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Spurlock cancels appearance

By Bethany Rangel
Staff Reporter

Morgan Spurlock disappointed students with the cancellation of his upcoming Panorama event.

Brian Adler, director of Public Relations and Marketing at Southwestern, said Southwestern never intended to cancel the event. Spurlock cancelled.

"He didn't fulfill his obligation," Adler said.

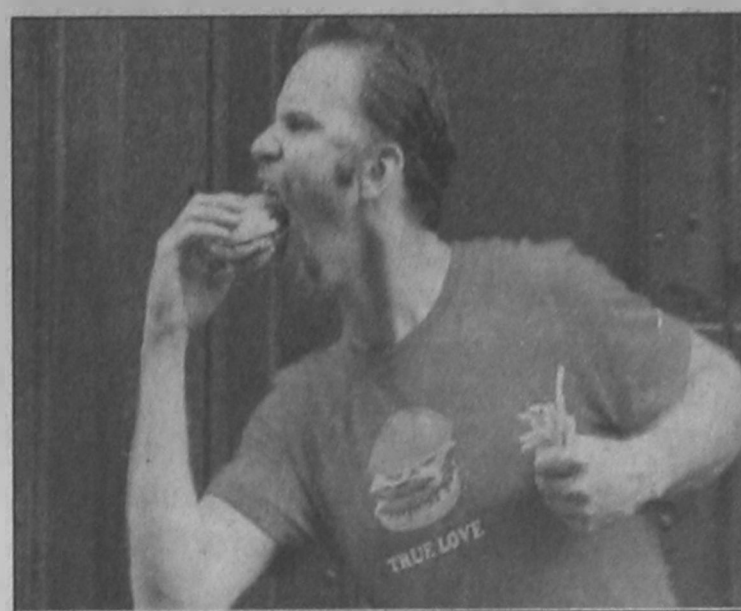
The first Panorama event of the year, a comedy show with Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, sold out. The second event, the Cirque Eloise production, "Rain" had a large audience. Adler and the Panorama Committee expected another sold out show for Morgan Spurlock's appearance.

The show was originally scheduled for November but Spurlock's agent called Adler

to delay the appearance due to television production. The event was then postponed till February but once again, Spurlock's agent requested another delay until March. Adler still had hopes that Spurlock would keep his appointment but was disappointed with Spurlock, who cancelled the show entirely.

"The Panorama Committee has worked with Spurlock and his agent throughout the school year and changed the date three times to accommodate his busy TV schedule," Adler said. "The committee is disappointed that Mr. Spurlock is unable to fulfill his commitment."

Despite the disappointment, the Panorama Committee has already begun work on next year's schedule of events. Adler reported that the committee hopes for four events rather than only three. The committee hopes to schedule a variety of cultural, entertaining and informative events.



Morgan Spurlock will not make an appearance at Southwestern.

The Sound of Victory

Chelsea Jackson shares her story

By Dawn Nauman
Staff Reporter

Nike shoes screech against the hardwood floor. The crowd chants, "DE-FENSE! DE-FENSE!" The ball makes a hollow rubber sound against the court with each push to the ground. Coaches are yelling, "Whose girl?" The shot is up, and everything goes quiet. Bong... bong... the ball bounces around the rim. Girls are swatting at the ball, and you can hear their slaps fall on the other players' skin. Finally, Chelsea Jackson comes down with the rebound. "OFFENSE!" yells the crowd. With one quick motion she dribbles down the floor. She sees Coach Shelly Pond mouth, "Go score." Jackson dribbles through two girls, lays the ball up against the glass, swish, and the buzzer sounds. The crowd roars.

Chelsea didn't hear a thing.

The new addition to the Lady Bulldogs sits down for an interview. Fresh from practice she pops in her cochlear implant.

"I can't play with this in. I sweat too much, so I'd ruin it for sure," she said.

Jackson, a junior from Thomas, lost her hearing when she was 18 months old.

"I fell down the stairs." She laughed and added, "Yeah, I know... oops!"

"In the beginning, it was really hard. I would just ask 'why, why, why?' But now, it is just normal for me."

She said that while her cochlear implant

is a tremendous help, she did not want one for a long time.

"I refused.

"Part of the reason was Professor Boggs invited me up to watch the taping of her surgery when she got her cochlear implant. I was so scared! I couldn't watch it. They were chipping away at bone and cutting...

"Finally, I decided to get one when freshman year I went home for Christmas break

and my hearing aid was broken," she said.

"We have a tradition in my family that all the women go out to eat. When I was there, it was a really big group and I couldn't make out

"I am still learning sounds all the time. One time I went outside and couldn't figure out what a noise was. A friend had to explain to me about crickets."

what everyone was saying. I started to get really emotional because I couldn't hear everyone."

When the cochlear implant was first

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Judges name Wallace, Island Boyz winners at Bulldog Blitz

Contestants perform in front of large audience

By Kristy Wilson
Staff Reporter

Andrea Wallace and Da Island Boyz won this year's Bulldog Blitz in front of its largest audience ever.

Andrea Wallace won the individual portion of the competition with an original rap. Da Island Boyz won the group portion of the competition with a harmony of different songs including "In the Jungle," "Lean On Me" and "Earth Angel."

Both winners received a \$500 check.

The show featured sixteen

acts. There were nine group acts and seven individual acts.

Talents showcased included singing, baton twirling, cheering, and dancing.

"I was pleased with the array of talents," CAB Director Shameika Williams said. "I loved seeing so many different talented students with the bravery to get up on stage in front of hundreds of people."

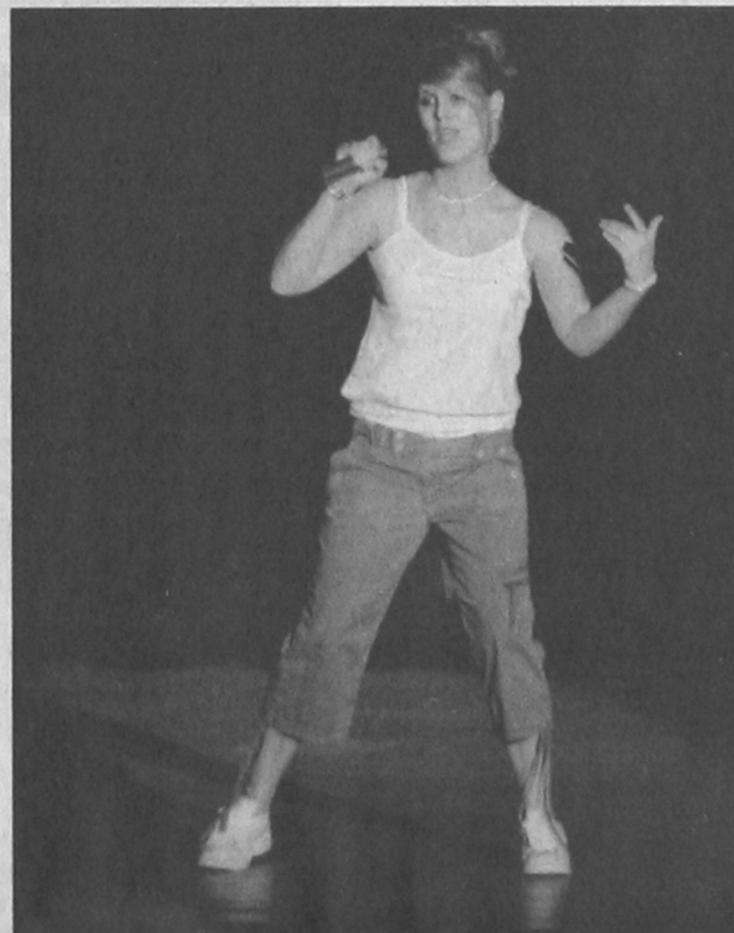
This year's theme was SWOSU Night Live. Clips from Saturday Night Live were shown in between acts.

"The theme went over

really well," Williams said. "This has been our most successful show by far. We have never had so many people show up or so many diverse acts."

The Collegiate Activities Board organized the event. CAB member Allison Littrell emceed.

This was the first time students were included on the judges' panel. Jessica Speegle, Frank Sama and Adam Frame made up half of the panel. Faculty members Debbie Brown, Kevin Bartel and Cindy Dougherty made up the other half.



Andrea Wallace won the individual competition. (Photo provided)

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SGA sets final plans for SWOSUpalooza

By Hadley Mitchell
Staff Reporter

The 7th annual SWOSUpalooza, a free concert featuring local talent from area bands, is set for Thursday, April 13. SWOSUpalooza is sponsored and coordinated by the Student Government Association. This year's co-chairs for the event are Jessica Speegle and Jason Callan. Booths will be set up to sell food items and drinks. "Student organizations, businesses, or anyone from the community is welcome to set up a booth," Callan said. "There is no charge to have a booth. Just bring everything needed to set up." SGA is currently listening to demos to find the seven bands to play. They will announce the bands that will be playing sometime this week. "Most likely the winner from March Madness 94.7 (The Buzz) will be the headline for the event," Callan said. The event will be held at the football practice field just south of Milam Stadium. It will start early in the afternoon and last throughout the evening. Questions about this year's event can be sent to SGA at sga@swosu.edu.

Jackson

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turned on, "it wasn't at all what I expected," she said. "I was sad because I thought that it would be all that I could hear," she said. She was told that the implant would be turned up gradually as she grew accustomed to it. "I mean, they have to [turn it up gradually]. I'm sure something like that would blow your brains out or something," she said laughing. The first sound Jackson heard was her mother's voice. "She was talking to me the whole time, and then I heard my grandma cough. I just thought 'eww, Grandma, that's a pretty bad cough.'"

"Before I got the implant, I could only hear monotones. Like if I heard a dog barking that would be the same tone to me as a person's voice, but now with the implant I can hear pitch. I can tell the difference between a man's voice and a woman's voice," she explained. She went on. "They have done hearing tests on me. They say my hearing has improved from 0% hearing to 60 or 70%."

"The doctors ran one test where they just play random sentences, and I tell the doctors what they said. When I was done, my mom just had tears streaming down her face because it was the first time I could do that without reading lips."

She shrugged. "But normally, I just read lips even with my cochlear implant. It's a habit, I guess."

She admits she has gotten in trouble for not reading lips. "I've gotten in trouble plenty of times from mom, dad and coaches for not reading their lips. Sometimes when my mom would be talking to me, I would cover my eyes and say, 'Can't see you; can't hear you!' Or I might just say, 'Oh, I didn't see you...'" Jackson said, smirking. Letting out a sigh she added, "My parents spoil me. Sometimes I say, 'Mom, Dad, I'm deaf. I need it.'"

However, what she really wants is to talk on the phone. "My mom and her sister talk on the phone all the time, and it has helped them stay really close. That is what I want with my sister. I get text messages from her on here," she said, holding up her T-mobile Side Kick. "I've really just gone crazy on this thing. I'm up to 4,000 a month. "I first found out about [the Side Kick] when I played in the Deaf Olympics in Australia. Everybody had them."

Jackson was nominated for the Deaf Olympics when she was at Hesston University. She attended try-outs in Arizona. "I made it. Then we went to Australia and won the gold medal. "THAT was really sweet."

She got more comfortable talking about basketball. "I started playing in the fourth grade. Both my brother and sister played. My dad says that when I was really little, I wouldn't run around the gym like all the other little kids. I would just sit and watch the game. I've watched a lot of basketball. "Playing has helped me meet tons of people and form a bond with the girls on my team. It helps. Her public speaking class at Hesston also helped her get out of her comfort zone. "It helped me over come things I was scared of," she said. "I used to be kind of shy, I guess. I wouldn't really go up to people I didn't know and just start talking. Now, I am just a chatter box; I never stop talking."

Jackson said that she often has to have sounds explained to her. "The doctors said when I got my implant, as far as noises go, my mind was like an empty filing cabinet. I am still learning sounds all the time. One time I went outside and couldn't figure out what a noise was. A friend had to explain to me about crickets."

Her face lighted up when she talked about music. "Oh! I love music! I like rock-n-roll and music that has a lot of bass. Isn't that funny? A deaf girl liking music," she said, laughing. "Country is my favorite because I can hear the voices best, but I love to sing the 'Shake Your Laffy Taffy' song even though I don't know all the words."

She went on to list a few more sounds that she enjoys. "I love the sound of rain, thunder and storms," she said. "My most annoying sound is the sound of keyboard keys clicking. I used to just have to take out my implant when I was on MSN or something."

After that, she said simply, "I don't really have any other noises that I dislike or that annoy me. I don't take sound for granted. I love it all."

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QUESTIONS ABOUT EVOLUTION AND CREATION?

Hear Dr. Jobe Martin

speaking on the subject

Monday, April 3

3 pm - Stafford 104

8 pm -- SWOSU Commuters Lounge, SW corner Student Union
(weekly meeting of CRU - Campus Crusade for Christ)

Dr. Martin was a biology major at Bucknell University, followed by his graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. He later taught at Baylor Dental School in Dallas. It was then that his views as an evolution-trained scientist were challenged, leading to several years of investigating the claims of creation and uncovering much evidence countering the theory of life evolving from non-life. He has authored a book, *The Evolution of a Creationist*, and produced a series of DVDs which portray some fascinating animals whose incredibly complex design question and defy explanations attributing their origins to evolution. He lectures frequently on this issue, including on university campuses.

Dr. Martin will also speak Friday-Sunday at Christ Community Church (E Main & Lera Dr, 1/4 mile east of the Point, near the Airport entrance) 7 pm each evening and 10 & 11 am Sunday morning (March 31-April 2) Gary Miller, Pastor - 772-1955

College bowl team finishes fourth in the region

By Tyrel McCain
Staff Reporter

For the first time, seven students from Southwestern went to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. to compete in the College Bowl tournament.

The seven students were Carl Coats, Jessica Rosson, David Webber, Garrett King, Chad Gray, Ashley Davis and Heath Roberts.

They were selected among the 70 students who participated in an intramural College Bowl held back in November.

Coats, Rosson, Webber and King were the starters, while Gray, Davis and Roberts were the back-ups.

"None of the non-starters played during the tournament, but all definitely contributed to the very positive team chemistry," said Kevin Collins, coach of the College Bowl team.

The College Bowl is a widespread program encompassing many different universities. It began in the 1950s on the NBC radio network. In 1959 it became a network television show. It has been given many awards, such as Emmy and Peabody. Over 500 schools have competed in the



Members of the Southwestern college bowl team (from left to right): Chad Gray, Heath Roberts, David Webber, Jessica Rosson, Ashley Davis, Garrett King and Carl Coats. (Photo by

College Bowl competition, and the program has raised millions of dollars in institutional

practice tournament in Tulsa on Feb 11. They finished 4-6 to clench a spot in the playoffs, which included them as one of the four best teams in a region that includes all of Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

The team was 0-2 in the playoffs. They finished 4th in their region. Other 4th place finishers consisted of prominent schools like Syracuse, Florida State, Seton Hall, University of Washington. Southwestern was the only first-year team in the nation to make the regional playoffs.

"Overall, I was very pleased with how our team did, and the great thing was that it wasn't just a one person show. Everyone contributed in some form or another," said Coats, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Salina, and also the captain of the College Bowl team. "Our faculty also helped immensely in preparing us for the tournament matches, and, of course, the efforts of Dr. Collins and Dr. Schroeder were a huge part of even getting this thing off the ground."

Collins said there hasn't been any formal discussion about the future plans of the team, but it is quite possible that they will continue to participate in the College Bowl for at least another year.

Police advise to lock cars

By Dawn Nauman
Staff Reporter

Recent car break-ins on campus have students thinking twice before leaving valuables in the car or the doors unlocked.

On the afternoon of Feb. 24, a student's windshield was smashed in and a wallet was stolen from the dash on the east side of the Campbell building.

"The smash and grab happened in pure daylight with many people around," says Sergeant Rick Bolar, Interim Chief of Public Safety.

The thieves got away with a small amount of cash, and all credit cards were cancelled in time.

However, not everyone in Weatherford was so lucky that day.

Earlier that morning, between 4 and 7 a.m., possibly the same culprit hit the Holiday Inn using the same method to get into the vehicle.

This time the loss was more than just a few bucks. The unlucky travelers lost four

laptops.

There are no security cameras on the Holiday Inn parking lot.

Employees say that they are not looking into getting cameras because they would also have to pay someone to sit and watch the monitors.

Break-ins of the same degree were also reported later that day in Elk City.

Campus Police are advising students to keep car doors locked and windows up.

"It is possible that these guys are walking through the parking lots looking for valuables like cell phones, purses, and wallets," Bolar said. "To be safe, lock valuables in the trunk if you must leave it in the car."

Campus Police have increased their patrol of campus. Bolar also urges students not to hesitate to call campus police at 774-3111 if they notice anything suspicious.

"We would rather respond to a call where there is the possibility of a crime rather than where a crime has already happened," Bolar said.

MLB2K6 bus reaches campus Monday

On Monday, April 4, the Hit-N-Run Video-game tour is coming to the Wellness Center to allow students to play MLB2K6 from 2K sports for the Xbox 360.

"It ought to be a good deal for the kids," said Nelson Perkins, Wellness Center Director.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. including three inning tournaments and home run derbies for students to win prizes.

The prizes range from Xbox 360 games, World Baseball Classic authentic jerseys, and cds.

"I don't care how, but when they leave, one of those things [Xbox 360] has to stay

here - I've been trying to buy one since November," Perkins said.

During the day, the tournament will include deejaying by DJ Mumblezz.



grants.

The Southwestern team first took part in a

Bernhardt Award: Outstanding faculty to be honored

By Leah Churchwell
Staff Reporter

"The opportunity to be enthusiastic about something for other people."

This is how Dr. John Hayden, 2005 Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award winner describes his job as professor at Southwestern.

Each year, a professor with a philosophy like Hayden is awarded the Bernhardt Award - The Academy Award for professors.

The award was created in 1994 by Dr. William (Bill) and Theta Juan Bernhardt to recognize an outstanding faculty member exhibiting exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

The Bernhardts are graduates of Southwestern. They are active in the Alumni Association, and Bill Bernhardt serves as a trustee for the Southwestern Foundation.

Anyone can nominate a faculty member for this special honor. All nominees must be full-time faculty

members who have completed a minimum of one academic year at Southwestern.

All nominees then submit a portfolio to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Foundations and Alumni office. Included in this portfolio are three sections. The teaching section includes

The selection committee is composed of the previous year's award winner, three faculty members nominated by the Faculty Senate, one student member nominated by the Student Government Association, the Alumni Association Vice President and the Provost.

This year, six faculty members have been nominated. The winner will be announced at the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Banquet to be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

"The winner is not announced beforehand, which adds excitement," said Kari Jones, administrative assistant for the office of institutional advancement.

The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award and an engraved Waterford crystal clock/pen set. For more information about the Academic Excellence Award or to nominate a faculty member, visit the Foundation and Alumni office, room 203 of the Administration building.

"The winner is not announced beforehand, which adds excitement."

- Kari Jones

testimonials and quantitative documentation, which is derived from student instructional evaluation forms. Scholarship and service make up the two other parts of the portfolio.

A selection committee then reviews the portfolios and votes for the Academic Excellence Award winner.

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Just a thought

by Brandi Nabors



I thought that the subject of lack of school spirit was a good subject to cover for this week. Sure, we all go out and watch the football games and basketball games, but what about soccer, softball, baseball, volleyball, and rodeo? If you have true school spirit, you would want to go out for all the Southwestern sports and cheer on your team. But let's face it, not everyone goes out for all the sports. Some students don't go to any game. Does Southwestern have any students that show school spirit inside and out? Sure it does. All students have school spirit; it's just the manner in which they show it. I enjoy going to all sporting events, but I do not make every single one. As a former cheerleader I understand the importance of showing support to the different sports and letting the

players know we are proud of them and encourage them. I know it means a lot to them. But it is not the question of lack of school spirit; it is the lack of motivation and enthusiasm. It is hard to go to football games when the team is struggling. But that is where the dedication of the fans come in and this is a weakness at Southwestern. Maybe the football players need more motivation from fans. You've seen them before standing on the sidelines during a game turning to the crowd waving their arms trying to get the crowd to yell and get excited. We need more of that. After all, we got shirts made saying Milam Madmen. Sure the shirts did add some enthusiasm but it didn't last as long as anticipated. I don't think students got all that "mad" last season.

School spirit will always be a struggling issue. Some students here just come here for education. Some come here from commuting from other towns and therefore do not want to drive back on the weekend for a game or stay in town for an evening ballgame. Work is another reason why some just don't show support. Everyone has to work and that does cut into a student's time. We all know the amount of homework adds up during a week, plus the lack of sleep. So where is a student's time these days? Maybe they are all still hooked on Facebook.

The winning Herstory Week essay: She is a Part of my Story by Angela Merritt

She had brilliant red hair like Anne of Green Gables and a spirit to match. Her brown eyes had the gift of looking past the obvious into the depth of the situation. There was no such thing as mere observation for Cathleen—only incite followed by action.

Cathleen was not a sacred image in my life. She had not attained a level of intellect or spiritual wholeness far above my own. I did not feel overshadowed, but rather, connected. We wondered at the infinite surface of life and explored its mysterious depth. Together we studied the arts; we complained about unaccommodating teachers and discussed how the expansion of our school's foreign language department would enrich our lives tremendously. I was intense – as was she, though far more capable of taking herself with a grain of salt. She inspired me to live, accomplish and perfect. We thrived in each other's individuality.

I cherish the last days we had together. In those two days we entertained our girlish infatuations with Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom by making homecoming shirts projecting the two in their recent pirate-wonderfulness. We decorated my car for the homecoming parade and enjoyed every second of that warm October day. I called her later that evening to thank her for a favor. Her mother answered the phone...

The two were very close – alike. Cathleen sometimes wore her mother's college clothes to school, proud of their subtle uniqueness. From the mass of curly hair on their heads to their colorful manner of expression, there was no denying their relation. I remembered sitting in their home watching the two communicate with words, smiles, and rolling eyes. The team effort to corral the vibrant blonde twins running through the house and their shared love of horses are two themes I recall. I dare not attempt to describe what lay beneath these images – that is sacred ground.

Her mother – who had witnessed the closed blossom of her daughter bloom into brilliant red – answered the phone. Cathleen had been killed in a car accident.

Surely, if I could, I would spend one more precious day with Cathleen? No. How could I, knowing it was only one day? How could all of life's happiness and tragedy be shared in any less, or more, than a lifetime?

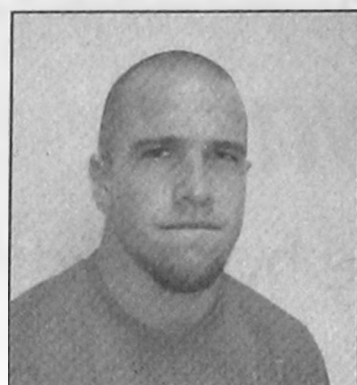
I remember how I awkwardly continued a guarded relationship with her mother, the frequency of our interaction so inconsistent. What is my place in this woman's life? I often fail to see the beautiful simplicity of two human spirits sharing pieces of life. It is this simplicity that I so cherished in my friendship with Cathleen and one that I wish to grasp with her mother – the absence of a need to define, a pure acceptance of what is. If I could spend a day with any woman, it would be this mother – with her strength, her reality, her human ability to connect...my need to feel connected. Cathleen is a part of my story. I want to be a part of hers.

From the Mailbox ...

In regards to the article "Winter weather gives students cold shoulder" article, I have another issue that I feel needs to be brought to attention. I hear over and over people complaining when temperatures drop and not being warm, but what about the times when in Rogers hall, my room is over 80 and often into the 90s, and heat is still coming from the heater even though the fan isn't on? In the last few weeks, my room has reached into the 90s and often I have been completely unable to keep the room below 80 even with the three fans and the window open. 59 isn't cold. A warm jacket and blanket work, but what can be done when going into a room that is hotter than outside? I already have enough trouble sleeping with insomnia but when it's like that, I can't sleep, I get sore, and that builds more stress than the homework.

-Steve "ProGen" Johnson

On the sideline with Andy Tschetter



Last year at about this time I wrote an article on "why college athletes should not get

paid." Whether or not that's true, I took a little heat from my teammates. But, my opinion hasn't changed. Now it's time for the counter point on this subject.

The reason the collegiate athlete thinks he or she has it harder than most, is because he or she does. Not only does one have a full schedule of academic courses to deal with but also a full athletic schedule to keep up with as well. I know professors can be demanding but I've never had to run or do up/downs for showing up to class late.

When I say that collegiate athletes should get paid I'm not talking about an hourly wage or a commission. A

monthly or bi-monthly stipend would suffice. As the main revenue producers for the establishment they should be entitled to something. It's almost unfair that they are not. It's almost like the university is taking advantage of these workhorses, and that would be wrong...dead wrong.

I was voicing this opinion to one of the members in the band. He was a little taken aback when he heard that I was not including groups like the band and the chess club in my plan.

"We bust our tails everyday we practice! It's hard! We should get something too!" he shouted, a bit angry.

"Oh really," I said. "How much money have you made the university this year, because I've made a lot."

He stood there in complete silence. "That's what I thought," I said coolly. He walked away, defeated.

This is a very controversial matter. One that will not be decided for many years, maybe decades. It's just hard for me to believe that those high ranking school officials can enjoy their new staplers, paper shredders, and executive-style chairs knowing where that money came from...the unpaid athletes.

game – to campus for us all to try out in the Wellness Center. April 4 is the UMA "Charity Shoot Out" for the March of Dimes. Thanks to the Army National Guard for some great prizes. Alcohol Awareness Week begins April 10 and SWOSUpalooza is April 13...coincidence? We think not. Be smart people.

Then April 17, all are invited to a reception to thank the staff, administration and faculty for a great year and to honor the "Brandy" Award Winners in the President's Conference Room from 1:30 to 3:30. And CAB will again host laser tag on campus April 27.

As for educable moments from the Dean of Student's Office: We recently completed additional training and have state of the art resources (and help) available for all students on...free legal services, eating disorders, drug and alcohol issues, issues related to HIV/AIDS, and many more of the hard current threats you as students may face daily. As Dean, I am your advocate and am here to help. It's good to remember in the springtime, so drop by any time.

You work hard and play well and we are so proud of you. Graduation is May 13. That's the goal. Keep your eye on it and we will see you there.

From the Dean of Students: Cindy Dougherty

Welcome back. Hope you had a great spring break. Heaven knows you deserved it. Now is an exciting, active time on the SWOSU campus because of you all...

Here's a partial activity rundown: SGA and CAB are co-sponsoring an election April 11 and 12 to elect new SGA officers and to honor one staff member and one administrator and one faculty member for this year's students' choice. They are calling it the "Brandy" Award (like the "Oscar" only named after the SWOSU bulldog.) You are invited to bring your S.A.F. (staff, administrator, faculty) nomination to Stafford 214 anytime between now and April 4. The talent show, Bulldog Blitz, has just come and gone, as has Women's Herstory Week. Congratulations to the winners and to all who worked so hard to make those events successful. SWOSU Night at the Hornets Game is this week, March 31, so look forward to seeing about 600 of us there.

X-Box is going to help us honor our Bulldog baseball and softball teams April 3 by bringing MLB2K6 – a new baseball

Do you go home on weekends? Why or why not?



David Ezersky
Health Sciences
Junior
Guthrie

No. I have a house here in Weatherford and different activities like pep-band, church and work.



Alex Corder
Communication Arts
Senior
Baytown, Texas

No. Home is 526 miles away.



Lauren Helmke
Communication Arts
Senior
Houston, Texas

No. My spaceship is broken and I do not have access to the technology I need on this dead planet.

Compiled by Brandon Berry and Andrew Roewe

March 29, 2006

Married Life:

By Laura Hawkins
Staff Reporter

Many would argue that being single in college is paradise, but young couples living and loving the lives of marriage would heartily disagree.

Steven and Jamie Jeffrey are such a couple. Both Jamie, a kinesiology major, and Steven, a communication arts major, are juniors. These two full-time students have enjoyed married life for two years.

"Being married and in college can be hard, but only if you make it that way," Steven said.

Jamie agreed. "Being married during this time in our lives is much

easier than being single," she said "At the end of the day, you have someone to go home to that you can talk with and share with them your joys and pains of your day."

There are quite a few advantages to being married in college.

"We can take classes together and study together," Steven said. "I also have a constant support system when it comes to my wife. And also, if I wasn't married I'm sure I would be living in the dorms and I wouldn't be eating home-cooked meals every night. I don't think I'd want to give that up."

Jamie added, "Being married and in college also allows us to receive more financial

Pros and Cons

aid than if we were single."

However, with every advantage to be a married student, one can't ignore the disadvantages.

Once married, a couple is on their own. They have to worry about things such as paying the bills and making rent or house payments, something that a single college student would more than likely not have to worry about.

To pay the bills, both have to work, which cuts into together time.

"With both of us going to school and both of us having

jobs, it can be hard to find time to be alone together, or just be together even with our friends," Jamie said.

But despite the advantages and disadvantages that being married in college brings, Steven says, "We always have a good time."

Although Steven and Jamie Jeffrey do not live on campus, this is an option for married couples. The campus maintains 32 apartments for married and single-parent students. For more information on married housing, contact the Housing Office at 774-3024.



Jacob Dressing and Dedra Swigart look forward to the joys of marriage this summer. (Photo by Kimberly Keller)

Movie Review

Failure to Launch

Funny, romantic, and cute are all good words to describe *Failure to Launch*.

Starring Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker, the film is a hilarious romantic comedy.

McConaughey plays Tripp, a 35-year-old bachelor who still lives at home with his parents. Used to the easy life without chores or bills, Tripp has no desire to move out of his parents' home. His parents, however, have other plans for Tripp.

Paula, played by Sarah Jessica Parker, is hired to help nudge Tripp out of his mom and dad's house. Paula works as a professional interventionist, helping men like Tripp become secure enough to live on their own. With all her knowledge, she feels that Tripp will be an easy job.

Paula soon realizes that she has met her match. Romance blossoms between Paula and Tripp until Tripp discovers his

parents' plan. Conflict arises between the two but with the help of friends and family, the audience still gets a happy ending.

Parker is the perfect woman for the role of Paula. The audience may remember her flirty role on the popular sitcom *Sex in the City*. Parker continues the flirty games and quirky remarks in *Failure to Launch*. Although Tripp sees her as a cutesy, naïve sort of woman, she really has the upper hand in the relationship.

McConaughey also plays a stunning role. As Tripp he is sexy, single and never lacking admirers. Tripp has no desire to marry or move out and his character is truly brought to life by McConaughey. With his genuine facial expressions and body language, McConaughey seems to take on the identity of his character.

The film gives hope to those men still living at home and



even has a lesson to be learned. The audience might draw the conclusion that honesty is one of the most important qualities in any relationship.

~Bethany Rangel

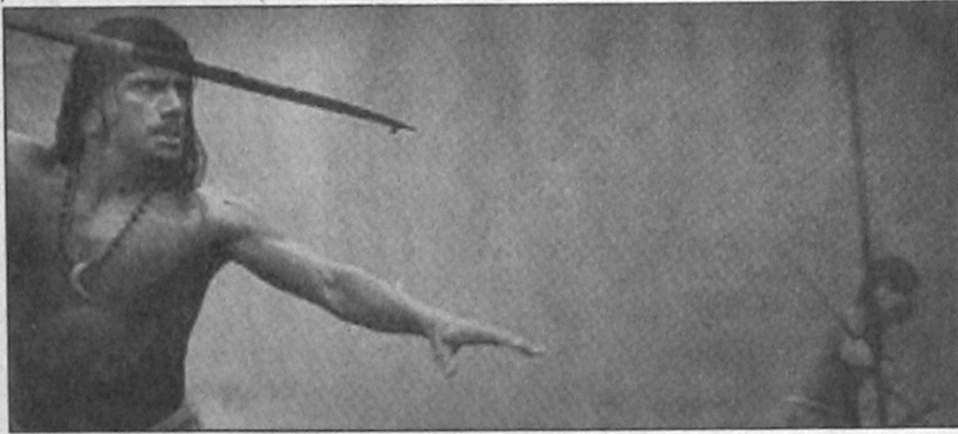
End of the Spear

End of the Spear is among 2006's most heart-wrenching and thought-provoking movies.

End of the Spear is the true story of five young missionaries. Among them are Jim Elliot and the main character Nate Saint, who attempts to reach the Waodani tribe in the jungles of Ecuador. Along their journey, however, the missionaries are speared to death by Mincayani, one of the leaders in the Waodani tribe in 1956. Five days later, their speared and hacked bodies lay in the Curaray River. It was then that a series of events unfolded to change the lives of not only the slain missionaries' families but also Mincayani and his people.

Although the attempt by the five missionaries to tell the Waodani about the word of God failed, their deaths merely marked the legacy that was to come to the tribe.

Nate's wife and the wives of the other men are extremely supportive of their husbands' endeavors, despite knowing



the risk they are taking in trying to befriend the tribe. When a group of men threaten to shoot a Waodani girl named Dayumae, Nate's sister Rachel protects

her and raises her on her own. After an enemy tribe is stricken with polio, she tends to the ailing without a moment's hesitation.

The reconciliation of the "foreigners" with the Waodani tribe becomes the main focus for most of the movie. Once the two groups started working together, the relationships

between the tribe and the Americans grew stronger and stronger, ultimately allowing the doors to open for what Nate and the other four missionaries came to accomplish.

End of the Spear is an amazing re-enactment of the events that unfolded in 1956, and how those events have sparked

something greater in that tribe. A tribe that was once plagued by murder and destruction is now enveloped in hope and love because of the message that Nate Saint, his comrades and family came to bring. The passion shown to us through the characters leaves the audience feeling uplifted.

The movie contains a lot of realistic violence and subtitles. The story could not be told effectively, however with out these two key components, the subtitles seem easier to read than most movies and thankfully lack the quantity that movies such as *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* contain.

The only disappointment was that they used the same actor, Chad Allen, to play both Nate Saint, and the son Steve Saint years later. Although it's not extremely difficult to tell who should be who, it allows for about 20 seconds of confusion. Nonetheless, this emotional story is most assuredly one full of hope and is most definitely an incredible production.

~Steven Jeffrey

School spirit: students need more of it

By Rebecca Fleming
Staff Reporter

Is school spirit a thing of the past?

It seems as though more and more students are losing their school pep. Which sometimes make people wonder if school spirit has diminished due to so many students having to work after school, having too much homework, or not enough in-

terest in school events such as sports.

Melody Bowen, a senior mass communications major said, "There seems to be a lot of partying outside of campus that the students get more involved in."

This year, however, the addition of the spirit t-shirts did add more enthusiasm for football and basketball last fall semester.

Monica Hinojosa, a senior

mass communication major said, "In the past year it has gotten better with the Milam Madmen and Rankin Rowdies."

Is school spirit a feeling only felt by an elite few in college because they are involved in the sports or are a cheerleader?

The main question here is exactly what is school spirit? It's not something that can be define in one sentence.

Kristy Wilson, a sophomore

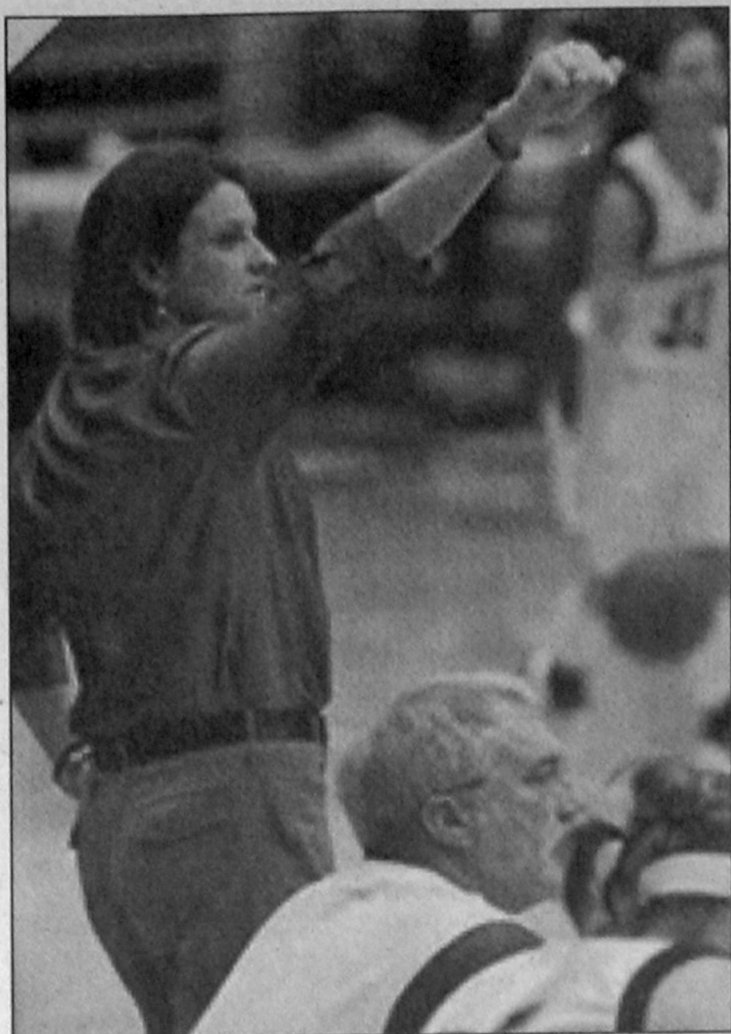
mass communication major said, "I would define school spirit as being ready and willing to support our school."

Maybe it's the feeling a student gets when he or she enters a school, attends a game, or participates in school activities; or the feeling that everybody is proud of the team, the school, and the students that attend there; or it could be pride and the involvement of everyone in

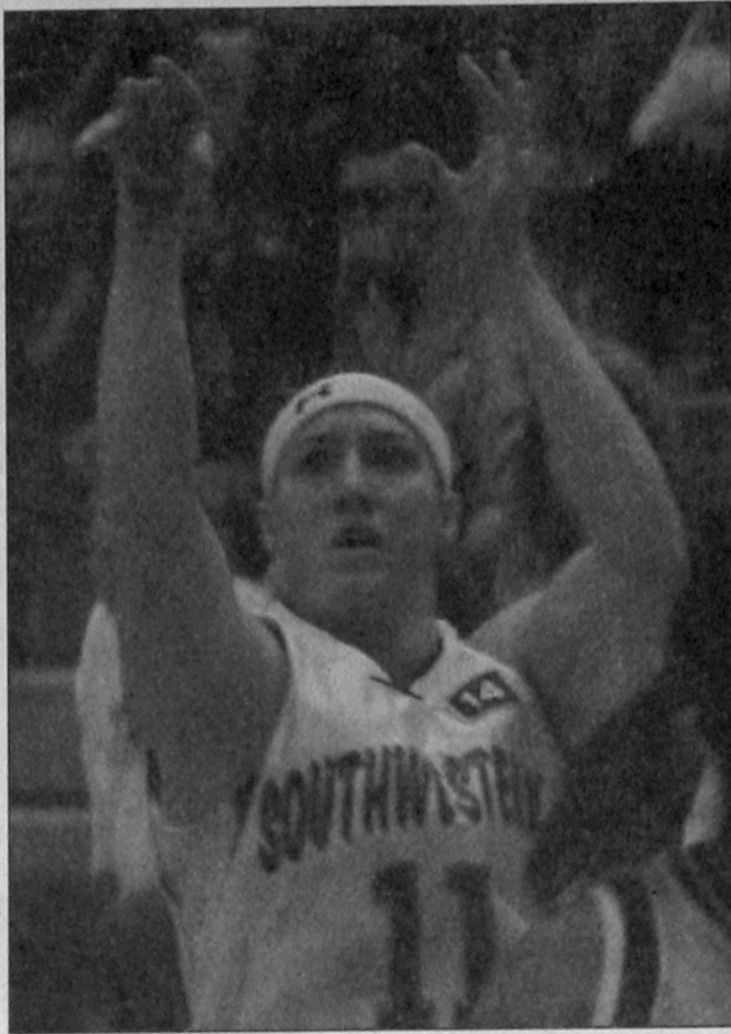
the community. Sometimes this school spirit even possesses some people to paint their faces in their school colors, tattoo mascot's on their bodies, or have everybody do a wave in the stands during a game.

Jennifer McDaniel, a junior mass communication major, said, "At games it seems like the band has the most spirit. They always have those little sayings that get the crowd excited."

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Southwestern coach Shelly Pond and senior Julie Dawson wrapped up Lone Star Conference honors last week. Pond was named LSC North Division Coach of the Year, while Dawson was chosen as the division's player of the year. Junior Andrea Oldham joined Dawson on the all-conference squad.



Pond, Dawson get top honors

By Sports Information

Southwestern, winners of the Lone Star Conference North Division women's basketball title, claimed the greater part of the all-conference awards handed out by the league office.

Senior forward Julie Dawson was chosen as the division's player-of-the-year while coach Shelly Pond was named by her peers as the LSC North Coach of the-Year. The two were major reasons why SWOSU finished the 2005-06 basketball season with a 16-12 record and earned its first-ever outright LSC North title.

Dawson, a native of Arnett, was selected to the first team North squad for the

third consecutive season. She ended the year leading the team in scoring (15.9 ppg), three-pointers made (43), assists (75) and free throw percentage (78.6).

Despite playing her freshman year at Oklahoma State University, Dawson ended her three-year Southwestern career as the school's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,385 points.

Pond, who is in her sixth year at SWOSU, has now guided the Bulldogs to identical 16-12 records in each of the last two years. SWOSU, which was picked second in the preseason poll, became the first team other than Northeastern State to win the women's title since the 2001-02 season.

Joining Dawson on the

first-team was teammate Andrea Oldham. Oldham, a junior center from Stigler, provided the Bulldogs with an inside scoring punch and rebounding muscle. She averaged 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds and was named the division's "Newcomer-of-the-Year." She led the team with nine "double-doubles" in which she had double figure points and rebounds in the same game.

Kayla Horn narrowly missed out on first-team and was the highest vote getter for the second-team squad. Horn, a junior forward from Hydro, ended the year averaging 12.4 points and 7.4 rebounds a game. Horn's best games were at the end of the year in which she averaged 18.6 points in the



Andrea Oldham, first-team Lone Star Conference North division

final five games.

Both Horn and Oldham are expected to return next year in which the Bulldogs will be expected to again challenge for the LSC North supremacy.

You want an iPod?

winners of UMA's 3-on-3 competition get big-time prizes

If you got game and you want some tunes, you can enter in a 3-on-3 tournament April 4.

The tournament is hosted by the University Media Association and deadline to enter is March 31. The event is a fund-raiser, with all proceeds benefiting the March of Dimes. Two contests will be held -- the main event will be a 3-on-3 tournament. The other will be a three-point shooting contest.

In conjunction with the event, the Oklahoma Army National Guard has jumped in to sponsor prizes and host activities. The Guard's main prize will be an iPod for each member of the winning 3-on-3 team.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. April 4.

The National Guard is sponsoring various fun items that will include an inflatable obstacle course, laser tag and a rocket launcher. Also, the National Guard will give out 450 free T-shirts to all who show up.

Teams of four need to sign up by March 31 and pay \$20. Registration should be turned into the SWOSU Wellness Center. A cash prize will also be awarded to the winner of a three-point shooting competition. Entry fee for that competition is \$5.

The UMA is currently seeking monetary donations for the event. Individuals or businesses that would like to help should contact Ashley Kehl at 660-0163 or Maghin Merrill at 660-0368.

The general public is also invited to play in the tourney.

Briggs wins again

Southwestern pitcher Caleb Briggs battled his way through Angelo State's hard-hitting line up and earned an impressive 7-2 win in the second game of a four-game series which completed Saturday in Weatherford.

Briggs' complete-game win allowed SWOSU to avoid a sweep against the Rams who had won Friday's first game 3-2 and swept SWOSU 6-4 and 11-7 on Saturday. SWOSU's overall record now stands at 15-13 while ASU improved to 21-10 on the year.

Briggs scattered just four hits and never was in serious trouble while improving his overall record to 3-0 on the year. He retired the first six batters he faced and didn't allow a hit until the third inning. He ended the game striking out three and walking four batters.

SWOSU scored the bulk of its runs in a five-run third inning that was highlighted by a triple by Landon Thompson that scored Garion Davenport and Lance Scales. Both had reached on a single and were among six Bulldogs that got hits in the inning.

A correction and an apology...

Last week, *The Southwestern* ran an article about the women's basketball team. The adjoining picture should have depicted Julie Dawson in playoff action. However, a slip-up occurred when the newspaper was e-mailed to be printed. The picture that ran instead was of Kayla Watson from last season. *The Southwestern* apologizes for the error, and any distress that the error caused. *The Southwestern* would like

to take this opportunity to congratulate the Lady Bulldogs for a great season in spite of the tragedy that they suffered last fall. *The Southwestern* would also like to take the opportunity to remind students that they can donate to the Kayla Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund by contacting Dr. Lisa Boggs in the Biology Department.

J.C. Cowboys
No Justice
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Saturday, April 1

J.C. Cowboys
Tonight
South of the Border
Contests all night

New recruits increase hope of a better season come next Fall

By Aaron Fisher
Sports Editor

With the start of this year's spring football practices, coach Ryan Held enters his second season as the head football coach of the Bulldogs.

His first year was tough, winning only one game. However, Held knows that he has at least one huge advantage over the last year—experience.

"We were a very young team; 27 of our 54 players were freshman," Held said. "It is hard to win with inexperience, but we have developed a great base. Those freshmen now have real game time experience."

That, of course, is something that will only make them better.

New players will also

bring in experience. Held signed 38 players, 19 of which are junior college transfers.

"I wanted to bring in a little experience with this year's recruitment," Held said.

Held had an immediate need on the offensive line and defensive lines.

"We needed to become more physical in the lines."

This is an area of his recruiting that he is very excited about.

"We have a couple of transfers — Jarrod Hunt, Mike Davison and Austin Ellis, a center and two guards — that are big."

Ellis is a 6-foot-3, 315-pound junior out of New Mexico. Davison, a 6-foot-2, 290-pound junior, and Hunt, a 6-foot-3, 300-pound sophomore, are both from Butler,

Kan., Community College.

"I think that with the addition of these guys we will be better able to run the football, and that is how you win football games," Held said.

The Bulldogs will also have star power in their backfield next year with the addition of junior transfer Reshard Dudley.

According to College Football News, in 2002 Dudley was ranked as the 52nd best player in the nation coming out of high school.

He was ranked ahead of players like USC's Dominique Byrd and Darnell Bing, Oklahoma's Jajuan Rankins, and spoken as being in the same class of player as Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick, Miami's Devin Hester and Texas A&M's Reggie McNeal, all of which are headed

to this year's NFL draft.

"He is special," Held said. "He is physical, powerful, he flat out runs people over in practice. He has a chance to be something really special, that is for sure."

Even with all of this new talent that Held has helped bring in, he knows the Bulldogs have something to prove.

"Right now I think that the biggest thing that we as a team have to do to improve is to be more physical," he said. "We are going to have to play with a chip on our shoulder because right now we are everybody's Homecoming game, and I don't like that."

Held is already making promises about next year.

"I guarantee that we will win more than one game. That is for sure."



Bulldog head coach Ryan Held instructs potential football players during last month's open tryouts for the team. Held is optimistic about the Bulldog's chances in 2006.

He said that with the talent that he will be working with he didn't see that winning the Lone Star North conference was out of the picture. Held seems to be very proud

of his new players, recruiting is something that he seems to do well.

"I never want to have to rebuild after a season, I just want to reload."

Pom tryouts set for Saturday

By Kalie Cossey
Staff Reporter

Start stretching, because pom squad try-outs are coming soon at Southwestern. The current pom members will host a clinic Friday, March 31. They require all that are going out for the squad to attend. The clinic will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Rankin Williams Gym.

On Saturday, the pom squad will add its newest members after the try-outs are held at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

"I'm really excited to see the turnout of our newest members," said co-captain Jamie Stelzer.

With the try-outs requiring dance skill, athletic ability, and even an interview, it's

no walk in the park.

"The try-out routine just allows us to continue adding the best athletes we can," Stelzer said.

The pom squad performs at football games, basketball games, and any other activity involving the Southwestern spirit. If you are interested in trying out, or want to find out more information, you can refer to the schools website swosu.edu for assistance.

The current Southwestern Pom squad members are: Kristyn Beck, Alta Benner, Sarah Gordon, Lindsey Grigg, Kristine Johnson, Natasha Mays, Leigh Ann McKinney, Jamie Stelzer, Lindsey Stelzer, and Charity Thompson.

Eichman finishes eleventh in Texas invitational

Megan Eichman put together her best rounds of the year and just missed a top 10 finish by placing 11th at the Texas A&M-Commerce Invitational. The 36-hole women's golf tournament concluded Tuesday, March 21 at the Tanglewood Country Club in Pottsboro, Texas.

Eichman, a Guymon senior, had rounds of 81 and 88 to finish at 169 (+25 over par).

Her efforts were good enough to lead the Bulldogs to a 13th place finish as a team.

Southwestern had rounds of 373 and 379 and ended the tournament at 752. A total of 87 golfers from 17 teams made up the tournament field.

Redlands Community College was the runaway winner in the event with a team score of 637, 27 strokes ahead of second-place cen-

tral Arkansas.

Other Southwestern golfers who competed along with their finish and scores are as follows: Michelle Campbell in 63rd with a 98 and 97 for a total of 195 (+51), Jennifer Aviles in 65th with a 103 and 93 for a total of 196 (+52), Tasha Marshall also in 65th with a 95 and 101 for a total of 196 (+52) and Lauren Degan in 77th with rounds of 99 and 105 for a total of 204 (+60).

SWOSU night at Hornets game scheduled for March 31st

By Jennifer McDaniel
Staff Reporter

Southwestern night at the Hornets game is Friday, March 31.

If you have ever been to a Hornets game before, you will know how much fun it can be. The atmosphere is overwhelmingly vivacious. The audience is very lively,

the announcers are enthusiastic, and the players put on a great show.

April Shirvinski, a junior said, "I can't wait to go to the game! I haven't had a

chance to see the Hornets yet, and since the price of tickets was amazing, I couldn't resist!"

However, if you are planning on going to the game, I

suggest getting to the Ford Center early.

The Dean of Students had around 200 available tickets but they were sold out fast.

In fact, the game has been sold out.

With tickets for \$10, who would want to miss such a wonderful chance to see the Hornets.



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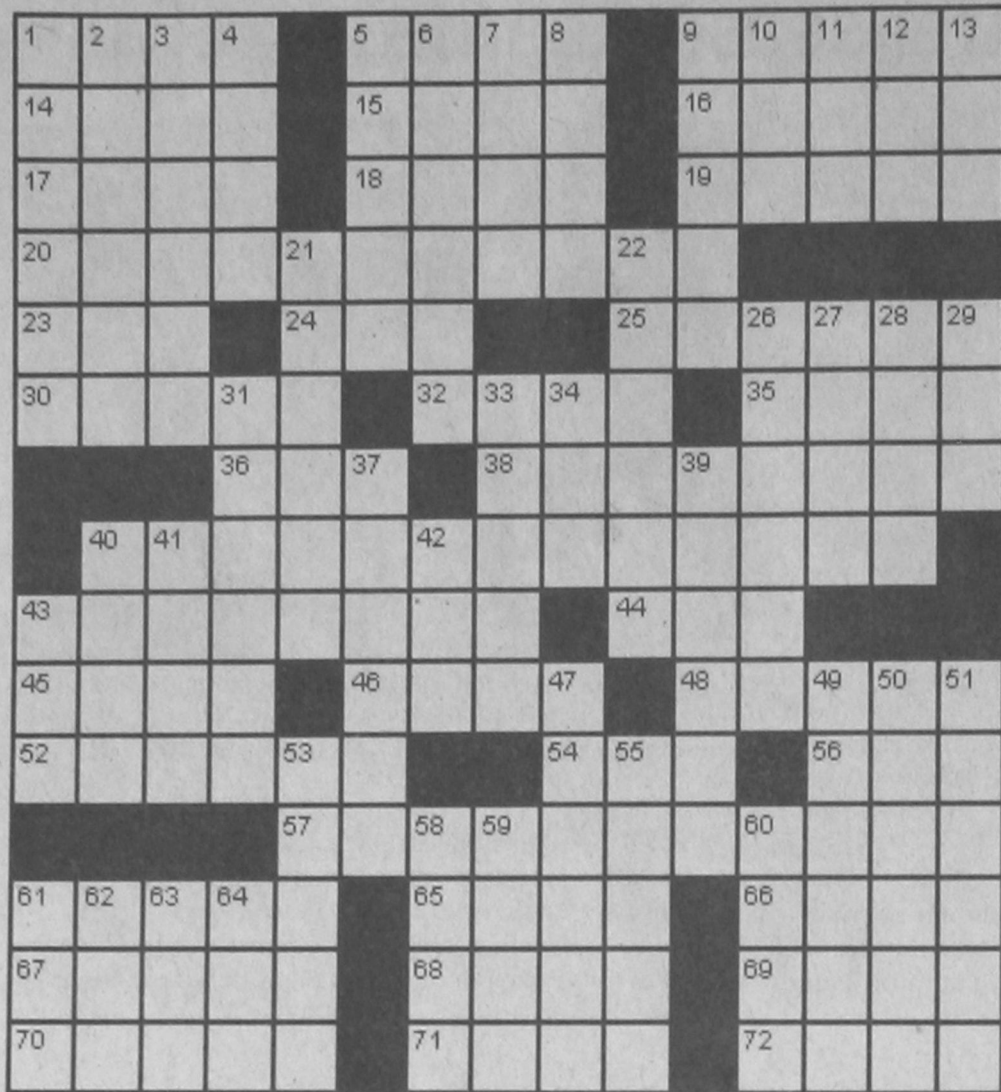
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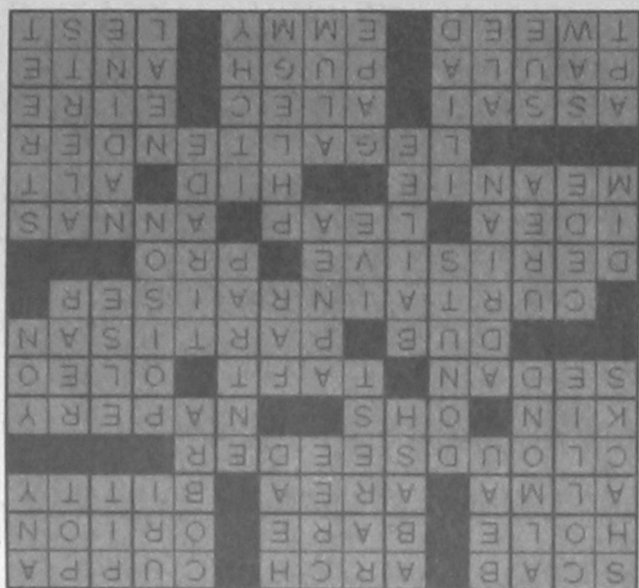
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Far Out Farmers!

Across

1. Crust on a hoo-boo
5. Eyebrow shape
9. A spot of tea
14. Ground opening
15. Mother Hubbard's cupboard was this!
16. Constellation with a belt
17. ___ Mater
18. Length times width
19. Tiny, informally
20. FARMER IN THE SKY?
23. Relatives
24. Sounds of surprise
25. Table linen
30. 4-door hardtop automobile
32. US President who later served as Chief Justice in 1921
35. Margarine
36. Add sound to a film
38. Political diehard
40. FARMER ON STAGE?
43. In a mocking manner
44. Old hand at something
45. Concept

Down

46. Big jump
48. Tolstoy's Karenina and Russian royalty's Ivanovna
52. One who picks on little kids
54. Concealed
56. An octave higher than the treble staff
57. FARMER IN A LAW OFFICE?
61. South American palm with purple fruit
65. One of the Baldwin brothers
66. Ireland
67. Singer Abdul
68. Trompe L'oeil muralist John
69. Poker stake
70. Nubby woolen fabric, used for casual suits
71. TV award
72. "___ we forget..."

Far Out Farmers!

6. Hardest to find
7. Algonquian tribe of eastern Canada
8. It's where you think, it is!
9. Snake with a neck hood
10. Israeli psychic Geller
11. Peach or cherry seed
12. All the money bet in a hand of poker
13. ___ Wednesday (1966 film starring Jane Fonda)
21. Pastries eaten with coffee
22. Lure someone into danger
26. Toxic substance
27. Otherwise
28. Bring up very young children
29. Something over there
31. He plays "The Highlander" on TV
33. Temporary absence of breathing
34. At a distance
37. He holds property to guarantee an arrested person's attendance at trial
39. Long angry speech
40. Give up territory by treaty
41. Waste product in urine
42. "___ grown accustomed to his face"
43. With a low light output
47. Mucus
49. She sang "Let the Rhythm Set you Free" (2000 hit)
50. Notifies of impending danger
51. Thoroughfare
53. Epic poem about the siege of Troy
55. Needs to be scratched
58. Stare with mouth open
59. College grad
60. Astronaut Armstrong
61. Exactly suitable
62. Wood-cutting tool
63. Nickname for a T-rex skeleton found in 1990
64. It's thicker than beer

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