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Bulldog Adventures highlights the 2012-2013 school year for graduating seniors at Southwestern. In light of the recent superhero movie craze, we chose to do a comic book theme.

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Superheroes Have A Good Time

Being a hero isn't easy. Southwestern students juggle jobs, family, activities, budgets, and classes. In the midst of it all, they find time to experience the college life. This could include going to a game, hanging out on campus, keeping up with trends and news, and getting involved with a student organization. It takes a person with superpowers to handle all of this, but Southwestern's seniors have done a great job of taking on the heroic task.

Southwestern State University's volleyball team had a great following and great fan support.

Trent Misak was one of many students who volunteered to donate blood at one of the several blood drives held on campus throughout the year.
Southwestern students dealt with several bouts of unusual weather through 2012-2013. The winter was mild, but a few big snowstorms caused class cancellations in the spring. Then, a freak icestorm in the middle of April led to a power outage that closed the campus for a day.
For the first time since 1991, a Weatherford High School graduate won the crown of Miss SWOSU. Tia Sauer of Weatherford won the Miss SWOSU 2013 title in November’s Miss SWOSU Pageant.

Sauer will represent SWOSU at next summer’s Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

Sauer won the title and a $2,500 scholarship. She is a junior majoring in elementary education. Her platform issue is “Instilling Pride in One’s Community.” Sauer also won the Peer Respect/Leadership Award, which was the second year in a row for Sauer to win the award.

The last Weatherford High School graduate to win the title was Jennifer Chapman in 1991.

Laura Burleigh of Poteau finished as first runnerup. The freshman won a $1,500 scholarship, and Burleigh also won the Talent Award. Mikah Pendleton of Yukon was second runnerup and winner of a $1,000 scholarship. She also won the Swimsuit, Crowd Pleaser and Most Tickets Sold Awards.

Jessica Heiser of Altus finished as third runnerup, and Bailey Bell of Weatherford won fourth runnerup and also the Most Scholarship Patrons Sold Award.
Tia Sauer (middle) of Weatherford won the title of Miss SWOSU. Sauer is pictured with (from left): Morgan Cook, Weatherford; Izabel Martinez, Elk City; third runnerup Jessica Heiser, Altus; Lindsey Thrash, Mooreland; Kiley Wilson, Norman; Brooke McCullough, Enid; fourth runnerup Bailey Bell, Weatherford; first runnerup Laura Burleigh, Poteau; and second runnerup Mikah Pendleton, Yukon.
Homecoming was celebrated by students and alumni on Oct. 27.

Patty Murphy of Yukon and Jarred Patterson of Houston (TX) were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the SWOSU football game. Murphy was sponsored by Oklahoma Hall and Patterson was sponsored by the Black Student Association.

At the parade, SWOSU's Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers won first place and $1,300 in the float competition. Phi Delta Theta fraternity won second place and $800, while Kappa Delta Omega finished third and won $500.

The prize money was sponsored by the SWOSU Foundation, SWOSU Student Government Association and several Weatherford financial institutions.

The SWOSU Engineering Technology Department won the staff/faculty contest with its office display.

SWOSU defeated Southern Nazarene University, 19-12, in the Homecoming football game.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University brought together another year of exciting Panorama events this year. From comedians to animal lovers, the SWOSU campus saw some exciting guests.

Growing up in New Delhi, India, Kunal Nayyar shared his life experiences before becoming one of the most recognizable TV personalities in the U.S. Best known for his role on The Big Bang Theory, Nayyar has also lent his voice to several animated projects including Family Guy, Glenn Martin DDS and the FOX feature Ice Age: Continental Drift.

The Capitol Steps brought some comedic relief to the election season as they made fun of both sides of the political spectrum.

Taking a break from the constant presidential campaign advertisement, students of SWOSU got the chance to see a lighter side of politics. The Capitol Steps featured some of the smartest political satirists who left no part of the political season unscathed, and put the "mock" in democracy.
Thrill seeker and extreme weather expert Reed Timmer had chased more than 400 tornadoes and hurricanes when he visited the SWOSU campus. As one of the world’s leading experts on severe weather, he starred in Discovery Channel’s Storm Chasers. Timmer’s team is able to handle extreme conditions with his specially crafted vehicles designed to handle the most extreme forecasts, The Dominator and Raptor, which were also on display at SWOSU for his presentation.

Severe snowstorms couldn’t keep animal lovers away from animal expert Jack Hanna. Hanna visited the SWOSU campus as the final installment of the Panorama series, and he brought along some friends. Audience members were introduced to some of the world’s most exotic animals. The legendary animal expert and wildlife conservator was well known through visits to popular shows like “Late Night with David Letterman” as he sought to increase public awareness about endangered animals. His best-selling memoir, “Monkeys on the Interstate,” shares his fascinating journey from childhood in a boarding school to becoming a zoo director, to his status as one of the world’s most beloved animal advocates.
Clubs and Organizations are an important part of college life. Clubs offer unique experiences and can boost resumes.

SWOSU offers a wide range of diverse clubs for student to enjoy. Clubs at SWOSU allow student to network, build social skills, gain professional experience, develop personalities, create leadership skills, network with alumni, teach organization and management skills, and, of course, create friendships and fun.

Clubs and Student Organizations also do great things for the Weatherford community.

All these superheroes involved in student organization is what makes SWOSU great.

Name: Dacia Peterman
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What is your favorite thing about being involved in the Bulldog Broadcasting Network?

“I love working with the diversity of our campus to produce our TV show.”
Members of the Medical Professions Club sat at their booth for SWOSU's Career Fair.

Matt McKellips works with his Canon camera for a project in the Mass Communications field.

One of SWOSU's Quidditch players blocks an opponent during a match.

SWOSU's Chemistry Club works on their float for Homecoming.

CAB members Zac Gulik and Keemo Richardson judge auditions for SWOSU's Bulldog Blitz.

Maggie Chang, member of SWOSU's SISA, plays the Guzheng for this year's Bulldog Blitz Talent Show.
After a hot, dry summer, Southwestern students welcomed back school with a day of oozeball.

The annual oozeball games required the sand volleyball area to be turned into a mud arena.

A tournament scheduled for the Sunday before the fall semester began. It was then open all week for students to play in the mud.

The sand volleyball courts are located just south of Neff Hall.
The SWOSU Parks & Recreation Management Club sponsored many events at the university-owned Crowder Lake. The lake is located seven miles south of Weatherford and has many activities for students. Free activities include a zipline, rappelling area, ropes course, canoeing, and fishing.

On Oct. 25, the club sponsored its annual Fright Night for all SWOSU students and faculty. The free event ran from 3:30 p.m. until midnight. Events included a zip-line, rappelling, ropes course, cookout, a fear factor competition, and bonfire with hot chocolate.
Armed with a high-powered rifle, 20-year-old Adam Lanza forced his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and shot dead 20 children — all ages 6 and 7 — and six staff members in the second-worst school massacre in U.S. history.

Super storm Sandy killed about 195 people, and caused around 60 billion dollars in damage along the east coast. This was the second-costliest storm in U.S. History.

OBAMACARE:
By a 5-4 margin, the Supreme Court upheld the core elements of Obama's much-debated health care overhaul, which even he embraced as "Obamacare."

The decisive vote came from John Roberts, the generally conservative-leaning chief justice appointed by Republican George W. Bush.

Romney, GOP presidential nominee, promised to repeal the law if he had won the election.

Obama's victory, however, ensured the plan would proceed. Insurers, employers, health-care providers and state governments, will all be impacted by this decision in 2014.

In 2012 coach Joe Paterno died, with his legacy tarnished by the sex-abuse scandal involving his former assistant, Jerry Sandusky.

In June, Sandusky was convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys, and was later sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison. In July, the NCAA imposed severe sanctions, including 60 million dollars in fines, a four-year postseason ban on football and a reduction in football scholarships.
Same sex marriage supporters experienced many milestones over the past year. In May 2012 President Obama announced that he was in support of gay marriage. On Nov. 4, 2012, three states including: Maine, Maryland and Washington, became the first states to legalize gay marriage via popular vote.

On Dec. 7, 2012 the Supreme Court agreed to hear two cases that could further expand same-sex marriage rights. These cases were presented before the Supreme Court in late March 2013. Social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and Tumblr showed their support for the LGBT community. Many users changed their profile photos to match the image on the right, with captions such as “Twitter loves marriage equality.”

On Sunday February 3, 2013 Super Bowl XLVII(42) kicked off featuring the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers. The Ravens defeated the 49ers by a final score of 34-31.

Kevin Ware #5 of the Louisville Cardinals was taken off the court on a backboard after he injured his leg in the first half against the Duke Blue Devils during the Midwest Regional Final round of the 2013 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. The Cardinals went on to win the title.

Francis is the 266th and current Pope of the Catholic Church, elected on March 13, 2013.

North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un in March 2013 announced that he planned to attack the United States using nuclear bombs.

Lance Armstrong is found guilty of using performance enhancing drugs in 2012. Armstrong, who at first rejected USADA’s allegations, watched his titles get stripped, his sponsors flee, and his name will be removed from the foundation he launched.
Students worship at a statewide conference.

The different religious groups on campus strive on personal relationships with the students. Seeing how the campus is so small, it’s easy to have these relationships based on similar interests, shared stories, and even culture. These organizations have a great outreach program. They do their very best to make sure you get the most out of each experience you have with them. The directors of the religious organizations make a priority of the students relationship not only with Christ, but also with each other. By instilling student-to-student relationships, accountability becomes a fruit of labor.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries performed a service of helping incoming freshmen move into the dorms.

Religious Heroes stationed at SWOSU

BCM- Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Catholic Student Association
Chi Alpha Student Ministries
Church of Christ
The Wesley Foundation
Nearly 200 participants took part in SWOSU's 7th annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink 5K Run/Walk on March 30 with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The overall male winner of the run/walk with a time of 19 minutes 49 seconds was Will Seibold, a SWOSU student and Cache native. The female winner and second place overall was Toni Ray of Weatherford with a time of 21:12.

In the overall male competition, Adam Woodard of Weatherford finished second with a time of 21:20 and Craig Mahl of Canute finished third with a time of 21:24.

In the overall female competition, Afton Luttrell of Weatherford was second at 21:35 and Lindsay Madison of Cordell finished third at 22:40.
As in every year, the 2012-2013 school year was a year with many trends and fads. Some were more super than others. The trends and fads that are featured here were considered some of the top super trends among SWOSU students.

Coach purses and other Coach accessories were a staple over the year. Other than purses, the line of Coach accessories includes: wristlet wallets, shoes, backpacks, perfume, regular wallets, and even sunglasses. SWOSU student Errikka Branscum is pictured with her trendy Coach purse.

Instagram became the new way to share pictures with friends. Just simply upload the photo through an app and everyone can see! Instagram also allows photo editing at users’ fingertips. The Instagram app is a common Apple and Android app.

The iphone 5 is a popular phone for 2012-2013. It is the slimmest, lightest, and fastest iPhone yet. The ios6 operating system is the world’s most advanced operating system. A new addition to the iphone camera is the capability of taking pictures in a panoramic view. The iphone 5 comes in two colors, black and white.
Sperrys: These shoes are worn by both genders and have taken over as a casual shoe. They are considered boat shoes. There are many different designs and colors.

Flannel shirts have been something that have slowly been making their way back in style this year. Everyone wears them, male or female, for casual every day wear, and even to dress up for a night out.

In the last year, Twitter has become one of the most popular social networks. The number of users has soared from 250 million users in 2011 to well over 500 million users in early 2013. Twitter users “tweet” about what they have to say to their followers.

Call of Duty released Black Ops 2 November 13, 2012. Black Ops 2 delivered more than $500 million in the first 24 hours. This record beats the previous four Call of Duty games.

South Korean musician Psy came out with the hit pop song Gangnam Style. On December 21, 2012, the music video became the first YouTube video to reach 1 billion views. As of February 27, 2013, it has been viewed over 1.375 billion times on YouTube, and it is the site’s most watched video after surpassing Justin Bieber’s single "Baby." Psy has taken over the charts with this song and unique signature dance.
Dormitories always have some interesting activities to enrich Bulldogs' daily life which are popular among the students. Social and educational events in the Cupid Shuffle, Block Party, Sunday Night Movie, and Ice Cream Social. Random games include snowball fights and paint wars.

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^What was the best experience you had while attending SWOSU?
Being a part of Chi Alpha (Greek for Christ's Ambassadors) has been the highlight of my 2 years at SWOSU. Meeting each week with believers, worshiping the Lord and serving people together, has totally changed my life! I'll miss XA services and my XA family.

^What would you like to tell other students about SWOSU?
SWOSU is a great college. I've enjoyed the past two years at SWOSU and when I get the chance to talk about my school I have nothing but great thanks to say. At SWOSU... The focus is you!
At SWOSU, there are about 180 international and exchange students from 20 different countries such as Taiwan, India, Korea, and Spain. SISA, which stands for the SWOSU International Student Association, is the biggest international students' club as well as their home in the school, aiming to establish a networking among the international students by offering participation in various activities.

SISA presented an International Day to enroll SISA members in the Fall semester. SISA also took international and exchange students to the Manhattan Film Festival to give them an experience of watching short films from all around the world.

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Chinese international student Yitong Zhao wins the first prize in Bulldog Blitz Talent Show

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It's a mean reality, but class was the main reason to come to college in the first place. Several seniors went above and beyond, creating projects for the Scholarly Fair, going to conferences, or giving presentations on their work. The superheroes are the seniors who have stuck to getting a degree. This year's Graduate Record profiles the College of Arts & Sciences and the Tribal College. However, ALL seniors should be commended on their relentless pursuit of a degree.
College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences is composed of eight departments: Art; Biological Sciences; Chemistry and Physics; Communication and Theatre; Language and Literature; Mathematics; Music; and Social Sciences, which offer programs leading to several baccalaureate and graduate degrees. The college also offers the Interdisciplinary Studies degree, and a wide range of minors.

Dr. James South was named the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2012. Dr. South has been a member of the Department of Music since 1995 and chair of the Department of Music since 2008.

According to Dr. South, "Faculty members in the college strive to be excellent teachers, contribute worthy service to the university and community, and produce a large amount of original scholarly research and creative activity. Students are not just a number in our departments; they receive careful advisement and are often engaged in our research or artistic activity as well."

Dr. James South presides as the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Matt McKellips and Trey Woodward work with the Broadcasting green screen for an episode of Bulldog TV.

Senior Skylar Spradlin at Crowder Lake with the Photojournalism class taking pictures for a project.
Senior Sara Christoff and Kena Kyle take pictures for Photojournalism at Crowder Lake.

Glenda Printz (Chemistry and Physics Admin Secretary) and Shannah Rider helping out the Chemistry Club.

SWOSU's Biology Club holding its annual plant sale.

Senior Katey Graham takes pictures for The Southwestern.

Future Akins' artwork "Hiding Within" on display in the Art Building.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University has many different musical groups host concerts throughout the year.

Ali Oldright’s favorite part of the year, concert-wise, happened on the 26th and 27th of April, SWOSU’s Wind Symphony went to Norman and Dallas. They started in Norman, where they played for two high schools, and while the group was there, they recruited some students. Then, they headed to Dallas, where they played at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, home of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Oldright states, they were the first collegiate wind ensemble to play on their stage. “It’s a very exciting prospect for not only our Wind Symphony, but the Music Department.”

Ali Oldright plays the clarinet.

In the picture, starting from left to right, Junior, Vanessa Delgado is playing the Clarinet. Freshman, Erin Morgan next to her is also playing the Clarinet. In the front right, Junior, Rebecca Cantrell is also playing the Clarinet with Junior, Chelsea Chargualaf who is on the far right.

“My favorite part of being in the band is the wide variety of pieces we get to perform. Making music is something we all love to do, and to be able to do it together is pretty awesome.” -Rebecca Cantrell
Women’s Chorus, Men’s Chorus, Southwestern Singers, and Chamber Choir put on a joint concert twice every semester.

Junior, Stacy Stevenson performed in all of these concerts as a member of Women’s, Singers, and Chamber.

The community Chorus puts on a separate concert once per semester. So in total, there are 6 choral concerts each school year.

Freshman Jackson Anderson sings a solo in the February 21st choral concert.

Junior, Stacy Stevenson and Freshman, David Burris both perform a solo at the Choral Concert that was held on February 21st 2013.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Communication and Theatre began 2012-2013 theatre season with Neil Simon's comedy, Brighton Beach Memoirs, the performances were October 11-13 at the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.

Brighton Beach Memoirs was about a 14-year old named Eugene Jerome, and was portrayed by sophomore Drew Krause, the play's narrator and central character.

Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother Kate Jerome (played by sophomore Monica Sallaway), the overworked father (played by sophomore Merritt Taylor), and Eugene's worldly older brother Stanley Jerome (played by junior Adam Boothby).

Thrown into the mix his widowed aunt Blanche Morton (played by sophomore Nikki Reiss) and her two young but rapidly aging daughters Laurie (played by freshman, Emma Leffler) and Nora (played by sophomore Sheri Flowers).

The second performance was a popular children's classic, Charlotte's Web, it was put on in November by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Communication/Theatre and the SWOSU Players.

In Brighton Beach Memoirs, Aunt Blanche (played by Nikki Reiss) calmly discusses with her daughter, Nora (played by Sheri Flowers) the importance of going to school.
SWOSU Hilltop Theater presented three different types of performances during the 2012-2013 school year. The first Fall performance was Brighton Beach Memoirs; it is a comedy. The second performance was Charlotte’s Web. It was performed as a children’s play. The last performance was the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. All of these performances are directed by Steve Strickler. Also at the end of the year the theater department has short plays directed by the seniors, which is called “one acts”.

The students are waiting for their name to be called at the Spelling Bee. Miss Peretti (played by Laura Burleigh) talks to the Principal (played by Steven Doughty).

In the Spring, Southwestern Oklahoma State University presented the musical/comedy, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on March 28-30. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee was a hilarious tale of overachievers’ battling to win the spelling championship and to be the best speller of their lifetime.

Wilbur the pig reads a message that Templeton the rat found. The other characters in this picture are the goose (played by Kaitlin Belden) and the gander (played by Adam Seigrist) and Charlotte’s baby spiders (played by Kena Kyle).

Chip (played by Trent Misak) checks in with Miss Peretti (played by Laura Burleigh in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Musical).
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is a small, close-knit group of faculty, working hard to build what will eventually be an independent and thriving campus, and leave their temporary home in the basement of "Old" Science, Suite 104.

At the present time, the college has graduated around 50 students and had a peak in enrollment two years ago at 110 students. Current enrollment is just under 50 students with a range in ethnic backgrounds. Students are not only of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, but also those of the Kiowa tribe, and many other people groups. Degree programs are Associates in Science: Tribal Administration, Children's Teachers, American Indian Studies (can also be a minor), and General Studies.

Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of the college, says that their team seeks to give students a safe place to study their language, culture and history, as well as to educate those who have chosen to join in living on this red land. "They need to have their own college, so that students (specifically, Cheyenne and Arapaho) see what makes us unique as a people," Dr. Mann says.
SWOSU President
Randy Beutler

Ruth Boyd presents a gift to Dr. Mann

Gail Wilcox, one of three staff at the tribal college congratulates Kemaine Thurston on his graduation from the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal college.
Southwestern has attracted several student-athletes to wear the navy and white. This past year has seen some heroic efforts in the athletic field. The soccer team set several records and advanced further in NCAA tournament play than any other Southwestern team ever. The baseball team also climbed high in the regional polls. Finally, the spring brought SWOSU’s rodeo, which was dominated by a few SWOSU athletics. These athletes are truly heroic for the time they spend practicing and playing on top of their academic life.
Football

Kemain Thurston chases the back.

Aaron Wilson rushes down field.

DeAndre Wilson makes the tackle.

Kale Sawatzky recovers the fumble.

Ryan Corbin dives for a catch.
The Bulldogs finished the season 3-7 overall and 3-6 in the Great American Conference (GAC). The biggest win of the season for the Bulldogs came against East Central University. ECU was ranked 2nd in the GAC preseason polls.

Senior deep snapper Colton Dickinson and senior kicker Colton Rainey were selected for second team All-GAC. Rainey led the team in scoring with 60 points overall. Along with leading the team in scoring Rainey also kicked a school best, replacing his previous record, 13 of 16 field goals.

All-GAC honorable mentions given to running back Aaron Wilson and offensive linemen Kane Bryen. Wilson led the team in rushing yards, yards per carry and rushing touchdowns. Wilson made 961 yards, 5.1 yards per carry and 6 rushing touchdowns.

The Bulldogs had two first team All-GAC players mentioned. Junior Ryan Corbin and sophomore Devin Benton received the honors. Corbin was also selected for 3rd team All-Super Region selection by Don Hansen.
It was SWOSU's second year in the Great American Conference. They started the Season off as 10-10 throughout conference which was not good enough to them.

They went in the tournament with a 0-0 record nothing else mattered before then. In the first round they played Arkansas Monticello (77-69). Junior Rod Camphor carried the team with 36 points and Michael Bradley with 17 points and 10 rebounds. SWOSU moved on to the second round to play Arkansas Tech and they gave Arkansas Tech all they had. Unfortunately, SWOSU lost (56-51) but they strived all the way to the end. They proved that they can play with the best teams no matter where they are.
Swosu had four seniors who played a very big part on the team this year. Thomas Davis led the team with 12.1 pts a game, followed by Marin Zelalija with 11.7. Dominick Cornelius averaged 10.8 points a game and Ryan Donahoe chipped in 8.0 points a game. Zelalija was named to the conference honorable mention all star team, and was fifth in the conference in three-point accuracy.

Coach Charlie Schaef coaches his team to a victory. Schaef resigned after the year to take a coaching job in Arkansas.

Mike Bradley sizes up his defender.

Dominick Cornelius makes a strong on ball move.
The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Bulldogs had a terrific season. Going 24-7 on year, the team put together an impressive season.

Under the leadership of seniors MaRiah and Saraya Oyler, the Lady Bulldogs made it all the way to the GAC Finals as well as the NCAA Tournament, the first time in school history.

Saraya contributed 11 points per game while sister MaRiah averaged 8.5 points per game, earning them both GAC honors and awards throughout the season.
Welcome to the NCAA

For the first time in school history, the Lady Bulldogs advanced to the NCAA tournament. The team made it to the second round after taking down the no. 13 team in the nation, Central Missouri.
Courtney Miller bats.

Women's Softball Team 2012-2013.

Ashley Filer, catcher.

Kendall Smith plays short stop.

Kailen Clemmer bats for the SWOSU softball team.
The Bulldog softball team had ups and downs in its second season in the Great American Conference. At press time, the Bulldogs were 14-32 overall and 8-22 in the conference. However, many senior standouts kept the team competitive no matter who the opponent. For example, the Bulldogs pushed No. 5 Southeastern to extra innings in an April game.

SENIORS

The 2012-2013 softball team was loaded with seniors. Seven Bulldogs played their last collegiate season this year. The team had several successes over the four years of their career. The seven seniors are Megan Ayala, Brittnie Jackson, Audra Chambless, Kori Oord, Summer Blackowl, Johnna Smith, and Amanda Garcia.
Baseball

Junior Catcher Mitchell Brittain

Senior Kevin Hamm

SWOSU junior first baseman Chris Faulkner.

Junior Earl Jenkins
SWOSU Baseball continues to look to conquer the Great American Conference in 2013 under coach Zac Saunders and pitching coach Todd George. The team is led by a barrage of senior contributors and more than a few junior players who are major contributors as well.

This Bulldog team is currently 27-12 overall and sits in 2nd place in the Great American Conference. Led by Senior pitcher Shane Martin, Calyn Young, and Cole Stephens, the Bulldogs look to make their first NCAA regional tournament, which is something that hasn’t been done at SWOSU in baseball.

After a somewhat slow start, the Bulldogs have hit their stride in April and have currently won 16 of their last 17 contests. Their recent success has jumped them all the way up to 6th place in the region. The Great American Conference tournament will be held in Enid, Oklahoma in early May and the Bulldogs are expected to make a superhero type impact.
In the fall, the superheroes of the Southwestern soccer team had a season with epic achievements in one of the most exciting seasons in the history of SWOSU athletics. The Bulldogs were the Great American Conference Champions and ended the season with a 20-1-1 record.
The Bulldogs had several players receive national honors this year for both offense and defense.

Offensively, Josie Price was named the Great American Conference’s Offensive Player of the Year, was a First Team All-Central Region and First Team All-American selection. She led the GAC in points (31) and assists (13) and her nine goals ranked third in the conference. She is the first NSCAA All-American in SWOSU history.

Defensively, Kira Bertrand was named the Defender of the Year for the second time and also was named to the First Team All-American selection. Corey LaMoureaux was the GAC Goalkeeper of the Year. Corey was third team all region selection.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a GAC regular season title and the program’s first NCAA Championship appearance.

After a very successful season, Head Coach Mark Persson was named GAC Coach of the Year.
The volleyball team had two players honored by the Great American Conference for the 2012 season.

Junior middle blocker Alison Cole (Long Island, Kan.) was selected to the All-GAC second team while senior setter Lindsay Dusin (Phillipsburg, Kan.) was an honorable mention pick. Cole led the Dawgs with 269 kills on the year and hit a team-high .254.

Dusin ranked in the top 10 of the conference in assists with 620 and added 222 kills, ranking third on the team.

In addition to the season honors, Dusin was also named to the seven-member GAC All-Tournament Team.

Southwestern finished 13-20 (10-4 GAC) in 2012, their first season under head coach Josh Collins, and advanced to the semifinals of the Great American Conference Tournament before falling to eventual champion Harding.
Semi-Finals against Harding University at the Great American Conference Volleyball Tournament

Ariana Olsen attempts to keep the game alive

Teammates work together to give a block to prevent a score

The team celebrates after a score of a close game

Adriana Rodriguez leaps to serve the ball near the start of the game.

Alison Cole gives just enough to get the ball past opponents from Southeastern
As of press time, the rodeo teams were on a roll. The Bulldogs had just hosted the 41st Annual SWOSU Rodeo. At the conclusion of the rodeo, the women won with a total 260 team points, blowing away second place. The men finished in fourth with a total 250 points.

Sophomore Ceri McCaffery is ranked second in the region and won the women’s all-around title at the SWOSU Rodeo. Also for the women, senior Kelsie Chase finished first in breakaway at Colby.

For the men, senior Brodie Poppono finished third in tie down at the Kansas State Rodeo. Justin Pollmiller finished second in bareback at the Southeastern Oklahoma Rodeo. The SWOSU rodeo ended with freshman Sage Kimzey finishing first in bullriding, with junior Lane Wilhelm finishing right behind him.
The SWOSU men's golf team came up one stroke short of their second consecutive Great American Conference Championship. The Bulldogs combined for a three-day total of 892 strokes while Arkansas Tech entered the clubhouse with a total of 891.

Tommy Sterling paced the Bulldogs with a stroke total of 221, placing him sixth. Two other Bulldogs, Wouter Myburgh and Vincent Strong, joined Sterling with top 10 finishes after tying for seventh place with a 222 stroke total.

The SWOSU women's golf team improved their stroke total each afternoon of the three-day Great American Conference Golf Championships, tying Arkansas Tech for third place.

The Lady Bulldogs shot a 322 on Sunday and followed that with a 321 on Monday before finishing the tournament with a 318 on Tuesday. Ashlynn Hall paced SWOSU with a stroke total of 233 and a sixth-place finish. Ana-Laura Gomez joined her in the top ten with a 235 total which was good for ninth place. Margaret Mussler finished 13th place with her 240 score while Jessica Heard and Victoria Dobbie were separated by one shot and finished in 26th and 27th places.
The women's cross country team finished in fourth-place in the 2012 Great American Conference Cross Country Championship 5K run. SWOSU had four runners finish in the top 20 and their 81 team points beat five other league teams.

SWOSU's top two finishers were Chelsey Dillion and Taylor Scott, both of which earned a second-team all-conference recognition.

Dillion finished 14th with a time of 20:36.4 and Scott was 15th with a time of 20:38.7.

SWOSU's other runners and their finishes are as follows: Carissa Curtis was 17th with a time of 20:43.3; Emily Hickey was 18th with a time of 20:44.0; Sierra Howell finished 22nd with a time of 21:02.4; Lauren Parenica was 23rd with a time of 21:06.1 and Jennifer Osborn was 39th with a time of 22:04.7. Osborne had several top finishes in other races, including several top 25 placings.
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