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Organizational fair...



Students cheer on each other during lawn games at the Organizational Fair on Thursday. The fair is one of many first-of-semester events that highlight clubs and activities. (Photo by Khanh Nguyen)

Auditions set for Shakespeare play

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Art, Communication & Theatre will be holding auditions for the theatre's season-opener – William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

The production is under the guidance of faculty members Steve P. Strickler as director and Debra P. Holmes as Technical Director/Designer. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM is one of Shakespeare's most popular romantic comedies. There are approximately twenty roles in the script.

Strickler and Holmes have chosen to place the production in a Vaudeville setting – which will open up many opportunities for the designers and the actors.

The cold-reading auditions are open to all currently enrolled SWOSU students (regardless of major) and will be held on September 9 & 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.

Students interested in other production areas can contact the theatre faculty in Campbell 126 or attend the auditions.

Production dates are set for November 5-8.

For more information, please contact Steve Strickler at steve.strickler@swosu.edu or Debra Holmes at debra.holmes@swosu.edu.

Concert gets statewide attention

Some students haven't heard of them, but loyal fans are excited about Avett Brothers event

By REBECCA DILL
Staff Reporter

Southwestern students have mixed reactions to The Avett Brothers concert that will be held on campus Sept. 25. Reactions range from excitement and willingness to pay any price, to lack of interest and "I'm not paying that! I'm a college student!" The Avett Brothers are an American band that is the first act of the 2014-2015 Panorama series at SWOSU.

Several students say that they have not heard of The Avett Brothers and will not be going to the concert at the Pioneer

Cellular Event Center. Other students claim an interest in coming to see The Avett Brothers, but prices may prevent them from buying tickets. Five of six students interviewed by The Southwestern said that they would be more interested in going to the concert if this event had a special price for students. Tickets to Bill Cosby's Far From Finished Tour held at the PCEC in April were discounted for students with an active student ID.

The Avett Brothers have plenty of fans on campus who are more than willing to pay the \$37-\$75 for a ticket.

"I bought tickets

as soon as they went on sale," said Rachel Cook, a sophomore nursing student. She has been a fan of The Avett Brothers for years, owns eight of their albums and plans to go to the concert with several of her family members.

The marketing team at PCEC recently traveled to Stillwater, to promote the concert at Oklahoma State University's "Lights over Stillwater" event. According to Alana Martin, PCEC marketing intern, more students that expected knew of The Avett Brothers and were excited that they would be performing in Weatherford.

Student ticket sales may not make up a majority of sales in the end. However, over 1,000 tickets have been sold and that number is expected to increase at a healthy level in the weeks leading up to the concert, according to PCEC Director Nathan Smith.

The concert will be held at PCEC in Weatherford on Sept. 25. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and The Avett Brothers will perform at 8 p.m. Alcohol will be available to purchase for persons age 21 and over. Tickets to the concert range from \$37 to \$75 and are available online at www.pioneer-cellular-eventcenter.com.



The Avett Brothers will perform at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on Sept. 25 as part of the Panorama Series. (Photos courtesy American Songwriter)

Concert is first Panorama event

By BLAIR BARNETT
Staff Reporter

SWOSU recently announced its Panorama Series lineup for the year. The Panorama committee believes there is an event to interest everyone.

The Panorama series is an annual event that takes place over the course of the year. Included in your tuition is a "student activity fee" this fee is charged to help put

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Football



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Teams take ice bucket challenge

Big bucket dumps water on team

By KAITLYN RIVAS
Staff Reporter

Last Friday, the SWOSU softball team took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

This was started as a fundraiser for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. In just a few months, this challenge has gone viral, raising over \$70.2 million for the ALS foundation. The object of the challenge is to pour a bucket of freezing ice water over your head, donate to the foundation, and then challenge three other people to do the same.

Southwestern's new head softball coach, Barbara Burnett, was challenged by her previous college, Independence Com-

munity College, in Kansas. She then convinced her entire softball team to participate as well. Twenty-nine people took part, including Burnett and assistant coaches Beau Burnett and Johnna Smith. The challenge took place at Western Equipment and was achieved by filling a front-end loader full of ice cold water and dumping it onto the entire team.

Coach Burnett and the Lady Bulldogs challenged Southwestern baseball, Southeastern softball and Southwestern Women's soccer. By participating, the Lady Bulldogs started a new trend for collegiate sports to accept the ALS challenge and for the foundation to earn and raise more money and awareness.



A front-end loader from Western Equipment dumps ice water on the softball team as part of the ice bucket challenge raising awareness and money for ALS research. (Photo provided)

The entire athletic department coaching staff got in on the challenge. Go to page 2 for more details.

NEWS/OPINION

Miss SWOSU meeting scheduled

An informational meeting for the Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant is coming up Thursday, September 4. All SWOSU students who would like to participate in the October 25 pageant are invited to attend the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Bonny Board Room. Information will be available for potential contestants. The pageant is open to all full-time female students between the ages of 17-24 and enrolled on the Weatherford or Sayre

campuses with a grade point average of 2.5 or above. Entry deadline for the pageant is September 23. The Miss Southwestern Pageant is an affiliate of the Miss Oklahoma/Miss America Scholarship Pageants. Hailey Raetz is the current Miss SWOSU. For more information, call pageant director Debbie Brown in the Public Relations & Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063 or email debbie.brown@swosu.edu.

Panorama from page 1

on the series, along with other entertainment events for students. The first event is the Avett Brothers, a band described as the American Mumford and Son. The Avett Brothers will perform in the brand new Pioneer Cellular event center at 8 p.m. Sept 25. Tickets are on sale now and range from \$37 to \$75. The next event is the comedy tour group Second City. This event will be held in the Fine Arts center at 7:30 p.m. Nov 11. Tickets will go on sale Sept 29.

King named director of institutional advancement

Garrett King has been named director of institutional advancement at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. King, a 2008 graduate of SWOSU who has been working as a field representative for U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas, will lead the SWOSU Foundation and SWOSU Alumni Association. "It is an honor and privilege to return to my alma mater," King said. "I look forward to working with the SWOSU Foundation trustees & alumni, President (Randy) Beutler, and the entire SWOSU community to help make our university a stronger institution."

King was born and raised on a peanut farm between Binger and Eakly in northern Caddo County. While he was a student at SWOSU, he served four years in the Student Government Association and served as president in 2006-07. King sits on the boards of HOBY Oklahoma, SWOSU Alumni Association, Weatherford Community Habitat for Humanity and on the advisory board of the Weatherford Public Library. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Weatherford. He resides in Weatherford with his wife, Custer County attorney and SWOSU alumnus Carissa (Marquis) King.



Southwestern football coach Dan Cocannouer, Athletic Director Todd Thurman, past Assistant AD Kelli Litsch, and volleyball coach Josh Collins get ice water dumped on them as part of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge as part of Bulldog Pride Night.

Coaches and staff take Ice Bucket Challenge

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — SWOSU coaches, staff and student-athletes gathered in the Memorial Ballroom of the SWOSU Student Union on Sunday night for the third annual Bulldog Pride Night, an event to help kickoff the new school year with unity and excitement. Each of the Bulldogs head coaches spoke to the group before Athletic Director Todd Thurman closed the event with a special challenge. After himself being challenged along with Legendary Lady Bulldog Kelli Litsch to complete the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge,

Thurman passed the challenge along to the SWOSU coaching staff and athletic administration team. With hundreds of student-athletes gathered around to watch and take videos, Thurman and company completed the challenge and now are passing it on around the Great American Conference. "We will challenge ALL of the coaches from the GAC including our fearless leader, Will Prewitt," Thurman said moments before the Bulldogs took the challenge. "We feel like this is a very important cause and we're very excited to

do this." The challenge involves people getting doused with buckets of ice water on video, posting that video to social media, then nominating others to do the same, all in an effort to raise ALS awareness. People can either accept the challenge or make a donation to an ALS Charity of their choice, or do both. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

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THE SOUTHWESTERN encourages comments from the student body, faculty, and administration in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must include a name for consideration; however, the name may be withheld upon request.

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NEWS

Majors fair set for Thursday

The SWOSU Majors Fair is planned Thursday, September 4, for students who are still deciding on college majors or contemplating changing their majors.

The fair is planned for 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Savannah Schones, coordinator of career services at SWOSU, said the Majors Fair allows students to visit with a representative from all of the major departments on campus, ask any questions and collect information on potential careers offered.

“Some students come to college, take classes and still have no idea what they want to be,” Schones said. “This event is provided to help answer some of those questions.”

She said students can prepare before they come by participating in a short OKCIS career assessment in Career Services STF 209.

For additional information, contact NSO or Career Services at orientation@swosu.edu, careers@swosu.edu, 580-774-3233, or visit Stafford Center 209.

SWOSU at top of list for blood donations

By HYEBIN KONG
Staff Reporter

SWOSU was recognized the 4th largest blood donation community in the Oklahoma City area in 2013. The person on campus who coordinate and publicize the blood drives is Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty. *The Southwestern* interviewed her about the school’s recognition for its dedication to donate blood.

- 1. Where did SWOSU students donate their blood?**
-The SWOSU students donated blood on campus in cooperation with the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Usually at the Wellness Center.
- 2. Can students donate blood whenever they want?**
-The Oklahoma Blood Institute has regulations about how often any individual can donate blood. These

- rules are in place to keep the individual safe.
- 3. What is the major reason that students donate their blood? Is there any particular reason?**
-Why someone donates blood is a personal reason. Everyone has their own background so it is impossible to give an universal answer.
 - 4. Can anyone in SWOSU donate blood if they want? Even international students or professors?**
-Anyone 16 years or older can donate blood. This includes: students, professors, and even non-students.
 - 5. How can we students donate our blood? What do we have to do?**
-The people of SWOSU, and western Oklahoma in general, have caring hearts and are always willing to help in anyway that they can.
- Future 2014/2015 blood drives are scheduled for: Sept.22&23, Dec.1&2, Feb.2&3, Apr.6&7, Jun.22, Aug.24.**

Recent graduate writes fantasy novel

Recent Southwestern Oklahoma State University alumnus and Fairview native Dakota Kemp has had an eventful summer, culminating with the publishing of his first novel, a fantasy story, entitled *The Arrival*.

The 2014 graduate will have two book signings in Weatherford. The first is planned Tuesday, September 9, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center on the Weatherford campus. The second one will be Saturday, September 13, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ratcliffe’s Book Store. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Kemp graduated from the university with a degree in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement. His new book is the first in a projected series of four. A medieval epic in the style of J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy or George R. R. Martin’s *A Game of Thrones*, the 400-

plus page story transports the reader into a different reality, which is an experience that Kemp wished to portray to his audience through his work.

Beginning when he was 14 years old and transcending into his adult career, Kemp’s love for writing evolved as he grew older. From renditions of King Arthur legends to the eventual development of his own fantasy world, a multitude of ideas took shape in Kemp’s head for years before he decided to put them into action in the form of his own novel.

Though he knows that not everyone shares his affinity for fantasy stories, Kemp said that he has always been fascinated by magic and the concept of alternate worlds. Regardless of how much attention the book attracts, Kemp is proud of his creation and hopes that readers everywhere enjoy experiencing *The Arrival*.

Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

- ACROSS**
- Explosion
 - Hissy fit
 - Swine
 - Work hard
 - Cypher
 - Forearm bone
 - Swelling under the skin
 - Space
 - Harvest
 - Luscious
 - Places
 - Crone
 - Suite
 - Girdle
 - Hairdos
 - Betel palm
 - Praised somewhat dishonestly
 - Russian emperor
 - Eccentric
 - Disappear gradually
 - Answers
 - Move forward suddenly
 - Rubber wheels
 - Possessor
 - Discrimination against the elderly
 - Excavated
 - Scheme
 - Characterized by habitual skepticism
 - Decorative case
 - Sweeping story
 - Chocolate source
 - Tease
 - Arid
 - Concerning (archaic)
 - Tall woody plant
 - Collections
 - Shelf

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- DOWN**
- Hemorrhaged
 - Stow, as cargo
 - Cain’s brother
 - A few
 - Windpipe
 - Scrawny one
 - Newbie (slang)
 - False god
 - Audacity
 - Meaningful
 - A part of the small intestine
 - Mosquitoes
 - Exhausts
 - Make lace
 - Frequently, in poetry
 - Felines
 - Riccelike pasta
 - Genuine
 - Audit
 - Tribes
 - Trees of the genus Quercus
 - A flat mass of ice
 - South African monetary unit
 - Border
 - A doe or stag
 - Resoluteness
 - "___ the season to be jolly"
 - Rational
 - Shack
 - Communion table
 - A type of bandage
 - Small freshwater fishes
 - Flippant
 - Type of sword
 - Encircle
 - Windmill blade
 - Frozen
 - Warbled
 - Bit of dust

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 03, 2014	
Last Day to Drop a Class or Totally Withdraw for a Partial Refund	
All Day	Sorority Rush Sign Up
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	St. Eugene College Lunch
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Noonday
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Cooperating Teacher Workshop
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Medical Professions Club
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Meeting
Thursday, September 04, 2014	
All Day	Sorority Rush Sign Up
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	SWOSU Majors Fair
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	New Faculty Reception
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Teacher Candidate Supervisor Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Miss SWOSU Committee Meeting
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Biology Club Meetings
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Miss SWOSU Pageant Informational Meeting
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	AASA 1st Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Student Government Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Tutoring for Introductory Physics
Friday, September 05, 2014	
All Day	Sorority Rush Sign Up
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Volleyball @ Midwestern State Hampton Inn-vitational
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Soccer vs. Minnesota State University-Mankato
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Volleyball @ Midwestern State Hampton Inn-vitational
5:00 PM	Late payment fee applied to tuition and fee balances
Saturday, September 06, 2014	
Cross Country @ UCO Land Run	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	American Association of University Women
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Volleyball @ Midwestern State Hampton Inn-vitational
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Volleyball @ Midwestern State Hampton Inn-vitational
6:00 PM	Football @ Harding University
Sunday, September 07, 2014	
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Soccer vs. Minot State University
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Kappa Delta Omega Meeting
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Kappa Delta Omega Pledge Meeting
Monday, September 08, 2014	
All Day	Sorority Combined Rush Night
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Executive Council Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Administrative Council Meeting
11:30 AM - 1:15 PM	FREE Lunch at the Wesley
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Let’s Talk About SWOSU
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Tutoring for Introductory Physics
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Fraternity Info & Sign Up Night
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	BCM FORGE
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Kappa Phi -Rose Tea
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	The Wesley-Men’s Group
Tuesday, September 09, 2014	
Phi Delta Theta Night	
All Day	Room and Board Payments Due
All Day	Sorority Combined Rush Night
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Book Signing for “The Arrival”
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Lutheran Campus Ministry
7:00 PM	Volleyball @ Southeastern Oklahoma
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Freshman and Upper Class-man Bible Study
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	The Wesley
Wednesday, September 10, 2014	
Tau Kappa Epsilon Night	
All Day	Kappa Delta Omega Formal Rush Night
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	SCC Council Meeting
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	St. Eugene College Lunch
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Noonday
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2014	
Phi Delta Theta Night	
All Day	Admin Training Meeting
All Day	Sigma Sigma Chi Formal Rush Night
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Sorosis Luncheon
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Student Government Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Tutoring for Introductory Physics
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Volleyball vs. St. Gregory’s
Friday, September 12, 2014	
Tau Kappa Epsilon Night	



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FEATURES

Some fair foods sound great, some are hard to digest

By **SHU-CHING WANG**
Staff Reporter

There are approximately 25 unique foods, including a Bacon Explosion Sundae, launching at the 2014 Oklahoma State Fair. The southwestern conducted a survey of 20 students to find out the top three best foods and the three that sound the worst to them.

The students picked the Caveman Turkey Leg as the new food that sounded the best to them. The Caveman Turkey Leg is smoked with about of a

pond of bacon wrapped on it. Can you image the smell? It must make you salivate. The silver medal winner is the Nutella Donut. Nutella donut makes us experience in a chocolate heaven. Eating Nutella donut with creamy hazelnut chocolate is really enjoyable. The bronze medal winner is Fried Chicken & Donuts with Maple Syrup. Delicious fried chicken matches the softly crispy donuts and pluses the sweet of maple syrup. Can't wait to try these appetizing foods?

Besides the top three

favorite foods voted by the students, there are three that the students said sound unappetizing worst foods. The first weird food is the Bacon Explosion Sundae. The common dessert, sundae, is mixed with ice cream caramel sauce and bacon. It's a creative food which combines two totally opposite tastes of foods together.

The second food that students don't like is Deep-Fried Giant Gummy Bears. For this treat, gummy bear will be sprinkled with powdered sugar and strawberry sauce and then

presented on a stick. The third food liked least is Deep-Fried Sauerkraut Balls. Sauerkraut, cream cheese, breadcrumbs are hand-rolled into balls, and deep-fried into a tasty cuisine. Do they sound terrible? Why not giving them a try?

Apart from the six foods introduced, there are other yummy delicacies at the Oklahoma State Fair! Don't hesitate taking a chance to taste the special foods. The state fair is on September 11 thru 21. Welcome to taste the awesome foods.



Deep-friend giant gummy bear

Restaurant Review

Twisted

Twisted is a great new place for college students to grab a yummy yogurt snack. Twisted offers a variety of frozen yogurt flavors along with many choices of toppings such as, fruit, chocolate, and candy. My suggestion is fruit. The environment of the frozen yogurt shop is very enjoyable, with plenty of seating that makes it a pleasant place to do homework. The staff is very friendly and offered to answer any questions a person might have.

Twisted has a FROYO, frozen yogurt, Fan Club punch card for customers. After five yogurt visits are purchased, the customer receives the sixth frozen yogurt free. This offer is also featured on the new Bulldog Connection app available on the App store. Twisted is fairly cheap for those on a college budget and a great refreshing alternative to ice cream. Twisted is located on 402 East Main St. in Weatherford.

--Kassidy House



Movie Review

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is an excellent film for the whole family. It has a little bit of everything to satisfy anyone's expectations, from action to comedy to learning to show family love.

A vicious group called the Foot Clan is terrorizing modern day New York City. Reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox) is tired of doing fluff pieces and investigates the attacks. She discovers the vigilantes who are secretly saving the city from the Foot she comes face to face with four talking teenage turtles, Michelangelo, Donatello, Leonardo, and

Raphael, and their martial arts master, Splinter. The turtles, along with O'Neil, team up to take down the Foot Clan and it's ruthless leader, the Shredder, and save the city.

This movie has a little more violence than normal kid films but with the added humor the kids will be sure to love it. It is full of teenage antics, action, and pizza.

It is a definite movie for the family. Turtle fans will enjoy the newest installment of an iconic franchise that stretches from the 1980s to today.

TMNT was almost everything I expected it



to be, it almost followed the 1990s version of the movie.

One of the best parts that I really enjoyed was a scene when they are in the elevator and they all start beat boxing. It was meant to be a serious moment and they turned it into something that was funny. It just reminds you that even though they are saving NYC, they are still just teenagers.

-- Lauren Elrod

Students like Nike

By **SABER SAPP**
Staff Reporter

SWOSU students like Nike over Under Armour for their sports apparel. The debate between the two companies' products increased last week when Under Armour reportedly offered Thunder star Kevin Durant at least \$250 million to leave Nike. Durant ended up staying with Nike.

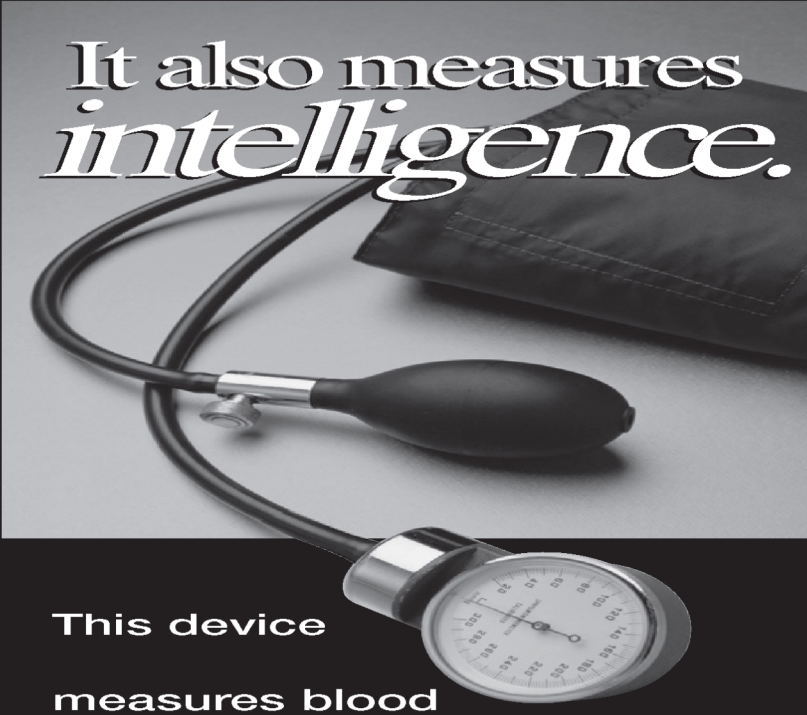
Last week, 10 random students on campus were asked the question "Which do you like better, Nike or Under Armour?" The answers: seven votes for Nike, two for Under Armour and one for

both.

"I like Nike better because they have a more extensive collection of shoes, apparel and equipment compared to Under Armour," said Zack White. Agreeing with White, Bailey Robertson said, "Nike clothes fit me better and are usually less expensive."

"I like both, it just depends on what item I'm interested in buying," said Kassidy House.



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SPORTS

Bulldogs to look build on winning 2013 season

By CHARLES MORRIS
Staff Reporter

This upcoming football season the Bulldog football team looks to capitalize on last year's success when it went 6-5 and gave Head Coach Dan Cocannouer his first winning record while being at the helm. "One are main expectations is we want to win," Cocannouer said. "The biggest thing is to win our conference and make the playoffs."

SWOSU opens up this year at Harding University, a team they uprooted last year in an upset game 27-23. Harding is again picked to be successful this year. They are ranked second in the Great American Conference pre-season poll, while SWOSU is picked to finish sixth. "We can't have any mistakes," Cocannouer said. "The pressure is on them to beat us."

This year they return four-year starter defensive lineman Devin Benton and linebacker Kale Sawatzky on the defensive side. One the offensive side of the



Quarterback Ryley Claborn will be expected to step in as starter for the Bulldogs this year.

ball they return seniors running back Karl Hodge and wide receiver Brad Smythey. Cocannouer has to replace long time defensive coordinator Todd Helton with new coordinator Eric Gibson. After Helton took a position to be assistant athletic director for swosu. "We wanted to take a step forward and not a step

back in replacing Coach Helton and I believe we have done that with Coach Gibson," he said Swosu football team opens up at Harding 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept.6. "We have a great group of guys that we are capable of winning every game on our schedule this year and win the conference and make the playoffs," Cocannouer said.

Fantasy football draws many fans

By DYLAN ABNER
Staff Reporter

Football season has just begun and perhaps the only thing more anticipated by some football fans is Fantasy Football. Every year over 33 million people sign up to draft their fantasy teams and compete against friends and people across the country, and that is no different right here on our campus. Several students participate in leagues and compete against their friends and one of these students is Skylar Abernathy. Abernathy has been playing Fantasy

Football for three years now and is in a pretty competitive league. "Every year me and my nine friends get together and throw in \$100, winner takes all," Abernathy said. "We even have a trophy and get the winners name put on it every year." More and more people are signing up every year, having fun challenging their friends and maybe even making a little extra money in the process. If you are interested in joining or creating your own league, you can do so at sports sites such as NFL.com and ESPN.com.

Upcoming athletic events

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
9/5/2014	Volleyball	vs Washburn University	Wichita Falls, Texas	8:00 am
9/5/2014	Women's Soccer	vs Minnesota State University - Mankato	Weatherford, Okla.	3:00 pm
9/5/2014	Volleyball	vs Mollay College	Wichita Falls, Texas	4:30 pm
9/6/2014	Volleyball	at Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, Texas	11:30 am
9/6/2014	Volleyball	vs Colorado State University - Pueblo	Wichita Falls, Texas	4:30 pm
9/6/2014	Football	at Harding University	Searcy, Ark.	6:00 pm
9/6/2014	Women's Cross Country	at UCO Land Run	Edmond, Okla.	
9/7/2014	Women's Soccer	vs Minot State University	Weatherford, Okla.	1:00 pm
9/8-9/2014	Women's Golf	vs Central Region Preview	Olathe, Kan.	
9/8-9/2014	Men's Golf	vs GAC Men's Preview	Oklahoma City, Okla.	
9/9/2014	Volleyball	at Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Durant, Okla.	7:00 pm
9/11/2014	Volleyball	vs Saint Gregory's University (Okla.)	Weatherford, Okla.	6:00 pm
9/12/2014	Women's Soccer	at University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond, Okla.	4:00 pm
9/13/2014	Football	vs Arkansas Tech University	Weatherford, Okla.	6:00 pm
9/14/2014	Women's Soccer	vs Midwestern State University	Weatherford, Okla.	1:00 pm
9/15-16/2014	Women's Golf	at NSU Women's Classic	Tahlequah, Okla.	
9/16/2014	Volleyball	vs East Central University	Weatherford, Okla.	7:00 pm
9/16/2014	Women's Soccer	at Oklahoma Baptist University	Shawnee, Okla.	5:00 pm
9/19/2014	Volleyball	vs St. Edward's University	Goodwell, Okla.	5:00 pm
9/19/2014	Volleyball	at Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Goodwell, Okla.	7:30 pm
9/19-21/2014	Rodeo	at Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Cherokee, Okla.	
9/20/2014	Football	vs Southern Arkansas University	Weatherford, Okla.	6:00 pm

Bulldog softball signs 19

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – First-year head coach Barbara Burnett announced Thursday the addition of 19 student-athletes to her SWOSU Softball program for the 2015 season. They will join with eight returners to give the Bulldogs a roster of 27 heading into the season. Burnett added a mixture of players to her program, bringing in six true freshman and 13 transfer students, while also signing players from six different states, including six each from Oklahoma and Texas. She also signed on six players who previously played for her at Independence (Kan.) Community College.

"I feel like we have brought in a class that understands what we are trying to accomplish here at SWOSU," Burnett said. "They are committed to pursuing excellence on and off the field and this is a great start to building a bright future for Bulldog softball!"

- Below is a list of players signed by SWOSU Softball for the 2015 season:
- Lonni Baker, Fr., Fletcher, Okla. (Fletcher HS)
 - Hannah Barnhart, Jr., Kansas City, Kan. (Kansas City (Kan.) CC)
 - Maci Brown, Fr., Canyon, Texas (Canyon HS)
 - Taylor Eaves, So., Farmersville, Texas (Independence (Kan.) CC)
 - Emily Garcia, Jr., Lee's Summit, Mo. (Johnson County (Kan.) CC)
 - Amanda Holroyd, Jr., Tonganoxie, Kan. (Kansas City (Kan.) CC)
 - Ashley Jones, Jr., Midwest City, Okla. (Eastern Oklahoma College)
 - Kaitlyn Kromer, Fr., Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North HS)
 - Miranda McDonald, So., McKinney, Texas (Independence (Kan.) CC)
 - Kaylan Morgan, Fr., Chelsea, Okla. (Chelsea HS)
 - Samantha Perry, Jr., Pryor, Okla. (Connors State (Okla.) College)
 - Sierra Potts, Jr., Weatherford, Texas (Independence (Kan.) CC)
 - Kaity Rash, So., Cherryvale, Kan. (Independence (Kan.) CC)
 - Raleigh Ricken, Fr., Fallon, Nev. (Churchill County HS)
 - Makenzi Shackley, Jr., Olathe, Kan. (Hutchinson (Kan.) CC)

Cheyenne Trotter, So., Kennedale, Texas (Independence (Kan.) CC)

Ashli Walker, Fr., Clinton, Okla. (Clinton HS)

Katelyn White, Jr., Van Buren, Ark. (Eastern Oklahoma College)

Laura Wilson, Jr., Paradise, Texas (Independence (Kan.) CC)

STAFF ROUNDED OUT: In addition to having her roster complete, Burnett has hired two assistant coaches – Beau Burnett & Johnna Smith – who will return to SWOSU for the 2015 season. Beau Burnett, a member of the SWOSU Football team from 1997-2001, was most recently an assistant coach to his wife, Barbara, for three seasons at Independence (Kan.) Community College while Smith played for the Bulldogs from 2011-13 and is now starting her coaching career.

"Hiring two SWOSU Alumni who are invested in the success of our program is a huge asset," Burnett said. "Having my husband, Beau, as my assistant is invaluable because we both understood all aspects of the game and the collaboration helps us make better decisions and raise the level of what we need to do to be successful. Adding Coach Smith gave us an opportunity to bring in a recent softball alumnus who really cares about the success of SWOSU Softball. She was a standout, all-conference player here and she is an extremely hard worker that I'm excited to have on staff!"

SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED: Burnett has also announced that her team will be hosting a Men's Slowpitch Fundraiser Tournament on Saturday, September 27 at Radar Park in Weatherford. Entries are due by Friday, September 19 and teams can be registered by contacting Coach Burnett at 580-774-7178 or Barbara.burnett@swosu.edu.

"We are eager to get our first fundraiser up and running," Burnett said. "We have facility upgrades that we will put the money towards and we are really hoping this slowpitch tournament becomes an annual fundraiser for our program."

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit SWOSU Softball. Click here for more information about the tournament.

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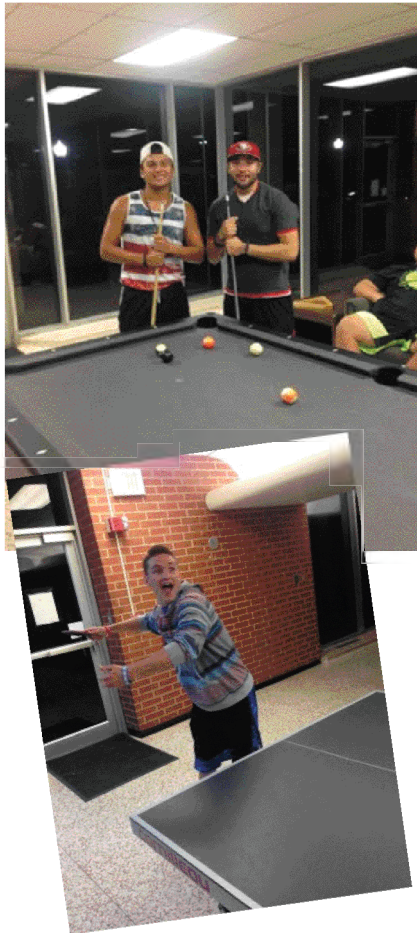
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RES LIFE

By: Garrett Chambless

Are you stressing about this semester ALREADY?! Come take out your frustration with a swift kick to the ball. On Sept. 4, Rogers and Jefferson Halls will be hosting a kickball tournament at R&J Fields starting at 5:30. Come out and have a little fun with your RA's and fellow residents!

PICS OF THE RES LIFE



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resident spotlight

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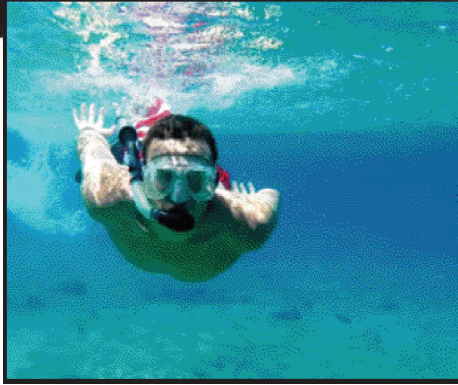
by Zach Lester

Hometown: Tecumseh

Classification: Sophomore

Residence Hall: Rogers

Major: Pre-Pharmacy



On campus he is currently involved in Student Government, President's Leadership Class and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In his free time he enjoys snow skiing and scuba diving with his family, as well as the occasional intramural softball game at Raider Park. He currently lives in Rogers Hall on campus and spends most of his time there so if you ever need anything or just want to play a quick game of ping pong, don't hesitate to come find him!

meet a res life person

Devo'n Davis

by AJ Maloco

Hometown: Liberal, Kansas

Classification: Junior

Major: Organizational Leadership

Residence Hall: Neff Hall



We have a new fella on the block! Devo'n Davis is a "Second Time Junior Transfer Student" as stated by Davis. The Liberal, Kansas native is majoring in Organizational Leadership and currently resides at "Neff" his favorite drinks are Minute Maid Pink Lemonade and Sweet Tea. Devo'n is a junior here at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, whose favorite sport is football. When being asked what he missed most about being a kid, Devo'n replied "I miss not having responsibilities!" Devo'n spends most of his time listening to his favorite songs in the genre of Old School Rap, Positive Hip Hop, and Tupac on the Pandora station. Davis said that his favorite thing about being an RA at SWOSU was the opportunity to get to know the other awesome RA's of SWOSU!

Clay Brooks's Corner

by Clay Brooks

A SEPTEMBER GREETING

This is my second year at SWOSU. I have a long road ahead of me and I willingly pursue the career I have chosen. If you are new to this beautiful school, let this letter be your welcoming party. WELCOME TO SWOSU! I speak for all the faculty and staff in saying that we are happy to see you. If this is your first year, do not be afraid! New and exciting times are waiting for you. This is your time. This is your school, and by extension, this is your new home. The best piece of advice that I can give you is to be prepared. School has begun and I am sure you have noticed how many things are bidding for your attention. In all the chaos and good times, keep your wits about you and don't let your work pile up. Always remember "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

ResLIFE Happenings		
What	When	Where
ResLife at the State Fair	Sept. 12 th at 2	OKC (Sign up at Res Life)
ResLife Tailgate	Sept. 13 th at 2	Milam Stadium
ResLife Tailgate	Sept. 20 th at 2	Milam Stadium
Oklahoma Hall		
Meet the Bulldogs	Sept. 11 th	Ok Hall Lobby
Campus Safety	Sept. 16 th	Ok Hall Lobby
Looky Luau	Sept. 18 th	Ok Hall Lobby
Rogers & Jefferson Hall		
Kickball Tournament	Sept. 4 th	R&J Practice Field
BVOB	Sept. 16 th	R&J Lobby
Smash Bros Tournament	Sept. 22 nd	R&J Lobby
Neff Hall		
Monday Night Football	Sept. 8 th	Neff Hall Lobby
Volleyball Tournament	Sept. 11 th	
Arm Wrestling Tournament	Sept. 15 th	
Stewart Hall		
Ping Pong Tournament	Sep 4 th	Stewart Hall Lobby
Welcome to the Hood	Sep 8 th at 8:30	Stewart Hall Lobby
Roomie Lovin'	Sep 15 th at 7	Stewart Hall Lobby