

Aron Ralston to Speak at SWOSU Panorama Event

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Pinned by a half-ton boulder for nearly a week in a remote 3-foot-wide slot canyon in southern Utah in 2003, Ralston finally escaped his desolate grave by amputating his right forearm with a dull pocketknife. After applying a tourniquet, he hiked and rappelled for five hours through Blue John Canyon before searchers in a helicopter miraculously rescued him.

Ralston documented the life-altering experience and his remarkable will to survive in his New York Times best-selling book, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. His story was recently featured on a special two-hour edition of *Dateline NBC* with Tom Brokaw following the Super Bowl and is featured in the movie *127 Hours* that is one of 10 movies nominated for "Best Picture" at the 83rd Academy Awards scheduled for February 27.

Ralston will speak at SWOSU at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Admission is free but tickets are being issued to secure seating. Free tickets are available at the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building; the SWOSU Business Office, Room 109 of the Administration Building; SWOSU Sayre campus Business Office; and the Weatherford Daily News office. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:15 p.m.; after that time, seating will be opened for anyone without a ticket.

There will be a book-signing event after the talk.

Additional information is available by calling the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at 580.774.3063.