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Capture the Moment

Reception & Banquet for the 2015 Bernhardt "Academic Excellence" Award Recipient, Dr. Kevin Collins.

Communication students representing the department at SWOSU Saturday.

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University
The energy of SWOSU homecoming took place October 10. Huge crowds attended the Homecoming activities. Madison Murphy of Grove and Karch Bullard of Edmond were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the SWOSU football game. Murphy was sponsored by Residence Life, and Bullard was sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

At the parade, SWOSU’s Society of Women Engineers/Society of Manufacturing Engineers won first place and $1,300 in the float competition for the fourth straight year. Eta Iota Sigma won second place and $800 for the second straight year, while the Department of Education finished third and won $500.

The SWOSU football team took the victory over East Central, winning 38-31. Also, earlier in the day, the SWOSU volleyball team won its third straight match by defeating Arkansas-Monticello.
Homecoming candidates (left to right): Kaydee Lindley, Jim Enoh, former Homecoming King and Queen Marcus Burk and Alfa Abame, Madison Murphy, Karch Bullard, Garrett Chambless, and Alexandra Jordan.

Derrick Styles (87) catches the ball in the end zone.

The SWOSU Cheer team celebrates at the Bonfire that followed the football Homecoming game.

Nathan Butler (60) and Kaleb Prough (79) blocks for Karltrell Henderson (85) who carries the ball.

Members from Zeta Phi and Phi Delta Beta carries a banner down main street in the Homecoming parade.

The Society of Women Engineers/Society of Manufacturing Engineers wins first place in the float competition.

The SWOSU football team gets pumped to play against East Central.
Homecoming Week

The campus had several activities leading up to Homecoming. The Battle of the Bulldogs was a week coordinated by the Student Government Association to bring Southwestern Oklahoma State University students together while raising money to donate to national and local charities.

The cheer team celebrates at the bonfire.

Members of the SGA hold the winning trophy from the Battle of the Bulldogs.

Students surround bonfire following Battle of the Bulldogs and Homecoming.

A student participates in the sack race relay near the Student Union.
Members of Sigma Sigma Chi pose for a photo.

Students enjoy the nice weather with a barbecue during Homecoming week activities.

Students prepare to compete in the three-legged race.

Austin Catrell, student body president, celebrates the win at the bonfire.
Miss Southwestern is open to all full-time female students on Weatherford and Sayre campuses with a grade point average of 2.5 or above. Miss SWOSU is a student ambassador for Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a public relations representative of the Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant and the citizens of Weatherford, as well as the Miss America Organization and for her chosen platform. Maybree Rittenhouse, sophomore at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, won the crown of Miss SWOSU 2016. Rittenhouse will represent SWOSU at next summer’s Miss Oklahoma Pageant. Her platform issue is “be(you)tiful,” dealing with self-confidence.

First runnerup
Hailey Raetz
Hometown: Hydro, OK (Hinton)
Talent: Musical Theatre Vocal - "Bring Him Home"
Platform: Adoption is Always an Option
Classification: Graduate

Second runnerup
Jordan Grubb
Hometown: Weatherford, OK
Talent: Tap Dance - "I've Got Rhythm"
Platform: Giving the Gift of Reading
Classification: Senior

Third runnerup
Alexandra Robison
Hometown: Moore (Southmoore), OK
Talent: Vocal - "Almost There"
Platform: "Let Me Be Brave"
Classification: Senior

Fourth runnerup:
Ashley Jones
Hometown: Seiling, OK
Talent: Lyrical Dance - "It Doesn't Hurt"
Platform: Domestic Violence
Classification: Freshman
Senior Rebecca Reyes performs Mexican Folk Song “Cielito Lindo” for her talent.

Senior Alexandra Robison performs the song “Almost There.”

Senior Jordan Grubb and the Tap Dance - “I’ve Got Rhythm.”

Reigning Miss SWOSU 2015 Lacey Anderson crowns the new 2016 Miss SWOSU Maybree Rittenhouse.

Sixteen Southwestern coeds competed for the title of Miss SWOSU at this year’s pageant on November 7. Maybree Rittenhouse (fifth from left) won the title.
Religious Activities

What SWOSU offered

At Southwestern, there are many organizations in which people can share their religion beliefs. Several organizations offered places for worship around campus. These organizations include the Wesley Foundation, Grace House, Church of Christ Student Center, Chi Alpha, and the Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Many of these sites also offered free weekly lunches, activities, and places to hang out.

The Church of Christ Student Center set up during the Organizational Fair.
Student groups

Several student groups on campus are tied to a religious foundation. These groups included major-based groups -- such as the Christian pharmacy fraternity -- and sororities -- such as Eta Iota Sigma. These groups were very active in student events and held several fund-raisers for charities.
SWOSU has put on a spectacular panorama series of events this year. This year was SWOSU’s 25th anniversary of the Panorama series during the school year of 2015-16. To celebrate, SWOSU planned a “Best of the Best” Panorama series, bringing back SWOSU’s favorites including. The Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Second City, and the Peking Acrobats. MAD Magazine editor, Joe Raiola, also visited the SWOSU campus to take a hilarious approach to the First Amendment in his show, The Joy of Censorship.

The Second City puts on a “Hooking Up” program just in time for Valentine’s Day.

The Second City improv group performed at the Fine Arts Center as part of SWOSU’s Panorama Series.

Joel Levine, Music Director brought the OKC Philharmonic on to SWOSU on Sept. 14.

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic took the stage in the Fine Arts Center on September 14 for the 5th time as part of SWOSU’s Panorama Series.

Joe Raiola, MAD magazine editor, visited SWOSU on Oct. 22 to discuss First Amendment issues.
The Peking Acrobats

The Peking Acrobat performers were brought back to SWOSU by popular demand. This is the fourth performance the Peking Acrobats have at SWOSU. On March 1st, all of the seats in the Fine Arts auditorium were filled with astounded students, Weatherford locals, and people from all over the state to see the daring acrobats. The Peking Acrobats performed jaw dropping performances including fearless tricks upon a tower of chairs, precision tumbling/gymnastics, and defying gravity with incredible displays of contortion, flexibility and control.

A few of the spectacular stunts The Peking Acrobats performed at the Fine Arts Center auditorium
International Students

SWOSU students celebrate Valentine’s day together.
Quotes from the students:
Name: Yenwong Platin Ndzedzeni
from: Cameroon
Major: Computer Science/ IT
"For the length of time that have been in SWOSU, I’ve come to realize that SWOSU is a home to many. I don’t regret making this choice. The peaceful, joyful, and warmly welcoming nature of students, teachers and the people of Weatherford took the stress off me and make feel like home."

The international students participate in several activities, including a skating trip.
Quotes from the students:
Name: Pramod.K. Nagorajaiah
from: India
Major: M.B.A
"(SWOSU is a) peaceful place for studying and safer than other places. Also, my professors treat us like their own kids."

SWOSU students enjoying a free snacks.
Quotes from the students:
Name: Zahra Alsultan
from: Saudi Arabia
Major: Health and Physical Education
"I’m in love with the facility member and all my classmates are friendly, you can have friends in here easily. SWOSU is the best area to study in. I never felt homesick in here."

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SWOSU students are very lucky. Here is WHY!
Every two weeks the international office invites them for so many activities, such as going somewhere (trips), free movie nights, girls night, Valentine’s day, and every Thursday free lunch. Also, SISA always has a weekly meeting for only the international students to discuss some issues so they can learn more.
Trends, News, and Fads

Manbuns become the go-to style for guys.

Legendary quarterback Peyton Manning retires after 18 years in the NFL.

I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring.

-David Bowie (1947-2016)

Starbucks cup stirs up Anti-Christian controversy for taking the Christmas theme off cups.

Hotline Bling is a chart topping song by Drake that was featured in A Sprint Superbowl commercial.
Tying a flannel around your waist emerges as a popular style.

Star Wars breaks several box office records including fastest film to gross 1 billion dollars in just 12 days.

The internet goes crazy over controversial dress with colors that change due to lighting.

Sage Kimzey, a SWOSU rodeo member, wins 2015 PRCA World Champion.

Leonardo DiCaprio wins first Oscar in his role in The Revenant.
There are four socialrek life 
organizations on the SWOSU 
campus. 
Fraternities:  
• Phi Delta Chi  
• Tau Kappa Epsilon 
Sororities:  
• Zeta Phi 
• Sigma Sigma Chi

Each fall these organizations have 
Greek Rush week and SWOSU 
students get to experience each 
organization and see which is the 
best fit for them

All four of them play active roles in 
 fundraisers and other events that 
go on around Weatherford. They all 
 help give back to the community 
and other national charities through 
multiple monthly philanthropies.

Greek Life also helps support other 
organizations with their endeavours. 
They tailgate at football games 
and make it out to as many home 
sporting events as possible.

There is a place for everyone in the 
Greek community at SWOSU.
The women of Sigma Sigma Chi aboard their Mardi Gras @ SWOSU Homecoming float.

The women of Zeta Phi do their part in helping with the annual 5k and 1 mile walk.

Members of both Zeta Phi and Phi Delta Chi walk in the Homecoming parade showing off their letters.

Sigma Sigma Chi members show off their sandals at a fundraiser.

Students participate in sorority Rush week.

Homecoming fun with the ladies of Sigma Sigma Chi.
State & National News

Earthquakes

While Oklahoma has historically experienced some level of seismicity, the amount of earthquake occurrences has risen significantly in the last few years from 109 in 2013 to 907 Magnitude 3+ in 2015. Most of these have been attributed to wastewater disposal.

Gay Marriage

In the United States, same-sex marriage has been legal nationwide since June 26, 2015, when the United States Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges that state-level bans on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional.

OSU Parade Crash

On Oct. 25, 2015 a 25-year old woman, Adacia Chambers, ran a red light and purposely drove around a barricade and over a police motorcycle before crashing into spectators at Oklahoma State University’s Homecoming parade. She killed four people and was charged with four counts of second-degree murder and 46 counts of felony assault.

Confederate Flag

The Civil War-era flag of the South’s pro-slavery Confederacy has become a lightning rod for outrage over the shootings in Charleston, South Carolina, which authorities say was motivated by racial hatred. The debate over the rebel flag spread to other southern states very quickly. The result was that the flag was taken down at capitals around the southern states.
The attacks in Paris on the night of November 13, 2015 by gunmen and suicide bombers hit a concert hall, a major stadium, restaurants and bars almost simultaneously and left 130 people dead and hundreds wounded.

More than 40 women have come forward to publicly accuse acclaimed comedian and actor Bill Cosby, 78, of assaulting them over the last 40 years, and most of them said they were drugged. A case in southeast Pennsylvania filed by authorities on Dec. 30 marks the first time criminal charges have been filed against him. Cosby could face 10 years if convicted.

An anti-abortion activist group accused Planned Parenthood in summer of 2015 of illegally profiting from fetal tissue donation programs which resulted in a near government shutdown over the issue. However, these videos and accusations have not been fully verified.

Preceded by more than a week of heavy rain, a slow-moving storm system dropped tremendous precipitation across much of Texas and Oklahoma during the nights of May 24–26, 2015, triggering record-breaking floods.

Presidential campaigning for the 2016 election began this last year and has a lot of people talking. Among the candidates are Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders for the Democrats and for the Republicans—Senator Ted Cruz, Sen. Marco Rubio, Dr. Ben Carson, Sen. John Kasich and businessman Donald Trump. The race has been intense and interesting. Trump and Clinton are leading but it is still anyone’s race.
Healthy Living

Ashley Powers informs fellow students about the human brain at the Health Fair.

Kali Givens takes a patient's vitals.

Pharmacy interns present at the Wellness Expo.
Students donate at one of SWOSU's many blood drives.

SWOSU was ranked among the highest donors of blood in the state.

Student donating blood at SWOSU blood drive.

A pharmacy intern prepares to draw blood for testing.
Clubs and organizations are a big part of college life! And SWOSU is full of opportunities. All recognized campus organizations are coordinated through the Dean of Students. Activity approval and annual update of officers/sponsors is facilitated by the Dean of Students.

The Southwestern International Student Association (SISA) is a campus student organization in charge of organizing campus-wide programs promoting the sense of international understanding and friendly diversity.

SISA was established to bring together the greatly diverse international community at SWOSU and to support international causes on campus.

The SISA works to bring elements from their distinct and richly diverse cultural backgrounds to share them with the community at a cultural, academic, and social level.
Joining a student organization presents many opportunities to learn more about yourself, your goals, and your strengths. You can learn from how other students handle certain situations and test your current knowledge. You can also find out what you’re good at, whether that’s multitasking, staying organized, generating ideas, or serving others.

The SWOSU Art Club exists to give the students an artistic outlet and to help enrich and foster an interest for art and personal expression through art. Though the club is for artists, it can be enjoyed by all who appreciate art.

The purpose of the art club shall be to incorporate students into school activities involving art and for students to express themselves through art.

The vision of the club is one of inclusion and creativity—everyone is welcome!

Sophomore Grace Hammons, member of SWOSU Art Club, dresses up at the Medieval Exhibition.

"I love being a member of SWOSU Art Club." - Junior Williams Barr

"We have a lots of really fundraisers and projects that bring art to the campus and Weatherford community" - Junior Addy Dirks

Southwestern International Student Association at the Homecoming Parade
"Mardi Gras @ SWOSU"
Residents having fun at Stewart Hall.

Res Life hosted many activities this year. In August they hosted the Back to School Bash celebrating the new school year. In September, they invited residents to the Oklahoma State Fair where all residents got to ride the rides for free! They also hosted a Parent’s Day Football Tailgate and Cook-off Challenge on September 12 and continued hosting tailgates and Cook-off challenges throughout the year. One of Res Life’s biggest events were the movie series. They showed upcoming movies for all the students. The movies included Jurassic World, Mockingjay Part 2, and Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Res life last event for the school year was on April 16; They took 50 students to the National Cowboy and Western History Museum and the OKC Zoo. Among all these all the Halls hosted their own events. Some events were The SuperBowl watch party at Black Kettle Hall, Sex Talks and Blowpops at Oklahoma Hall, BYOB cereal parties at Stewart Hall, and Root Beer Pong at Neff Hall.
Residents are hanging out at OK Hall.

Students showing off their prizes they won.

Student wins prize at Hall activity.

Rest break at an Neff Hall activity.

"It has been a great 2nd home these past 4 years. I have loved the memories and friends i have made during my time here."

-- Kelsey Abernathy
Senior Resident at Stewart Hall
SWOSU students won many local, state and national awards in 2015-2016. The awards ranged from talent show awards to major research awards. In the spring, 136 students were named to the national Who’s Who in American Colleges list. Congratulations to all winners!!

BLITZ AWARD TALENT SHOW WINNERS
Larry Cribbs (left) of Olney, Texas, won the individual competition, while Laramie Wright (middle) and John Fisher (right), both of Weatherford, won the group competition.

Kali Givens won the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy patient counseling.

Tiffany Piper and Hayden Stephenson the first SWOSU music students on record to be invited to the 43rd annual National Flute Association convention.
Catherine Schubert (left) Morgan Bressman (near left) and Yesenia Hernandez (right) were awarded AAUW scholarships.

Karlee Loula and Shelby Thorton are recipients of the Department of Kinsiology Dean’s Scholarship.
Chandler Seaton plays the role of a local Sheriff in "The Laramie Project"

"The SWOSU Theatre has been my home and family for the past four years. I’ve learned an incredible amount about myself and how to be a better version of myself through this program. I’ll miss being a part of such a wonderful program and it will remain a bright spot in my life as I head into my future."

-Rhiannon Jensen, SR

"Growing up feels like adulthood pounding on your door at 3 in the morning. You’re unprepared, caught off guard and half asleep the whole time. No matter how old you get you’ll always be a little unprepared. But after 4 years at SWOSU I can say that now I know a little more about who I want to be when I open the door."

-Kaylee Price, SR
This year in the Theatre

The Production of "The Laramie Project" opened on the 10 year Anniversary of the death of Mathew Shephard. Shephard was a Wyoming college student murder sparked the conversations presented in "The Laramie Project".

During "These Shining Lives" the SWOSU Players captured the cultural setting of the roaring twenties. This story examined the life of four women hoping to hold a company accountable for their poor working conditions.

When the company decided to perform "Pecos Bill and Slue Foot Sue Meet The Dirty Dan Gang" more opportunities arose. A local Watonga theatre invited the Company to preform.

"This year's production of 'The Laramie Project' was followed by a 'Talk Back'. It was a great opportunity for the community to talk about their feelings on a subject that is in the forefront of our culture."

-Steve Strickler

Beth Interviews Zach in "The Laramie Project."

Bethany Peyton, Corianne Fairchild, Micaelah Thompson and Beth Goodin in "These Shining Lives."
The members of Jazz A.

Music groups

SWOSU has many different music groups including wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, choral ensembles, jazz, orchestra, symphonic band, community band (open to the public), the Pride of the Great Southwest Marching band, pep band, and chamber ensembles.

Members of the Pride of the Great Southwest marching band at attention on the football field.

Tommy Smith performing at a spring concert.
Events

Over the course of this year, many concerts were held by the music department and many people from the community and students came in support. The Pride of the Great Southwest marching band was able to accompany the SWOSU football team to their bowl game in Texarkana against UCO and perform at pre-game and half time. Also, the Jazz band was accompanied in concert by Kris Berg, Matt Wilson and more.
"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

Vince Lombardi
Carlos Smith dives to make the TD catch in the Live United Bowl.

Derrick Styles makes the touchdown catch over Monticello defender.

**Team Success**

This year’s Bulldog team put average seasons behind it and decided to end the streak with a surprising 8-4 season. It ended the regular season with six straight wins and tied for second in the Great American Conference. The team has also played its first bowl game since 1996 against Central Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl in Texarkana, Ark. Head Coach Dan Cocannouer was named AFCA Region 4 Coach of the Year.
Seniors

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Williams gets a few free throw attempts.

Penner helps Williams up.

Chapman charges down the court.
Bulldog Season

The Lady Bulldogs had a 20-11 season, going 14-8 in the Great American Conference. In fact, these stars went all the way to the Great American Conference Championship before falling to the No. 1 seed Arkansas Tech in a fast paced 85-106 game. The Bulldogs had a player capture the SWOSU Player of the week award ten times this season. Chapman, Penner, Coffee and Williams all had this honor their senior season.

The Team prepares to take on Arkansas Tech in the GAC Championship.
Men's Basketball

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Markeise Champion, honorable mention All-GAC, passes to Emeche Wells

Martell Collins drives in for a shot.

Emeche Wells splits defenders for a layup.
Bulldog Season

The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 17-11 record (13-9 in the Great American Conference). That was good enough for a spot in the conference tournament, and the Bulldogs made some noise. They won their quarterfinal game and was up 10 points on the top seed Southern Arkansas before losing late. Five seniors had substantial playing time in leading the Bulldogs to another successful season.

Martell Collins looks for an open pass. Collins was named first-team All-Conference. He becomes SWOSU’s first two-time All-Conference honoree.
The Lady Bulldogs Softball team began the 2016 year eager to achieve a successful season under the leadership of Bulldog graduate, Barbara Burnett. The 2016 roster consisted of many upperclassmen and transfers motivated to build the program. As of April 4th, their current record is 13-27 and 11-19 in conference play. The Lady Bulldogs were picked to finish 10th in the Great American Conference preseason poll.
SOFTBALL SENIORS

Name     #     Pos.    Hometown
Samatha Perry    7     SS     Pryor, OK
Ashley Jones      24   1B/C    Midwest City, OK
Emily Garcia      25     C     Lee's Summitt, MO

"My favorite memory is definitely the time we sang karaoke by using the microphone on the bus on the way to Kingsville, TX. It was so much fun."
- Senior Emily Garcia

"It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everybody would do it. The hard is what makes it great."
- A League of Their Own

Seniors left to right: Emily Garcia, Ashley Jones, and Samantha Perry.
The Baseball team has represented the university well during the 2016 season. As of April 4th, their overall record is 20-11 and 12-6 in conference play. The team was led this year by 15 seniors. The bulldogs had many high scoring games including a weekend against Southeastern Oklahoma when the Dawgs swept Southeastern with scores of 15-6 and 18-4. The Bulldogs were picked to finish 8th in the conference.

The difference between the impossible and possible lies in a person’s determination. -Tommy Lasorda

Bulldogs celebrate after senior CJ Faddis hits a home run!
SWOSU senior Tanner Dearmen going for the hit.
This year's soccer team had a great season. They finished with a record of 13 wins, 6 losses, and 1 tie. Samantha Nunez led the team in goals closely followed by Cori Kelly. Samantha Nunez and Kylee Bertrand were named to the NSCAA All-Central Region Team. The team's honors didn't stop there. Kylee Bertrand, Courtney Flores, and Charlotte Eastman were named to the inaugural All-Oklahoma Sports Net Women's Soccer Team. Also, ten were named to the All-GAC Soccer Team including: (1st team) Courtney Flores, Cori Kelly, Samantha Nunez, Kylee Bertrand, (2nd team) Olivia Butler, Sarah Wilson, Payton Warren, and Dajhane Turner. Courtney Flores was also named Goal Keeper of the Year for the second time in her career.
NAME | # | POS.
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Ashlee Beitinger | 7 | MF
Samantha Nunez | 9 | F
Payton Warren | 11 | MF
Eva Rule | 12 | F
Cori Kelly | 19 | F
Charlotte Eastman | 23 | D

Hannah Elrod tries to steal the ball away from a player from Harding.

Samantha Nunez tries to keep the ball away from an opponent.

Kylee Bertrand tries to maneuver around a NWOSU player.
Cheer and Pom

Cheer Squad

Back Row (L-R): Kortny Sublett, Ashlyn Yancey, Lana Spandley, Brooke Rankin, Caroline Quam
Middle Row: Cheyanne McMullin, Taylor Lewis, Caitlin Turner, Bailey Robertson
Front Row: Ciara McEntire, Hannah Hubert, Candace Combs, Marque Mungaven, Natalie Haworth, Mary Iliff

Lana Spandley hits a fantastic basket toss with her bases' help.

The squad rocks the house at Fan Jam!!!

Cheyanne and Hannah execute their heel stretches perfectly with the help of their stunt group.

The team wins Most Spirited at the Tex-Arkana Bowl.
The girls sway to the alma-mater after the Pink Out game.

Morgan, Taryn and Maybree stick their poses at the end of the performance.

Kenytra Scott works it during a dance.

Siera Earnest hits her mark at the basketball game.

Pom Squad

Back Row (L-R): Taryn Minst, Morgan Glocker, Mandee Davis, Siera Earnest; Middle Row: Kourtney Speece, Hannah Ruble, Alex Harrison; Front Row: Kenytra Scott, Maybree Rittenhouse, McKenzie Bennett
Men's Roster

Matthew Cathhart SO.
Nicolas Cornu R-SR.
Colton Cowan JR.
Jake Duvall SR.
Marques Gomez JR.
Joby Gray JR.
Ole Hatlelid SO.
Stefan Idstam JR.
Seth Overstreet SO.
Ryan Stark FR.
Women's Roster

Gloria Choi Fr.
Jenna Eidem Fr.
Emily Folsim So.
Jessie Goodwin Jr.
Courtney Gourdin Jr.
Natalie Jenson So.
Chloe Thakeray Fr.
Elin Wahlin Fr.

Chloe Thackeray

Gloria Choi
Record:
22-12
Home: 10-2
Away: 5-9
Neutral: 7-1

Stats:
Kills: 1523
Aces: 201
Digs: 2045
Blocks: 222

Making History:
This season for SWOSU volleyball was a breakthrough year. After becoming champions of the Great American Conference they qualified for the Division 2 NCAA tournament. "This milestone was an accumulation of years of hard work from players and various coaches" Head Coach Josh Collins said. The team worked hard to accomplish this feat and hopes to keep this alive in years to come.
Sole Senior:
This season SWOSU volleyball had one senior, Kailia Lancaster. Kailia played as a Defensive Specialist and helped her team in any way she could when it came to facing hard hitters. "I have cherished every year I have suited up as a Bulldog," Lancaster said. "But this season holds a special pace in my heart. I am so proud of all we accomplished as a team."

Hebert (25) looking to set up Holt (17).
Zak (8) killing the ball.
An open hit for Green (7).
Schmidtberger (9) celebrates a volley win.
The team breaks out before the match begins.
Fine (6) spiking the ball.
Fine (6) jousting at the net.
Cross Country season

Cross Country season was filled with several individual awards and performing at a higher level than before. The team finished 23rd overall at the Central Region Championship, two places better than last year. Top performers for the year were Lauren Parenica, Isela Sandoval, Brooke Lizotte, Lena Garrison, Mikayla Howorka, and Sierra Campbell. Sandoval recorded the third-fastest 5000-meter time in SWOSU history.

Lauren Parenica saved her best race for last, moving into fourth-place all time on the 6,000-meter time at the Central Region Championship.
2015 - 2016 MEN'S ROSTER:

Mickey Andrews  BR  Sr.
Jeremey Barnhill  BR  Sr.
Matt Blevins  BR  Fr.
Brady Burton  SB, TR  Fr.
Mark Carpenter  TR, TD  Fr.
Ben Engleman  SB  Sr.
Hunter Green  BB  Fr.
Kyle Hall  TR  Jr.
Connor Hamilton  BB  Fr.
Nathan Hatchell  BR  Fr.
Kyle Hay  CR  Sr.
Levi Nicholson  BB  Gr.
Alex Phelps  SW, TR  Jr.
Prinston Prince  BR  Fr.
Nick Shenold  SB  Jr.
Drew Spencer  SB  Gr.
Jake Stemo  BR, BB  Sr.
Kellyn Taunton  BR  Fr.
Britton Townsend  BR  Jr.

2015 - 2016 WOMEN'S ROSTER

Stacey Bailey  GT, BA, GBR  Jr.
Jenny Brorsen  GBR, BA, TR  Jr.
Kylee Cahoy  GBR, BA, TR  Jr.
Alexis Christen  BA, GBR  Sr.
Alexandra Daigle  BA, GBR  Sr.
Celia Garrett  BA, GBR  Jr.
Kori Hall  BA, TR  Sr.
Mikayla Harrison  GBR, BA, GT  So.
Jacoby Hotsenpiller  GT, BA  Gr.
KeAnn Kelber  BA, GBR  Jr.
Taylor King  GBR, BA, GT  Jr.
Ricki Konze  GT, BA, GBR  Jr.
Celia LaBarge  BA, GT  Fr.
Jacey Masters  GBR  Fr.
Kassidi Patterson  GBR  So.
Rachel Pozzi  GBR  So.
Skylar Ragan  GBR, BA, TR, GT  Jr.
Kassie Sechrist  BA, GBR  Sr.
Peyton Theado  GBR  Fr.
Paige Wiseman  GBR, BA, GT  Fr.
Megan Yurko  GBR  Fr.
Jake Stemo opens rodeo’s 2015-2016 season with a Bareback Event at Colby, Kan.

Nick Shenold was 77 points in the long round of Saddle Bronc to win round at Garden City, KS.

Stacey Bailey goes for third at Oklahoma State.

Championship Factory
The men’s and women’s rodeo teams continued their winning ways in the 2015-2016 season. In the spring, the women held a large lead in the Central Plains Region standings, while the men were slightly behind Panhandle State at press time. The men won their first rodeo of the season in April at Garden City, while the women chalked up several titles.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University alum and former Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) cowboy, Mike Visnieski has continued the strong rodeo tradition of SWOSU Rodeo since agreeing to become the school’s head coach in 2011. The 2015-16 season will be his fifth leading the Bulldog Rodeo program.

Kelsie Chase returns to Weatherford after one year away. She enters her first year as the SWOSU 2015-2016 Rodeo Assistant Coach.
COLOPHON

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SWOSU students showing off their Halloween costumes at the Wellness Expo.

Residents of Neff Hall posing for a picture in the Wellness Center.

Market 54 supporting SWOSU athletics at the Chili Cook Off.