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# The Southwestern

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## SGA opposes efforts to bring guns on campus

*Oklahoma State House of Representatives is considering a bill that would allow licensed owners to possess weapons at universities*

By CAROLINE LEAHY  
Staff Reporter

Recently, Southwestern's administration asked the Student Government Association to write a resolution over whether firearms should be allowed on campus.

SWOSU's attention to the subject comes in response to a bill that is being considered by the Oklahoma House of Representatives. State and regent policy forbids guns on state campuses, but this bill, filed by Rep. John Epps, a Republican from Enid, aims to change that. House Bill 2887 would allow colleges to ban licensed handguns only if the institution could show "the licensee has previously been involved in a violent incident or an act on school property that showed deliberate or reckless disregard for the health or safety of faculty or other students."

HB 2887 was passed out of the House's Judiciary Committee last week. However, the wording

of the bill was changed to allow administrators of each university to establish policies that include exceptions to gun bans.

SGA's resolution opposes this type of legislation. The resolution states that weapons should be limited to only those who are

**"There is no scenario where allowing firearms on campus will do anything more than create a potentially more dangerous situation."**

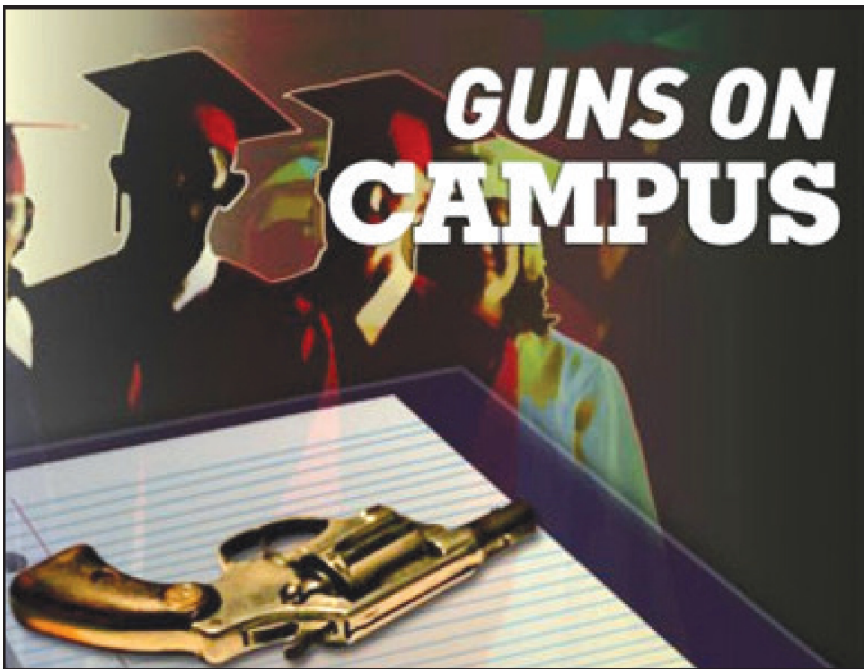
--TAYLOR KINCANON  
SGA VICE PRESIDENT

authorized by university policy to carry firearms. It states, "The members of the student senate, on behalf of the entire student body, oppose any legislation extending the rights to carry open or concealed weapons on campus."

"Many faculty, staff, and members of the student body share the same sentiment as the administration—there is no scenario where allowing firearms on campus will do anything more than create a potentially more dangerous situation," said SGA Vice President Taylor Kincanon. "We want our SWOSU Law Enforcement Officers to continue to be the only individuals who are given the right to carry a firearm on our campus."

The proposed resolution is similar to the stance taken by Glen Johnson, Oklahoma's Higher Education Chancellor.

"The state system of higher education believes that there is no scenario where allowing the carrying of weapons on college and university campuses does anything other than create a more dangerous environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Johnson said in a press



release.

Proponents of the bill say that allowing people with concealed carry licenses to have guns on campus would decrease the threat of campus shootings. According to the website, concealedcampus.org, "recent high-profile shootings and armed abductions on college campuses clearly demonstrate that 'gun free zones' serve to disarm only those law-abiding citizens who might otherwise be able to protect

themselves."

In an interview with *The Southwestern* last year, Campus Police Chief Rick Bolar said he supports people's Second Amendment right to own weapons. However, he said they pose a problem when brought onto campus. By the regents banning firearms on campus, they "have the safety of the students as their first priority," he said.

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### Medical mission



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## Scenic Saturdays

E.K. Jeong (right) and art students, as part of their involvement in the SWOSU Visiting Artist Program, have been hosting a series of teaching programs called Saturday Art in the Art Building every other Saturday. The programs are open to the public. Groups and individuals have been learning the basics of drawing, painting and other art forms. The next session is March 8. For more information, call Jeong at 774-6824. (Photo by Morgan Brian)

### Mayor info...



The Student Government Association hosted a forum with Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown last Thursday in the Gen. Thomas P. Stafford Center on the Weatherford campus. Mayor Brown discussed happenings in the city of Weatherford, including the new DUI law in Oklahoma. (Photo by Khanh Nguyen)

## Free concert includes comedy duo

Wednesday event at Fine Arts Center

An evening of entertainment featuring Williams and Ree (aka The Indian and The White Guy) and singer T. Graham Brown will be featured this Wednesday, March 5, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The 7 p.m. free concert in the Fine Arts Center is being held in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education two-day meeting in Weatherford. Regent Jimmy Harrel and the Bank of Western Oklahoma are hosting the event and invite area residents to enjoy the concert.

The evening is also a special event for Harrel, who is honoring the memory of Ted Fariss, his long-time friend, college roommate and colleague who recently passed away. Members of the Fariss family will be in attendance.

Bruce Williams and Terry Ree have entertained audiences around the world with their comedy musical act for more than three decades. The talented musicians incorporate topical and observational humor in their ever-changing act. The self-professed "Indian and White Guy" have numerous television, radio and commercial appearances.

Singer T. Graham Brown is a one-of-a-kind artist. His popular songs range from beach music, to blues and soul, to his unique blend of country and rock.

Brown has appeared and sang jingles in commercials for Kraft, Coca-Cola, McDonalds, and Taco Bell, and he has been in movies with stars like Richard Pryor. His hit songs include "Brilliant Conversationalist," "Come As You Were," and "Come Hell or High Water."



# NEWS

## SWOSU Spring Break Medical Trip

Eighteen Southwestern Oklahoma State University students and faculty from the School of Nursing and College of Pharmacy in Weatherford will head to Panama during the upcoming Spring Break (March 15-23) as part of a medical mission to help serve the people in a rural area of the Darién Province.

The SWOSU group is working on the mission through the Global Brigades organization, the largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization in the world.

Thousands of university students and professionals from around the world have volunteered through Global Brigades to work in partnership with community members in rural, under-resourced communities throughout the world to help resolve global health and economic disparities.

Dr. Randy Curry, coordinator of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Network, said “the organization facilitates 7 to 10 day programs called medical brigades in many parts of the world including several rural Central America areas of Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras and Ghana.”

The SWOSU medical brigade includes eight students and one faculty from the nursing program including: Bailey Bell, Weatherford; Bailey Spears, Amber; Katherine Maynard, Mustang; Katrina Holsaeter, Edmond;



Southwestern Oklahoma State University students and faculty headed on a medical mission trip to Panama during spring break are (front from left): Katherine Maynard, Mustang; Meagen Harrel, Elk City; and Tara Schultz, Weatherford. Second row from left — Annette DeSantiago, Guymon; Mai Tran, Moore; Samantha Caudle, Stillwater; and School of Nursing Instructor Juliana Bell. Third row from left — Bailey Bell, Weatherford; Katrina Holsaeter, Edmond; Bailey Spears, Amber; and College of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Dr. Nina Morris. Fourth row from left — SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Network Coordinator Dr. Randy Curry; Kyrsten Smith, Ralston; College of Pharmacy Associate Dean Dr. David Ralph; Micah Majors, Edmond; Te’onna Adams Sun City (CA); David Truong, Moore; and Ryan Varghese, Mustang.

Meagen Harrel, Elk City; Micah Majors, Edmond; Mai Tran, Moore; Te’onna Adams, Sun City (CA); and instructor Juliana Bell. One additional registered nurse will accompany the group, Sarah Purdon of Cordell, who works at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City.

The six student pharmacists in the group include: Samantha Caudle, Stillwater; David Truong, Moore; Annette DeSantiago, Guymon; Ryan Varghese, Mustang; Tara Schultz, Weatherford; and Kyrsten Smith, Ralston. Pharmacy faculty who are accompanying the group

include: Randy Curry, Associate Dean Dr. David Ralph and Assistant Professor Dr. Nina Morris.

The SWOSU Global Brigades mission trip to Panama was organized as a result of efforts by the SWOSU College of Pharmacy’s Rural Health Network.

Curry said, “the mission trip will allow students to become actively involved in a rural, medically-under-served part of the world.”

“The students can expect to come away from the experience with a greater appreciation for the challenges in delivering health care in rural areas, along

with a greater understanding of the value that they can bring to the work of a healthcare team,” Curry said.

The SWOSU group will take approximately \$5,000 worth of medications/dental supplies and educational materials for children. The students have raised a majority of these funds in addition to raising their own trip cost of approximately \$1,700.

The experience is designed to foster the students’ development of strong community service orientation as they begin their careers in a healthcare field.

## Guns from page 1

In Oklahoma, no person in possession of a valid handgun license in accordance to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university, or technology center school property, unless the handgun is carried or stored as required by law and not removed from a vehicle without the consent of the institutions president or administrator.

For more information visit [www.armedcampuses.org](http://www.armedcampuses.org), <http://www.ncsl.org/research/education/guns-on-campus-overview.aspx>, or <http://www.swosu.edu/mobile/administration/police/what-to-do/drugs-alcohol.aspx>.

## Fund-raiser benefits clinic

Kappa Psi, a pharmacy fraternity, is holding a fundraiser through April 4 to benefit the Agape Clinic in Weatherford, and the group is giving away an autographed Kevin Durant jersey to one lucky person.

Kappa Psi is selling candy for \$5, and people who buy the sweets can enter to win the jersey. The autograph has been certified and authenticated.

The fraternity will be selling the candy at the following places: March 6-7: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Chemistry/Pharmacy/Physics Building 2nd Floor; March 12-14: 10-2 in the Memorial Student Center; March 28: 10-2, CPP Building 2nd Floor; March 31-April 4: 10-2 on CPP Building 3rd Floor. The candy is available Mondays through Fridays at the Dean of Students office.

The Agape Clinic is a nonprofit medical clinic dedicated to serving people with medical needs throughout western Oklahoma. The clinic pays no staff and uses all monies to buy medicine and supplies for clients.

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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

## Law firm donates to SWOSU Foundation

Law firm Evans & Davis recently donated \$25,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation in Weatherford.

Bryan N. Evans and Dustin A. Davis—partners of the firm with offices in Edmond, Tulsa and Dallas—presented the check to assist with Foundation programs and activities.

“Evans & Davis has been instrumental in supporting the university with exemplary legal assistance on many levels for several years,” said SWOSU Institutional Advancement Lynne Thurman. “We are thrilled to receive this very generous donation from a firm that is making a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and administration here at SWOSU.”

Evans, a native of Weatherford, served as Student Body President at SWOSU during his undergraduate years. Before and after college, Evans was active in various state and federal political campaigns before serving as the 1998 Organizational Director of Congressman Frank Lucas’ congressional campaign. Evans attended the University of Oklahoma’s College of Law as a Comfort Fellow where he graduated with honors.

He was named in 2012 by OK Biz Magazine as one of the 40 Under 40 recipients and in 2013 by The Business Times of Edmond as one of its Top 20 Under 40 leaders.

Evans has been married to his wife, Erika, since 1998. They have twin daughters that are 10 years old and a son that is 8. The family resides in Edmond.

Davis was born and raised in Duncan. Like Evans, he was Student Body President during his undergraduate years but at Oklahoma Christian University. Davis worked as a corporate banker in the Oklahoma City metro area while completing his Master’s in Business Administration.

During and after college, Davis has served on several boards of directors for nonprofit organizations. He has traveled throughout Europe and Africa and supports a number of educational programs as well as indigenous mission ventures in developing African countries.

He graduated from Oklahoma City University’s School of Law.

Evans & Davis provides estate planning and corporate legal services to clients and has been instrumental in helping SWOSU with legal aspects of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 05, 2014**  
**1st 8 Week Classes End**

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All Day	State Regents on Campus
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Scholarship Committee Meeting
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	ING Conference Call
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Gear Up
1:00 PM	Softball @ Fort Hays State University
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM meeting	Medical Professions Club Monthly
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	State Regents Reception and Dinner
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Free Concert featuring Comedians and Singer
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Wesley Worship

**Thursday, March 06, 2014**  
**2nd 8-Week Classes Begin**

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Distance Education Search Committee Meeting
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	STEMeet for Girl Scouts Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Open interview with Distance Education Director Candidate
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Distance Education Search Committee Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	International Conversation Hour
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Biology Club Meeting
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Physics Tutoring
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	SGA Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Jazz “A” & “B” Concert
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	(Cancelled) SWOSU Theatre Production - The 1940s Radio Hour

**Friday, March 07, 2014**  
**Rodeo @ Fort Scott Community College**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baseball vs. Quincy University
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Sigma Delta Pi Induction Ceremony
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	(Cancelled) SWOSU Theatre Production - The 1940s Radio Hour

**Saturday, March 08, 2014**  
**Rodeo @ Fort Scott Community College**

10:30 AM - 10:00 PM	Eakly School Reunion
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baseball vs. Quincy University
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Saturday Art Program Series
1:00 PM	Softball @ Oklahoma Christian University
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	(Cancelled) SWOSU Theatre Production - The 1940s Radio Hour

**Sunday, March 09, 2014**  
**Rodeo @ Fort Scott Community College**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	(Cancelled) SWOSU Theatre Production - The 1940s Radio Hour
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Phi Delta Theta Exec Meeting
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Council of Presidents
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	BSA - Officers Meeting
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Phi Delta Theta Chapter Meeting
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	BSA - Members Meeting
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Eta Iota Sigma Chapter Meeting

**Monday, March 10, 2014**  
**Men’s Golf @ ATU Dave Falconer Classic**  
**Women’s Golf @ UCO Kickingbird Classic**

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Executive Council Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Administrative Council Meeting
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	FREE Lunch at the Wesley
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Let’s Talk About SWOSU
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Psychology Tutoring

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**  
**Men’s Golf @ ATU Dave Falconer Classic**  
**Women’s Golf @ UCO Kickingbird Classic**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ING Visit
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	ING Visit
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Panorama Meeting
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Grace House Lutheran Campus Ministry
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Physics Tutoring
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Baseball @ Oklahoma Christian University
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Date Auction
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Kappa Kappa IOTA Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Psychology Tutoring
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	HOPE Weekly Meeting

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	SCC Council Meeting
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Meeting
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Wesley Worship

## Red dirt concert to benefit historical center

The Red Dirt Rangers are coming to Weatherford for a special, one night-only event.

The band, which has been carrying the banner for the unique sounds of Oklahoma “Red Dirt” music since the 1980s, will take the stage at the Weatherford High School Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

The concert will benefit the Western Oklahoma Historical Center, Inc. (WOHC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of local volunteers dedicated to preserving the past for future generations.

The WOHC is known for its hands-on approach to history, hosting multiple “Sunset cemetery tours” while also sharing local military, educational, and cultural exhibits throughout the year.

WOHC also maintains the historic Blair Log Cabin in downtown Weatherford and the Cedar Schoolhouse and Research Center in Heritage Park across from Weatherford City Hall.

The Tulsa World has said of the Red Dirt Rangers that the group has “always epitomized and expanded on the Oklahoma red dirt sound.”

The New York Times has memorably written that the Rangers “give Bob Dylan a Bob Wills touch.”

Music critic Brandy McDonnell in the Friday, Jan. 10, *Oklahoman*, picked their latest album, “Lone Chimney,” as the No. 1 Oklahoma album for the year 2013.

General admission for all ages is \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door.

Tickets may be purchased in Weatherford at Miss Trudy’s, the Weatherford Daily News, and the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce, or, for a fee of \$2.25 per ticket, online at protixonline.com or by calling 1-866-977-6849. Tickets may also be ordered by sending a check to WOHC, P. O. Box 1672, Weatherford, OK 73096

For more information contact WOHC President Kim Dresser at 580-772-3663, or westernokhistory@gmail.com.

## Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

- ACROSS**
- 1. Draw forth
  - 6. Friends
  - 10. Any day now
  - 14. Fish broth
  - 15. Hodgepodge
  - 16. Cocoyam
  - 17. Great fear
  - 18. Young sheep
  - 19. Violent disturbance
  - 20. Days gone by
  - 22. Unadulterated
  - 23. Not bottom
  - 24. List components
  - 26. Pushover
  - 30. Mug
  - 32. Of a pelvic bone
  - 33. Footfalls
  - 37. Close
  - 38. Cash
  - 39. Small island
  - 40. Endowments
  - 42. Building addition
  - 43. Spiteful
  - 44. Covetous
  - 45. Ballet skirts
  - 47. Small portable bed
  - 48. Sea eagle
  - 49. Illogical
  - 56. Small brook
  - 57. Misled
  - 58. Shorthand
  - 59. Cain's brother
  - 60. If not
  - 61. Rubber wheels
  - 62. Bristle
  - 63. Collections
  - 64. Barges

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- DOWN**
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  - 2. Have the nerve
  - 3. Applications
  - 4. Gossip
  - 5. Pertaining to vivid recall
  - 6. A small vascular growth
  - 7. Wings
  - 8. City in Peru
  - 9. Temperance
  - 10. Snakelike
  - 11. Ignominy
  - 12. Smells
  - 13. Memo
  - 21. Caviar
  - 25. "\_\_\_ the season to be jolly"
  - 26. A region of SE Pakistan
  - 27. Margarine
  - 28. Decree
  - 29. A lively whirling Italian dance
  - 30. Lad
  - 31. Foot digits
  - 33. 12 inches
  - 34. Feudal worker
  - 35. Implored
  - 36. Alluring
  - 38. Rockets
  - 41. Letter after sigma
  - 42. Creative persons
  - 44. Snagged
  - 45. Clan
  - 46. Not rented
  - 47. Certain European shrubs
  - 48. Historical periods
  - 50. Anger
  - 51. A musical pause
  - 52. Ear-related
  - 53. Roman emperor
  - 54. Again
  - 55. Not a win

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# FEATURES

## Seniors prepare to exit SWOSU

By **SCOTT MAY**  
Staff Reporter

As May approaches, the seniors of Southwestern are preparing to walk across the graduation stage and walk right into the real world.

Like the adventurers before them, the seniors face a life changing experience that includes crippling, blinding fear and a feeling of "what the heck do I do now?" or "I'm sorry, what are these 'taxes' you are talking about?" or "Who is Roth Ira, and why do I need to know him?"

That might be a little heavy handed, as many seniors are well prepared and excited about starting a life on their own.

A few seniors even offered a bit of insight as to what their favorite memories are at SWOSU and even offered some advice to those still in school.

**What are you most looking forward to about graduating?**

"I look forward to being an adult," said Becca Spena, history major.

**What was your favorite part of college?**

"All the great time with friends and the broadening of my academic and intellectual horizons."

**Any advice for students?**

"Just remember to study hard and make it work."

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years, 10 years, 25 years?**

"5 years I guess getting a decent job. 10 years focusing on my career more and 25 years realizing I spent too much time on my career and dive into my passion – wood carving with chain saws," said Spena.

**Nervous about graduating?**

"I'm a little apprehensive about the future, but overall I'm excited."

SWOSU graduation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Milam Stadium.

## Scenes from Saturday Art

Photos by Morgan Brian



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## SPORTS

## Conference playoffs begins Thursday

*Women play at noon;  
Men play at 2:15*

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – With the final day of regular season play in the books, the Great American Conference office has unveiled the 2014 GAC Basketball Championship Tournament bracket. The tournament will be held March 6-9 at Bruin Fieldhouse in Bartlesville, Okla.

The SWOSU men came up one game shy of their first conference championship since the 1986-87 season, but the 17-9 (14-6 GAC) Bulldogs earned the second seed in

the tournament. SWOSU will face No. 7-seed Southern Arkansas on Thursday afternoon at 2:15 pm.

SWOSU was 2-0 against this year Southern Arkansas this season. The Bulldogs won 76-68 against the Muleriders in Magnolia back in November before completing the sweep with a 72-63 victory in Weatherford on January 30.

The Lady Bulldogs earned the third seed after tying with East Central for second place in the stand-

ings. SWOSU finished the season 16-10 (13-7 GAC), but lost out to the Tigers on a tiebreaker meaning they will face No. 6-seed Henderson State on Friday at noon.

SWOSU and Henderson State split during the regular season with each team winning on their own home court. The Lady Bulldogs downed the Lady Reddies 90-82 in Weatherford on January 16 before succumbing to HSU 101-97 in double overtime 101-97 on February 20.



Michelle Fisher and the Lady Bulldogs will play Thursday in the Great American Conference playoffs. Fisher is coming off a performance that earned her conference player of the week honors.

## Student fans excited for return of Westbrook

By RACHEL SMITH  
Staff Reporter

The much-anticipated return of Russell Westbrook was announced Feb. 20 to play against the Thunder's biggest rival the Miami Heat. The announcement was made by Thunder GM Sam Presti that the three time All-star point guard would be ready to play after undergoing three surgeries on his right knee since April 2013.

"We are all very excited to have Russell back," Presti said in a statement. "He has worked extremely hard throughout his rehabilitation, and his addition will allow us to build on progress we have made in his absence."

Oklahoma City 21-6 with Westbrook in the lineup and 22-8 without him. During Westbrook's absence the world witnessed Kevin Durant taking his game to a different level emerging as a strong contender for the MVP award, an award Durant has lost to LeBron James the past 4 years. Others couldn't wait for the return of arguably the best point guard in the NBA.

"I felt like it was game 7 of the NBA Finals hearing about Russell being back against none other than the Miami Heat," said SWOSU Undecided Freshman Brady Boyd "the dynamic is going to change and players may not know their role at first, but we need Westbrook if we plan to win a championship this year."

Westbrook returned to the lineup Feb. 20th against The Heat and put up 16 points on just 4-for-12 shooting after scoring the first points of the game with a dunk. Westbrook came back explosive and ready to make plays however it shook Durant off his game when he started 1 for 9 starting the game ending up with 28 points. The Thunder fell to The Heat 103-81.

The Thunder have lost the past 3 games since Westbrook's return. Falling to the Miami Heat 103-81, LA Clippers 125-117, and the Cleveland Cavaliers 114-104. OKC has not lost 3 home games since 2009. The Thunder being in a slump right now didn't completely start with the return of Westbrook, it began to happen before the All-Star break with Thunder barely getting the 107-103 win over the Lakers who are 19-39.

To those who do not know the game of basketball, they contribute the three Thunder losses to Westbrook because when you have nowhere to place blame you find the easiest target. In this case, it has to be Westbrook's fault. It can't be lack of defense...or poor ball movement. It has to be one of the best players in the NBA's fault.

Take for instance if you were training for a marathon, you have trained your whole life then boom, you blow your knee out. You have to do rehab for 3 months, then you can do a fraction of the training you were used to. When you come back are you going to be 100%? No. Are you going to get better with every practice? Yes.

Same goes with Russell. He isn't 100% yet, and he won't be for awhile. Does that mean OKC needs to trade him immediately? No. They need to figure out the roles of each player and adjust. Adjust like they had to when Russell got hurt. Adjust like Durant had to do and put the team on his back in the absence of an elite player.

### THUNDER INSIGHT

## Softball team seeks momentum

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University softball team has kicked off the season. Back in January, the Lady Bulldogs were picked 10th in the GAC Pre-season Poll. The team had five players returning off of last season's squad. Coach Tami Loy is beginning her 15th season as head coach for the SWOSU program.

Last weekend, after dropping the opening game of a four-game series against Southern Nazarene, SWOSU rebounded with a 3-0 shutout win against the Crimson Storm that saw Julianna Martinez not allow a hit.

The first three batters of the game for SWOSU reached base and two came around to score, putting the Bulldogs in control early. Brandt and Kendall Smith both had RBI hits in the inning, setting up



Julianna Martinez threw a no-hitter last weekend against Southern Nazarene.

Julianne Martinez with more than enough run support.

That was because Martinez was lights out in the circle, forcing 10 ground outs and six fly outs from the 23 batters she faced. She walked

one batter and hit another with a pitch, as well as working around an error in the first inning, but did not allow a hit. Martinez also struck out four Crimson Storm batters on her way to improving to 4-3 on the year.

Smith added an RBI single in the third inning that scored Adrienne Martinez and gave SWOSU their third run of the game.

The Bulldogs are now 5-9 (2-4 GAC) on the year.

## Bulldogs run win streak to four

BETHANY, Okla. – A three-hit shutout and some opportunistic hitting allowed SWOSU baseball to earn a doubleheader and series sweep of Southern Nazarene on Saturday.

The Bulldogs defeated SNU 8-0 in the opener before hanging on for the 7-5 victory in the night cap.

The wins give SWOSU the series sweep of the Crimson Storm and extends their winning streak to four games overall. The win streak has enabled the Bulldogs to even their overall record at 7-7 and to go above .500 in conference play at 5-4. They are now

slated to host Quincy on Friday and Saturday for a four-game series.

Jacob Swigart and Dillon Wilson combined to allow just three hits in the nine-inning opener on Saturday, completely shutting down the SNU offense. The Bulldogs, meanwhile, got 11 hits and used three Crimson Storm errors to hang up eight runs on the scoreboard and cruise to the win.

Four of the top five batters in the lineup had multiple hits and Kale Thaxton scored three of SWOSU's runs to lead the way. Dalton Daniels and Brandon Ruiz each had two hits and scored

while Dietrick Turney came across the plate twice for the Bulldogs.

Swigart went 6.1 innings, allowing just two hits before Wilson was called on in relief. He earned the win, improving to 1-1 on the year, after striking out nine of the 23 batters he faced

SWOSU scored in

each of the first three innings, but built just a 4-2 lead heading into the final inning. They then used two Crimson Storm errors in the bottom of the seventh to score three runs, giving them enough of a cushion to hold off three runs from SNU in the bottom of the inning.

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## Sudoku

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# RES LIFE

By: Kenda Case

Enjoy being artsy? What about painting? If so, you are in for a real treat. Stewart Hall is hosting a “Coffee and Canvas” on March 11th. The event will begin at 7:00 pm. Residents should bring clothes that they don’t mind getting messy in, and their creative side! We hope to see you there!

## PICS OF THE RES LIFE



## Answers

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## resident spotlight Kortney Templeton

by Tayla Steckel

**Hometown:** Broken Arrow

**Classification:** Junior

**Residence Hall:** Neff Hall

**Major:** Elementary Education

Meet Kortney Templeton, this week’s resident in the spotlight! Kortney’s favorite place to eat at is Fuzzy’s Taco. Her favorite thing to do in Weatherford is to hang out at the BCM. Kortney’s favorite thing about SWOSU is that the classes are small. Some interesting facts about Miss Templeton are, that she greatly adores cats and that she once traveled to Ireland for a mission’s trip. Items on her bucket list include: walk part of the Great Wall, to be homeless for a day, experience zero gravity, and her number one thing is to ride an elephant in Thailand. Her future goals include becoming a first grade teacher and to do



## meet a res life person Stewart Tripp

By Gabriel Beadle

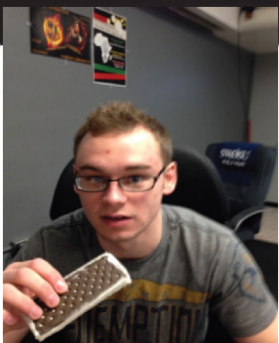
**Hometown:** Cordell, Oklahoma

**Classification:** Sophomore

**Major:** Management

**Residence:** Jefferson Hall

The 20 year old Stewart Tripp loves to chill with residents and hang with his TKE brothers. Stewart also loves to skate around and play on his PS3. Stewart is at SWOSU attempting to obtain his BBA in management and accounting. After school he would like to work at Devon Energy and climb the corporate ladder. If you ever want to have a laugh and play some 2K swing by Jefferson Hall and come meet him before it is too late!



## Godwin’s Guidance By: Zach Godwin

Can you smell it? Can you see it? Can you FEEL it? Yes, that would be Spring Break 2014 right around the corner. Whether you’re skiing down the slopes in Telluride only in your swim trunks and running into elderly ladies while knocking them down. Or you’re partying on the beach in PCB, it’s a break we all need and all deserve. All those pain-staking hours in the library, cramming for those tests are about to pay off. This is also a reminder that if you are doing well in a class now, then keep it up! Reward yourself with some time off. If you aren’t doing too hot in a class, let this be a gentle reminder to pick it up after the break, but still reward yourself with a little time off. Be safe, have fun, and do something I wouldn’t do, because I’m not a very exciting guy.

ResLIFE Happenings		
What	When	Where
Res Life Ski Trip	Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Telluride, CO
Pack the Park – ResLife Tailgate	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Complex
Tough Enough 5K	Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Student Union
Oklahoma Hall		
Safety	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Twerk it to Werk It	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Too Blasse to be Stressed	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ok Hall Lobby
Rogers & Jefferson Hall		
Who’s Your Caddy	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	R&J Lobby
Movie Night	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	R&J Lobby
Call of Duty: Ghost Tournament	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	R&J Lobby
Neff Hall		
FIFA 14 Tournament	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Neff Hall Lobby
Diversity Black to White & Everything in Between	Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Neff Hall Lobby
The Smoking Canoe	Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Neff Hall Lobby
Stewart Hall		
Coffee and Canvas	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Stewart Hall Lobby
Family Game Night	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Neff Hall Lobby
Stewie Ping Pong Tournament	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stewart Hall Lobby