

SWOSU Music Therapy Students Gearing Up For Conference

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University music therapy students are gearing up for the 2008 Southwestern Region of American Music Therapy Association Conference in El Paso, Texas. SWOSU has the only music therapy program in the state of Oklahoma. SWOSU Music Therapy Student Association officers and members are (front from left): Joy Yocum, Chickasha; Shanna Horton, Wheeler, Texas, treasurer; Amy Schmidt, Bartlesville, vice president; Rachel McCurdy, Lawton, president; and Dr. Sophia Lee, faculty sponsor. Second row from left-Ja'Nell Huff, Enid; Tiffany Romasanta, Grove, historian; Mollie Baker, Canadian, Texas, secretary; and Jeremy Titsworth, Okmulgee, parliamentarian. Third row from left-Amber Leslie, Sand Springs, special event committee chair; Keith Medders, Grove, fundraising committee chair; and Marcella Muller, Oklahoma City.

Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University music therapy seniors and their faculty advisor have been selected to co-present at the 2008 Southwestern Region of American Music Therapy Association Conference.

Mollie Baker of Canadian, Texas, and Jeremy Titsworth of Okmulgee will co-present “*A Journey on Forming An Undergraduate Research: The Effect of Music Perception as Defined by Culture*” with advisor Dr. ChihChen Sophia Lee.

The conference is March 27-29 in El Paso, Texas, and will feature search and clinical presentations primarily by music therapy professionals of the region. Many SWOSU music therapy students also plan to attend the conference to represent the SWOSU Music Therapy Student Association (MTSA). The preview of conference sessions may be accessed at http://www.swamta1.org/files/Conference_at_a_Glance.doc.

SWOSU has the only music therapy program in the state of Oklahoma, and graduates since 2002 have a 100% passing rate on the National Board Certification Exam for Music Therapists.