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## Annual President's Pancake Breakfast held tonight

By **RACHEL SMITH**  
*Staff Reporter*

Finals are here and between your studying, chugging energy drinks and cramming don't forget to make time this evening from 10 pm-11:30 pm for the annual President's Pancake Breakfast.

The President's Pancake Breakfast will be held in Duke's Diner in the Student Union Cafeteria. This is something the SWOSU administration likes to put on

every year for the students as they prepare for finals week. Students can come and enjoy free pancakes and sausage served by the President, Deans, Vice Presidents, and Directors of SWOSU.

"This is a very fun and stress relieving study break that many students look forward to. Students can come and chow down," says CAB Director Zac Gulick.

The President's Pancake Breakfast is something SWOSU offers that sets itself apart from other universities. It is a way

that the administration can truly let the students know that the focus is on the students and the administration wishes them the best of luck on their finals.

"I really enjoy seeing the President as well as other Administration, caring enough to serve us pancakes before finals!" Said Junior, Early Childhood Education major Madison Gillham, "It's one of the best things about SWOSU!"

This is a great event that students look forward to each semester when needing

to take a break from their busy study schedule.

Senior Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement Major Matt Cord says that having a huge pancake dinner is a great way to start off finals. "It's a good time to unwind right before such a stressful week," said Cord.

CAB will be giving goodie bags away to lucky SWOSU students. The President's Pancake Breakfast is free and open to all students whether on a meal plan or not.

### Baseball



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### Rodeo



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**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
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## As the semester ends, convocation activities begin

By **SARA CHRISTOFF**  
*Staff Reporter*

With finals here and summer fast approaching, it is time once again for Southwestern graduates to celebrate their academic success in the 2013 graduation ceremony.

Students who completed degree requirements in the 2012 fall semester or will complete degree requirements in the 2013 spring, summer, or fall semesters are eligible to participate in the 2013 convocation.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 10 am on May 11 at Milam Stadium. Graduating students should be on the football field by 9:30 am. An informal reception will be held in the Wellness Center prior to the ceremony from 8:00 to 9:30 am.

This year's featured speakers are Brad Berrong of Weatherford and Dr. Dwayne Allen Schmidt of Oklahoma City.

Berrong is a long-time insurance professional with the very successful Berrong insurance agency. He has also made great contributions to Weatherford as chairman of Weatherford Regional Hospital, Weatherford Public Schools Foundations, and Great Plains Family YMCA as well as other leadership positions within the community. He is a recipient of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Service Award.

Dr. Schmidt is a cardiologist based in Oklahoma City. He has worked as an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma. He has co-authored several investigational studies centered on the safety and effectiveness of

treatments for cardiovascular disease. Schmidt is also a founding member of Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates and the Oklahoma Heart Hospital Board.

Both speakers are former Southwestern students and will be honored by Southwestern president Randy Beutler. They will be inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during the graduation ceremony.

Students who do not wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must fill out an absentia form. These forms can be found at the registrar's office, room 108 of the Administration building.

In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors. The scheduled graduation times by degree are as follows: Convocation for students graduating from the College of Pharmacy will take place at the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 10:00 am. Students of the College of Arts and Sciences will graduate in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 11:45 am. College of Professional and Graduate studies (Behavioral Sciences and Education, Allied Health, and Nursing) will hold its ceremony at the Rankin Williams Field House at 1:30 pm. Finally, students of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies (Business and Technology and Master's Degrees) will take

place at the Rankin Williams Field House at 3:15 pm.

Each graduating student has received six tickets to give to friends and family as admission in the case of an indoor ceremony.

An announcement informing students of an indoor ceremony will be made by 8:00 am on the day of graduation. Students can stay informed by listening to the FM 95.5 radio station, checking [www.swosu.edu](http://www.swosu.edu), or by calling the SWOSU hotline at 580-774-3225.

The graduation ceremony  
will begin  
at 10 am  
May 11 at Milam Stadium

## New leaders plan to make student gov't more accessible

By **CAROLINE LEAHY**  
*Staff Reporter*

On April 22, the SWOSU students cast their votes for the 2013-2014 Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice-president and Blaine Boyd and Taylor Kincanon proved victorious. Both men will be taking office in August for the fall semester and are hopeful of the future for SGA and SWOSU.

Blaine Boyd is a native Weatherford resident and graduated from Weatherford High School. Boyd is majoring in English with a minor in finance. After majoring in English, Boyd plans to attend law school within Oklahoma.

Taylor Kincanon is also a Weatherford resident and a Weatherford High School Alumni. At SWOSU, Kincanon is majoring in finance with a political science minor. After graduation, Kincanon plans on attending law school at the University of Nebraska.

Boyd and Kincanon have many plans for SGA for the 2013-2014 year. They plan on making SGA more accessible for the student body as well as allowing students to share their ideas and thoughts. They also are hoping to hold more events and meetings that interest SWOSU students.

Boyd states with a hopeful voice, "We hope students will be involved because we have big plans for the upcoming year."



SGA Vice President Taylor Kincanon (left) and President Blaine Boyd.



# NEWS

## First Choice Pregnancy Center to add medical clinic

By **SARA CHRISTOFF**  
Staff Reporter

According to a study conducted at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, about 24% of college women experience an unplanned pregnancy.

If you or someone you know believe that they may be facing an unplanned pregnancy, there is help nearby.

The First Choice Pregnancy Center is located at 100 W. College, just off campus across from the Student Union. First Choice was established to help young men and women facing unplanned pregnancy or the suspicion of an STD in a confidential setting. They also provide information and education on the various options available to pregnant women. Their mission is to provide "honest, medically accurate information about the choices you are faced with in these situations."

Although the Pregnancy Center has been providing

pregnancy tests, beginning May 15 they are expanding into a full medical clinic. The services available will include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and STD testing.

Executive Director Kathy Gibson is confident that the expansion will help current and future patients. "As a medical clinic, we will still offer pregnancy tests but they will be performed by the staff, not the client," said Gibson, "If the test is positive the pregnancy can be confirmed through an ultrasound."

Gibson also encourages anyone who is sexually active to be tested for STDs to benefit all young men and women in the community.

Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and most STD testing conducted by First Choice are provided for free regardless of income or insurance.

In the event of unplanned pregnancy it is important to

know what is happening and what the options are. Gibson urges women and their partners who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy to use the First Choice's resources.

"It goes back to making an informed decision," said Gibson, "The possibility of facing an unplanned pregnancy can be terrifying."

"Many times we make decisions based on emotions and we can come to regret those decisions. The education and support received at First Choice can help a young woman find hope in a seemingly hopeless situation."

For more information about First Choice Pregnancy Center visit [www.oklahomapregnancyoptions.com](http://www.oklahomapregnancyoptions.com). Schedule an appointment by calling 580-772-7900 or visiting the center at 100 W. College in Weatherford.

*"The education and support received at First Choice can help a young woman find hope in a seemingly hopeless situation."*  
--KATHY GIBSON

## Summer Health Tips

by **Caroline Leahy**

The end is finally near. Finals week is right around the corner followed by the much anticipated summer break. As we all know, with the extreme temperatures of summer we must take certain precautions to keep safe and healthy.

1. Stay cool and hydrated. Drink water, at least two to four cups first thing in the morning, and similar amounts if you are going out for activities and exercise. Carry water with you in a hard plastic container. Most people need two to three quarts of liquid per day, and more in hot weather or with sweating and exercise. According to junior communications major Rachel Smith, "I always drink at least one bottle of water after working out and running outside."

2. While enjoying the sun and outdoors, protect yourself from overexposure to sunlight by wearing a hat and using sunscreens. Carry Aloe Vera gel for overexposure for any kind of burn. The cooling and healing gel will soothe any sunburn.

3. Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables. Summer is a time of plenty when it comes to fruits and vegetables availability. Vegetables and fruits have many properties for protecting your health from cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and much more. By eating more vegetables and fruits you can give your body the vitamins and minerals it craves. While summer is a very active and fun season, it is very important to take care of your body and protect it from the harmful elements of the season.

## Explosion shows need for safety around chemicals

By **MICHAEL SCHAFER**  
Staff Reporter

On April 17, a fertilizer plant in West, Texas exploded after a large blaze had engulfed the plant. Fourteen people died in the fire and subsequent explosion.

Many of those killed were first responders and firemen from West and nearby towns who were fighting the blaze when the plant exploded.

The blast leveled whole sections of the town, which sits about 20 miles north of Waco.

Dr. David Esjornson, professor of chemistry at Southwestern, said that ammonium nitrate, or fertilizer, which the plant produced, "will blow up, without exception, if it catches fire."

"It is extremely important to both have strong safety measures in place and to ensure they are followed," he said.

He also commented that fertilizer needed to be stored in secure facilities, away from residential areas and traffic in order to keep the risk from an explosion at a minimum.

"Obviously," he stated, "the homes and buildings next to the plant were too close. There should have been more of a buffer between it and the town."

According to the professor, firemen should have special training to respond to a fire in a plant such as this, the risk of the fertilizer starting to burn is just too great.

"They need special training if the fire reaches a certain point," said Ejorenson.

He wondered, after hearing that so many first responders had died in the explosion following the fire, if they had received the proper training.

Professor Ejorenson made the point that Southwestern's chemistry department has several safety systems in place. One is ensuring that chemicals are not stored in any close proximity to classrooms.

"While most chemicals are useful and safe," he said, "we still try to minimize the consequences of anything happening."

He said that, although many agencies have rules pertaining to the use and storing of chemicals and dangerous substances, OSHA is the primary agency, although the DEA is also involved now.

"This is primarily due to the use of certain chemicals in the manufacture of illegal drugs," Ejorenson said.

"Many of these chemicals and other dangerous materials are harder to get after 9/11," he stated. "With the advent of the internet, anyone can learn how to create a bomb out of some of them. The rules have necessarily been strengthened."

Professor Ejorenson has been at SWOSU for about 15 years but has been involved in chemistry for about 30 years.

He noted that, "Although I've been interested and active in chemistry since I was very young, I never did blow up my mom's kitchen table."

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# NEWS

## Strong opinions given after recent attacks

By DACIA PETERMAN  
Editor

Since the Boston Marathon bombings Monday, April 15, discussions have centered on what can be done to come together and prevent such carnage. Annie Mattox, a freshman communication arts major, has been watching coverage since the story broke on Monday afternoon.

“When something big happens I’m glued to the TV,” she says. “I think it’s pretty crazy. People just need to be careful where they’re at, and be watching for creepy people,” Mattox says.

Angela Martin, a freshman mass communication major from Altus, hasn’t been watching the coverage as much as Mattox, but her uncle lives in Boston and he enjoys running marathons. Thankfully, he did not participate in this race, she reports.

Prevention often requires persons to pay attention to surroundings. Mattox explains, “if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary tell an officer or somebody. It’s not very hard to spot a weirdo in a crowd of normal people.” Mattox adds, “watch out for what’s not

ordinary and tell someone about it.” Don’t just pass it off as if somebody else will take care of it. “The government and people in charge can only do so much. They did a bomb sweep two hours before it happened.”

When asked if she thinks authorities or civilians could have prevented the attack, Mattox replied, “I think the government already has more control than they need. I think people need to pay attention and take responsibility. It’s not like a stadium, you can’t control who is going in and who is going out, it’s not a closed in area. I mean anybody could just walk up.”

When Martin was asked the same question she replied, “I think that’s kind of the government’s job. I don’t know though, because I feel like the bombs were probably already there. How could they put it in there and nobody notice?”

Mattox strongly believes that the government cannot fix everything, “I honestly believe that America is as blessed as it is because our founding fathers did pray to God and go to him for guidance and I think if you try to take that out, crazy stuff is going to happen,” she says. Martin chimes in, “Everybody just construes God’s Word here, that’s the problem.”

## Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

### ACROSS

1. Muscle contraction
6. A promiscuous woman
10. Wan
14. Dining room furniture
15. Prong
16. Weightlifters pump this
17. Lubricated
18. Assistant
19. Electrical or crossword
20. Prognostication
22. Hearing organs
23. Metric unit of area
24. Got up
26. Not airtight
30. Heathen
32. Eagle's nest
33. Communications device
37. Letters, etc.
38. Affirm
39. Poems
40. Mournful
42. Extraterrestrial
43. Flatboat
44. Charisma
45. Wrinkled fruit
47. Father
48. Views
49. Acculturate
56. Pause
57. Protective ditch
58. Laser printer powder
59. Skin disease
60. Send forth
61. Go in
62. Ale
63. Start over
64. Considers



### DOWN

1. Cease
2. Twosome
3. Competent
4. Sleigh
5. Intercede
6. Condition
7. 53 in Roman numerals
8. Annul
9. Adolescent
10. Cubbyhole
11. Tapestry
12. France's longest river
13. Terminates
21. Weep
25. Hip-hop
26. Humid
27. Genuine
28. Diva's solo
29. Tactic for obstructing legislation
30. Annoy
31. Wings
33. Branchlet
34. Norse god
35. Require
36. Feudal worker
38. Pennant
41. Indian bread
42. Scrutinized
44. Water barrier
45. Tranquility
46. French for "Queen"
47. Repeat
48. Q-Tip
50. A few
51. Told
52. Solitary
53. Initial wager
54. Abound
55. Makes a mistake

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 01, 2013**  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM St. Eugene College Lunch  
11:30 AM - 6:00 PM Writing Center closes for semester  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Medical Professions Club Monthly meeting  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grace House Dinner & Worship  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted: A Faith Based Study for college age people  
Start Time 10:00 PM President's Pancake Breakfast (Multi-Day Event)

**Thursday, May 02, 2013**  
**Final Exams**  
End Time 12:00 AM President's Pancake Breakfast (Multi-Day Event)  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Exogex LLC - IIF 2013  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Sorosis  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM TKE Study Room

**Friday, May 03, 2013**  
**Final Exams**  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Communications Arts Banquet

**Saturday, May 04, 2013**  
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM Arapaho Prom  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Kappa Kappa IOTA Meeting

**Sunday, May 05, 2013**  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM Sigma Sigma Chi Meeting  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM 9 o'clock

**Monday, May 06, 2013**  
**Final Exams**  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Music Faculty Retreat  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Let's Talk about SWOSU  
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Music Faculty Retreat  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Weight Watchers Weekly Meeting  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Phi Delta Theta Meeting  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM BCM: FORGE  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Zeta Phi General Meeting

**Tuesday, May 07, 2013**  
**Final Exams**  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Leadership Weatherford Meeting  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Free Tuesday Lunch  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Leadership Weatherford Graduation  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM TKE Study Room  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Popcorn Meeting

**Wednesday, May 08, 2013**  
**Final Exams**  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted: A Faith Based Study for college age people

**Thursday, May 09, 2013**  
**Final Grades Due**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Affordable Health Care Act  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Sorosis Luncheon

**Friday, May 10, 2013**  
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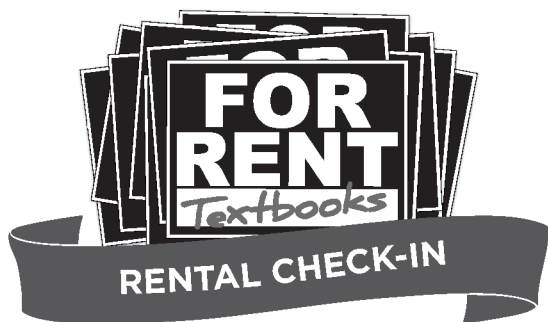
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# FEATURES

## Movie Review

## Scary Movie 5



Combining slapstick comedy with parody, the fifth installment of the *Scary Movie* franchise is finding itself disliked among critics and audiences. It is only receiving a 5% rating from Rotten Tomatoes. Producing very little laughs, if any, *Scary Movie 5* is downright disappointing and not worth the trip to the theater.

*Scary Movie 5* focuses on Dan Sanders (Simon Rex) and his wife Jody (Ashley Tisdale) as they become the guardians of Dan's brother's three children who have been lost in the woods for several months. In order keep the children, they have to agree to move into a large suburban home filled with security cameras just like the ones seen in the *Paranormal Activity* franchise. Integrating, for the most part, the plots of the successful *Paranormal Activity* films and *Mama*, Dan and Jody become lost in a jumbled collection of scary movie parodies.

The only decent aspect of *Scary Movie 5* is its incorporation of pop culture with the typical film parodies. Unfortunately, because of this, one must be knowledgeable of recent Hollywood gimmicks, such as the

*Fifty Shades of Grey* craze, in order to catch the film's sorry attempt at humor.

Directed by Malcolm D. Lee and co-written and produced by David Zucker, *Scary Movie 5* serves as an allegory to today's filmmaking world's decrease of originality. Blending *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, *Sinister*, *Madea*, *Inception*, *Evil Dead*, *The Cabin in the Woods* and *Insidious* with the already lackluster plot, *Scary Movie 5* lacks organization.

The only notable aspect of this film worth praising is its use of camera/technical parody of the previously listed films. There is a scene in which the camera closely follows the back of Ashley Tisdale's head as she walks. This scene is dragged out with dramatic music playing in an attempt to mimic the extravagant use of this feature in *Black Swan*. Those familiar with *Black Swan* will instantly catch on spoof and maybe slightly chuckle. Like previous *Scary Movies*, *Scary Movie 5* does a suitable job of stressing the obvious plot holes of today's horror genre. This franchise brings light to the over-the-top storylines used in films like *Mama* and *Paranormal Activity*.

The *Scary Movie* franchise is also famous for its jam-

packed use of celebrities and pop icons, and *Scary Movie 5* does not disappoint. Cameos are frequently used this movie such as appearances by Charlie Sheen, Lindsay Lohan, Mike Tyson, Mac Miller, Snoop Dogg, Usher, Tyler Posey, Katt Williams, Bow Wow, and many others. The only downfall is that plotlines have to be stretched into every direction in order to attempt to bring each cameo into relevance. As in other *Scary Movies*, this stretching of plotlines catapults the movie into one-time viewing, easily forgotten, straight shot to a \$5 bin.

The best part of the film is the bloopers shown during the rolling end credits. Those few short clips brought more laughter from the audience than the film in its entirety. Fans of this franchise should be warned to wait until the film comes out on DVD release before dropping the \$8 at the theater to see this film. The trailers alone are enough to watch since they contain the only worthwhile moments in this film.

Ultimately, the film might be worth watching at home with some good friends as long as everyone goes into it without high expectations.

--Jessica Kelsey

## Restaurant Review

By SAM DAVIS  
Staff Reporter



The marks of a good restaurant are good food, clean and enjoyable atmosphere, and good service. Heapin Helps Bar-B-Q, located here in Weatherford, has all of these things. Upon entering the small, unassuming building, you will notice it isn't fancy by any means. The walls aren't heavily decorated and but it is very homey. It's a little bit of a dive, but fairly clean and comfortable. The staff was both helpful and knowledgeable and upon learning it was my friend's and my first time dining there, our waitress was ready with a slew of suggestions and was able to answer all of our questions. I decided on the bar-

becue beef sandwich while my friend chose the sample platter. It wasn't long, maybe ten minutes, before our food arrived. Each meal consists of a main dish and two sides which you can choose from a list of about fifteen different side dishes. I chose macaroni and cheese and mashed potatoes with gravy. Both were tasty and came in large portions.

My main meal consisted of a large bun with a very generous serving of shredded barbecue beef. The barbecue itself was juicy and flavorful; it had just the right blend of spices to give you that warm feeling in your mouth. The sandwich was very good, but I feel like something extra would have made it better.

My friend ordered the sample platter, which offered a little more variety. Helping myself to her food, I wasn't disappointed. Her platter included a few ribs, smoked sausage, and some pulled pork. The sausage

was tasty and well seasoned. The pork was also good, but didn't taste much different than my beef. I didn't get to try the ribs, but judging from the way my friend jealously guarded them, I'm guessing they were quite good.

Our waitress was very attentive and friendly throughout the meal. She never let our drinks run out and checked up on us regularly.

When it came time to pay, I was pleasantly surprised that our generously portioned meal for two had come in under \$15. It would have cost us as much or more to eat at McDonalds and there the food wouldn't have been nearly as good or in such quantity. Overall Heapin Helps Bar-B-Q is a great little place to eat. The service is great, the food better, and the price easy on the wallet. We left full and satisfied and will definitely be eating at Heapin Helps again.

## Restaurant Review

By MATT EBNER  
Staff Reporter



When it comes to unique, quality restaurants, western Oklahoma tends to fall short of expectation—unless one finds his or herself at White Dog Hill in Clinton, Oklahoma. Perched atop a hill just outside of Clinton, on Route 66, White Dog Hill is truly a sight to see. Reclaimed from an abandoned country club, the building looks about as good as the cuisine.

The landscaping surrounding White Dog offers a wide variety of flowers and herbs, which are used to garnish every plate that leaves the kitchen. It has been tediously constructed to offer a relaxing experience many guests can appreciate.

The interior adds to the allure, with muted, yellow walls, purposefully aged to give a rustic ambiance. The upper level décor is fun and eclectic,

ranging from professional pieces of art, to pictures of presidents with fake mustaches pasted on them. The white rafters are lined with green tinsel and lights, and dried tumbleweeds are sporadically hung throughout the ceiling.

The lower level of the building showcases the natural rock the building was originally cut from. With dimmed lighting and good music, a more relaxed and personal atmosphere is provided.

As far as dining goes, the menu at White Dog Hill is nothing short of spectacular. The head chef, hailing straight from the England, incorporates influences from all around the globe, offering up unique flavors to every dish. Tired of boring old fried catfish? Try the popular pan seared catfish,

cooked with herbed butter and white wine. If you're feeling adventurous, be sure to try out the weekly special. Or, if you're feeling extra famished, order a cheese board before your meal.

No great meal is every complete without a nice glass of wine. White Dog Hill offers up a wide variety of wines and beers, some native to Oklahoma, that complements the food wonderfully. If wining and dining isn't on your agenda, check out the Beany Bar, just down a small path from restaurant. The lively atmosphere and live music are sure to finish your night off right.

If you're looking for a unique dining experience, visit White Dog Hill, where they completely live up to their motto, "Come for the view, stay for the food."

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# SPORTS

## Thunder aims to play in NBA Finals

By **TRENT MISAK**  
Staff Reporter

The Oklahoma City Thunder have started the playoffs with the goal of making it back to the NBA Finals and coming home with the championship trophy.

After loosing to the Miami Heat in last year's finals, the Thunder will start their journey competing against the Houston Rockets. The rockets can present a challenge to the Thunder since acquiring former teammate James Harden.

On Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> though there wasn't much of a challenge, as the Thunder rolled over the Rockets 120-91 taking game one.

What helps the Thunder is the home court advantage they have with 18,203 fans cheering them on. From the moment the ball was put into play the Chesapeake Energy Arena was ecstatic.

You can also feel the atmosphere around the city seeing building with large signs, windows painted and people wearing Thunder blue everywhere. The Devon Energy tower even lights up the night flashing "Go Thunder".

Many Southwestern students were able to venture to Oklahoma City to watch game one of the series are optimistic about the Thunder's playoff hopes.

"The Thunder dominated a lesser Rockets team, and it was fun to watch them beat up on James Harden," said Blaine Boyd, junior English major from Weatherford. "I think the Thunder are a sure bet to make the Finals, but a match up with the Heat will make for a tough series"

Tessa Russell, freshman dental hygiene major from Weatherford was able to experience her first Thunder game on Sunday. "Attending the game is completely different from watching it at home. The atmosphere and being around the loyal fans is great." Russell also said a highlight of the night was being able to meet Thunder player Nick Collison and getting his autograph.

Caroline Leahy, junior mass communications major from Woodward also attended the game with her boyfriend Ryan Stringer. "The game was very exciting and I'm excited for the rest of the playoff games," said Leahy.

To find tickets to attend the next round off playoffs you can either visit the official Thunder website, or try and win tickets through the KIA Thunder Rewards Zone before each game. The rewards zone will give out 50 pairs of tickets for fans to attend the game and sit in Love's Loud City.

If the Thunder wins the best of seven series against the Thunder they will play either the Los Angeles Clippers or the Memphis Grizzlies.

## Softball team ends season

BENTONVILLE, Ark. – The SWOSU softball team saw its season reach a conclusion on Thursday at the Great American Conference tournament, reaching double elimination by falling to top-seed Southeastern Oklahoma State 3-2 before a 5-0 loss to Southern Arkansas.

Matched up against the top team in the GAC and the No. 3 team in the nation, SWOSU controlled the game for six innings, taking a 2-0 lead in the sixth on an RBI double from Megan Watson.

Julianne Martinez had the Savage Storm on their heels most of the afternoon, allowing six hits while keeping them scoreless through six innings. Megan Ayala came on to pitch the seventh inning with a 2-0 lead and Southeastern quickly got to work against her.

The tough loss in game one seemed to hang over the Bulldogs in game two as they committed four errors and were held without a hit by SAU pitcher Hanna Gill.

SAU scored one run in the first inning and three in the second to take command of the game before adding in the capper in the fifth.

Megan Ayala suffered the loss after allowing six hits and five runs, three of which were earned.

## MyBurgh named golfer of the year

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – SWOSU senior golfer Wouter MyBurgh has been named the 2013 Great American Conference Player of the Year, the conference office announced Monday.

MyBurgh was one of three Bulldogs to be honored, joining honorable mention selections Jake Duvall and Tommy Stirling. All three players finished in the top 10 at the GAC Championships last week, propelling the Bulldogs to a second-place finish by just one stroke.

MyBurgh has been the most consistent performer for the Bulldogs, winning a pair of tournaments (Arkansas Tech & North Alabama) finishing the year with a 73.6 stroke

average in 20 rounds and eight tournaments. He finished tied for seventh at the GAC Championships and has top ten finishes in 5-of-8 events and he has only finished outside of the top 15 once this season. A native of George, South Africa, MyBurgh is currently ranked No. 2 in the Central Region and No. 39 in NCAA Division II.

Duvall has performed admirably for the Bulldogs as a freshman, with a 76.8 stroke average in 20 rounds and eight tournaments. He has shot a low round of 70 twice and finished in the top 10 at two tournaments – Arkansas Tech and Dallas Baptist. The Victoria, British Columbia native finished 20th

at the GAC Championships.

Stirling capped off his junior season at SWOSU with a 78 stroke average in 20 rounds and eight tournaments. His low round of the year is a 71 with top 25 finishes in four events this year. The Gorham, Maine product joined SWOSU this season after transferring from Southern Maine Community College. He led the Bulldogs with a sixth-place finish at the GAC Championships which placed him on the All Tournament Team.

Next up for the SWOSU men's golfers is the NCAA II Central/Midwest Super Regional this weekend (May 6-8) at Strawberry Creek CC in Kenosha, Wisc.

## Rodeo teams finish second at Panhandle

GUYMON, Okla. – Both Southwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo teams concluded the regular season portion of their schedule over the weekend at the Panhandle State rodeo, with both teams coming away with a second-place finish.

The women's team scored 225 points to place runner-up to Fort Scott while the men had 525 points and finished second to host OPSU. After factoring in the rodeo, the SWOSU women finished the season atop the Central Plains Region standings by more than 1,000 points while the men placed third behind Fort Scott and Panhandle.

Top finishers for the women's team included Ceri McCaffery, who won a round in the barrel racing in 17.58 seconds and also finished second in the average, and Kelsey Chase, who took first place in the short-go and average of breakaway roping.

For the men, Yance Day took the long round with a ride of 81 points in bareback riding and split second and third place in the average. Sage Kimzey won the short-round of bull riding with a ride of 77 points and split first and second in the average.

Since that rodeo was the final one of the regular season, eight SWOSU cowboys and cowgirls are now qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., on June 9-15.

The four cowgirls who qualified for the CNFR are Kelsie Chase, Cati Stanko, Ceri McCaffery and Emily Miller. On the men's side, SWOSU will have two participants in both the bareback riding (Yance Day & Justin Pollmiller) and bull riding (Lane Wilhelm & Sage Kimzey).

## Baseball team earns second seed

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – With a 21-9 record, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University baseball finished in second place in the Great American Conference regular season standings.

For their efforts, the Bulldogs earned the No. 2 seed next weekend's GAC Baseball Championship, which will be played at David Allen Ballpark in Enid, Okla. SWOSU will open up against No. 5-seed Arkansas-Monticello on Saturday (May 4) at approximately 3:30 pm.

Southern Arkansas won the conference by two games and will be

the top seed, facing Harding in game one on Saturday. The final game of the first day will match third-seeded Arkansas Tech and fourth-seeded Henderson State.

Last season, SWOSU earned the No. 3 seed to the tournament, but lost to Arkansas Tech 8-4 in 11 innings in the opener before being eliminated by Southern Arkansas 6-4.

Scenarios of how the first day plays out will determine the rest of the schedule in the double-elimination tournament. Below is the schedule for the first two days.

Saturday, May 4

G1: #1 Southern Arkansas (36-14, 23-7) vs. #6 Harding (27-20, 16-14) - 12:00 p.m.

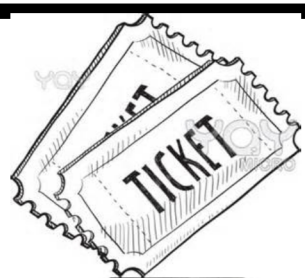
G2: #2 Southwestern Oklahoma State (31-14, 21-9) vs. #5 Arkansas-Monticello (29-18, 17-13) - 3:30 p.m.

G3: #3 Arkansas Tech (31-19, 18-12) vs. #4 Henderson State (23-25, 17-13) - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5  
G4: Loser G1 vs. Loser G2 - 12:00 p.m.

G5: Winner G1 vs. Loser G3 - 3:30 p.m.

G6: Winner G2 vs. Winner G3 - 7:00 p.m.



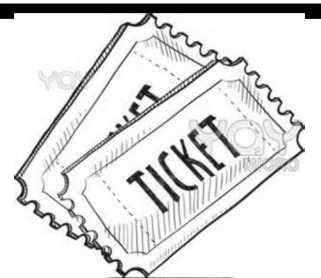
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# RES LIFE

It's finally time... for finals. That bittersweet moment at the end of the year where you're so close to the end yet so far! Don't forget to check out with your RA and follow the steps given for checking out this summer! Remember if you don't check out there will be a fine! Good luck and have fun!

## PICS OF THE RES LIFE



***resident spotlight***  
Jay Stinson

**What are some of your favorite bands to listen to?** Paramore, You Me at Six, Rise Against, Panic at the Disco, A Day to Remember, Jimmy Eat World.

## *meet a res life person*

Chesney Swartwood



**Assuming you're a Thunder fan, who is your favorite player?** The only sport I keep up with is the American Hockey League. I love going to OKC and watching the Barons play at the Cox Convention Center but I do not have a favorite player.

## Talk With Tyler

I would just like to take a moment and say congrats to everyone that is about to receive a degree. No matter your degree, college is not easy and a challenge for everyone. Those that have the fortitude to make it through the grind that is college life should be commended. Over my six years at SWOSU, I have seen many students come and go. From this, I have learned that it is easy to get distracted from the main purpose of coming to college; getting your degree. It takes a special kind of person to sacrifice fun and good times for long nights of studying and 8:00 A.M. classes. College defiantly is not for everyone, and those that have excelled and faced any challenges put before them should be proud. Good luck as you start your next chapter in life.

*Do you agree with Tyler? Disagree? Fallen in love with him? Let him know. Send all questions, comments, or solutions to the world's problems to [reslife@swosu.edu](mailto:reslife@swosu.edu).*

ResLIFE Happenings		
What	When	Where
Hall Check Outs By 6PM	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Halls
SWOSU Graduation	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Milam Stadium
Interim Students Move to R&J Halls	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	R&J Halls
Summer Student Move-In Day	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	R&J Halls
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