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# SGA debates continue final debate Thursday

By ERIN LEMBKE  
News Editor

The final of four SGA-sponsored debates will be this Thursday. The debate will concern the possibility of concealed carry of firearms on campus. The debate will begin at 6 p.m. in Room 104 of the Stafford Center.

The latest debate concerning co-ed residence hall was less of a debate and more of a group discussion.

Southwestern has five dormitories, three for men and two for women. Supports of co-ed dorms said most major universities in Oklahoma are co-ed.

The first question discussed was if there were to be co-ed dorms, how would it be done? Would it be floor by floor where there would be a floor and boys and then a floor of girls and so on and so forth? Or would it be the bottom floors are for the girls and the top floors are for the boys or maybe even intermingling on of boys and girls on the same floor.

Discussions centered on the option of using Rogers and Jefferson, making Rogers a men's dorm and Jefferson a women's dorm.

Students in attendance gave their arguments either for or against co-ed dorms. There were married couples in attendance who would like the opportunity to live in the dorms but there is no option of doing that.

They suggested having certain floors in a dorm that would be designated for married students.

One of the main issues brought up was the sign

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# Ralston delivers inspiring message

By JORDAN RICHISON  
Managing Editor

Most people wouldn't look at having to lose a limb as a blessing, but to Aron Ralston this is exactly how he feels. Ralston shared his remarkable survival story last Thursday to a near capacity house for the final Panorama performance of the 2010-2011 year.

Ralston made world news in 2003 when, after getting trapped by a boulder while hiking in Utah, he amputated his arm to free himself.

Ralston shared his story through a slideshow that chronicled his entire saga from when he started riding his bike all the way to the search and rescue mission that helped save him at just the right time.

Throughout the presentation, Ralston was not only candid, but he was also very encouraging. He



Aron Ralston signs copies of his book after his Panorama presentation March 3. (Photo by Kirby Broadus, courtesy of Weatherford Daily News)

repeated how the experience was one of the best things that ever happen to him. He said that through the entire experience, "I didn't lose anything. Instead, I gained a lot.

"Since that day, I got my life back because now I am able to share a story to go along with

it. In my opinion, it's the greatest thing to ever happen to me," Ralston said.

From the beginning, the crowd was easily taken by Ralston thanks to his easygoing ways and positive attitude towards everything. Several times throughout the

message, Ralston made several wisecracks about his situation to lighten the mood. He even compared the difficulties he had to endure and related them to difficulties college students face.

"When you think about studying and preparing for finals, it's

not nearly as bad as having to drink your own pee," Ralston joked.

Many students and local Weatherford residents were introduced to Ralston's story a little more on Tuesday night with a free showing of *127 Hours*. The film, which was nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Actor for James Franco, showed a realistic visual of what Ralston went through while being trapped. Ralston even used the movie to better describe how he got trapped by the rock during his presentation.

Ralston said that while trapped by the boulder, he lost nearly 40 pounds due to dehydration and other natural factors that he couldn't control. He said that towards the end he thought he was going to die and started

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# Tough Enough charity race set for March 26

By DACIA PETERMAN  
Staff Reporter

March 26<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" race. SWOSU GOLD named the event a few years ago to help promote the 5K run/walk. Other campus groups and organizations, such as the Collegiate Activities Board, Greek Council, and Residence Life, consider this event to be one their biggest community service projects. The money raised by these groups and given by sponsors will be donated to

the American Cancer Society.

"We have 94 signed up so far, and that is more than we had last year at this time," Dean of Students, Cindy Dougherty said.

Dougherty contributes this spike in early registration to the fact that only three other area races are scheduled on the day of the race. Last year, 18 other races were run on the same day as the SWOSU 5K.

Anyone can join the race and whatever best suits a person's needs to get to the finish line are acceptable, Dougherty says. Pre-registration fee is \$35. Race day

registration fee is \$50. Registration forms can be picked up in the Dean of Students Office, Stafford 214.

On race day, participants are given a chip to tie to their shoelace. The chip will record the racer's personal time to complete the race.

The course is USATF certified and begins and ends by the alumni clock tower on campus with checkpoints/water stations on Main, 7<sup>th</sup>, University, and Caddo. Race day registration and packet pick-up is from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. at the Bulldog Beanery. The race begins at 9 a.m.

# Bulldog Blitz to showcase top campus talent

By DELVIN SIRLEAF  
Staff Reporter

The Collegiate Activities Board will sponsor the 9th annual Bulldog Blitz talent show, at 6 p.m. April 6, in the Fine Arts Center.

This year's Bulldog Blitz talent show is coming back with a bang, and students on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses will be showcasing all their talents for big cash prizes.

"I hope to see people from every representing group or organization there on campus. It would really mean a lot to us

and these very talented people," said Cody Sims, CAB director.

"I expect it to be packed," said Garrett Boyer, CAB coordinator. "My partner and I have been working day and night to make this the best show possible. We have been advertising, promoting and planning at top notch levels, so I plan on it being a full house."

SWOSU students will compete in both individual and group categories.

"I've seen four of the Blitz's and the talent is always diverse and beyond imagination," Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty said. "I'm sure the 2011 edition

will be no different," said Cindy Dougherty, Dean of Students."

The individual winner will receive \$500 and the group winner will receive \$1,000. A panel of judges will select the winners. It will be announced on stage and the cash prizes will be awarded that night.

"I know there are many talented students out there with many different talents, so I am hoping to see acts that range from singing to beat-boxing. I hope to see funny, sad, and mind blowing acts; and so far I guarantee we will have them," Boyer said.

The shows lineup of acts is posted outside the Dean of Students Office.

## The One Thing You Need to Know

Campus will be closed all next week due to Spring Break. The Southwestern will be taking a couple weeks off due to Spring Break and will be back on March 30.

## Senior Salute March 21-23

Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduating seniors can take care of their graduation needs March 21-23 at the University Bookstore, located in Rogers and Jefferson residence halls.

Ashley Hancock, manager of the UB, said seniors can pick up their complimentary

cap, gown, and tassel; order graduation announcements and class rings; and purchase diploma frames.

Hours will be 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on March 21 and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 22-23.

SWOSU graduation is set for Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at Milam Stadium.



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in book at the front desk of all of the dorms. The sign in book is a security measure to help ensure the safety of all the residents. If the dorms were to become co-ed, it would be much more difficult to keep track of the residents and it would create much more work for the RA's.

"All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and to offer their input because these are

serious and important topics that need to be openly discussed," said Tyler Rickey, public relations secretary for the SGA.

"Individual input can truly affect the policies to come or whether or not these policies are even written."

Additional information is available by contacting the SGA office at (580) 774-0615.

## SGA debates creates good arguments

BY: DACIA PETERMAN  
Staff Reporter

Josh Buxton, President of the Student Government Association, reminded those present at Thursday night's debate that the current policy regarding finals states that we have three dead days where new material may be presented; however, no papers, presentations, quizzes or exams can be scheduled during those days.

Dr. Foust, our Vice President and Associate Provost, added that Pres. Buxton was correct, but that some of those assignments may be allowed during dead days if the assignment was on the syllabus or if the students were given at least a month's notice.

President Buxton also mentioned the policies of Oklahoma State University, which state that no test or exam weighing greater than 5% is allowed during their dead days. The University of Oklahoma may assign no test or exam greater than a 10% weight.

Starting the debate was a member of the Senate, arguing for a break before finals "Having a whole day to study would really help."

Along the same lines, Executive Secretary Aaron Layden respectfully mentioned that students would be grateful for an extra day(s) to relieve stress.

Senator Loni Prairie Chief agreed, saying, "A lot of stress would be relieved," especially for students with similar situations to hers. As a mom, student, and part-time worker, she believes that a day off would accommodate single parents and students with other obligations.

Jonathan Walker, a senior Chemistry major and member of the Senate, spoke passionately regarding the negative. "I don't see the point of changing. I have had no problem in my four years

here." He articulated that despite the load he has had, learning new material on the Wednesday of dead days with the final the next day was not a problem.

Walker also asked for the opinion of faculty member Dr. David Esjornson, who stated, "Adding an extra day is not a good idea." The faculty has enough pressure to get grades in for finals and graduation without adding an extra break in the way, he said.

Secretary of Public Relations Tyler Rickey understands Dr. Esjornson's statement, arguing that there must be sufficient time to cover required material, and sometimes give more detail, especially in semesters like this one where we missed two days of lecture as a result of weather. Some students cannot move on to upper-level classes without learning certain information and a change would hinder students, he said.

Lisl Scheuerman, agreeing with Walker, says, "I like how it is, I like having the middle break." She mentioned this alluding to the weekend in the middle of finals and giving her reason as she is a last minute studier.

Members of the Administration agreed that they would seriously consider whatever decision the student government makes.

Alli Lee, Vice-President of SGA and President of the Senate, made it clear at last week's debate that each decision made after a debate is "just a resolution." The resolution must go through the proper channels to be adopted.

Lisl Scheuerman, Matt Cooper, and Kelsey Zybach all agreed that alcohol should not be allowed in the residence halls.

In addition to the conversation about dead days, the SGA debate also covered the issue of alcohol on campus.

Cooper remarked that allowing alcohol on campus would present a double standard with

the enactment of a tobacco free campus in the summer, but that he thinks that serving alcohol at sporting events would be a "good way to bring in revenue."

Scheuerman disagreed by describing in detail a scene she and her younger brother witnessed at a recent football game where students had snuck in alcohol and disrupted the family environment.

Zybach argued that a dry campus is the "best environment to learn."

When the suggestion that alcohol should be allowed for tailgating, Zybach commented that there would not be enough campus police officers to monitor who did or did not have a permit and/or ID for their alcohol.

One student commented, "I do not understand that we are called adults but our rights are gone. I am an adult; it is my responsibility to move myself from that area." He also mentioned that as an adult, each could police their own actions.

President Pro Tempore and author of the original resolution John Saluke says that as adults we "learn from our experiences." His rebuttal when asked about alcohol in the residence halls says that even if students follow all the rules, they should not be intoxicated in the residence halls. According to the SWOSU res-life handbook, they must sober up before returning to their dorm. Not that he is encouraging underage drinking, he states that students of age are not allowed to return intoxicated.

Thursday's decision regarding the break is to insure that no new material be presented during the three dead days, but rather that dead days be review days for finals. Also, regarding the alcohol policy on campus, SGA is requesting a more clear and concise presentation of the current policy.

## 5k and 'fun run' planned for April 23

March 2, 2011 – The Stafford Air & Space Museum is hosting its first annual "Race to the Moon" 5k and 1-mile 'fun run' on April 23 at 9:00 am. The race will start and finish at the museum and loop around Rader Park. The course has been USATF certified and DG Productions will provide ChampionChip timing.

"This isn't just a race, this is an event," said Toni Ray, in charge of PR/Marketing at the museum. "There will be t-shirts, food, museum fun, and music. Really it's a chance for our community to come together for a fun activity."

Runners and walkers, young and old, everyone is invited to participate. The event helps promote Weatherford's 'Walking for Wellness' program that encourages healthy living. The event is gaining support from the city's fire and police departments, as well as Weatherford Public Schools.

In fact, Weatherford Public Schools and surrounding area schools have been invited to participate in a school-wide contest for the race, called "Miles to the Moon."

"I wanted to get our youth involved," said Ray. "There's no better way to do that than through schools. There are amazing faculty members who have shown a great deal of enthusiasm. Ms. Koper, the PE teacher at Burcham Elementary, is extremely excited and already implements running into her program."

Participating schools are given a 'mile log' sheet for students to record their progress. On race day, those mile logs will be turned in, and the school with the most total miles is the winner.

The 5k race is \$20 to enter and the 1-mile 'fun run' is \$10. The race entry fee includes a t-shirt, free food and entertainment, and a free trip through the museum.

You can find a race registration form online at [www.staffordmuseum.com](http://www.staffordmuseum.com) or at the museum. If you are interested in running/walking, volunteering, sponsoring the race, or have any other questions please contact Toni Ray at the Stafford Air & Space Museum, 580-772-5871 or [toni@cityofweatherford.com](mailto:toni@cityofweatherford.com).



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## SGA Spotlight

### SWOSUPalooza Seeking Local Bands!

SWOSUPalooza 12 is currently seeking bands! If you know of a local band that wants to play for SWOSU, then have them send a demo cd, dvd, or any other type of electronic media to: SGA, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK, 73096. A band will be chosen from all entries and will be notified after the selection, so please remember to include a way for us to get in contact with the band! Also, as always, the SGA is seeking your input for help in planning SWOSUPalooza 12. If you want to help create and design the biggest concert of the year on our campus, then stop by the SGA House on Thursdays at 5PM!

### Sweats for Sale!

It's Relay for Life time again! SGA is currently selling sweatpants in order to raise money for this noble cause. The sweatpants have a paw print on the front of one of the legs and reads, "Relay for Life," and the cost is \$20. They are available in gray, navy, and black. All students from time to time wear sweats and a t-shirt to class, so get yours today and help support cancer research! If you'd like more information on the sweatpants, please contact Alejandra DeSantiago at [desantiagoa@student.swosu.edu](mailto:desantiagoa@student.swosu.edu).

### SGA Wants You!

SGA is still seeking your membership. You can personally make a difference in the lives of the students here at SWOSU. Important issues do come up here at our university, we recently held debates concerning serious topics that really could influence this campus. You could be the person that helps bring out or stop that change. If you think that you are the person for the job, or would just like to see more of what SGA is about, then stop by Stafford 104 on Thursdays at 6PM and just sit in on one of our meetings. Anyone is welcome and you are not obligated to join! Or, contact Tyler Rickey at [rickety@student.swosu.edu](mailto:rickety@student.swosu.edu) for more information.

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erecting his own grave by carving his name and dates into the side of the rock wall.

He said what saved him in the end was a vision of his unborn son playing. He knew then it wasn't his time to go. Ralston said following that vision he devised a method to cut his arm off. After nearly an hour of sawing away at his arm, Ralston was finally free.

"At that moment, I stepped out of my grave and into my life. I realized then that I was born again fully knowing what life was really all about," Ralston said.

After the presentation, Ralston met several

audience members. He signed copies of his best-selling book "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" for nearly two hours. Many students enjoyed the speaking engagement because of the positive message.

"I thought he was a very impressive speaker and how he looks at and accepts what happened to him is awe-inspiring," said junior Caleb Koos.

Ralston was able to leave an impression on everyone telling them that the entire experience was a gift because of the many ways that it has blessed his life.

"I was able to gain an understanding of what is

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, March 09, 2011

- 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM OnSite Art Competition
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Blood Drive on Sayre Campus
- 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch at St. Eugene Catholic Church
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM AAUW
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Orientation Leader Advisory Board Meeting
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Biology Seminar

### Thursday, March 10, 2011

- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Panorama Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM SGA Open Debate
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM SGA Senate Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jazz "A" & "B" Ensembles Concert
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Physics Tutoring Session

### Friday, March 11, 2011

- SWOSU Research and Scholarly Activity Abstract Deadline
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Baseball vs. West Texas A&M
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Cameron
- 5:00 PM Spring Break Begins
- 7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

### Saturday, March 12, 2011

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Upward Bound Saturday Academy
- 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Cameron
- 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball vs. West Texas A&M
- 7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

- 7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

### Monday, March 14, 2011

- Campus Closed - Holiday
- 9:00 AM Men's Golf at Oklahoma Panhandle State University

### Tuesday, March 15, 2011

- Campus Closed - Holiday
- 9:00 AM Men's Golf at Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Baseball vs. Oklahoma City

### Wednesday, March 16, 2011

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Campus Open - Interim
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Orientation Leader Advisory Board Meeting

### Thursday, March 17, 2011

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Campus Open - Interim

### Friday, March 18, 2011

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Campus Open - Interim
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Baseball at Cameron University

### Saturday, March 19, 2011

- 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball at Cameron University
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma

### Monday, March 21, 2011

- 8:00 AM Classwork Resumes
- 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Senior Salute
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Free Lunch at the Wesley
- 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sigma Tau Chi Meeting

### Tuesday, March 22, 2011

- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Salute
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Baseball at Emporia State

### Wednesday, March 23, 2011

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Enterprise Rent-A-Car On Campus Interviews
- 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Student Teacher Return Day
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Salute
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Education Career Fair 2011
- 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch at St. Eugene Catholic Church
- 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baseball at Emporia State
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Orientation Leader Advisory Board Meeting
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Institutional IPPE Mandatory Meeting

### Thursday, March 24, 2011

- Duke's SWIM Meet Scavenger Hunt
- 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM SWIM - Southwestern Scholastic Contest
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM SGA Senate Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Physics Tutoring Session

### Friday, March 25, 2011

- 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball vs. Oklahoma
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Faculty Senate Meeting
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Northeastern State



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# FEATURES

## Students ready for spring break fun and relaxation

By KAYLA ARGO  
Staff Reporter

Spring Break begins Friday, and students are making plans.

Rising gas prices may be the reason that junior Riley McCallay from Hammond, senior Eryn Brooks from Woodward and junior J. J. Witt from Guymon will all stay at home this break.

As of last Thursday, the average gas price in the U.S. was \$3.42 per gallon; however, the highest price in Weatherford was a slightly less steep \$3.39 per gallon.

But the gas prices won't be stopping every student.

"I'm going skiing in Breckenridge, Colorado, with Res-Life," Rachele Dougherty said. Dougherty, a junior from Miami, Texas, added, "I haven't been on the res-life trip before, but I have been skiing in Breckenridge. It was really fun."

Another student, junior Heath Tieben from Dodge City, Kansas, said "I am going hog hunting in Caldwell, Texas. It's a tradition; my father and I go

every year."

Senior Eric Martin of Weatherford also has Texas plans. "I might go to South by Southwest in Austin. It's a festival with lots of live music performances in the downtown area." Martin plans to meet up with SWOSU alumni Jessi Eidem, Maddie Steiner and Leslie McCracken while in Austin.

Texas is about as far south as students should go, due to the escalating violence in Mexico. An upsurge in drug and gang-related violence has caused travelers from the United States to reconsider a vacation to Mexico.

Even the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued this warning to Spring Breakers. The Dallas Morning News quoted DPS Director Steve McCraw as saying "avoid traveling to Mexico during Spring Break and stay alive."

Some students will use the break to get ahead on summer plans.

"I'm doing some wedding planning for this summer. I'm getting married June 11," said Sierra Hatfield, a sophomore from Hydro. "I'll be shopping for dresses and decorations."

Senior Ashley Howard of Fort Worth, Texas, will also plan a wedding. "I am going shopping at David's Bridal and a couple of formal dress boutiques in Fort Worth."

Another popular spring break idea is to work.

"I'm going to go home for a couple of days. I am painting a mural on my friend's ceiling," said Whitney Coulter, a sophomore from Enid. "Then I am going to come back and work for rent money."

Allyson Walton, a junior from Fairview, will also work. "I work all break at a tax office in Fairview," she said.

Other students plan on treating the break as a break.

"I'm in nursing school, so I plan to sit on the couch and do nothing all week," Morgan Scott said. Scott, a junior from Snyder, said she might be tempted to leave the couch on St. Patrick's Day, but would take it easy the rest of the break.

Senior Nathan Smith of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, will relax for a whole different reason. "I'm getting my wisdom teeth pulled" he said. Smith plans on relaxing and recovering over the break.

## Professional Issues course gets lesson in fashion

By ERIN LEMBKE  
News Editor

When buying an apple, is the apple that looks bad with spots picked or is the apple that looks fresh and delicious picked?

A bad-looking apple cannot explain why it is actually a good apple, so it must sit idly by as the better apples get picked first. A bad first impression can never be taken back, so the clothes worn to an interview should reflect what one has to offer. A sloppy appearance does not represent a well-educated person but someone in a crisp, clean suit presents themselves as a confident, educated person.

Martha Sauer, owner of The Kloset in Weatherford, used the analogy of an apple to explain the importance of clothes for an interview to the ladies of Dr. Patsy Parker's Professional Issues class.

When the girls visited Sauer's store recently, three students and an

employee from The Kloset modeled different looks that would be considered appropriate for an interview. The looks ranged from a white and pink floral dress with a pink cardigan to black pants and printed jacket.

As each of the girls came out, Sauer pointed out why each outfit was appropriate. Sauer also pointed out things that should be avoided when dressing for an interview. She emphasized the importance of dressing conservatively rather than wearing flamboyant clothes and jewelry. Accessories can be great to finish off an outfit, but for an interview it is best to keep it more simplistic. Big, exaggerated jewelry and accessories can be very distracting to the interviewer.

Another point she emphasized was that skirts and dresses are back in fashion as well as in the workplace. However, a skirt or dress worn to an interview should be knee-length. Also, never have bare

legs; wear panty hose. Although disliked by many young women, panty hose give legs a certain finish and polish off the whole outfit.

The purpose of this outing was "to make the ladies in class aware of what is acceptable dress in the workplace," Parker said. She wanted to women to know that there is fashion sense in the work place and that there are cute clothes that look nice and are professional.

First impressions really are everything and one would do a disservice to themselves by looking anything less than their best. They should do themselves a favor and strive to be the shiny apple on top of the bunch.



Students in the Professional Issues class receive instruction. Pictured from left are The Kloset employee Amanda Stradley, student Jessica Van Paul, student Anjali Gandhi and The Kloset owner Martha Sauer. (Photo by Erin Lembke)

## Kids fair offers fun for everyone

Kids Fest 2011 is planned for Saturday, April 9, from 1-4 p.m. at the Wellness Center on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and organizers ask area residents to mark their calendars.

Kids Fest 2011 is a free family event for children (babies to age 8) and parents/grandparents/siblings, according to Kimberley Kelly of the SWOSU Department of Education. Everyone is invited, and there will be free hot dogs, games, door prizes and many resources available to help families.

The activities will include inflatable games, face painting, finger printing from the OSBI, rock wall climbing, golf, and a visit from Smokey the Bear. According to Kelly, last year's event had more than 1,000 in attendance, and they expect more this year.

The event is sponsored by the SWOSU-Western Early Childhood Association-Student Organization. For more information, contact Kelly at (580) 774-7115 or kimberley.kelly@swosu.edu.

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# SPORTS



Charlestone Flemings (3) and Greg Richardson (33) pursue the ball during the Bulldogs' first round Lone Star Conference playoff game against Tarleton State. The Bulldogs lost 74-65.

## Bulldogs bow out in LSC playoffs

BARTLESVILLE – Southwestern Oklahoma State University pushed top-seeded Tarleton State for the full 40 minutes but could not get past the Texans, losing 74-65 in the first round of the Lone Star Conference Men's Basketball Tournament.

The game ended SWOSU's season at 16-13 overall while Tarleton State (23-4) advances on to the semi-finals where they will play against Midwestern State.

Ross Moore had 20 points in his return to Bartlesville including hitting critical baskets down the stretch to keep the Bulldogs within striking distance. He got double-figure scoring help from Charlestone Flemings and Curtis Nickson who each added 10 points.

Tarleton State was led by Corin Henry who scored 21 points, 18 of which came in the second half.

Darrion Washington added 17 for the Texans.

The Bulldogs got within two points on two different occasions in the second half, the last of which came when Leon Nelson scored on an inside basket with 9:30 to play. Nelson's basket trimmed Tarleton's lead to 46-44. The Texans then scored 12 of the next 14 points and got back in front 58-46 when Donta Smith scored in the paint.

Moore got SWOSU to within five with a layup at the 1:19 mark at 70-65. The Texans made several free throws down the stretch and ended up with a nine-point win.

SWOSU coach Charlie Schaefer was pleased with his team's effort and handed out plenty of praise to his Bulldogs.

"We're obviously disappointed in losing, but I couldn't be more proud of a group of guys than

what I am right now," Schaefer said. "We win with class, and we lose with class. I thought our guys showed a lot of courage."

SWOSU shot 40% from the field making 22-of-55 shots. The Bulldogs, a 37% three-point shooting team, were limited to just 26% against the Texans defense making six-of-23.

Tarleton State had a sizeable advantage at the free throw line making 35-of-52 attempts. The Bulldogs were there just 22 times making 15 attempts for 68%. The Bulldogs were whistled for 35 fouls, 10 more than Tarleton.

"I felt like we should've done a better job on defending their dribble penetration. They were able to get a number of our players in foul difficulty and that really kept us from getting any rhythm offensively or defensively."

## Baseball team rolls over ENMU

PORTALES, NM – Southwestern Oklahoma State University put an exclamation point to its finishing game against Eastern New Mexico University defeating the Greyhounds 14-2 in the series finale Saturday in Portales, N.M. The victory was SWOSU's second in the three-game series and helped ease the sting of a disappointing 4-2 loss earlier in the day.

The Bulldogs, now 14-5 on the season and 10-5 in Lone Star Conference play, will next be in action Tuesday at Mid America Christian. They return home for an important three-game weekend series against West Texas A&M beginning Friday.

In the finale, Kyle Meadows got the Bulldogs to a 2-0 lead with a two-RBI single in the second. The game stayed that way until SWOSU exploded for a nine runs in the fourth to go up 11-0.

In the nine-run fourth, SWOSU sent 13 players to the plate and eight of them ended in hits. The biggest came from Jeremy Soliday, Christian Wise and Tyler Wells who each drove in a pair of runs.

SWOSU added three more runs to go up 14-0 before allowing a pair of meaningless runs in the final two innings.

Austin Woodward picked up the win, pitching five and two-thirds innings. He scattered five hits, allowed one run, and struck out three batters to improve his record to 1-2. Chris Rogers came on in relief to pitch the final inning.

In the first game Saturday, ENMU carried a 4-0 lead into the fifth before SWOSU scored. The Bulldogs only runs came courtesy of Wells who smashed a two-run homer, his third of the season.



A Southwestern player slides safely into home during recent softball action.

## Softball team chalks up two more victories

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – Southwestern kept its impressive softball start rolling along adding another pair of victories with a doubleheader sweep of visiting Newman University Tuesday in Weatherford. The Bulldogs won the first game 4-2 and then took the nightcap 7-4.

SWOSU watched its overall record improve to 7-4. Newman dropped to 1-9. The Bulldogs will next be in action this weekend at the Southwest Baptist Triangular in Bolivar, Mo.

In game one, Summer Blackowl was the offensive star for the Bulldogs. Her two-RBI single in the second tied the game at 2-2. Then she added another RBI on a single in the fourth that put the Bulldogs in front 3-2. Blackowl, along with Sara Harwell each had two hits, one-half of SWOSU's team total of eight.

On the mound, Katie Raines picked up the win

and improved her record to 4-2. She allowed six hits and two runs while striking out nine batters and walking none. Raines retired 10 of the 11 batters she faced in over a four-inning span in the middle innings.

In the second game, Lacey Stonebraker's two-run homer in the fifth sparked a four-run inning that put SWOSU in front 5-1. Stonebraker had two hits in two at bats while teammate Kori Oord had three hits, two runs and an RBI to share offensive honors.

Cassie Chambless (4-2) started strong on the mound striking out the first four batters she faced and breezed through the opening five innings. Newman then rallied for three runs in sixth against Chambless. She was lifted in favor of Raines, who came on to collect the save pitching the final one and two-thirds inning.

## sports calendar

**Friday, March 11, 2011**

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Baseball vs. West Texas A&M  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Cameron  
7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Cameron  
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball vs. West Texas A&M  
7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

7:00 PM Rodeo at Fort Scott Community College

**Monday, March 14, 2011**

9:00 AM Men's Golf at Panhandle State Invitational

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

9:00 AM Men's Golf at Panhandle State Invitational  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Baseball vs. Oklahoma City

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Baseball at Cameron University

**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball at Cameron University  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Baseball at Emporia State

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baseball at Emporia State

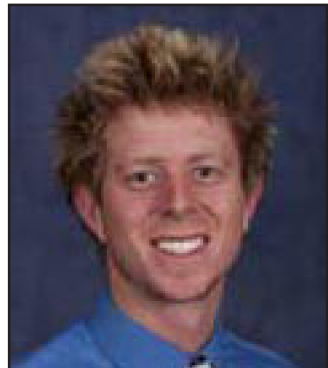
**Friday, March 25, 2011**

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball vs. OPSU  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Softball at Northeastern State

## Player profile

*from halfway around the globe*

**Max Wheeler, Junior, Business management**



Max Wheeler has been a contributing factor this season for the Southwestern baseball team. The starting centerfielder from Perth, Australia, is second on the team in doubles, ranked fourth in total hits through 11 games, is fifth in on-base percentage (.380), and one of the two players that have started all 11 games.

**Where are you from?** I am from Perth, Australia. My parents Paul and Linda, my two brothers Jake (oldest) and Elliot (youngest) and my whole family were all born and raised in Perth.

**Why did you come to America?** I've been playing baseball since I was 6 and wanted to continue playing. In Australia, there is no competitive baseball in high school or college, our only chance of playing is in the summer, which you would only play on Sunday and practice twice a week. After I graduated from South Fremantle High School, I came to America to play baseball every day and get a degree while doing so.

**How did you do at your Previous School?** I played junior college ball at Southeastern Community College in Iowa. I hit .340 freshman year and .350 as a sophomore with 4 home runs, I was nominated for First Team All Region Academic both years.

**How did you end up at SWOSU?** My assistant coach at my last school is good friends with Coach Zack Saunders and I came here through him. I didn't really care where I went, as long as I'm playing somewhere. I had the best offer here so decided to come here.

## Rodeo teams compete at Garden City event

GARDEN CITY, KAN. – The Southwestern Oklahoma State University men's rodeo team continued its late-season climb with a fourth-place finish at recently completed Garden City Community College Rodeo. SWOSU collected 383 points and finished behind eventual winner Oklahoma Panhandle State (585), Northwestern Oklahoma State (490) and Fort Scott (450).

With the strong finish, SWOSU moved up one spot into fourth-place in the Central Plains Regional Standings. The Bulldogs have 1,596 points and trail OPSU (2980), FSCC (2355) and Southeastern Oklahoma State (2170) after five rodeos. The top two teams at the end of the regular season will advance to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).

The SWOSU women did not score points as a team at Garden City. Michelle Bartley, who competes for SWOSU but does not qualify for team points, had a good rodeo. She finished first in the breakaway roping thanks in large part to her first-place finish in the short round with a time of 2.7 seconds. Bartley also finished among the top 10 cowgirls in barrel racing.

The women slipped one spot to third place in the regional standings with 1,145 points. They trail Garden City who is in first with 1,398 points and Western Oklahoma State who is in second with 1,378. Oklahoma Panhandle is fourth with 1,070 points.



# Sudoku

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# Answers

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5	8	2	6	3	4	9	7	1
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7	9	1	2	8	5	6	3	4
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2	9	4	8	7	6	3	1	5
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6	1	7	4	5	8	2	9	3
3	2	9	1	8	7	5	4	6

# RES LIFE

# The HUNT

*Whelp, it's time for a new hiding place,  
but don't think it will be right in front of your face.  
Brick and mortar stands tried and true,  
Cool air you'll see when gazing through,  
It lies in the elements, and awaits a warm embrace.*

# Microwave Minutes



Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods

Preparation Time: 2 minutes

Microwave Time: 2 to 5 minutes

Cooling Time: 2 hours

1 bag pretzel rods

1 1/2 cups chocolate chips

1 cup mini m&m's candy

Pour chocolate chips into a large microwave-safe bowl, and microwave on high for 2 to 5 minutes, stirring every minute, until chocolate is fully melted and smooth.

When fully melted, dip the pretzel rods into the chocolate one at a time, and then immediately roll the chocolate covered rod into the m&m's. Place each candy coated rod onto the wax-paper covered pan. When all the pretzels have been dipped, place the pans into the refrigerator for at least 2 hours, until chocolate is hardened.

**Comfort Where You Want It; Where You Need It**

By: Cash Cooper

For ages now, residents have dreaded using the school's 1-ply toilet paper, BUT starting next fall, they can relax knowing that their bottoms are in for some happy times.

No longer will they be subjected to sandpaper tissue, BUT instead, they can float on clouds of comfort as they freshen up their fannies.

The upgrade to 2-ply may cost a little more, BUT here at Residence Life, we make it our goal to please our residents from the top of their heads to their very bottoms.

No news as of yet as to which company will win the rights of our rears, except that it will be “similar to the major brands.” So rest assured residents, your bottoms are in good hands.

## *meet a res life person*

*LOZA DEJENE*

Some might call me a coinsurer of poetry. I write myself, and also seek out new artist. P4CM poems are my favorite and they can be found at [www.P4CM.com](http://www.P4CM.com).

## Packing up and heading out!

By Erin DeWalt

Have you looked around your dorm room lately and thought “who knew I had SO much stuff!?” With Spring Break just around the corner and summer right on its heels we should all be thinking about how we’re going to get all of our stuff (aka our lives) back home. If you push these thoughts to the back of your mind, you might just wind up with a too-big-for-your-car-sized problem when you get finished with Finals. And that, my friends, is what I want to help you avoid. So let’s just break the problem in three easy steps.



**Step 1** – whilst packing for Spring Break, load up all your winter clothes, accessories, and any other “stuff” that you can live without for the next couple of months and take it home.

**Step 2** – every weekend following Spring Break that you venture home, take a small load with you.

**Step 3** – donate clothes, jackets, and dishes (practically anything that is in good condition) that you don't use anymore to the Etc. Shop on State Street. This is an easy way to lessen the burden of moving and it gives back to the community. Have a terrific Spring Break, rest up for the craziness that is the rush until Finals, and as always keep a lookout for Res-Life events!!

## Renew Your Contract!!

Residence Life resident contract renewals begin on Monday, March 21st. RA's will be visiting their residents and allowing them to renew their room/board contracts for the summer and Fall/Spring semesters. This is their opportunity to select specific room/floor/building assignments, as well as roommates. This is what being an upperclassman is all about, priority choices and selection!

ResLIFE Happenings		
What	When	Where
RA Applications Open	Mar. 7	Residence Life Office
Res Life Ski Trip	Spring Break	Breckenridge, Colorado
Res Life Trip to OKC RedHawks' Game	Apr. 15	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
<b>Oklahoma Hall</b>		
Sunday Night Movie	Mar. 27	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
Dance Party	Apr. 22	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
Little Sisters Weekend	Apr. 1&2	Oklahoma Hall
Open Mic Night	Apr. 7	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
Sunday Night Movie	Apr. 24	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
Spa Day	Apr. 26	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
<b>Neff Hall</b>		
Dodgeball Tournament	Apr. 7	The Wellness Center
Neff Hall Table Tennis Qualifier	Apr. 14	Neff Hall Lobby
Neff Hall Frisby Golf Tournamet	Apr. 20	Rader Park
Neff vs R&J Table Tennis Championship	TBA	Student Union Ballroom
<b>Rogers &amp; Jefferson</b>		
R&J Table Tennis Qualifier	Apr. 14	Rogers Hall Lobby
Neff vs R&J Table Tennis Championship	TBA	Student Union Ballroom
<b>Stewart Hall</b>		
Training for Tough Enough to Wear Pink 5K	Weekly	Meet in Stewart Hall Lobby
Movie Night	Every Tuesday	Stewart Hall Lobby
Easter Eggstravaganza	Apr. 24	Stewart Hall Lobby/Lawn
T-Shirt Swap	Apr. 25	Stewart Hall Lobby