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SWOSU Hosts Oklahoma Academy of Science Meeting

Photo Caption: Kevin Mohr, chief of interpretation and operations at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, was the featured luncheon speaker at the recent Oklahoma Academy of Science technical meeting held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. He discussed the events of the Battle of the Washita, which occurred 150 years ago in November 1868.

Around 160 faculty and students from 18 institutions in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas recently attended the 107th annual technical meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science held on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

Forty-five oral presentations and 28 posters in 10 different disciplines were featured at the meeting, according to SWOSU College of Arts & Sciences Dean and meeting organizer Dr. Peter Grant.

An academy luncheon was held, and guests were entertained by the SWOSU Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Daniel Farris. Academy President Dr. Adam Ryburn, chair of the Oklahoma City University Department of Biology (and a SWOSU biology alumnus), welcomed participants and discussed the importance of involving undergraduate students in research opportunities. He thanked SWOSU and President Randy Beutler for hosting the meeting.

The luncheon speaker was Kevin Mohr, chief of interpretation and operations at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne. Mohr discussed the Battle of the Washita that occurred 150 years ago in November 1868, and how science is being used to help understand the events of that battle. After his presentation, Mohr presented Grant with a challenge coin commemorating the battle. Grant then presented Mohr with a print by Southern Cheyenne artist Merlin Little Thunder.

Founded in 1909, the purpose of the Oklahoma Academy of Science is to stimulate scientific research, to promote fraternal relationships among those engaged in scientific work in Oklahoma, to diffuse among the citizens of Oklahoma a knowledge of the various disciplines of science, and to investigate and make known the material and educational resources of the state.

Each year a different institution of higher education hosts the technical meeting. The meeting at SWOSU was made possible with the assistance of the City of Weatherford's Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee.

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