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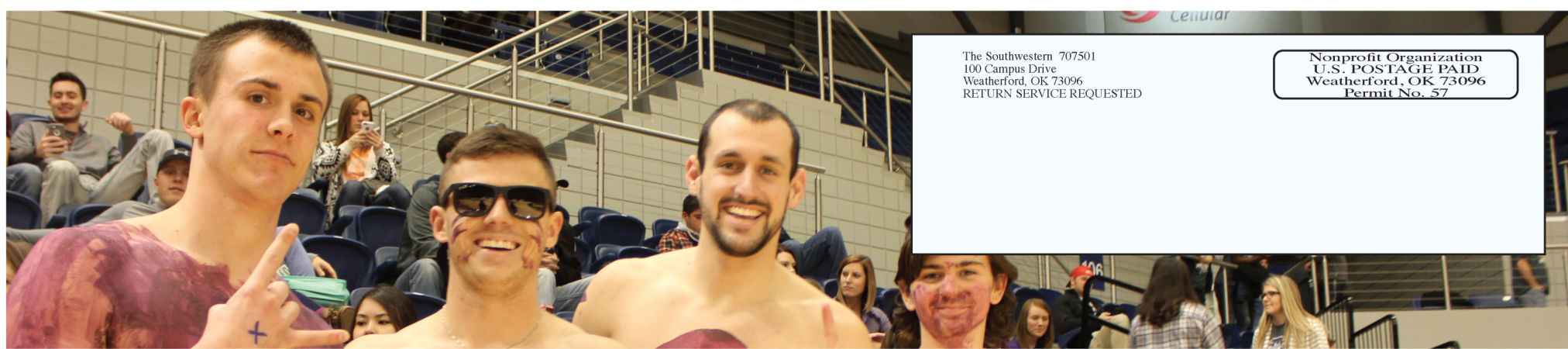
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## *Playing for the Blitz*



Many students tried out last week for the Bulldog Blitz talent show in the Student Union. Individual and group auditions lasted from Thursday to Saturday. More pictures of the tryouts are on page 3. The competitive event is free and will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Fine Arts Center. The talent show is sponsored by the Collegiate Activities Board. (Photo by Phuong Nguyen)

## Shark Tank star to detail his long road to success

Daymond John, one of the stars of ABC's The Shark Tank, will speak at Southwestern on Wednesday, Feb. 18, as part of the university's Panorama series.

The 7:30 p.m. event will be held in the new Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee, said John has been a phenomenally successful business person for over 25 years. Along his entrepreneurial journey, through his many successes as well as failures, he has learned a few things about getting an edge on the competition. He believes the keys to his success include establishing the right mindset and following a few fundamental principles, which he calls his five "S.I.L.A.R.K. points." He is going to share his unique goal-setting and achievement strategies, which will empower audience members to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

Tickets are \$5 for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card and \$10 for others. Tickets, which all are general admission, can be purchased at stubwire.com or pioneercellular-eventcenter.com, by



**Daymond John**

calling 877.990.7882 or in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building. All tickets purchased at the door will be \$20.

SWOSU's Panorama series has been bringing outstanding events to the Weatherford campus since 1991. Panorama is partially supported by an endowed lectureship sponsored by SBC.

# Jazz festival brings big band to campus

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual Jazz Festival will celebrate its 45th anniversary in 2015, and a special event featuring the Metroplexity Big Band will be held on February 12-13 on the Weatherford campus.

In addition to the Dallas-based band, other entertainers at this year's SWOSU Jazz Festival will include a band of jazz students and alumni of SWOSU's storied music program.

The festival kicks off on Thursday evening (Feb. 12) with a free 7 p.m. concert by the Metroplexity Big Band, led by bassist/composer Kris Berg, in the Fine Arts Center.

On Friday (Feb. 13), there will be concerts at 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center featuring five members of the Metroplexity Big Band and SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A". Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by calling 580.774.3780.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D.

Also going on throughout the day on Friday will be performances by high school and college jazz ensembles. Admission to those performances is free.

Dr. Richard Tirk, director of the SWOSU Jazz Festival, said it is exciting that the 45th anniversary will feature the artistry and excitement of Berg and the

MBB.

Berg is one of the top-selling jazz composer / arrangers in the world and has been enhancing the programs and recordings of jazz ensembles from professionals to middle schools for years. While very popular in the United States, Berg enjoys a following throughout the world. His popular series of "chicken" funk

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## Basketball



**WIN OVER HARDING**  
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## Baseball



**NINTH-INNING RALLY**  
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## Library showcase features cartoonist

**By Brad Rowson**  
*Staff Reporter*

Caricaturist and political cartoonist Robert Lange will demonstrate and discuss his art at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center. Admission to the demonstration will be free.

Lange has been drawing cartoons professionally since 1982 and a member of the American Association of Editorial Cartoonists since 1987. He has also worked as an art director, college professor, and technical instructor. He also has a weekly cartoon in the *Daily Oklahoman* each Friday.

The SWOSU Libraries Showcase is the sponsor of Lange's demonstration. The Libraries Showcase brings a variety of arts, literature, science, and history programs to SWOSU. Usually there are two programs each year, one each



**Robert Lange**

semester.

Past presenters include two poet laureates, concerts, storytellers, and a Will Rogers impersonator.

"Since Robert draws political cartoons, I think it could be of interest to anyone who enjoys politics, cartoons, and/or art," said Linda Pye, assistant professor and technical services librarian.

"We hope that several SWOSU students, faculty, and staff will be able to attend, as well as several from the general public."

## *Heart and soul*



**Mercedes Gray speaks during the second annual Soul Food Dinner Thursday night. The dinner was sponsored by the Black Student Association and served as a fund-raiser for an afterschool program in Clinton (Photo by Nakota Taylor)**

# Theatre players prepare for spring production

**By Raven White**  
*Staff Reporter*

The Theatre Department is preparing for this year's spring production, which will be Hedda Gabler. The play explores realism in the 1800's Victorian society.

Director, Steve Strickler, and the production team have been planning this play since last semester. They've put much thought into the makeup, lighting,

costumes and scenery, he said.

The play is about Hedda Gabler Tesman who is unhappily married to her husband, George Tesman, because she feels her youthful life is over. Hedda's previous lover, Eilert Lobborg, starts to grow more successful in his writing with the help of an old schoolmate of hers, Thea Elvsted whom has left her husband

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**WEEKLY WEATHER**  
SOURCE: WEATHER.COM

WED	THUR	FRI
49/30	47/31	57/36
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# NEWS

## Jazz from page 1

tunes have sold tens of thousands of charts.

In addition to Berg and the Metroplexity Big Band, every five years the SWOSU Music Department invites any former jazz students along with long-time SWOSU music professor Dr. Terry Segress, who is now retired, to light up the evening with burning jazz music. This year's alumni band will feature special guest alum/pianist Dave Hanson ('76), who currently is on the jazz faculty at the University of Denver and co-leads the Colorado based H2 Big Band. Segress will have students representing SWOSU's Jazz 'A' from the 70's to the most recent graduates and has selected a program of standard charts like Foster's Blues in Hoss Flat in addition to newer ones like Dave Hanson's Blues Brews.

For more information on any of the SWOSU Jazz Festival activities, contact Tirk at 580.774.3772/richard.tirk@swosu.edu or the SWOSU Music Office at 580.774.3780.

## Play from page 1

for him. When Hedda finds out about it, she tries to come between them. As the story unfolds, more secrets are revealed about the characters and the ending will shock you.

Strickler said changing up the genres every semester gives the actors/actresses a chance to experience new things and get better training for when they pursue acting after college.

Auditions for every production are open to all majors.

"I cast who does the very best in auditions," Strickler said. "We many times have non-theater majors get cast for a part."

The cast for Hedda Gabler is:

George Tesman- Larry Cribbs  
Mrs. Hedda Gabler Tesman- Chelsey Hardin  
Miss Julia Tesman- Amber Hayes  
Mrs. Thea Rysing Elvsted- Lindsee Scott  
Judge Brack- Merritt Taylor  
Eilert Lovborg- Dakota Kemp  
Berta- Rhiannon Jensen

The play will be March 5-7 starting at 7:30 each night.

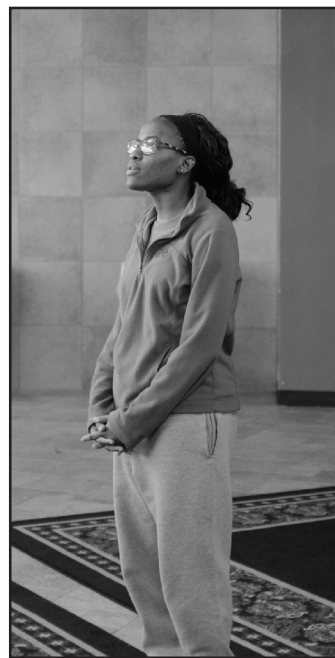
Seating for the production will be limited. Strickler advises everyone to make a reservation starting Feb. 23.

The box office will be open from 4-7 Monday through Friday or students can also call 774-6046.

Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for students with a SWOSU ID.

## more scenes from last week's Blitz tryouts

(Photos by Phuong Nguyen)



## scenes from the Soul Food event (Photos by Nakota Taylor and Phuong Nguyen)



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# NEWS

## Nursing students plan mini hearts carnival

A “Mini Hearts Carnival” for elementary-aged children is planned for Saturday, February 21, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Nurses of Christian Fellowship (NCF) is sponsoring the carnival as a community service project with

proceeds going to the 1st Choice Pregnancy Center in Weatherford.

The carnival will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Wellness Center on the SWOSU campus. Fun activities planned include: Zumba class, bounce house, face painting, popcorn, snow cones and even a health

booth that will include blood pressure readings and information about healthy eating and dental hygiene.

Cost is \$5 per child.

For additional information, contact Emily Abbott at [abbotte@student.swosu.edu](mailto:abbotte@student.swosu.edu) or 303.883.5185.

## Sorority offers babysitting for Valentine’s Day

Got a special evening planned for Valentine’s Day this year and need someone to watch the children?

The women of Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s Sigma Sigma Chi sorority will provide safe and fun babysitting services for

children 2 years of age and older on Saturday, February 14, from 5-8 p.m. in the SWOSU Commuter’s Lounge on the Weatherford campus.

The evening will be filled with crafts, movies, sing-a-longs, games and more. The cost is \$10 per hour

per child or \$8 an hour per child for multiple children.

Spots are limited. Reservations can be made by contacting Sigma Sigma Chi Treasurer Morgan Nance (call or text 405.317.5973 or email [SigmaSigmaChi@aol.com](mailto:SigmaSigmaChi@aol.com)).

## Varner named associate provost

Dr. Monica Varner has been named associate provost. Varner will start March 2.

Varner comes to SWOSU from Arkansas Tech University, where she served as the director for the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning since the fall of 2013. During her tenure at Arkansas Tech where she also was associate professor of sociology, Varner led assessment, institutional effectiveness and teaching/ learning initiatives.

Prior to Arkansas Tech,

Varner served for 10 years at Rogers State University as faculty member in sociology and counseling as well as the program coordinator for the bachelor’s degree in community counseling.

Varner has extensive experience in course redesign, service learning pedagogy and the evaluation of student learning. She also serves as an assurance coordinator with the Higher Learning Commission and provides guidance with national and regional accrediting processes. Varner has provided national presentations on assessment,

continuous improvement, and teaching and learning pedagogies at the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Annual Gateways Course Experience Conference, National Assessment Institute, National Conference on Learner-Centered Teaching, and Campus Compact Heartland Conference.

She serves as a consultant with the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education where she promotes strategies for student success and student-centered teaching and learning activities.



**Dr. Monica Varner**

Among her duties as associate provost at SWOSU will be managing regional and professional accreditation, institutional effectiveness through strategic planning, and academic program planning and evaluation.

## Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

- ACROSS**
- 1. Apprehend
  - 6. Makes a mistake
  - 10. Assign a grade
  - 14. Hello or goodbye
  - 15. Bobbin
  - 16. Norse god
  - 17. Noteworthy
  - 19. Schnozzola
  - 20. Sleeping sickness carrier
  - 21. Assist
  - 22. Component of urine
  - 23. Fancy
  - 25. Alter
  - 26. Froth
  - 30. Spartan
  - 32. Oval
  - 35. Sincere
  - 39. Time of the year
  - 40. Skin pattern
  - 41. A twisting force
  - 43. Attack
  - 44. Innate
  - 46. Jar tops
  - 47. He flies a plane
  - 50. Cheapskate
  - 53. Biblical garden
  - 54. Lie
  - 55. Emissary
  - 60. Indian music
  - 61. Deranged
  - 63. Blacken
  - 64. A noble gas
  - 65. Anagram of "Amend"
  - 66. Sacred
  - 67. Declare untrue
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- DOWN**
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  - 3. Hefty volume
  - 4. Gossip
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  - 6. Historic period
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  - 8. Remedy
  - 9. Sleigh
  - 10. Significant
  - 11. Love intensely
  - 12. Ascended
  - 13. Work dough
  - 18. New Zealand parrot
  - 24. Utilize
  - 25. Tapestry
  - 26. Gala
  - 27. Margarine
  - 28. Winglike
  - 29. Overseas Christian worker
  - 31. Dines
  - 33. Dot
  - 34. Prig
  - 36. Decorative case
  - 37. Auctioned
  - 38. Infants
  - 42. Candidate
  - 43. Autonomic nervous system
  - 45. Award
  - 47. Alight
  - 48. Potato state
  - 49. Lawful
  - 51. L
  - 52. Units of paper
  - 54. A reserve of money
  - 56. Annoying insect
  - 57. Skin disease
  - 58. Adolescent
  - 59. Cocoyam
  - 62. One or more

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, February 11, 2015</b>	
End Time 8:00 PM (Multi-Day Event)	SIGMA DELTA PI Induction Ceremony
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Tau Beta Sigma meeting
<b>Thursday, February 12, 2015</b>	
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Community Coffee at SWOSU
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Sorosis Luncheon
5:30 PM	Women’s Basketball @ Ouachita Baptist AR
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Intramural Dodgeball Tourney
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Student Government Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Library Showcase -- Robert Lange, Artist/Caricaturist
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	SWOSU Jazz Festival
7:30 PM	Men’s Basketball @ Ouachita Baptist AR
<b>Friday, February 13, 2015</b>	
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Allegiance Credit Union Visit
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Oklahoma Association Student Financial Aid Administrators Board Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BSA Power Lunch
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Softball @ Southeastern Regional Invitational
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	SWOSU Jazz Festival Concert
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baseball vs. East Central
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Chili/Hot Dog Supper
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Jazz with Pizazz
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	SWOSU Jazz Festival Concert
<b>Saturday, February 14, 2015</b>	
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Upward Bound Saturday Academy
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Softball @ Southeastern Regional Invitational
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baseball vs. East Central
1:00 PM	Women’s Basketball @ Southern Arkansas
3:00 PM	Men’s Basketball @ Southern Arkansas
<b>Sunday, February 15, 2015</b>	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Softball @ Southeastern Regional Invitational
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Black Student Association Member Meeting
<b>Monday, February 16, 2015</b>	
Women’s Golf at Lady Rattler Invitational	
12:00 AM	Sophomores may enroll for Summer & Fall 2015
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	FREE Lunch at the Wesley Forge
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Zeta Phi Meeting
<b>Tuesday, February 17, 2015</b>	
Women’s Golf at Lady Rattler Invitational	
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Lutheran Campus Ministry
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Kappa Kappa IOTA
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Meeting
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	BCMB Bible Studies
<b>Wednesday, February 18, 2015</b>	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Tapestry Exhibition
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	The Tech Event
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	President Beutler Luncheon with SGA
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Tau Beta Sigma meeting
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Panorama Event - Daymond John
<b>Thursday, February 19, 2015</b>	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Tapestry Exhibition
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Vision Resource Inc. Meeting/Workshop
2:00 PM	Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Meeting
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Teal Out Basketball Games
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Women’s Basketball vs. University of Arkansas-Monticello
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Student Government Meeting
7:00 PM - 11:30 PM	BSA Open Mic Night
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Men’s Basketball vs. University of Arkansas-Monticello



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# FEATURES

## Restaurant Review

### Hibachi Buffet

A fine establishment for students in Weatherford to grab a bite at is the Hibachi Buffet located at 1231 E Main.

The restaurant occupies the space where the old Vinicios restaurant use to be. It is ran by the past owners of the New Young China Restaurant.

The restaurant has a lovely interior with a nice atmosphere. As a hibachi grill, there is a station with uncooked food you can pick the food and take it to the chef who then cooks the food in front of you. The uncooked foods in question include beef, shrimp, noodles and the like.

I had a plate of beef, edamame and broccoli and watched the chef at work as the meal sizzled in front of me. After it was cooked, he asked if I'd like a spicy

sauce to which I agreed. The food was great and the taste, savory.

In addition to the hibachi grill, the restaurant also boasts a buffet with various food items ranging from fried rice, egg rolls and lo mien to chicken-on-a-stick. They also have an assortment of sushi from California rolls to shrimp.

The service was great. The staff was always on hand and very polite; drinks were filled when needed and plates cleared. Afterward, the waiter brought the bill with a fortune cooking included. The Hibachi Buffet is open from 10:30 am to 9:30 pm Monday through Sunday, I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a bite.

--Calley Lamar

## Movie Review

### American Sniper

Chris Kyle is regarded as one of the best snipers in U.S. military history and many of his feats recount in his memoir, which has been transformed by Warner Bros into *American Sniper*.

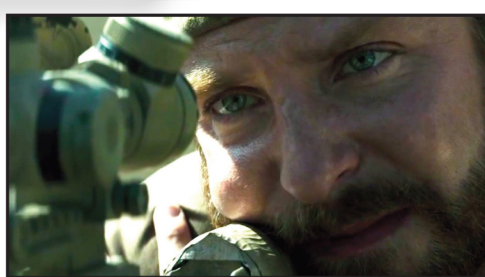
Molded by director Clint Eastwood with the acting of Bradley Cooper, the movie has received constant praise from both audiences and critics. It far exceeded the amount of tickets sold of many other summer blockbusters, and received six Oscar nominations, including one for Best Film.

*American Sniper* is a psychological drama. It does not have intense fighting or epic explosion scenes like other war movies, such as *Saving Private Ryan* or *Pearl Harbor*. The fight scenes are short but done well enough to create a sense of tension.

The movie traces Kyle's military life from his decision to join the military after seeing a U.S. embassy bombed on TV to his selection as a SEAL sniper. After a simple opening depicting childhood events that shaped Kyle's character, the film focuses on portraying Kyle's psychological developments throughout four times being sent to the war in Middle East.

The movie shows how Kyle struggled inwardly before taking an action several times. The movie is not just a story on the battlefield; this soldier also has his wife and children waiting for him at home. Cooper did a very successful job in showing a character feeling pressure from all directions.

However, *American Sniper* is not a perfect movie. Before Eastwood officially assumed the role of director, Warner Bros. considered two other famous names. The first is David O. Russell, who was very successful with two collaborations



with Cooper in *Silver Linings Playbook* and *American Hustle*. The studio also contacted the legendary director, Steven Spielberg. However, the deal did not go anywhere, reportedly because Spielberg wanted to change the plot into a confrontation between Kyle and a gunner from the opposite side. Eastwood added some details of this in his film, but stayed away from that and other potentially controversial issues. The audience member expecting a movie with multi-dimensional perspective about the war may be disappointed.

While Cooper's acting is great, his character becomes the only factor and overwhelms the entire rest of the cast film. Sienna Miller is also very convincing as Taya, Kyle's wife. But to the end of the movie the conflict of the couple seems to be nothing compared to the conflict between the soldier and the war in which he participates.

A similar situation occurs with the enemy sniper. Whether the confrontation portrayed quite attractive but not long after that, the audience will quickly forget this character. Plus, the construction of the image of perfect soldiers who never express negative thoughts with devastating wars greatly limits the potential for discussion.

However, compared with a book that its author is said to be "narrative trophy" and "considered shooting is fun," the film version is a considerable success.

--Maggie Tran

## YouTube channels offer hours of wasted time

By Kierra Prewitt  
Staff Reporter

Ever spent a Friday night watching YouTube videos?

College students have watched hilarious, insightful, or dumb YouTube videos at least once. We have technology right at our fingertips, and while we should be using it for college work, we want to be entertained.

Do you ever wonder, "What should I watch on YouTube today?" You probably answered yes. Who hasn't just stared at the search bar on YouTube, questioning what to watch?

Here are some suggestions that will provide you and your friends some quality entertainment.

One YouTube channel that is educational yet captivating is Vsauce. The channel has 8,355,813 subscribers. Some of the popular uploaded videos are, "What if Everyone JUMPED At Once?" "Why Do We Kiss?" and "Is Your Red The Same as My Red?" All of these videos will cause you to think and expand your knowledge over things you never would question.

Vsauce expanded into two more channels--Vsauce2 and Vsauce3. Vsauce2 is really just fun information to keep you entertained.

Vsauce3 goes further into depth about video games. It updates subscribers on where to purchase new video games, cool facts about different systems/consoles, and videogames as a whole. It is nerdy, yet informative for all your gaming needs.

Ryan Higa is someone else to watch.



He has 13,694, 290 subscribers. His channel contains hilarious, witty videos that many college students would enjoy to watch. Gather up some friends and laugh a long with this YouTube comedy genius, especially his video, "Honest University Commercial."

Thugnotes that takes old classics, like *Pride and Prejudice*, and puts it into an analysis and synopsis. It's easier to understand, but it is said in a "gangster" way. The speaker is educated with the classical works, but he keeps you drawn in to learning more about the pieces.

Thugnotes also goes by the channel Wisecrack now, and it includes videos that are philosophical and movie reviews since it expanded. One of the best videos up to date that are philosophical is, "What Is Reality?" This video will make you question how you perceive reality and what you have learned about reality.

Possibly the funniest channel on YouTube is Epic Rap Battles of History. A lot of people have heard about it, and it does teach you history. I recommend watching the 3 videos containing the rap battles between Hitler and Darth Vader. *Star Wars* buffs will appreciate it, along with history buffs.

## Students make selections for best Super Bowl ads

By Silas Huereca  
Staff Reporter

The Super Bowl advertisements are known to be creative and are expected to grab the attention of viewers.

Many of this year's advertisements shown during last Sunday's game lived up to the viewer's expectations.

After watching the Super Bowl, several people were polled on which commercial stood out to them.

First, Budweiser: "I thought the Budweiser commercial was one of my favorites," Jacob Fuller said. "It's a good reminder on how dogs really are our best friends and we need them."

Second, Reebok: "In today's generation it is normal to really limit ourselves when performing physical activity," Monica Poses said. "Reebok really



showed a great inspirational commercial that encouraged people to do more and to do it better."

Third, Coca-Cola: "I really enjoyed the Coca-Cola Ad for the specific reason of actually reaching out to people," Kandi Wilson said.

"Not a lot of people realize that, as a whole, people shape the world everyday."

Fourth, Clash of Clans: "It was hilarious when

Liam Neeson came into the picture," Josh Myers said. "Makes me not want to attack anyone anymore."

Fifth, Loctite: "Wasn't sure what was going on," Michael Rolston said. "However, the ending made me laugh hysterically, by far the funniest commercial this year."

To see all the ads from this year's Super Bowl, visit <http://www.superbowl-commercials.org>.

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# SPORTS

## Golf teams enter season with high expectations

By Stacey Bailey  
Staff Reporter

The SWOSU men's and women's golf teams are entering the spring season with top 3 rankings in the Great American Conference preseason polls.

Conference coaches anticipate the men's team to finish second in the GAC, giving them 79 points and four first place votes.

The women's team received 60 points and two first place votes, leaving them with a third-place ranking behind Henderson State and Arkansas Tech.

"Overall, I think the our rankings are pretty accurate," said freshman player Natalie Jensen.

"We wanted to have high rankings going into conference and regionals, and these polls give us some confidence as we enter the spring season."

Both teams are coming into the spring with some momentum from their successful showings last season. The men took first at the GAC Preview, and the women finished in the top five at each of their fall tournaments.

Jensen said both teams have displayed an impressive level of commitment

and dedication in preparation for their upcoming season. Their conditioning schedule includes 6 a.m. weight training and running Monday through Thursday.

"We also practice for 2 to 3 hours out on the course everyday," Jensen said. "It doesn't matter if it's cold, rainy or windy--we're still out there."

Brad Fleetwood, head coach for both programs, has structured practices to include ample time for each player to work individually. Jensen said this allows each player to focus on improving specific aspects of his or her game, resulting in two very competitive teams who have big

goals.

"Coach held a meeting before Christmas break where we set three personal goals and three team goals. We are well on our way to achieving all the goals we've set, and everyone's been working really hard to make those happen."

Both teams will open the spring season in San Antonio, Texas, at the Rattler/Lady Rattler Invitationals. The women's tournament will be held Feb. 16-17, and the men's tournament will follow Feb. 23-24.

For full spring schedules, visit [www.swosuathletics.com](http://www.swosuathletics.com).

## Women defeat No. 20 Harding

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – For the second time in three days, the Lady Bulldog basketball team went toe-to-toe with a Top 25 opponent as they matched up with No. 20 Harding on Saturday afternoon. SWOSU flipped the script from Thursday's game, however, defeating the Lady Bisons 78-65 for their third win in the past four games.

A strong shooting night from outside sparked the upset as the Lady Bulldogs connected on 12-of-31 (38.7%) 3-point attempts for the game and shot 42.4% (25-of-59) from the field overall. It is also the second time in the past two seasons that SWOSU has defeated a ranked Harding squad, with the other being a 78-74 win over the #2 Lady Bisons in the championship game of the 2014 Great American Conference Tournament

The teams went back-and-forth to open the second half and seemed poised for a great finish when Andrea Haney tied the game at 58-58 with



Morgan Vogt looks for an open teammate during SWOSU's win over Harding Thursday. (Photo by Nakota Taylor)

5:40 to play. SWOSU then hit their next three shots from three-point range as Kimmi Sawatzky, Jade Jones and Jennifer Williams took turns hitting from downtown to put the Lady Dawgs in control. The lead got pushed to seven on the next possession as a driving Williams found Jessica Penner under the basket for a bucket that made it 69-62 with 3:32 remaining.

SWOSU continued their late-game spurt, getting multiple stops at the defensive end and converting free throws and fast break opportunities out of their press break to make the final margin their largest lead of the game. In total, the Lady Bulldogs finished the game on a 20-7 run, spanning more than five and a half minutes of game time.

"I'm so proud of this

team, their resiliency and the fight we have shown these past two weeks," SWOSU Coach Kelsi Musick said after the win. "We have come together and they are starting to understand our system. I also thought our defense and rebounding were very clutch in helping us knock off a Top 25 opponent."

Jones led the way for SWOSU, hitting 3-of-6 from downtown and 6-of-12 overall for a career-high 19 points while Nina Gregory also had a career game, hitting 4-of-5 shots from the field – all three pointers – along with two free throws for 14 points in 17 minutes of action. Sawatzky scored 11 points, including multiple clutch baskets in the game-deciding run, while Chelsea Bates and Williams each added 10 points apiece.

The Lady Bulldogs outrebounded Harding 43-to-38 and forced 12 turnovers in addition to outshooting the Lady Bisons from the field and three-point range. Even though Harding outscored SWOSU 30-to-24 in the post, the Lady Bulldogs had six second-chance points while holding HU without any and the SWOSU bench outscored Harding's 35-to-22.

SWOSU (8-12, 5-9 GAC) has now won three of their last four games and they've climbed back into seventh place in the GAC standings with six games remaining on the conference slate. The Lady Bulldogs play two games on the road next weekend, facing Ouachita Baptist and Southern Arkansas before returning home to play the final four games on their schedule.

## Big comeback

*Bulldogs score four in the ninth to win on the road*

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas – SWOSU Baseball scored the first two runs in Sunday's final game of the QuikTrip Classic, but played behind most of the game before a final-inning rally netted the Bulldogs a thrilling 10-8 victory over Ouachita Baptist.

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Dalton Daniels and Christian Perez had back-to-back singles to start the game, setting both runners up to score on a Haden Houska single to left center three batters later. SWOSU's 2-0 lead would be short lived, however, as SWOSU starter Sawyer Barnard was unable to make it out of the first inning, allowing three hits and six runs in 0.2 innings of work. Barnard gave up three walks and had two errors behind him, making just two of the runs against him earned.

Taylor Weifenbach recorded the final out of the first inning and went on to face the next 19 OBU batters over 5.2 innings, allowing just one run on three hits with four strikeouts. The consistency on the mound allowed the Bulldogs to cut into their deficit, scoring three runs on four hits in the fourth inning, including back-to-back doubles from Korbin Polston and Jacob Spring, which got SWOSU within one at 6-5 through four innings.

The gritty Bulldogs dug deep in the ninth inning, loading the bases with the first three batters of the inning before Haden Houska singled, scoring Perez from third to get SWOSU within one. Bryan Holt then reached on a fielder's choice that allowed Polston to score and tie the game. Tyler Rapp then walked to again load the bases, but a Nolan Barrientos fielder's choice got Spring forced out at the plate, leaving the Bulldogs with two outs and



Southwestern players congratulate each other after a run is scored. The Bulldogs are off to a 2-4 start.

the bases still loaded.

That's when Wagner again stepped to the dish and delivered with a two-run single to shallow left field, scoring both Holt and Rapp before Barrientos was gunned out trying to advance to third on the play. With momentum on the side of the Bulldogs, Ethan Davis struck out the first two batters in the bottom of the ninth before inducing a flyout to right field to end the game.

Davis (1-0) pitched the final 2.2 innings, allowing just one hit and one run, to pick up the victory.

SWOSU (2-4) finishes their weekend at the QuikTrip Classic 2-2 with two quality regional victories. The Bulldogs conclude a home-and-home set with the Buffs in a single, nine-inning game with first pitch at 1:00 pm from the Athletic Complex.

## Softball team prepares for season of changes

By Emily Garcia  
Staff Reporter

SWOSU's softball team is looking to make their mark this season with new coaches and dedicated players.

The 2014 season had a rocky ending, with several factors such as loss of players and lack of team chemistry, the team ended with a record of 13-39. Shortly afterwards, head coach Tami Loy resigned. New head coach Barbara Burnett plans to redeem the softball program.

"We have made a lot of changes," Burnett said, "Work ethic, buy in, accountability, and practice content are all major things that we have improved on, and continue to improve on this year."

Returning Senior 1<sup>st</sup> baseman Adrienne Martinez believes that this year will be much different.

"This team has strengths from all aspects," Martinez said. "We have great coaches, pitching, offense, speed, defense, and knowledge of the game. All across the board this team is strong."

The softball team started off its season on Feb. 2 against Tarleton State, unfortunately falling short both games. Despite the outcome, returning Bulldogs saw a major difference in the team, and have high hopes for this season.

"Facing a strong and well-known team, we fought, and fought hard," said Martinez. "The scary thing is, those were just our first games. If we continue to improve every game, and fix the little mistakes, we will be on top this year."

The coaches are not going to take any competitor in the Great American Conference lightly.

"All of the teams will be a challenge, we have a tough conference," Burnett said. "As coaches we will do our homework on the other teams and prepare our girls the best we can."

Martinez also feels that the team should fight hard in every conference game.

"We won't take any opponent lightly, and they won't take us lightly either," Martinez said. "I think the whole conference is tough, and we will definitely need to step up our game every time we face someone new."

Continuing to improve the softball program, Burnett pushes her players to be the best they can be every day.

"The goal as always is to win a conference championship," Burnett said. "We work hard every day, in the weight room, the pool, and on the field. We have done a lot to prepare and I'm looking forward to a great season."

The softball team will be on the road to Durant, Oklahoma on Feb. 13 to compete against Washburn University in the Southeastern Regional Invitational. First pitch will be at 12:30 p.m.

## Dodgeball tourney starts Thursday

By Tyler Steinly  
Staff Reporter

The SWOSU Wellness Center will host a campus-wide dodgeball tournament on Thursday, Feb. 12. The tournament is open to all students, faculty, and staff members.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. and will be double elimination. The games will be six on six, but each team can have eight total players, leaving two alternates for substitutions.

Sign ups are open at <http://www.imleagues.com/Default.aspx>. Search for Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the home page and follow the link provided.

For more information about the tournament, sign ups, or other sports and leagues, contact the SWOSU Wellness Center at 772-3047.



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# RES LIFE

## CAN'T BE MISSED EVENTS

By: Cody Ewing

It's time to outwit, out play, and outlast. If you enjoy creepy game characters and scares that make you jump out of your seat; take part in the Outlast Tournament at Neff Hall. February 12th at 8:00 pm is when the terror begins, test your skills at strategy and running for your life. If you love the game come on out; if you haven't heard of it come check it out. Bring your courage, friends, and be prepared for the terrors of Outlast!

## PICS OF THE RES LIFE



## resident spotlight

by: Abby Odle

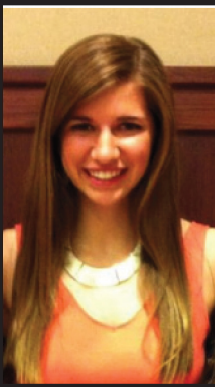
Alex White

Hometown: Norman, OK

Classification: Junior

Residence Hall: Stewart Hall

Major: Pharmacy



Alex is in her first year of Pharmacy School here at SWOSU and cannot imagine being anywhere else at this point in her life. Alex started her career in pharmacy not only because she was interested in medicine, but because she wants to apply her education to missions' works. She believes that if you have the opportunity to help, especially those in areas without as many medical opportunities that you should. Alex started her career at SWOSU without knowing anyone, now through joining many organizations such as PLC, Sigma Sigma Chi (Alumni), Fellowship of the Christian Pharmacists, Kappa Epsilon, being a Pharmacy rep for SGA, a student rep for the General Education Committee, a Student Ambassador, and a member of Dean's Council for Pharmacy, she has made many friends and has become very connected. Alex is one of four siblings and even has a younger brother who is currently attending SWOSU as a freshman. Two people who have really inspired Alex's love for math and science are Mr. Walker and Mr. Foor, who were both high school teachers of Alex's. These men were both very passionate about inspiring students through learning and showed Alex how important it is for students to have teachers who care throughout their educational journey. An exciting event coming up for Alex is her wedding in May. She is marrying the guy she has been dating since her freshman year of high school. So, whenever you see Alex around campus tell her congratulations or just simply say hello.

## meet a res-life person

by: Emily Vick

Selam Dejene

Hometown: Stillwater, OK

Classification: Super Senior

Major: Pharmacy

Residence Hall: Stewart Hall



Meet Selam! Selam became an RA so that she could be that older sister/mentor to girls and help encourage, guide, and inspire them through these crazy college years. When asked what she aspires to be, she said "a world changer! My divine purpose and vision is to encourage and enlighten people to see themselves as God sees them by inspiring them to be the change they wish to see in the world by embracing their desires, utilizing their talents and just being themselves." A fun fact about her is that she has a homemade dimple. Selam is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists, Phi Lambda Sigma, (pharmacy leadership society), Dean's Council, and Black Student Association. She enjoys watching movies, having heart to hearts, and traveling. Selam's favorite quote is by Marianna Williamson, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us." If you have any free time check out the movement SEYyou on Facebook/Instagram for daily encouragement! If you come by Stewart Hall make sure to meet Selam!

## Brainstorm By: Anthony Braden

The beginning of the year has just passed and everyone is already busy up to their eyeballs. Although I'm always happy to see people un-mushing their brains, it takes a certain amount of organization to maintain the freight train that is your life. Work hard, yes, but working smart is just as important. Use that hard-matter in your brain to decide how best to organize your life: PDAs, personal organizers, and secretaries. On that note, it's good to be out and about working with your friends and the community. Being busy is important for a quality life, the more you work, the less mush can creep its way into your brain! Giving you something to think about: what's worth more, freedom, or privilege?

ResLIFE Happenings		
What	When	Where
Mockingjay Part 1	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fine Arts Building
Res Life at the Baseball Game	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Complex
Spring Break	Mar 13 - 22	Campus Wide
Oklahoma Hall		
Gotta Getta Pizza This	Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Travel Tips	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Study, Study	Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Rogers & Jefferson Hall		
Heart Awareness Month	All Feb	R&J
Neff Hall		
Outlast Game Night	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 8pm	Neff Hall Lobby
Super Smash Bros Tournament	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 8pm	Neff Hall Lobby
Ninja Assassin II	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm	Neff Hall Lobby
Stewart Hall		
Miss Independent	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stewart Hall Lobby
Car Education	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stewart Hall Lobby