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The Southwestern

Bringing students the latest happenings on campus

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Selection committee chooses Sonobe as provost

MICHELLE BUSH/
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Blake Sonobe was recently named provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

The provost acts as the chief academic officer at Southwestern.

Sonobe joined Southwestern's faculty in 1990. He has taught general chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry and

senior seminar. He has also served as the chair of the chemistry department.

Sonobe received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the United States Air Force Academy, where he later joined the faculty and retired after 11 years of service as a professor of chemistry and director of operations.

He also has a master's degree in nuclear

chemistry from Texas A & M and a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of California-Davis.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Sonobe, who has an outstanding academic background," said President John Hays. "I am extremely pleased that the selection committee has done an extensive and thorough job in the selection process."

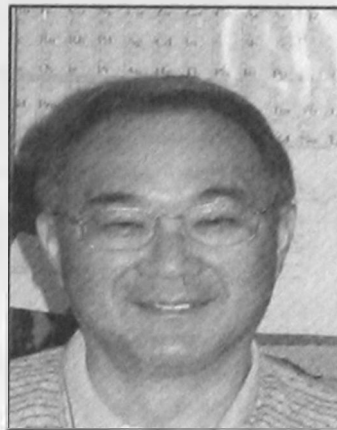
Since coming to Southwestern in 1990, Sonobe has taken part in several faculty committees including the Faculty Research and Scholarly Activities Committee, Panorama Committee, Radiation Safety Committee, Protection of Human Subjects Committee, Retention Management Council, Appellate Committee on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Members, and Faculty

Senate.

He is the faculty sponsor for the Southwestern International Students Association and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Sonobe will begin acting as the provost in June. He is replacing Dr. Bet Rice, who retired after the 2004 Fall semester. Dr. Cindy Foust has been serving as the intern provost.

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KELLER



After more than 10 years of teaching at Southwestern, Sonobe becomes provost.

Students drown in college debt

LAUREN PRITCHARD/
STAFF REPORTER

Sophomore Julie McGlothlin knows that rent, credit cards, and other added expenses all play a role in increasing college debt.

"Working three part-time jobs, I make just enough to get by," she said. "All my friends are in debt."

Student loans add up quickly. It may be a good idea to meet with a financial counselor before deciding to take out large amounts of money through loans. However, even small, short-term loans can add up.

"I am always stressing about money," said McGlothlin. "You never seem to have enough."

Living the dorm life means rent is not an issue, but rent comes every month for those living off campus. Even if you live in an average-priced apartment, it often gets expensive. When living in an apartment, rent is not the only thing to pay; there are also monthly bills that never seem to end.

Electricity and water bills are a never-ending hassle, and while cable and Internet may not seem expensive, they still contribute to increased overall costs.

College students can keep in mind several tips to avoid costly living. For example, cut unnecessary purchases like shopping trips and eating out every day. Though eating out may be more convenient, you would be surprised at the amount of money saved by buying groceries every week.

Meeting with a financial counselor before making big decisions about money is a smart move. Learning to manage money in college is something that will benefit an individual throughout life.

Campus Wide Survey

How much do you owe in student loans?

None:	23
1,000-5,000:	2
5,000-10,000:	4
10,000-15,000:	0
15,000+:	3
"Too much to count":	3

How much do you owe on your credit cards?

None:	24
"Less than 1,000":	5
1,000-2,000:	2



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KELLER

Malcolm Overton enjoys time on his mini-scooter before the ban on it comes into affect after spring break.

President Hays bans use of mini-scooters

By BRIAN HILL/
NEWS EDITOR

President Hays has banned mini-electric scooters from operating on the Southwestern campus, effective after spring break.

In a recent press release from President Hays, he said the purpose of this order was to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. The even that set off this press release was an

accident, which involved a student who could not stop a scooter in time and hit a pedestrian. This incident has made for a perfect example of safety that needs to be kept and a major reason for the ban.

"That was not the only incident that happened," said Don Groth, Director of Public Safety. "The scooters were being taken into buildings, damaging floors and chipping off paint from

the corners of the walls."

Groth said the main purpose for the ban was not because the scooters were being brought into the buildings, but because drivers had been approaching him, reporting that they almost hit someone on a small scooter.

The scooter is a replica of a real racing bike and can reach the speed of 15 mph for up to 45 minutes of continuous drive. They are quiet and can zip dangerously in and out of traffic.

"Being that these vehicles are low to the ground and quiet because they are electric, it would be easy for vehicles backing up not to see the scooters," Groth said.

Also, the scooters don't have headlights and students have been seen driving at night. The purpose of these vehicles are great, but Southwestern is just not the right environment for them.

CAB brings John Hopkins to campus

By CARRIE CARNEY/
STAFF REPORTER

The Collegiate Activities Board will host a comedy show featuring comedian/magician John Hopkins on Tuesday March 1, at 7p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

However, one hour before he performs, he will be doing a little

work at the Grill. Hopkins will go throughout the Student Union pick pocketing, but will only be doing it to show off his skills and also to bring in a crowd to the performance that night.

Don't worry, you will get your stuff back. Just come to the show.

"CAB is trying new

things to give students something to do on campus," says president Shameika Williams.

CAB wants students to be involved and to have fun at Southwestern. CAB has already put on several events such as the karaoke contest and Make Your Own Music Video. Both of these activities were very

successful.

Be watching for CAB's next event - the 3rd annual Bulldog Blitz talent show.

The Collegiate Activities Board is sponsored by the Dean of Students and organizes monthly activities open to all students. All CAB events are free.

In the Dog House

Features

KSWO's Kim Tsoodle

News

Nukes in Korea

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Resident advisor positions now available for fall 2005

Students interested in being a Resident Advisor for the Fall 2005 semester may pick up applications at the Human Resources Office on March 7, 2005. Openings are projected for each of our residence halls, and all eligible residents are encouraged to apply. Applications are due in the Human Resources Office by April 1 at 5 p.m. Those applications will go through a screening process, and interviews will be announced later in April. Students selected for

the RA positions will be notified before spring semester finals begin. Resident Advisor applicants must meet specific criteria to be eligible for the position. Applicants must have lived in the dorms for at least one semester, completed 32 hours (as of May 2005), retain a 2.0 GPA and have no record of disciplinary problems. Students wishing to find an on-campus job that is as fun as it is fulfilling should consider being an RA. Opportunities for

relationship building, party planning, crisis management and teamwork are only a part of the Resident Advisor experience. Several Resident Advisors indicated that the job has many positive attributes. "You have the chance to help students as they adjust to college while creating their own life-long relationships," said Oklahoma Hall RA Jillen Niles. It is much more than just sitting at the front desk. It is a chance to be a part of the largest student

community on campus. "There have been serious times, fun times, and bizarre times, but all in all this has been the best job / biggest blessing ever. I give it five gold stars!," said Niles. "Being an RA is great because I get to meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends," said Adam Wheeler from Rogers Hall. Another Rogers Hall RA, Dylan Fotenopulos, indicated that being an RA is a good way to stay in touch with campus activities and events.

Women's dorms plan for formal

The ladies of Oklahoma and Stewart Halls are ready to kick up their heels and dance the night away at the first annual Residence Hall Formal. This evening of glitz and glam provides residents with a chance to get dressed up, fixed up and pumped

up to enjoy friends, music, dancing and fun. The event will take place in the Student Union Ballroom on Monday, March 7 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Residents of both halls are encouraged to attend. Appropriate dress is semi-formal/ formal so

that students have a chance to dress to impress. Residents are allowed to bring dates, but only one admission is allowed per resident. Admission is free. DJ services and catered hors d'oeuvres will add style and sophistication to the inaugural event.

This is a landmark collaboration between the two halls that will hopefully spark a tradition. For more information on the formal, contact Misty Williams at 774-3745 or Carla Mackey at 774-3024.

University presidents write off on Tax Payers Bill of Rights

By EMILY AVERA/
STAFF REPORTER

Proposals have been made by Oklahoma Representative Ken Miller and Senator Randy Bogdon to include a "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" into the Oklahoma constitution. The "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights", or TABOR, proposes to restrict state government spending and growth. John Hays, President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, feels that TABOR is unnecessary. "We already have restrictions on what Oklahoma's legislature can do in raising and spending state funds. TABOR will only tighten constraints on the state and the services that the people want," Hayes said. In a recent press release the Citizens

Policy Center warns Oklahomans against the idea of a "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights." TABOR uses the rate of inflation plus population growth to measure how much state government is allowed to grow each year. "We definitely need to defend against government getting too large, but TABOR is a recipe for starvation, not weight maintenance," said Citizen Policy Center Officials. By holding government spending to a pace substantially below economic growth, TABOR would endanger gains that have already been made." TABOR has been adopted by several states in an attempt to cure economic problems. The effects of TABOR have been

detrimental to higher education. In a recent letter to the editor, Oklahoma's University President David Boren, Glen D. Johnson, David Schmidly, and Chancellor Paul G. Risser, plead with Oklahomans to look deeper into what TABOR truly involves in regard to Oklahoma's educational system. The proposals made for a TABOR formula in Oklahoma are based on Colorado's "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights", which has been in effect since 1992. Should we look to

Colorado as a model for our state? In a recent publication by the Citizens Policy Center, a table is drawn consisting of Census Bureau information. It offers us insight into Colorado's downfall after the 1992 implementation of TABOR. Oklahomans can educate themselves about the "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" by visiting www.citizenspolicycenter.org or by calling their local Representative at 1-800-522-8502 or Senator at 1-405-524-0126 about proposals HJR 1020 and SJR 25.

Measure	Colorado's Ranking	
	1993	
Current		
Childhood immunization rate	21 st	50 th (2003)
Health Insurance coverage	23 rd	48 th (2004)
Higher Ed. Appropriations per capita	31 st	47 th (2004)
Most Livable State (Morgan Quitno)	8 th	23 rd (2004)

Bulldog Bucks



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Oklahoma residents who have earned at least 24 credit hours at other higher education institutions are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Selection is highly academically competitive based upon cumulative GPA. An official transcript, including the spring 2005 semester, must accompany the completed application by the June 1, 2005 deadline.

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The Nursing Assistance Program is designed to provide assistance to Oklahoma nursing students pursuing LPN, ADN, BSN, or MSN degrees and who are interested in practicing nursing in Oklahoma communities, with emphasis placed on rural communities. Applicants must be a legal resident of Oklahoma and a citizen of the United States. Completed applications are due in the PMTC office by June 30, 2005.

Information and applications for these and other scholarships are available in the Office of Student Financial Services, Stafford Building, Room 224.

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North Korea arms itself with nuclear weapons

SHARMINA MANANDHAR/
STAFF REPORTER

On Feb. 10, North Korea declared to the leaders of the rest of the world that it had started manufacturing nuclear weapons and that those weapons are no longer negotiable.

This statement has indeed put the leaders of the world into great distress, resulting in various attempts to persuade or even force North Korea onto the negotiating table.

Following World War II, Korea was split into Soviet-sponsored Communist North Korea and US-backed republic South Korea. After failing to take over the south by force, North Korea focused on maintaining an expensive army of approximately one million and the development of nuclear weapons, despite its citizens heavy reliance on international food aid.

North Korea expelled monitors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and in 2003 declared its withdrawal from the international Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Since August 2003 North Korea had been participating

in discussions with the United States, China, South Korea, Japan, and Russia to resolve the deadlock over its nuclear programs until its recent withdrawal.

In response to the retraction, South Korea plans to install surveillance cameras and alarm systems along its heavily armed North Korean border to prevent communist infiltration.

Nuclear weapons in North Korea could be truly devastating for China, who is already surrounded by other nuclear-armed countries. China's stakes are high in this issue, as it is the chief supplier of fuel and other resources to North Korea. Also, it would be facing refugee problems if supply to North Korea were to be cut. It would result in an economic crisis.

For United States, North Korea's declaration of nuclear weapons only adds fuel to the existing threat from Al-Qaeda. U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice, called on North Korea to return to peace talks, saying that the U.S. and its allies don't want to resort to "other measures"



PHOTO BY CHRIS KEIM

Two students stand prepared in a fallout shelter.

to force compliance.

"Every country has the right to defend itself and North Korea has its enemies," said Bigyan Koirala, a freshman majoring in communication arts.

Alternating views about North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons were found among students.

"It's always healthy to be concerned about someone possessing nuclear weapons; because it's nuclear weapons," said Carrie Carney, a sophomore majoring in communication arts. "I don't think we should just let it go".

While some people believe that this issue is over-hyped by media, many believe that North Korea poses a serious threat to world peace.



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KELLER

Bessy Jacob and Lindsey Crook discuss the weather.

Weather updates on Southwestern website

BY ANDREA FLEIG/
STAFF REPORTER

The Southwestern webpage is now offering weather updates from *The Weather Channel*.

The Southwestern web team has added this feature to the schools website to help the students. Updates are posted every hour. A 10-day forecast is available by clicking "Weather at SWOSU." Otherwise, the current conditions are conveniently placed on the home page.

Warning systems are not integrated into the system, yet. The current conditions posting, however, will be convenient to many students. Whether students are wondering what to wear tomorrow, or realizing that summer is not yet here, a weather update on the Southwestern website is a pleasant addition.

"Weather postings on the SWOSU website could become a valuable resource, especially when making weekend plans," said Keri Hoffman, math education junior.

With the updates we don't have to worry about waking up in the morning and deciding to wear summer clothes, only to find out after walking outside that the warm spring air has turned cold in a hurry.

CAB sponsors third annual Bulldog Blitz

BY JULIE FITE/
STAFF REPORTER

The Collegiate Activities Board will sponsor the third annual Bulldog Blitz talent show March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Shameika Williams, head of CAB, hopes for a bigger and better turnout of students this year.

"All students have to do is show up and have fun," she said.

The Bulldog Blitz will be free for both students and the public. A \$500 prize will be awarded to the first place winner, \$350 to the second place winner and \$200 for third place. A traveling trophy will also be handed down from last year's organization winner to this year's winner.

The talent show will be split into two categories: individual/group and campus organizations. The Southwestern pompon squad was last year's campus organization winner and will be looking to take the trophy once again. With only one other organization entered to compete, this category will be a head-to-head competition.

The individual/group category competition may be much tougher. Approximately 15 applicants have entered the contest. Tryouts are being held this week to determine the 10 individuals or groups that will compete for the prize money.

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Comments from the staff

Southwestern website, an occasional mishap

This year the Southwestern website underwent a facelift. The front page got a new coat of blue, the tabs a lighter shade, and the graphics received better placement around the page. Even the linked pages, such as SWOSU news or SWOSU academics, received a cleaner, more organized layout, both user friendly and easily accessible. In short, the website now looks far more professional and appealing than before.

However, this is not to say that all the website designs are well crafted and every layout looks professional. I especially feel the need to argue against the the changes the first page undergoes, during holidays. At valentines, the Bulldog changes into a pink, lovable dog, while during Halloween the bulldog stands affront a black and orange background. Although this reminds us of the upcoming holidays or special occasions, it makes the Southwestern website look cartoonish and unprofessional. I do not mean to offend anyone, but if I were a prospective student and I came to visit the Southwestern website, a cartoon-like valentine dog would not be appealing.

Now many of us may argue that a page like that actually makes the web page more fun, and students around campus think that the Bulldog looks cute in his seasonal outfits. Often the website is where prospective students form their first impressions. Although students want a "fun" and "enjoyable" atmosphere, education has to be the focus. I believe that a professionally appealing front page can better convey the standard of education that becomes available to prospective Southwestern students.

--Tahiya Mahbub

Comments from the staff

Voice your opinion or you will not be heard

The abundance of apathy towards the newspaper's opinion page is pathetic.

The opinion page should flourish with topics. It used to be one of the first pages I read before I was hired on staff.

When did writing to the campus newspaper's opinion page turn into letters without an opinion?

I've read the Southwestern since Fall 2002. Then, the opinion page spanned two pages of the paper comprised of columns from editors and opinionated letters from readers.

Over the past year, the opinion pieces have been few. Most letters contain only information while the most opinionated letters come from professors.

When did students not care to voice their opinion?

If you've read the paper over the professors' opinions are perfect examples of the kinds of matters fitting for the page.

I've asked a several students to write to the newspaper for an opinion about different matters. Some responded; others haven't. I do not believe putting the opinion page together every week should be a hassle. Should it be hard to get opinions to fill it?

I've heard that the opinions page is the life of the paper for local newspapers. I'd like to see life in the opinions page once again with ideas or feelings from students about events or different ideas.

The student message board on the Southwestern website has much more life than the letters that come to the newspaper. I find many of the topics interesting and wonder why students wouldn't write to the newspaper about some of the same important matters.

The newspaper staff presented a request at the beginning of the semester to write to the newspaper. I

feel it is a student's obligation to write to the newspaper when you want your voice heard, otherwise, you will be unnoticed.

For example, many students, other than a petition, were unwilling to voice their opinion when a faculty member was not rehired. Students were left unhappy but afraid for their grade to voice an opinion.

Being afraid to voice an opinion for a fear of a lower grade is cowering to the terrorism tactics students have instilled upon themselves.

Students should have written in questioning the authority. I believe it is your responsibility as a student to question what is happening.

A saying I enjoy very much is "Don't be a lemming, question authority." Questioning is not rebelling when using respect.

I feel the main reason students do not voice their opinion to the newspaper but rather in the message board is due to the security that other people may not know who they are. The newspaper requires a name with a story and students may not want to be identified with an opinion they have presented.

The only other reason I can find for students not wanting to voice their opinion to the newspaper is the work involved in expressing clear, complete thoughts in writing.

By the time students finish the English composition courses, they should be able to present material clearly and effectively. Most students finish these courses before their junior year. What is the excuse?

I admit I don't always write perfectly, but at least I will try to voice my opinion, even after I graduate.

--Brandon Berry

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From the Mailbox ...

Report of the student body president to the student body Week of February 27

The story is told of two brothers. One went out to sea, one became Student Body President. Neither were heard from again.

Hopefully this isn't the way you feel about your student government. We're here to voice your interests to the university faculty and leadership and to serve you. Please, give me a call at 580-774-01615, or stop by my office at the Student Government Center on the corner of College and Broadway. I am at your service. Your student activity fees fund our work, and you are paying to have a voice within the workings of the university. Take advantage of student government—if you don't, then we can't help you.

We are eagerly planning for this year's SWOSUpalooza, and I applaud the efforts of

SGA Events Secretary Eric Johns and the members of the SGA SWOSUpalooza Committee. Be sure to come out and participate in what is becoming a wildly-popular event on campus each year.

Also coming to our campus this weekend is the Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA) Conference, a prestigious gathering of all of the respective student governments from Oklahoma's many fine institutions of higher education. Student Senator and SGA Press and Media Secretary Garrett King has been named this year's Conference Director by the OSGA Executive Board. He and the OSGA Conference Commission have been working diligently to ensure that this year's conference is one of historic merit. We look forward to representing you all to our fellow student servants from other Oklahoma colleges and universities.

The Student Senate was quite busy during its February 23 session. It failed to pass Senate Resolution S05005, "The SGA Removal Act of 2005", which would ban SGA members who were impeached or removed from re-entering the ranks of student government. The authors, Student Senators Chris Abbott and Student Body Vice-President Tim White (White authored the bill as a senator before becoming Vice-President after the resignation of former Vice-President Garrett King), had this to say about the 16 against 9 for vote with 4 abstentions. The following quotes are presented courtesy of the SGA Press Office, and do not necessarily reflect

my views.

"I was sincerely disappointed by the failure of Resolution 5 tonight," Senator Abbott stated. "The student body deserves a student government that has its best interests at heart, not personal vendettas. If we can learn anything from the crisis student government was embroiled in at the beginning of this year, it is that vindictive and self-serving people have no place and serve no meaningful function within student government."

Vice-President White stated, "While I am discouraged by the failure of this bill's passage, I will not simply drop the notion of holding SGA members responsible for their conduct and their actions. The removal resolution isn't dead yet."

The senate proceeded to table, for the second time, Senate Resolutions S05006, S05007, S05008, and S05009 until the March 2nd Session.

The senate also confirmed Senator Chad Pond as the new Vice-Chair.

It looks like the legislative branch of SGA is pretty busy! On behalf of myself, the Student Senate, and the Supreme Court of the Student Body, I would simply like to say "thank you" for giving us the great opportunity and honor of serving you. Never doubt that a small, thoughtful group of concerned citizens can change the world, my friends. Why?

Because it's the only thing that ever has. Thank you again, and God bless.

In Southwestern,
Sheena Pritchett
Student Body President

Bulldogs by the numbers

A SOUTHWESTERN POLL OF 35 STUDENTS
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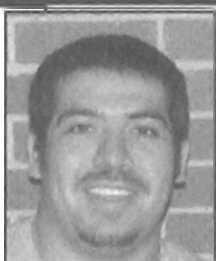
How much do you spend for Spring Break?

\$0-\$50	31%
\$50-\$150	14%
\$150-\$300	6%
OVER \$300	49%



LONDON THOMPSON
"OVER \$300"

JACK SQUIRES
"OVER \$300"



MARCOS ORTEGA
"\$0-\$50"



Would you rather go to the beach or mountains for Spring Break?

66%	BEACH
34%	MOUNTAINS

Features



Constantine

You don't want to tell your friends the story of *Constantine* before they go to the theater especially if your friends are gothic or diehard Reeves fans.

Keanu Reeves, the title star in the movie, plays the role of John Constantine.

Constantine has the ability to recognize half-breed angels and demons and has traveled to hell and back.

So, Reeves travels back and forth to find salvation by sending the demons back to hell. He can help you, but wouldn't ask for a thanking in return.

Constantine, who is more interested in exorcising demons, is reluctant to help police detective Angela (Rachel Weisz) investigate her

sister's suicide.

Francis Lawrence directs the movie, which is based on the comic book *Hellblazer*.

The movie might be a little strange to those who are not familiar with the comic version of *Hellblazer*.

Furthermore, it may even be dissatisfying to *Hellblazer* fans for several reasons.

First, it is set in downtown Los Angeles, not in London. Second, an American, not a brown-haired British

guy, plays Constantine. Lastly, it is difficult to determine whether Constantine is gifted or cursed.

Even critics think that the movie lacks the richness of its source material.

However, if it had been such a bad movie, it wouldn't have grossed 33.6 million in its first week.

For me, *Constantine* remains an enjoyable, immoral, and beautiful gothic tale. I say give it a go.

--Bigyan Koirala



By EMILY AVERA/
STAFF REPORTER

On March 9, the Weatherford Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be holding a spring luncheon.

The luncheon, themed "Volunteerism in the Community,"

will take place in the Student Union Ballroom from 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any AAUW members or by contacting Faye Henson at 772-5984.

Southwestern's Joyce Tegtmeyer will be recognized for her volunteer efforts, as will several

Weatherford organizations such as the Weatherford Chamber, Weatherford public schools and the Weatherford public library.

The luncheon will raise money for a local scholarship and help in increase awareness about breast cancer and political issues.

PKD enhances speech and debate techniques

By JOSH TRENT/
STAFF REPORTER

One of the best attributes students notice when they attend Southwestern is the abundance of student organizations. One such organization that has been on campus over 50 years is Pi Kappa Delta.

Pi Kappa Delta is an organization focusing on the fields of forensics and debate. Students prepare speeches and scenes for

three to four competitions a year and an annual national convention.

Director Robin Jones said that, "PKD concentrates on building students to become more successful by helping them cope with their anxiety of talking in front of a group of peers."

At their last competition, two members of the local chapter, Garret

Castleberry and Rebecca Manney, won first place in a 10 minute speech duet.

Currently, Pi Kappa Delta has about 15 members but any student is invited to join. No experience is necessary, and membership is only \$15.

PKD meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in CAM 108. For more information contact Dr. Robin Jones 774-3080.

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March 9 - From God's Heart to Our Heart.....Fr. Shane Tharp, MA, MDiv

(March 16- Spring Break - No Speaker)

March 23 - St. Thomas Aquinas on Marriage
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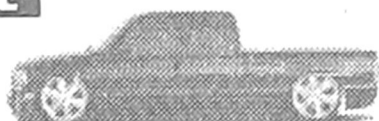
March 9

From God's Heart to Our Heart Fr. Shane Tharp, MA, MDiv.

Fr. Shane Tharp is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Alva, with missions in Cherokee and Wynoka, Oklahoma. He attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminar in Wynnwood, Pa. He received a Master of Arts, Magnum Cum Laud, in Systematic Theology, and a Masters of Divinity. He writes a week article for The Sooner Catholic. He explores the Biblical images of marriage from the perspective of God's relationship with His people.

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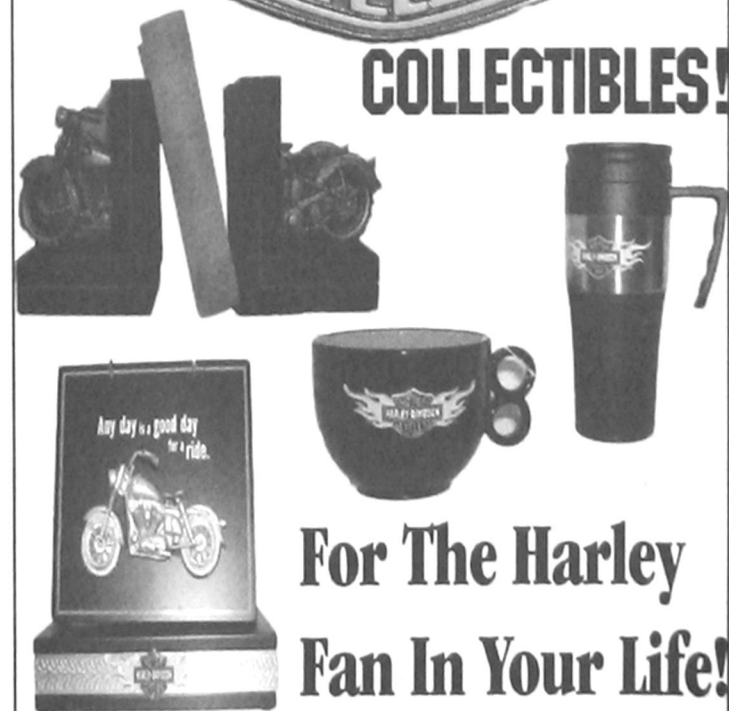
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KSWO reporter discusses the power of media

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By ROBYN CHESMON/
STAFF REPORTER



Neely Tsoodle, a reporter for Lawton television station KSWO, gives a speech to students Thursday about her experiences. The speech was sponsored by the Native American Club.

Television reporter Neely Tsoodle gave a speech on her experiences in mass communications on Thursday in an evening sponsored by the Native American Club.

The audience was welcomed to the event with pizza and soft drinks. Tsoodle then informed and entertained with what she has seen and done for KSWO in Lawton.

Tsoodle has a degree in communications with an emphasis in radio/television broadcast. She has received many awards in both television and radio.

Starting out with an internship at KSWO in 1992 while attending Cameron University, she began by doing a lot of things behind the

scenes, like editing and camera work.

After doing some work on her voice, storytelling and writing style, she was ready to go. At KSWO, the reporters are to choose an area they would like to work in, and being Native American, Ms. Tsoodle chose to cover Native American issues.

She said that each reporter is sent out to look for their own stories along with one camera person. They are generally supposed to get two interviews on camera. She said that once they have the story, it must be edited to last no longer than two minutes.

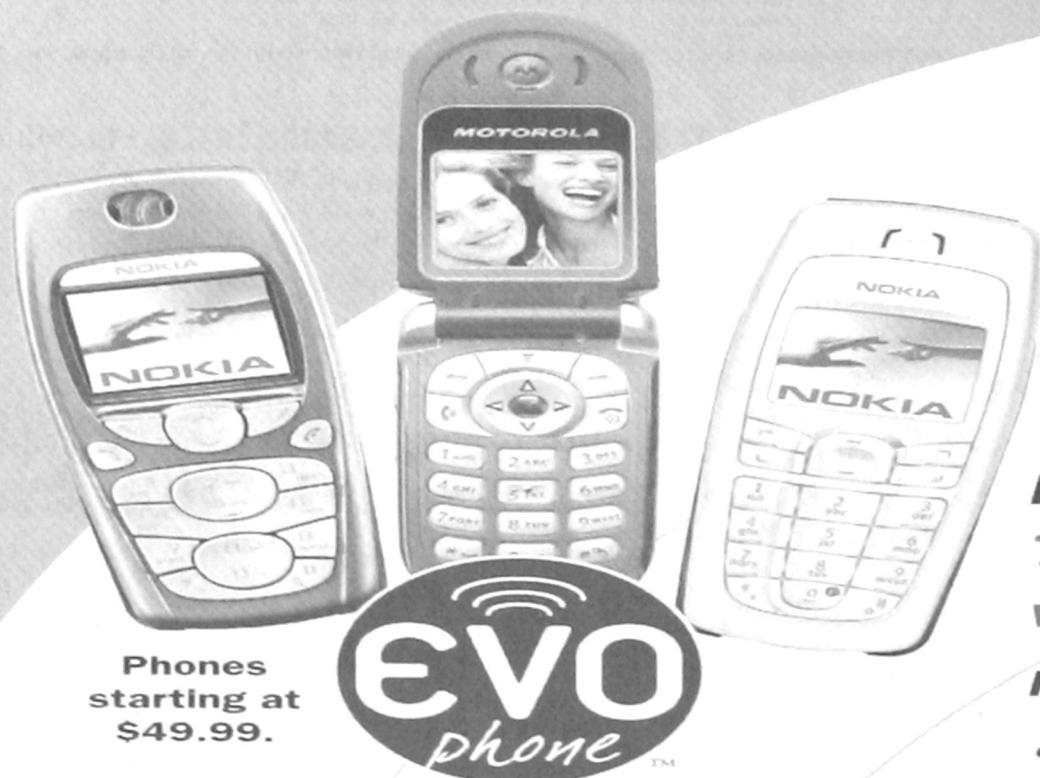
A self-proclaimed procrastinator, she said that she "works best under pressure," often working right up to the deadline. Tsoodle said that she has covered

homicides, robberies, kidnappings and even a live execution.

One story she shared with us displayed the power of media. She told us of a certain woman with a sick son who needed to be driven out of town for treatment. The mother didn't have a car, so by broadcasting this boy's story, the woman got the car she needed with lots of support from strangers.

She also told the interesting story of a stolen vehicle. The assailants, who were charged with public intoxication and damage to property, couldn't be charged with drunk driving because the law stated that the intoxicated person had to be behind the wheel of an automobile; these people had taken a joy ride in a tractor.

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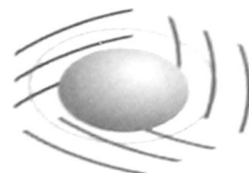
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Pitcher Shandi McDonough reaches for a grounder in recent softball action at the Southwestern Sports Complex. McDonough already has a win and a save on the season.

Lady Bulldogs take two from OCU

Southwestern Oklahoma State kept its early-season softball record perfect with a doubleheader sweep of visiting Oklahoma Christian Tuesday in Weatherford. The Bulldogs won the first game 6-3 and then took the nightcap 6-4. The wins pushed Southwestern's record to 4-0 this season.

SWOSU used a two-run fifth inning to break open a 3-3 in the first game. Sarah Hamilton led off with a triple and then scored on a RBI fielder's choice by Kaleena Michieli. Te Berry followed a few batters later and scored Michieli on a sacrifice fly putting SWOSU ahead 5-3.

Pitcher Danielle West picked up the win on the

mound for the Bulldogs. West allowed nine hits and three runs through five innings. Shandi McDonough pitched a scoreless final two innings to pick up her first save.

In the second game, the Bulldogs escaped from a two-run hole with a big fifth inning. West started the scoring with a two-RBI double. Lacie Keplinger and Abbra Shivers each had RBI singles putting the Bulldogs ahead 6-4.

West, who came on in relief for McDonough in the fifth, picked her second win of the day. She held OC scoreless in the final three innings, allowing just four hits.

Women win Northwestern Rodeo, Murphy wins steer wrestling for men's team

MANHATTEN, KAN. Newcomer Martha Beagley quickly showed why her presence in the Southwestern women's rodeo lineup makes the Bulldogs one of the favorites for the Central Plains Regional title.

Beagley and her SWOSU teammates finished second in the Kansas State rodeo which completed its three-day run Sunday, Feb. 27 in Manhattan, Kan. The Bulldogs finished with 150 points, 30 points off the pace set by Oklahoma Panhandle State's 180-point winning total. Oklahoma State was third and Bacone was fourth with 100 points.

Southeastern, the Central Plains leader, finished back in the pack and 80 points behind SWOSU's team total. The margin between the first-place SOSU and second-place SWOSU is expected to shrink when the next regional

standings are released.

Bagley, a transfer from SOSU University who was competing in her first rodeo for SWOSU, won the event's All-Around Cowgirl competition. She finished second in the overall average in goat tying and was third in the long round of barrel racing.

SWOSU had four of the top five finishers in the breakaway roping event after the long run. Julie Dawson's time of 2.9 seconds allowed her to split first and second while teammates Whitney Wright and Ashlilen Houston shared third and fourth. Johnna Snow also advanced after an impressive showing in the long run.

Only Wright, who finished third, scored in the short round while the others missed on their opportunities. Wright ended up taking third in the average.

In addition to Beagley in the goat tying competition, SWOSU collected points from Weatherford's Jenna Lee Hayes. Hayes was second in the short round and finished fourth in the average.

In the men's competition, Southwestern opened with a fourth-place finish. Central Plains leader Panhandle looked strong in its bid to stay in first place winning the event with 398 points. Ft. Scott, the region's No. 2 team, was second at the rodeo with 210 points. Southeastern was third with 175 points and SWOSU was fourth with 165 points.

Southeastern's Kollin Vonahn won the All-Around Cowboy competition.

SWOSU scored well in bareback riding with Steven Smith taking home third in the overall average. Smith,

a junior from Adrian, Mo., split both third and fourth place in the long and short run.

Dusty Gracia also was a top ten performer in the bareback competition.

SWOSU's Hunter Herrin continued his string of impressive performances with a second-place finish in the overall average in calf roping. Herrin won the short round with time of 8.4 seconds, the second fastest time in the whole event.

In the steer wrestling competition, Tanner Houston and Dru Melvin each were among the event's top 10. Houston's time of 5.2 seconds was good enough to win the long run, but he did not score in the short run.

The men and women will next compete at the Garden City Community College Rodeo, March 4-6 in Garden City, Kan.

Bulldog Profile: Lincoln Hatfield

By ROYCE YOUNG/
SPORTS EDITOR

Lincoln Hatfield is a redshirt freshman from Hydro, Oklahoma. He had a very successful high school career, highlighted by his senior season where he hit .475 for Hydro.

He is an infielder with a good glove and a strong throwing arm. He redshirted his freshman year because of the Bulldogs' depth in the infield but will contribute plenty this season.

Hatfield is second on the team in batting average, hitting at a .389 clip. He has played in all 10 games thus far, driving in 3 runs, doubling 3 times and taking 17 total bases.

Position: Third Base
Year: Freshman
Major: History Education

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
Favorite Movie: A Few Good Men
Best Way to Describe Yourself: Easy-going
Favorite Music: George Strait
Read a book or play PS2: Read a book

Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life?
My dad. He has coached me since I was little and I have always looked up to him.

How has your life changed since coming to Weatherford?
The transition between high school baseball and college baseball is different. But I love what Coach Teasley is doing and he has made it real easy on me.

What kind of aspirations does this team have?
This team can win it all. We have unlimited potential and the only person that can beat us is ourselves.

NHL cans season because of salary cap

By BRYAN ANDREWS/
STAFF REPORTER

A hockey season on the brink is now a season over.

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule on February 16, after a round of last-gasp negotiation failed to resolve differences over a salary cap- the flash point issue that led to the lockout.

It's the first time a major pro sports league in North America lost an entire season to a labor dispute.

The resulting damage could be immeasurable to hockey which already has limited appeal in the United States.

No Stanley Cup champion will be crowned, the first time that's happened since 1919, when the two year-old league called off the finals because of a flu epidemic.

The league and players union traded a flurry of proposals and letters on February 15th, but could not agree on the cap.

The players proposed \$49 million per team: the owners said \$42.5 million. But a series of conditions and fine print in both proposals made the offers further apart than just \$6.5 million per team.

The NHL season is a thing in the past, but now they have got to look in the future. The league has questions they have to answer. Will they agree on the salary cap, and will there be a season next year? Hopefully they can fix the problems and have a season next year.

Bulldogs take three of four from West Texas

Bulldogs are 4-6 on season

Southwestern Oklahoma State came up big when it counted collecting hits at critical times and putting together solid pitching efforts winning a four-game baseball series against West Texas A&M. The Bulldogs won the first three games 4-3, 5-4 and 9-8, before losing the final game 5-0. The wins lifted SWOSU's record to 4-6 on the year while WTAM dipped to 4-8.

In the first game, pitcher Gunner Poff worked five innings and allowed six hits and three runs to collect his second win in as many starts. SWOSU led 4-1 after three innings thanks in part to RBI singles by Wes Bamberg and Tanner Dewald.

Landon Scales and Colby Tackett each threw a scoreless inning of relief as the Bulldogs hung on for a 4-3

win.

In the second game, Landon Thompson's one-out single in the bottom of the seventh provided the winning run in a 5-4 victory. Thompson's single, his third hit of the game, allowed Carion Davenport to score just below the attempted tag of the WTAM catcher.

Dustin Cornelius (1-0) picked up the win on the mound in relief.

In game three, SWOSU scored runs in each of the first four innings and had built a 9-3 lead heading into the fifth inning.

Scales survived on the mound despite getting peppered for 14 hits and eight runs in six innings of work to get his first win. Cornelius shut down the Buffs in the seventh to pick up his second save of the season.

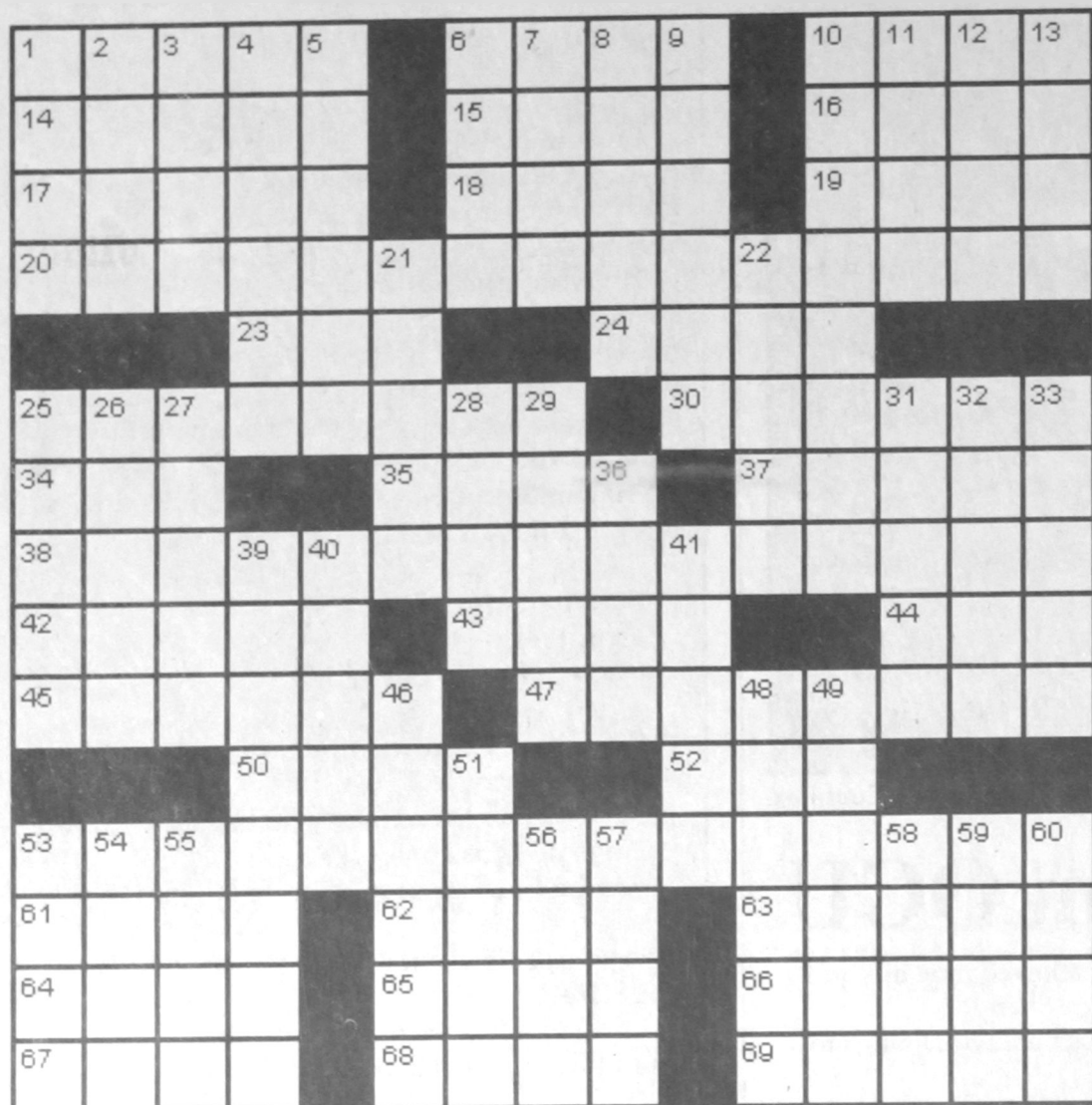


Matt Machinski crosses home plate during a home game against St. Gregory's.

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Sofa Away

by John T. Sherman



Across

1. Method to extract metal from ore
6. Melodic "phrase" in jazz
10. Ball of thread
14. Mythological serpent-witch
15. Pale yellow
16. Prefix for plane or dynamic
17. Flying saucer flyer
18. Moon walker
- Armstrong
19. Ukrainian city
20. FUTILE QUEST IN RECLINER?
23. Nightmare on ___ Street (1984 movie)
24. Dull greyish brown
25. Impossible to imagine in advance (with "of")
30. One who personifies an idea
34. Neither's companion
35. Big pile
37. American Indian tribe originally from Ohio
38. DOUBTFUL PROGRESS IN SOFA?
42. Grandmotherly
43. What little boy blue blew
44. Suffix with Moab or Hitt
45. Makes a trike go
47. Oozes out
50. Roots go in here
52. Superman's foe Luthor
53. HOPELESS CAMPAIGN IN LOVE

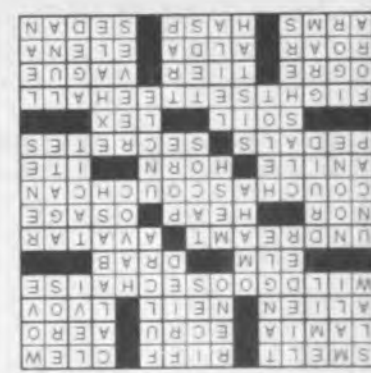
SEAT?

61. Man-eating monster in fairy tales
62. Hierarchical level
63. Not too definite
64. Leonine loudness
65. He played Pierce on MASH
66. Ceaucescu's wife
67. What hands dangle from
68. Hinged metal fastening
69. Family car

Down

1. Cabbage, carrot and mayonnaise mixture
2. Bamako is the capital here
3. "Fourth stooge" Sitka
4. German art song
5. Abundant vine growth result!
6. Nevada city
7. Frozen desserts
8. Cooked southern style (like chicken)
9. Lever balancing points
10. Bottle gourd
11. Jeans maker
12. Greek god of love
13. Worked the loom
21. Gerald Ford's birthplace
22. Chaos
25. Open (a bottle)
26. Not anybody
27. Member of a Celtic

- religious order
28. Sieve feature
29. Mexican fast food
31. Unspoken but understood
32. Gemstone with colored bands
33. Descartes and Magritte
36. Small orifice on skin
39. Combatants
40. Spartan serf
41. USA Sam's "title"
46. Scenes From a _____ (1997 novel by Lolita Files)
48. Actor-hockey player Keanu
49. Breathe in to do this
51. Actress Arcieri
53. Discussion venues
54. Composer Stravinski
55. Thousandth of a kilo
56. Turner and Kennedy
57. Mouse-catching device
58. Mellowed with time
59. Pale green moth
60. Trimmed meat



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