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# The Southwestern

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Student Publication

## Students call for healthier options

By Brooke Watson  
Staff Reporter

For many students that eat on campus, The University Grill is the social center of meal times.

"We can eat in the cafeteria, but nobody does. Everyone eats in The Grill," said junior DruAnn Humphrey.

Eating in The University Grill can be fulfilling but fattening. With no labels or nutritional facts on the food, choosing healthy meals can be a challenge.

Duncan Taylor, director of auxiliary services, provided information for



Administrators are considering adding a sushi option to The University Grill. (Photo by Michael McChesney)

choosing healthier options at The University Grill.

The healthiest meal at The Strip Joint

is the marinated chicken wrap. It contains 275 calories, three grams of fat and 24 carbohydrates.

This sounds quite healthy, but keep in mind this is only half of a wrap without ranch dressing. Ranch dressing adds 80 extra calories and five more grams of fat into the count. For a full wrap with ranch dressing a meal contains around 630 calories and 16 grams of fat.

Arizzio's Italian is the only outlet in The University Grill that offers salads.

The charbroiled chicken salad is the best salad choice for a healthy diet, containing 290 calories, three grams of fat and 11 carbohydrates.

This does not including croutons or dressing, which increase the calorie count.

"I wish they had better salads," said junior Justin Whitman.

The healthiest meal at The Bulldog Grill is the marinated chicken breast sandwich, which contains 305 calories, two grams of fat and 41 carbohydrates. The lowest fat and calorie meal Casa Solana Mexican offers is the chicken fajita taco with 275 calories, seven grams of fat and 26 carbohydrates.

Although these meal choices are healthier than most, many students are pushing for more options.

"We need healthier choices," senior Stephany Speck said. "The only really healthy choices The Grill offers are salad and tuna sandwiches, and they both get old."

Other students wish the meals were more balanced.

"It would be cool to have meals like your mom would cook; meals that are balanced, with vegetables that aren't fried," said junior Haley Spradlin.

"In The Grill's future, sushi is being looked into as another healthy option," Taylor said.

## Students, companies seize online job board opportunity

By Staci Campbell  
Staff Reporter

College students are all likely to feel bored, jobless or penniless at some point.

When this "want" for something to occupy the time becomes a "need" for some serious cash flow, students can visit the Bulldog Job Board online.

Job board offers on- and off-campus employment opportunities and internships to both students and alumni.

Since it began in October 2006, thousands of students have chosen to register and upload their resumés.

"I encourage everyone to upload a resumé because you never know what employer will see it, and that could lead to a job," said Tiffany Hawkins, assistant director of enrollment management and career services.

Hawkins is responsible for helping students prepare resumés. She also helps employers use the Bulldog Job Board and approves each working opportunity that is placed on the web site.

"More and more companies are registering and using the site daily," Hawkins said. "I expect the Bulldog Job Board to keep gaining momentum as the word gets out to employers, students and alumni."

Hawkins promotes student awareness of the job board. She said many links on the Southwestern web site point students to the board.

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The Scene Shop is busy with preparations for "Elsewhere." (Photo by Stefani Lamb)

## Theatre prepares for performance

By Jonna May  
Staff Reporter

The Theatre Department will perform "Elsewhere" October 6-9.

Performances are at 7:30pm in the Old Science Building.

Admittance is free with student ID.

This is the world premiere of the play written by Dr. Kevin Daly.

With a 10-person cast, the play centers on a small town divided by disease and financial differences. The show highlights the

obstacles faced by people in impoverished communities.

Following the play's run at SWOSU, the cast of "Elsewhere" will compete in Durant's Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival on October 11.

The cast includes Tiffany Tuggle (Dalton), Samuel Jennings (Balthorn), Jess Moore (Pendermellon), Rusty Edwards (Horton), Edward Pierce (Shep), Randi Wallace (Hagrithe), Cierra Musick (Rutherford), Jakob Hertzell (Yesum), Sarajane Bidwell (Eleanor), and Tyler Powell (Cornelius).

## Professor shares story of breast cancer survival

By Tiffany M. Barrow  
Staff Reporter

October is national Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For some students and employees, such as Viki Craig, a professor in the language and literature department, the significance of this month hits home.

She is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

In April of 1997 Craig was in Tulsa training for a Chautauqua performance. She had been there for some time, getting to know the rest of the cast and practicing her role for the performance.

Then, shortly before the performance was to start, a nurse called her and told her she had breast cancer.

Craig found herself away from home, with nobody to turn to. She was so shocked she could barely perform.

"I didn't have time to worry," Craig said.

She struggled through her performance, only to come home and immediately begin treatment.

She soon overcame her first battle with breast cancer. However, the victory was short lived, and in 1999 the

cancer returned.

Craig found herself fighting through it once again. After her second surgery, she went right back to work at the school; she didn't have time to let it get her down. Craig has been back for 10 years now and enjoys every minute of it.

Craig said a misconception of breast cancer is that is in untreatable. In fact, as she found out when

she returned from her second surgery, some of her students were told not to enroll in her classes because she was not expected to be back.

"You can beat it," she said. "You just have to inform yourself."

She has simple advice for students on how to

battle breast cancer.

"Do your homework," she said.

The National Breast Cancer Awareness web site, nbcam.com, says that the first NBCAM program took place in October 1985 as a week-long event to fill the information void in public communication about breast cancer.

Today NBCAM is comprised of several national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies working in partnership to build breast cancer awareness.

"You can beat it. You just have to inform yourself."

Viki Craig



The pageant is scheduled for October 27. Contestants are (front from left): Rebecca Witt, Tipton; London McCarthy, Oklahoma City Westmoore; and Bobbi Poff, Elk City. Back from left--Ashley Bledsoe, Altus; Jessica Renee Hilderbrand, Perry; Amber Caudill, Duncan; and Alison Creach, Hammon.

## Seven compete for pageant title

Seven coeds will compete for the title of Miss Southwestern at this year's pageant on October 27.

The pageant, a preliminary contest for the Miss Oklahoma/Miss American pageants, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Contestants are Rebecca Witt, Tipton; London McCarthy, Oklahoma City Westmoore; Bobbi Poff, Elk City; Ashley Bledsoe, Altus; Jessica Renee Hilderbrand, Perry; Amber Caudill, Duncan; and Alison Creach, Hammon.

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## Construction underway for theatre

By Jonna May  
Staff Reporter

Southwestern's new blackbox theatre is currently under construction just west of the music building.

Construction is predicted to be complete by March 2008 and the 10,000 square foot theatre will open in fall 2008.

According to Steve Strickler, Communications and Theatre Department instructor, "The theatre will have dressing rooms, a lobby and scene and costume shops. This has been in the works for a while."

All shows and theatre productions will then be moved to the new theatre.



Grass will grow until March 2008 at the site where the blackbox theatre will be constructed. (Photo by Michael McChesney)

When the new theatre is complete, university officials plan to renovate the

Old Science Building into classrooms and laboratories.

## ITS helps students in more ways *Students get help 24/7*

By Katherin Martin  
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty, and staff at Southwestern need not fear, Information Technology Services (ITS) is here.

ITS can help with e-mails that won't open, or software that won't install. When it comes to hard drives and other mechanical problems, ITS will let students know where to go to get it re-

paired.

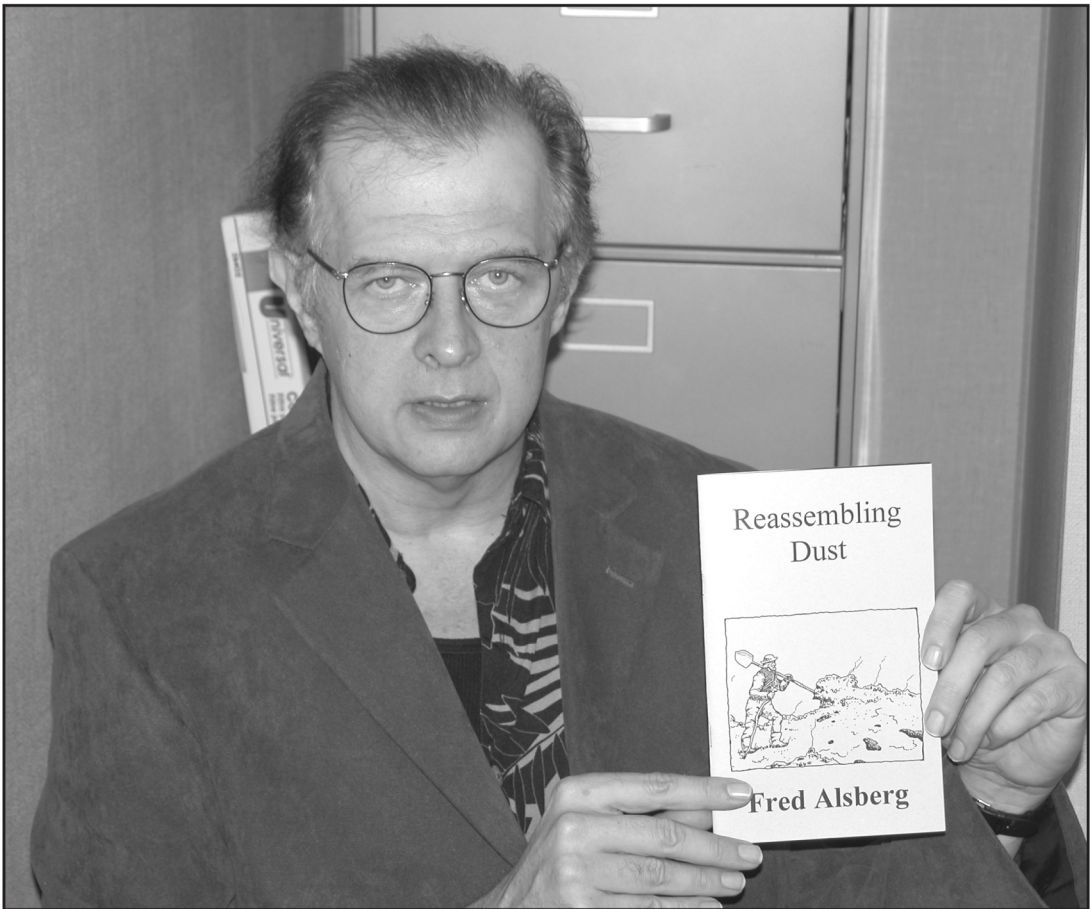
Information Technology Services affects each student every day. ITS is responsible for the wireless network, computer labs, Blackboard and Campus Connect, just to name a few.

Several departments within ITS also help students with their webpages online and also student organizations that have a webpage already or wish to make a webpage.

It is important for students to know "we're here to support them with their computer needs," said Mark Engelman, director of ITS.

Also, if students have any recommendations, they can contact ITS, said Engelman. ITS is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located in Stafford 245.

The help line is available 24 hours a day at 774-7070.



Fred Alsberg poses for a picture with his newly published collection of short poems *Reassembling Dust*.

## Alsberg publishes *Reassembling Dust*

By Samantha Shubert  
Staff Reporter

Great writers are among students, on campus and in classrooms.

Yet, publications rarely happen.

In Fred Alsberg's case, it is just another day.

Pudding House Publications recently published *Reassembling Dust*, a 23-poem collection written by Alsberg.

Alsberg is a professor in the Language and Literature Department.

"Doing something like this is inspiration to the students," Alsberg said.

"You're not just telling them to write poems, you're actually doing it. As far as

the possibilities, we're just scratching the surface. I'm learning as I go and encouraging the students as they go."

Besides writing and teaching, Alsberg also worked for 12 years as a magazine editor. Alsberg has been featured in more than 20 magazines for his unique writing ability and has been recognized in such publications as *Blue Unicorn*, *Kansas Quarterly*, *Oregon East*, *Rhino*, and *Oklahoma Today*.

He is currently participating in readings in Shawnee, Oklahoma City, and Norman.

Students may stop by CAM 224G or call 774-3168 for more information on purchasing Alsberg's collection.



Cameron McChesney tries a shot at Tin Cup Shooting Range, located south of the airport. (Photo by Michael McChesney)

## Shooting range offers new courses

By Andrew Harris  
Staff Reporter

Many people may be surprised to learn that there is a shooting range in town.

The Tin Cup Shooting Range sells firearms and offers a place to practice. Owner Tobi Wilson says that she has been in business for about three months but has been selling firearms for 10 years.

Tobi says that since college

students can keep guns if they first register their weapons with the police, they can maintain their skills at the shooting range in and out of hunting season.

The Tin Cup Shooting Range offers several plans for payment. Non-members pay \$10 for a day of shooting; single and family memberships are available. Single memberships are \$50 for the year with a \$5 fee for the day, while the family plans are \$75 for the year with a \$5 fee for day per

family member up to \$10.

There is a 250-yard rifle range facing south, a pistol range and indoor archery range.

Tobi said next spring they may offer advanced pistol courses as well as some other courses.

The Tin Cup Shooting Range can be found south of I-40 near Airport Road and is closed on Mondays. For more information call 774-0396.

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## Job Board

Hawkins said that while the online process of Job Board may deter a few people, most students are thrilled by the Internet taking out some of the work they would normally have to do.

"Before the Bulldog Job Board, students had to fill out a new application in the Human Resources office every semester," she said.

When students decided to apply for a job, they had get a copy of their application and take it to the office. Now, they can just post their resumés and look for jobs from any computer with Internet access.

Before the Bulldog Job Board began, all job op-

portunities were stuck in binders that rarely saw student eyes. Now, many jobs can be found easily by searching the web site.

"More companies and schools post their jobs with us as well because they can post them online on their own," Hawkins said.

This gives students easier access to look and apply for jobs with prospective employers.

Hawkins' office is located in the Burton House. She is available daily to help with resumés, the Bulldog Job Board and job searches in general. She can be reached at 774-3259.

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Students now have two more choices for food and drinks at Southwestern this year compared to last year. A student buys Starbucks coffee from the Bulldog Beanery located in the Student Center. (Photo by Stefani Lamb)

## Businesses compete to attract students

By Mike Smith  
Staff Reporter

Southwestern's newest food and drink choices – the Bulldog Beanery and Freshens – are competing for student business with mixed results.

Students seem to enjoy Freshens' healthy menu items, while the Beanery faces stiff competition from downtown.

Duncan Taylor, director of auxiliary services, is very satisfied with recent business compared to previous semesters.

The Beanery opened a little late this year, so the business has been slow.

"It'll get a little busier when it gets colder," Taylor said.

Freshens, on the other hand, has done progressively better each semester that it has been open. Taylor said that the Wellness Center has a lot to do with that.

Taylor is adding new menu items to each shop to fuel business. The Bulldog Beanery just got a new menu board and later this year new flavors will be added.

Freshens has introduced a happy hour and a healthy sandwich menu in hopes of bringing in diet-conscious students.

Taylor also said that advertising campaigns are going to be initiated in an attempt to let students know of upcoming additions and specials.

With so little diversity in dining options in Weatherford, trendy stores like Freshens and the Bulldog Beanery help enhance the college atmosphere.

"I love the staff at Freshens. They know my name and what I want, but I would rather get my coffee at The Cup," said senior mass communication major Stephanie Speck.

Other students had good things to say about their fruity friends at Freshens.

"I love Freshens smoothies. I think it's cool that they offer boosters because students need all the nutrition they can get," said junior mass communication major Maribel Ramirez.

## Psychology Club hosts Penny War to raise funds for new youth shelter

Beginning Oct. 15, various campus organizations and groups will compete in a Penny War.

According to Stephen Burgess, psychology professor, the money raised will help build a youth shelter in west central Oklahoma.

The rules for a penny war are as follows:  
- Each penny is worth one point.  
- Other forms of money (other coins, dollars) are counted as negative points.

- Students or groups can put money in their own jars or in the jar of another group.

- The winner is determined by points, not money raised.

The jars will be set up in the library. Each group or organization will have their own jar.

The money in the jars will be counted each day, and totals will be posted daily in the library. Updates will also be sent to the con-

tact person for each participating group. All money must be turned in by Nov. 2 at 5 p.m.

The winning group will be announced during the Homecoming football game on Nov. 3. The winning group will receive 20 pizzas, courtesy of Mazzios and the Psychology Club.

Any group, organization or dorm interested in participating is encouraged to contact Burgess at stephen.burgess@swosu.edu. The e-mail should include the name of a contact person, their information, and the name of the group.



## Southwestern protects free speech on campus

By Katherin Martin  
Staff Reporter

A University of Florida student was recently tasered for protesting a John Kerry speech, bringing the issue of student demonstrations into question.

At Southwestern, students have the right to free speech and demonstration. Demonstrations include everything from war protest to candlelight vigils.

Southwestern encourages expression of free speech protected by the

First Amendment.

"We will protect a student's right to protest [and believe that it is an] important part of democracy," said Cindy Dougherty, Dean of Students.

According to the student handbook, Southwestern offers a free speech zone. The zone is located between the Al Harris Library and the Student Center at the Clock Tower. Also, the bulletin board in The University Grill is an open forum. No permission is required to place materials in this area.

The university does require permission be granted by the Dean of Students at least three days before any event. This is for the simple reason of security.

"We have never had any problems," said Rick Bolar, Director of Public Safety.

The university wants to give everyone a safe place to voice their beliefs, whatever they may be.

If students have further questions or want to schedule an event, they can contact Dougherty at 774-3767 or in STF 212.

## R & J Milk Chug Contest Results

Rogers and Jefferson Halls hosted their 3rd Annual Milk Chug Contest on Monday. 15 residents participated. Winners are:

- Most Pukes:** Jason Wallace & Rye Wilhite
- Most Milk Drank without Puking:** B.J. Huffsterler
- Fastest Drinker:** Jay Weekly

Rogers Hall Resident Advisor Tyler Swartwood said, "A milk chug contest is like a car wreck, you want to look away, but you just can't."



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## BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT IS OVERRATED

# Government commits crimes against education

BY LYNISIE BASKIN

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the lack of support from the public for education. I did not mention the government, as it deserves its own article.

Here it is.

I cannot remember the last time I was this mad at our state government.

Oh, yes. It was when they pushed for the lottery and claimed it would support education.

"Education" is what I consider to be a political warm fuzzy. If they really want something, law-makers will claim it supports education, and Oklahomans will jump to support it like salmon up a waterfall.

Education is a political trophy wife; politicians use it to boost their image and make them more attractive, but when it comes down to doing something for it, they do not hesitate to turn their backs to it.

The salary for Oklahoma teachers is below the regional average. Oklahoma law-makers have been promising to bring the salary up for years, and it has improved. However, it still remains below par.

Currently, Oklahoma ranks last in the region and 48th overall in the nation in teacher pay.

Then Lance Cargill moved in.

I like how *The Oklahoma Observer*, a newspaper who boasts Frosty Troy as its founding editor, put it:

"Obviously still fuming over teachers supporting Gov. Brad Henry's veto of the sorry Republican budget in the

2007 Legislature, Speaker Lance Cargill decided it was payback time."

This was under the headline "Cargill Pushes Ruse To Punish Teachers."

And that is exactly what is happening.

What Cargill is pushing for is merit pay for educators. It is a simple concept: pay will be determined by student performance.

He has experts to back his plan. An expert from Arkansas, to be exact, where they have launched a similar program. A study about the program showed the following (From KOTV):

"The teachers paid for performance saw better performance from students, about a three-and-half point gain over a control group. But that same study reported merit pay teachers were no more likely to report working harder or being more innovative than other teachers."

Hooray for Arkansas. Thanks for sharing.

You can take your program back now. We don't want it.

Cargill is clinging to his plan like his life depended on it. He has even stated that teachers in Oklahoma will not receive a higher salary while he has a say in it, unless it comes from a merit pay program.

Thank you to Roy Bishop, the president of the Oklahoma Education Association, for pointing out the main problem with a merit pay program in Oklahoma.

His argument has two major points: Oklahoma teacher salary should be at the regional average - as promised - before any new program is introduced. Governor Brad Henry agrees.


Second, "the people who put them together don't fund them."

As I argued last week, salary is more than money. It is a symbol of respect.

Cargill claims that he has spoken to experts. The experts on education are educators in the classrooms dealing with day-to-day issues and challenges faced by teachers and students alike. Yet, he continues to ignore these experts and provide them the tools necessary to do their jobs.

A classroom in Oklahoma City cannot be required to meet the same standards as a classroom in Weatherford in the same way. And yet politicians continue to demand that all students perform at the same level, despite different circumstances. This is a ridiculous request in itself. Add to that the threat of losing employment if this is not met. No wonder teachers are screaming for relief.

To fix a problem, you must go to the root. This would be an excellent lesson for Cargill to learn. Rather than blaming teachers, he should examine other factors that affect his precious test scores: child hunger, poverty, broken homes, disabilities. He should be seeking methods of helping children with these circumstances instead of forcing teachers to push our state's future to the breaking point.



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# Students use brains first in making monetary decisions

By Larissa Copeland  
Staff Reporter

Scams are everywhere - Internet hoaxes, fake telemarketers and even fake charities that offer prizes, tax deductions and other gimmicks to lure in potential profit.

Students are not immune. They are exposed to just as many, if not more, potential scams as everyone else.

However, according to Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty, students have a big advantage over scammers. They use their heads.

"The students have a big heart," said Dougherty. "But they're also bright, and they usually research charities before they donate anything."

By researching a charitable organization before they send any money, students can protect themselves from fraud. Weatherford is a small, close-knit community that helps people avoid losing money.

"We typically know the people with whom we're dealing," Dougherty said.

There are more ways to guard against potential fraud.

"You have to do your homework and research, and most importantly, be cautious and know that there are scams out there," Dougherty said.

The Federal Trade Commissions website lists the following as "warning signs" that a charity is, in fact, a scam:

- The charity has a very similar name to that of a well-known, reputable organization.
- It asks for donations in cash.
- It guarantees a prize in exchange for a contribution.
- It involves a story that has emotional appeal, such as a donation for troops in Iraq. The Department of Defense does not endorse any specific war-related charity.

The FTC also provides a "checklist" as a guideline for anyone who is considering donating to a charity. This checklist includes:

- Asking for a receipt to confirm that the contribution is tax-deductible.
- Calling the charity's head office to confirm that it has authorized the use of its name.
- Avoiding cash gifts - these are easily lost or stolen.
- Discussing the donation with family or close friends before making it.

Nineteen campus clubs and organizations currently work with charities. All charities involved, Dougherty said, are real.

"I believe that SWOSU is charity-scam free because students are smart, and are working to stay smart," she said. "Students are doing a stellar job to make the world a better place."

# Features

## Organization profile

## Kappa Delta Pi plans Oct. 15 teacher panel and annual book fair

By Megan Franks  
Staff Reporter

Education students need to know more than reading, writing and arithmetic.

They need to know how to get third graders interested in studying the solar system or how to calm the chaos in a junior high school.

Kappa Delta Pi — an international honor society in education — provides resources and events to prepare students for a career in education.

"There are a lot of helpful resources for every stage as a student and, later, as working teachers," said Jan Flippin, president of Kappa Delta Pi.

According to Flippin and sponsor Ruth Boyd, society members receive a subscription to the *KDP Record* (a professional journal), access teacher resources through the KDP web-

site and obtain networking tools to meet other educators (including the national Teacher of the Year award recipient).

"There are also scholarships and grants available," Boyd said.

For the fall meeting on Oct. 15, the chapter will host area teachers for a panel discussion.

"It's very informative and always a lot of fun," said Boyd.

Students can ask questions and get information regarding interview tips, classroom management, discipline and more.

"We get teachers and administrators from western Oklahoma. I think it's good to have a perspective from the local area," Flippin said.

KDP members will also participate in a service project Nov. 5-9 when they will host a Scholastic Book Fair on the first floor of the Education Building. KDP will donate the proceeds



Kappa Delta Pi officers include (from left to right): Lysie Baskin, historian; Jan Flippin, president; Ruth Boyd, faculty sponsor; and Amy Eckhardt, vice president. Secretary Amanda Townsend is not pictured.

of the fair to an elementary school library in western Oklahoma.

To join KDP, undergraduate students must have completed 30 hours and have a 3.0 GPA. Twelve hours and a 3.25 GPA is required for graduate students.

Each spring, a list of eligible students is posted in the education department and invita-

tions are sent out by the KDP sponsor. An orientation meeting is then held so students can decide if they would like to join.

An initiation banquet is held in March or April for new members.

For more information on Kappa Delta Pi, contact Boyd at 774-3143 or stop by Room 118B in the Education Building.

## This week in history



Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer, Jr.

- **Sept. 30, 1868:** The first volume of *Little Women* is published.

- **Oct. 1, 1924:** Jimmy Carter is born in Georgia.

- **Oct. 2, 1985:** Actor Rock Hudson dies of AIDS.

- **Oct. 3, 1995:** O. J. Simpson is acquitted of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

- **Oct. 4, 1965:** Pope Paul VI visits New York City as the first reigning pope to visit the United States.

- **Oct. 5, 1813:** Tecumseh is killed at the Battle of Thames.

- **Oct. 6, 1866:** The Reno gang commits the first robbery on a moving train, taking more than \$10,000.

## Bulldog Bites

Readers may submit recipes to be published to [thesouthwestern@swosu.edu](mailto:thesouthwestern@swosu.edu).

## Puppy Chow

From [aboutcollege.com](http://aboutcollege.com)

- 9 cups of Rice Chex
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 stick of margarine or butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Melt butter, chips and peanut butter together and mix.

Pour mixture over Chex and stir until cereal is well coated.

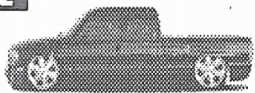
Place powdered sugar in a paper bag and pour in coated cereal.

Shake vigorously!

Cereal should be snow white.

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# Questions rise over Youtube content

By Randall Pemberton  
Staff Reporter

YouTube has become a staple of today’s society. The internet giant has accumulated such a strong following that large businesses and national governments are now curious what is being shown and said on the video site.

YouTube has been a site where anyone could post any video they liked without having it censored, no matter how ridiculous. The site has opened doors to people all over the world to the views and opinions of conservatives, liberals and anyone else with something to say. The site has come under fire recently from foreign governments calling for the removal of videos.

Countries such as Thailand, China and Germany have moved to cut off their citizens from accessing the site over content the governments found offensive and videos that violated that country’s laws. YouTube has taken its own steps in the matter.

On Wednesday, October 29, Bloomberg News reported that hundreds of complaints from a German government agency had caused YouTube to remove any videos from the site that promoted or glorified Nazi racial views, where

such imagery is illegal. Students weighed in on whether or not foreign government have the right to impose their laws and beliefs on the media.

“I don’t think that foreign governments should be able to have our art or expressions censored,” said Tiffany Tuggle, a junior theater major. “As Americans, we shouldn’t have to give up our constitutionally guaranteed right to free speech because others don’t agree with it.”

With television and almost every form of media being more safely guarded than a child’s playpen, the internet seems to be slowly moving along the same course.

“To censor internet material from millions because a few people take offense doesn’t make sense. The internet is the last form of media where a person can decide on the news and information they want to view, instead of [believing] what they are told is true, and that is slowly being taken away,” said junior theatre major Jess Moore.

The Thai government has already called for YouTube to be completely blocked in their country because it runs clips deemed insulting to leading political figures.



Lance Langley was among the thousands of buyers who got ahold of Halo 3 firsthand. At home, it has become his favorite pastime. (Photo by Michael McChesney)

# Wait is over for the new Halo 3

By Eric Fadenrecht  
Staff Reporter

Almost two years after the second installment, Halo 3 was released this Tuesday to huge acclaim from both critics and fans alike.

At midnight, I was at Wal-Mart for the release. There were at least a hundred ecstatic fans waiting in line for more than an hour to purchase the game. Most of them were also getting several energy drinks for an all night playing session. I talked to several students who said they would be skipping classes the next morning to get more playing time.

Halo 3 is a first person shooter that has become

famous for its rich storytelling, amazing graphics and most of its online multi-player functions. The story takes place on Earth and outer space. Covenant, a fanatical alien religious group, is trying to destroy the world. Your job is to stop them.

And there is a rush to fulfill the position. Game fanatics already have a firsthand on the game.

The Halo franchise has become one of the most successful franchises in videogame history. It has sold millions of copies world-wide and spun off into comic books, novels and soon a film. With all the immediate success of Halo 3, you can expect more of it in the future.

# Oklahoma Hall catches model fever

RAs host mock competition for dorm residents

By August Fletcher  
Staff Reporter

America’s Next Top Model, a reality show hosted by a former Victoria’s Secret model and talk show host Tyra Banks, is entering its 9<sup>th</sup> cycle on The CW.

It is about 13 ordinary girls from all over the U.S. competing to become the next ‘high fashion’ runway model.

The girls at Oklahoma Hall got geared up for this season’s premiere on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> by hosting “Oklahoma Hall’s Next Top

Model.” Residents dressed up like models and prepared to watch the show. The setting was garnished with diet sodas, rice cakes and other healthy fun foods.

But the girls didn’t just sit there and watch. During the commercials the RAs of Oklahoma Hall judged mini challenges, similar to the challenges found on America’s Next Top Model.

For example, they had to walk with books balanced on their heads, try to sell a product to the judges, compete in a pose striking challenge and modify a t-shirt.

It was all for fun and all to prove they are Oklahoma Hall’s Next Top Model. Several residents participated in the event.

The winners of each challenge were awarded a Barbie Doll as a trophy.

As America’s Next Top Model came to an end, the fun in Oklahoma Hall did not stop. The girls ended their evening with their very own runway show, strutting their stuff down the halls.

Jessie Eidem, an RA of Oklahoma Hall said, “It was a lot of fun.” She said they might do it again.

# Do you know these people?

You see them around campus all the time...cool people. Who are they? Where are they from? Every week, The Southwestern introduces you to two students so you’ll get to know them better. Why? We don’t know. Finding out some fun facts about people around...that’s a good enough reason, isn’t it?

## Lindsey Ammons

Class: Junior  
Major: Special Education  
Hometown: Pampa, TX

1. What is your hometown best known for?  
Harvester football
2. What’s your favorite soft drink?  
Pepsi
3. What was your greatest achievement this past summer?  
Getting my sister married off
4. What is your favorite catch phrase?  
Shoot!
5. Favorite thing about SWOSU.  
Small and quaint
6. 3 things you can’t live without.  
Staci, Hailey & Kyle
7. Who is your idol?  
Carla Mackey



8. Favorite item of clothing.  
Sweat pants
9. Describe yourself in three words.  
Outgoing, lovable, artistic
10. Celebrity you most resemble.  
Shakira - my hips don’t lie!

## Stephen Myers

Class: Sophomore  
Major: Speech Communication  
Hometown: Mustang

1. What is your hometown best known for?  
Me
2. What’s your favorite soft drink?  
Dr. Pepper
3. What was your greatest achievement this past summer?  
I achieved nothing.
4. What is your favorite catch phrase?  
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5. Favorite thing about SWOSU.  
People
6. 3 things you can’t live without.  
Food, water, shelter
7. Who is your idol?  
That’s a dumb question.



8. Favorite item of clothing.  
Shirt
9. Describe yourself in three words.  
I like you.
10. Celebrity you most resemble.  
Bradley Pitt

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Volleyball shows thanks for fans

Southwestern plans to give away dozens of prizes at the Oct. 11 volleyball game against Tarleton State as part of "Unleash the Beast Night 2007."

The special match is being promoted as "Unleash the Beast – Fight Night 2007," with a number of different activities planned prior to, during and after the game. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with first serve at 7 p.m.

Southwestern is looking to establish an unofficial Lone Star Conference attendance record for the 2007 season. Currently, the mark is 784 at a game hosted earlier this year by national power West Texas A&M University.

"We have been very lucky to have such great support from the students, faculty and staff over the last three years," Southwestern volleyball coach Bo Pagliasotti said.

"Because of the support of the Southwestern Athletic Association, we are able to have an event like this that not only showcases our great sport, but also to honors our great



fans."

"We are shooting for at least 500 fans to get onto the nationally recognized 'Half-Grand' fan list at the American Volleyball Coaches Association. What this does for our program is show the nation that Southwestern is a great place to come play in front of a bunch of great fans."

The Southwestern Athletic Association is sponsoring much of the evening's entertainment which will

include a spirit contest where three fans will walk away with a gift certificates totaling \$100.

Later in the evening, a drawing for a new iPod Touch, valued at more than \$400, will be given away to one lucky ticket holder. In addition, free bottled water will be given at the door to those in attendance.

The first 75 fans will also receive a free "Unleash the Beast – Fight Night" T-shirt, courtesy of the Athletic Association. Southwestern is looking to establish an unofficial Lone Star Conference attendance record for the 2007 season.

During Southwestern's match with Tarleton State, a serving contest is also slated between games two and three where fans have a chance to win T-shirts and other prizes.

Admission to all Southwestern volleyball matches are free. Tickets will be necessary to be eligible for door prizes and will be available to all who enter.

Bulldogs tamed by Tarleton

STEPHENVILLE, Texas – Southwestern struggled early against Tarleton State University, and despite good efforts at the end lost 43-19.

In the game's first play, wide receiver, Deven Guinn, took a reverse handoff and then tossed a perfectly thrown 69-yard strike to running back, Travis Evans, who snuck behind the Bulldog defense.

Tarleton's lead increased to 13-0 before Southwestern got its first points when Spencer Daniel connected on a 40-yard field goal in the closing minutes of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs gained when Brandon Cobb fell on a loose ball after Tarleton punt returner fumbled at the Texan three. Josh Postin scored on the next play, which cut TSU's lead to 16-10.

The game was out of reach when quarterback

Scott Graham threw touchdown passes of 50, 7 and 7 yards during the final six minutes of the first half giving them a 36-10 lead.

The Bulldogs got two points when Greg Franklin blocked the point-after attempt and Marciele Surrel scooped it up returning it for two points. The half ended with Tarleton ahead 36-12.

Southwestern had its best offensive series when quarterback Steve Day marched the Bulldogs 72 yards on 13 plays. Day completed key passes to Johnathan Haggerty and Patrick Weaver before connecting on a six-yard scoring pass to Michael Cooper midway through the fourth period.

Southwestern's defense pulled together in the closing seconds when Tarleton had first-and-10 at the Bulldogs 13, but were held each time, which kept the score at 43-19.

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE:

Bulldawgs remain competitive in conference play

Southwestern came through at critical times and eventually shook free from a gritty Southeastern Oklahoma State volleyball team winning 3-1 in Thursday in Durant.

The victory over Southwestern's first in four previous attempts. The Bulldogs improved to 9-10 overall and 1-2 in the Lone Star Conference. SOSU, losers of nine straight, dropped to 4-12 and 0-5 in the league.

Kacia Sandburg and Kasandra Gurtner combined for 32 of the Bulldogs' 57 total kills. Sandburg had only three errors in 47 at-

tacks and finished with a .298 hitting percentage.

Both Sandburg and Gurtner were aided by setter Kristen Kaufman who kept the offensive attack humming. Kaufman ended the game with 39 assists, which helped Southwestern to finish with a team attack percentage of .127.

In the key third game of the match, both teams were deadlocked at 27-27. Sandburg scored two of the next three-points including a forceful kill that ended the game at 30-28.

Defensively, Janna Green had her second-highest total of the year collecting 29 digs in the four games.

**Ricky Frech**  
*Staff Reporter*

This past Saturday, the Southwestern volleyball team hosted Midwestern State University for Southwestern's second conference game this season.

Unable to mount much of an offense, Southwestern quickly fell behind and was never able to regain the momentum and catch back up.

In the first of three games, the two teams seemed evenly matched during the first few minutes, but soon Midwestern pulled away. After getting up by ten, they traded points with Southwestern until they finally won 30-17.

In the second game, it seemed Southwestern had finally gained some momentum, but again Midwestern got the upper hand.

However, the Bulldogs refused to go away

pulling it even to 14-14. However, the visitors came back strong after a time-out allowing them to win the game 30-21.

In the third and final game, Midwestern dominated, going up by as much as 13 points in route to a 30-17 win and the sweep. After the defeat, Southwestern's record fell to 7-10 with a 0-2 conference record.

The Mustangs had 57 kills against 12 errors to the Bulldogs 31 kills against 16 errors. Midwestern also had the upper hand in hitting percentage, .378 to Southwestern's .129.

Kassandra Gurtner was the only Bulldog to finish with 10 kills, whereas, MSU had three players scoring in double figures.

Southwestern will look to pick up some road wins before finally returning home on Oct. 5 for the first game of the inaugural Southwestern Classic.

Southwestern falls to Midwestern

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – Southwestern played one of its best soccer games of the season and put a scare into visiting Midwestern State University before eventually falling 2-1 Wednesday in Weatherford.



The Bulldogs carried a 1-0 lead into the game's 71st minute before the Mustangs answered with a pair of goals in a 13-minute span to earn the hard-fought win. The loss was Southwestern's 11th in as many games, while MSU improved to 5-1-2 overall and 2-1 in Lone Star Conference play.

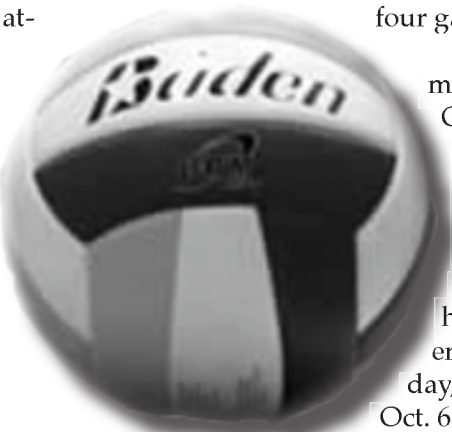
Southwestern's Robin Reidle scored the game's first goal in the 49th minute when she headed home a perfectly timed cross by teammate Elyse Berta. Reidle's goal was her third of the season. She has scored three of Southwestern's four goals this year.





MSU tied it at 1-1 when Ashli Smith scored after

a give-and-go play with teammate Kendra Clemmons. The Mustangs went ahead for good when Brandy O'Neal scored taking a loose ball in front of the goal and blasting it into the net in the 84th minute.

MSU ended the game with 21 shots, seven of which were on goal. Southwestern answered with eight shots, three of which were on goal. The eight shot attempts for the Bulldogs have only been bettered one other time in the team's last seven games.

Southwestern's next game will be at home Friday, Oct. 5 against Texas A&M-Commerce, a team they beat last year for the first time when Jamie Hilterbran scored on a penalty kick in the game's 84th minute.

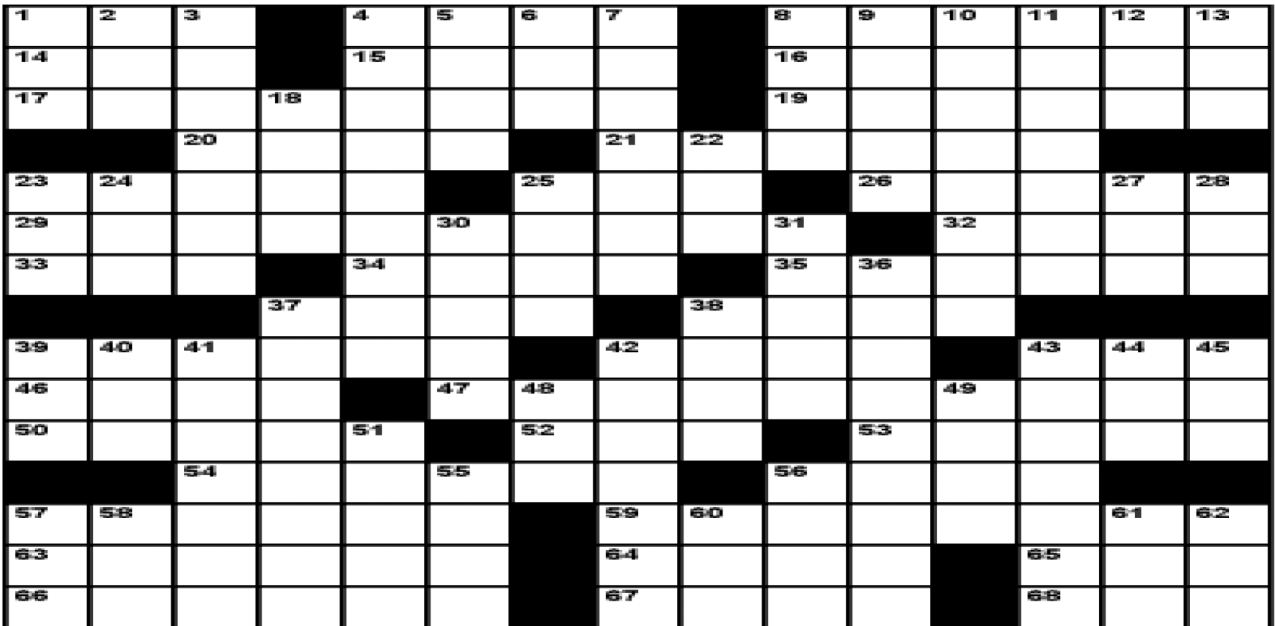


BULLDOG PREDICTIONS											
In each issue, Southwestern's hand-picked panel of college football fans will predict who they believe will win the top 10 games of the week. Follow their predictions to see which fan really knows what he or she is talking about.											
	Kentucky/ South Carolina	OU/ Texas	Georgia/ Tennessee	Virginia Tech/ Clemson	Cincinnati/ Rutgers	Florida/ LSU	Nebraska/ Missouri	Oklahoma St/ Texas A&M	Notre Dame/ UCLA	Georgia Tech/ Maryland	
 Tyler Thompson	South Carolina	OU	Georgia	Clemson	Rutgers	LSU	Missouri	Texas A&M	UCLA	Georgia Tech	
 Ruzell McCoy	South Carolina	OU	Tennessee	Clemson	Rutgers	LSU	Nebraska	Oklahoma St	UCLA	Georgia Tech	
 Dr. Robin Jones	Kentucky	OU	Tennessee	Virginia Tech	Rutgers	LSU	Missouri	Oklahoma St	UCLA	Georgia Tech	
 President Hays	South Carolina	OU	Georgia	Virginia Tech	Cincinnati	Florida	Nebraska	Rutgers	UCLA	Georgia Tech	
 Brian Adler <i>Director of PR and Marketing</i>	South Carolina	OU	Tennessee	Clemson	Cincinnati	LSU	Missouri	Oklahoma St	UCLA	Georgia Tech	
 Greg Franklin	Kentucky	OU	Tennessee	Virginia Tech	Rutgers	LSU	Missouri	Oklahoma St	Notre Dame	Maryland	
 Brandon Wicks	Kentucky	OU	Georgia	Clemson	Rutgers	Florida	Missouri	Oklahoma St	UCLA	Maryland	



'Say It Again' Crossword by Dave Fisher

- Across**  
1. With 1 down, chocolate bar  
4. Arroyo in Arabia  
8. Fishhawk  
14. Kerfuffle  
15. Verily  
16. Light sleeper's complaint  
17. Evasive language?  
19. Morisette  
20. Spotted  
21. Henry's Ann  
23. Half man, half goat  
25. Wapiti  
26. Season  
29. Betray?  
32. Gasoline additive, once  
33. Frosted  
34. Jeer  
35. Seargent \_\_\_\_  
37. Small birds  
38. Sinewy  
39. Thrown into ecstasy  
42. Nemesis  
43. Name on a specimen  
46. Yucky stuff  
47. Mole?  
50. Woodwinds  
52. Opposite of fast  
53. Flues  
54. Some are false  
56. Otherwise  
57. Comprehension  
59. Quick march?  
63. Stole a glance  
64. Sacred bird of Egypt  
65. \_\_\_\_ Dolorosa  
66. Emphasize  
67. Ambulance crew  
68. URL ending, maybe



3. Novelist Leo  
4. \_\_\_\_ Down  
5. Start of a famous palindrome  
6. Singer Shannon  
7. Pattern for Rorschach  
8. Roundish  
9. Cobbler's inventory  
10. Good baseball action?  
11. Not as thick  
12. Major record label  
13. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" group  
18. Openers  
22. Approves  
23. High school subj.  
24. A rainbow, for example  
25. Son of Aphrodite  
27. Overhead item  
28. Newspaper VIPs  
30. Terra \_\_\_\_

31. Louis or Paul  
36. Bald, in a way  
37. Delayed reaction?  
38. Desire  
39. It could be inflated  
40. Hob \_\_\_\_  
41. Early riser  
42. \_\_\_\_ Boys  
43. Hoodwink  
44. Canadian prov.  
45. Aliens, briefly  
48. Come down with  
49. Sudden blow  
51. Japanese wines  
55. Cincinatti players  
56. Give out  
57. 'Brown' company  
58. Stroke  
60. Co. in Armonk, NY  
61. Day or night opening  
62. Huguenot's H2O

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## Sudoku

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Sudoku: Number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks

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