff.

- Brandon Phillips

Janie Forrest models an outfit while The Kloset employee Kim Standiford explains the dos and don'ts of business dress.
In the pictures displayed, the Professional Issues students are practicing for their mock interview, a major part of the class. Students interview each other with a list of questions that are most likely to be asked by an employer. On a set date, the students meet with Tiffany Hawkins of SWOSU’s Career Services Department to have their official mock interview. The students choose the field in which they would like to be interviewed.

"The mock interview was helpful for you to prepare for interviews after graduation. I interviewed for an event planning job." - Krystal Wright

"My mock interview went really well. I feel like it helped prepare me for the real thing. I will be much more confident when I interview for a job." - Kristen Kaufman
Chemistry and Physics

Abigail Ntreh does some work in the Chemistry Lab.

Interdisciplinary Studies

This program offers maximum flexibility for self-improvement and career enhancement for students who wish to design their own course of study, change their majors late in their academic career, return to SWOSU with new career insights, or attend the University on an irregular basis.

Music

Band members perform in the annual Homecoming Parade.

Biological Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a wide variety of majors and minors to choose from. An upbeat atmosphere and exciting classes makes going to school fun again!

Students work together to complete a project.
The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre opened Fall of 2008. Its debut production, Circus Olympus, brought family, fellow students and faculty to enjoy the new, modern theatre. With a more intimate setting, the audience sits on all four sides of the stage which allows the theatre-goers to feel like part of the show. The Fall and Spring productions included Circus Olympus, The Odd Couple (Female Version), Cabaret and ended the semester with Student Language and Literature

Fred Alsberg and Victoria Gaydosik are two faculty members who have been published.

"It has been so much fun producing our inaugural season," said the director Steve Strickler, Professor in Communication Arts. The 2008-09 school year featured the grand opening of the Hilltop black box theatre.

The percussion section of the Wind Ensemble performs in the Fine Arts auditorium.
Dare to Play
Athletics
The SWOSU football team went 3 - 8 this year with their biggest victory on November 1st, winning 42 - 7 over Oklahoma Panhandle. In January, following the season, the former Bulldog head coach, Rex Ryan, was hired on as Head Coach of the New York Jets in the NFL.

Other exciting news includes a SWOSU senior linebacker from Frederick, OK, #30 Ruzell McCoy, who was selected to be on the NCAA Division II All-American Team. Along with McCoy, Joe Sawyer, a Junior TE from Ogden, Utah, was voted to the Daktronics All-Super Region 4 team. Also, Junior QB Steve Day was voted LSC North Division Academic Player-of-the-Year. McCoy, Luke Lundy, Joe Sawyer, Kyle Wimberly, Jerrod Hunt, and Jaron Burgess made the All-Lone Star Conference North Division Football Team. With a brand new Head Coach, Dan Cocannouer, and 21 hopeful high-school recruits, the Bulldogs offer a promising 2009 season.

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(Left) Greg Franklin, a 6 ft. 240 lbs. Senior from Carl Albert, takes down a weaker Angelo State opponent on September 13th.

(Above) Kyle Wimberly, a 6 ft. 4 in. Senior Wide Receiver, rockets over his opponent for a truly incredible reception.

(Lefl) Junior Running Back from Tampa, Florida, Ovie Esalomi, stiff arms his way around an Aggie defender for an incredible run!
Dare You to Jam

The Southwestern Men’s Basketball Team ended with a phenomenal 2008-2009 season. With six seniors to lead the team, the men took on conference with 8-4 record. Although they became the number three seed in tournament play, they did not let that stand in their way. The LSC Tournament quickly deemed SWOSU as the "Cinderella" team when they defeated Angelo State in the first round of tournament play. They then went on the play UCO whom the Bulldogs had lost to twice during regular season. With the odds against them, Southwestern defeated the Bronchos with 0:02 left in the game with a shot from senior, Clarke Hale for two points which lifted the Bulldogs to the 67-69 victory. With two wins in their favor, the Bulldogs advanced to the LSC finals against Midwestern State (TX), who entered the tournament 10-2. With the clock approaching midnight, the Bulldogs were unable to finish this fairy tale story with a score of 60-66 in favor of the Mustangs. The SWOSU Bulldogs ended their season with an overall record of 19-11. Five players were named among All-Conference awards and three players earned "Player of the Week" during the season. The Southwestern Men’s basketball team graduates six senior this year- Jerard Campbell, Del City; Jordan Frosch, Midland, TX; Clarke Hale, Azle, TX; Abdullah "Bull" Lawal, Plano, TX; Kendall Smith, Cherokee; Kenneth "Redd" White, Dallas, TX.
Cross Country

"I have learned that my body can do a lot more than my mind thinks it can." - Senior Stefanie Jones

SWOSU runners Ashley Cronin (left) and Patty Murphy (right)

"With this sport you can not only achieve personal goals, but team goals as well." - Senior Kate Holleinshead

Members of the 2008 Southwestern Oklahoma State University Women's Cross Country team are (front row, left) Erin Williams, Tatum Hofman, Stefanie Jones, Coach Josh Musick, (back row) Patty Murphy, Micah Mathis, Melissa Banks and Emily Haskins. Not pictured is Kate Hollenshead.

Stefanie Jones at the Lone Star Conference's annual meet held at L.E. Ramsey Golf Course in Kingsville, Texas...
Paul Quinn 81-60 W
Pittsburg State 57-70 L
Panhandle State 67-42 W
Colorado Christian 65-73 L
Western State 75-82 L
Texas A&M - Kingsville 63-68 L
Incarnate Word 61-81 L
Angelo State 78-54 W
Abilene Christian 66-69 L
West Texas A&M 45-75 L
Eastern New Mexico 53-59 L
Tarleton State 40-70 L
Midwestern State 53-52 W
North Eastern State 44-61 L
Central Oklahoma 44-64 L
Cameron 67-59 W
Texas Woman's 59-50 W
Southeastern Oklahoma 40-76 L
East Central 57-49 W
Texas A&M - Commerce 65-70 L
Texas A&M - Commerce 69-72 L
Cameron 61-69 L
Texas Woman's 66-74 L
Southeastern Oklahoma 62-70 L
East Central 64-54 W
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Teamwork: A cooperative effort by the members of a team or group to achieve a common goal.

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After a slow start to the season, the Lady Bulldogs found their stride and battled their way to an 11-19 record at press time. Four seniors offered strong leadership to a team dominated by freshmen. One highlight for the season came when Stacey Creger hit a grand slam in an exciting win against Northeastern State University. The Lady Bulldogs’ top hitters were Stacey Creger, Laiken Lester, Brittany Scott, and Brittany Strickland.

"Being so far away from home, the teammates I’ve had throughout the years really have functioned like my family." -Kaci Carpenter

"Softball has taught me how to be part of a team and cooperate and work together to achieve a common goal." -Brittany Strickland
Dare to improve

"There is nothing like having twenty-five brothers to play ball with."
Said Chris Morrison, a senior exercise science major from Wolfe City, Tx.

Southwestern Baseball is having a tremendous start to their season compared to last year. As of March 21st the overall record for the Southwestern baseball team is 19 to 13. Their standing in the Lone Star Conference is 13 to 11. This ranks them 5th in the league. Coach Scott Selby has high expectations for the team. "We just need to be ready to step up and make the one or two plays that win ball games. We do that and the results will take care of themselves."

"Baseball was my First love," said Kenny Hare, senior Park law enforcement major from Lumberton Tx.

"When I get on the mound I forget about everything else in life. Nothing else matters, it's just baseball,"
said Adam Phillips a senior communication arts major from Markham Ontario Canada.

... Come Get Some.
Southwestern women started their season with a 1-0 victory against Wayne State, another victory came mid-season with a 1-0 win against Northwestern. Highlights of the 2008 season include, 20 saves by Keeper Becky Hilterban throughout the season, and a total of 5 goals made by Freshman Lorina Salinas also spanning throughout the season. Although the 2008 season was not filled with wins, the lady bulldogs played some great games and gave a hundred percent. Southwestern team graduated 2 great players: Melissa Terrel and Krystal Wright. These ladies have been a great asset to the team throughout their years at Southwestern.

After eight years of being the head soccer coach at SWOSU, Coach Joe Bradley resigned in the fall of 08. Athletic Director Todd Thurman states, "He has been a great ambassador for our athletic department and for this university." In his time here ast SWOSU, Bradley had 15 of his players receive all-star recognition.
Soccer

Courtney Hailey makes her move at the Harding game.

Senior, Krystal Wright takes charge at the game against North Western.

“ALTHOUGH OUR SEASON WAS NOT PICTURE PERFECT, I WISH ALL THE GIRLS THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE.”
-KRISTAL WRIGHT (SENIOR)

Sam Dobson gets it done at the North Western game.

Senior, Melissa Terrel prepares for action.
Dare You To Spike It

"Us seniors have done all we can to build our program into what it is today and now its time to move on...” Ashley Claud

SwOSU's volleyball ended the year with an overall record of 14 - 19. This year's seniors did a fantastic job of keeping the team together and providing leadership and knowledge. A senior who ended with awards was Kacia Sandburg; she received 3rd team All Conference and Player of the Week for the All Star Conference. The last homegame was played against OCU. Seniors that will be graduating are Ashley Claud, Kacia Sandburg, Maddie Cummins and Staci West.
The women’s golf team, lead by senior Tasha Marshall, has had a productive season. Marshall placed 11th in the tournament in the Dallas Baptist University Golf Classic on September 29 - 30th; Marshall shot two rounds of 78 and finished with 156 total. She commented that her favorite moment was when she placed 4th in the UCO tournament. Tasha Marshall is the only senior in the women’s team graduating this year.

The men’s golf team also had a good season. Tyler Porter finished 9th out of 42 at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Invitational. Scott Kulczycki and Jace Weaver each finished 9th at the East Central University Invitational in a field that had 80 golfers in it. Seniors graduating are Scott Kulczycki, Luke Phillips, Tyler Porter, and Jace Weaver.

"My best memories are from all of my teammates over the years and playing golf with my little sister..." Tasha Marshall
I Dare You To...
Get in the dirt!

RODEO

Mens Rodeo Team had some awesome rodeos putting them in the number five position regionally. Men stayed competitive throughout the season and came in second at Garden City and fourth in Colby Kansas. Senior, Dusty Gracia went out with a bang, sitting third in the bareback competition. Junior, Greg Schaffield had a great season sitting fifth in the Steer Wrestling competition. Overall, the mens rodeo team added another great season to their winning legacy at Southwestern.

Womens Rodeo Team had an incredible 2008-2009 season. Sitting third in the region, the cowgirls came in second at Garden City as well as Pratt Kansas. Freshmen Amy Outhier took home several victories in the goat tying competition, placing her first in the southwest region and eighth in the National standings. Senior, Cally Cummings finished her college rodeo career with some great wins in the Breakaway competition as well, putting her in the number two spot in the region. Southwestern cowgirls pulled off another awesome season.
“His legacy is rodeo, a cowboy is his name.”

-Baxter Black
(Cowboy poet)
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