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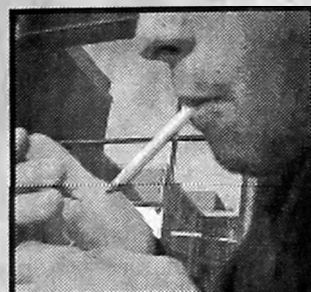
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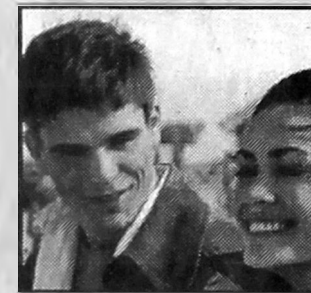


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Davis construction in final phase

By BRENT HILL/ STAFF REPORTER

The third and final phase of widening Davis Road to four lanes has finally begun. For the next six months the road will be closed between Seventh and Highway 54. Davis Road has been under construction through campus for almost four years.

The road will be just like the last two sections with an asphalt base and concrete surface. A drainage box will be placed at the corner of

Davis and Highway 54. When the construction is finished, Davis Street will extend to four lanes all the way to west to Highway 54.

"I think it's a real inconvenience, especially for the people who live by the construction," said freshman Jessica Chesko. "They should have planned the construction in the summer so it would be more convenient for the students." Sidewalks will also be on

the north and south side of the road. On the south side, the sidewalk will be from Seventh to the apartment complex before the cemetery. The north sidewalk will run all the way from Seventh to Highway 54, making it easier for students who walk to class.

The cost of the construction will be approximately \$1.4 million, figuring in all the labor costs, equipment costs, and

property losses.

After the final phase completion, Davis Road will extend three miles of four lanes connected to Highway 54, making the traffic flow smoother and quicker to I-40.

If you are a senior then

you probably won't see the new and improved street that has inconvenienced you for most of your college career, but if you're returning you'll have some smooth cruising ahead.



PHOTO BY AMBER NELSON

Lottery to allocate more funds

By FARHAN SHAKEEL/ NEWS EDITOR

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a proposal for a statewide election on creating a state lottery to finance education. A lottery has become an issue in this year's governor's race.

Independent candidate Gary Richardson of Tulsa and GOP candidate State Senator Brad Henry are proposing a lottery to fund college scholarships.

It is estimated that the lottery could gross \$500 million annually. The proposal by Henry will set aside 35 percent of revenues for educational purposes.

With respect to funds allocated for Southwestern, Tom Fagan, vice president of administration and finance said that another source of revenue would benefit the university.

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GET OUT OF HERE ! Evacuation drills return to campus

By JILL WEBER/ NEWS EDITOR

Many faculty members, staff and students have already been involved in an evacuation drill on campus. For those who have not been involved in one, they will more than likely be involved in one in the days to come.

Southwestern's Safety Committee, made up of SGA officers, faculty members, and staff, decided on the new policy about three months ago. Because of the terrorist attacks, recent shootings and the assaults on campuses around the nation, the committee decided it would be a good idea to be prepared for just about anything.

Only three buildings

have experienced the new evacuation drill—the administration building, the HPER building, and the Campbell building. The administration building and the HPER building were alarmed by voice. That is, officers went around to the different offices and told everyone to evacuate immediately. The HPER building does not have an alarm system, so in case of emergency this is how the people would be alarmed.

There are two building designees in each building, and they are a big part in the decision of the date and time these drills will take place.

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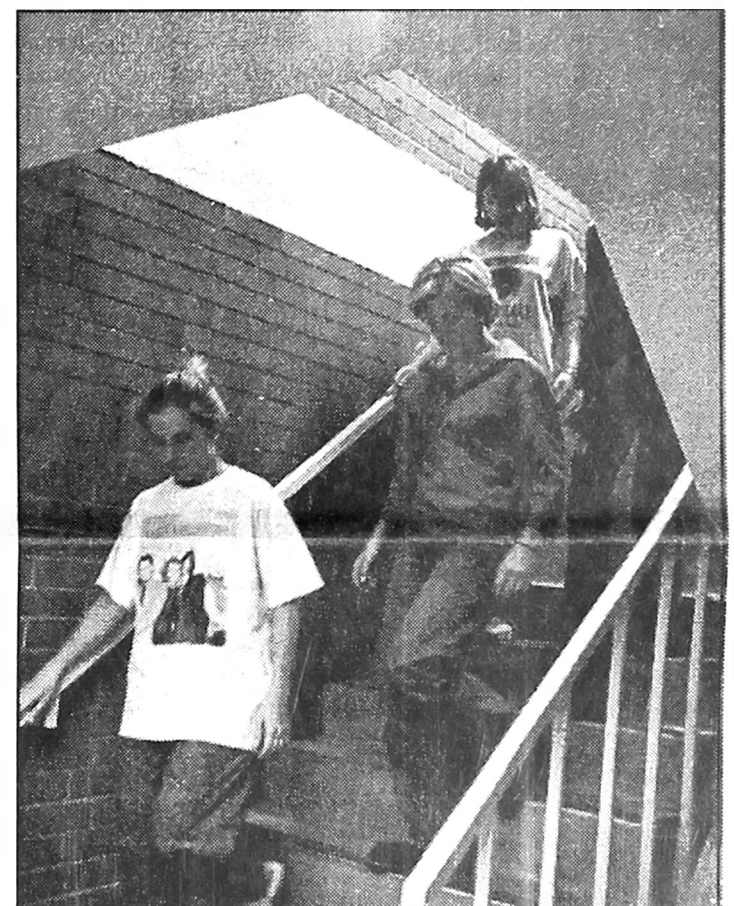


PHOTO BY AMBER NELSON

In case of emergencies, students must now practice evacuation drills. An alarm of some sort will go off to tell the students to evacuate the building as soon as possible.

Want to help?: Student Develop Center offers many opportunities to volunteer

By KRISTEN ROLIN/ STAFF REPORTER

Looking for a way to get involved and give back to the community? The Student Development Center offers students many volunteering opportunities.

"When you make an effort on the behalf of others, you get back more than you contribute," said Ashley Jackson, Community Service Learning Coordinator. "It helps you to understand people who are different than yourself. Volunteering also opens up new career possibilities and enlarges your horizons."

There are several new chances to volunteer. Habitat for Humanity is looking for help on Saturdays to work on the Habitat house being built in Weatherford. They also need volunteers to bring sack lunches for about 15 people.

Information packets for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life are available at the Student Development Center. Students interested can start their own teams or the center can place them with teams. They can also help match teams with sponsors in the Weatherford area.

"There are several local businesses interested in

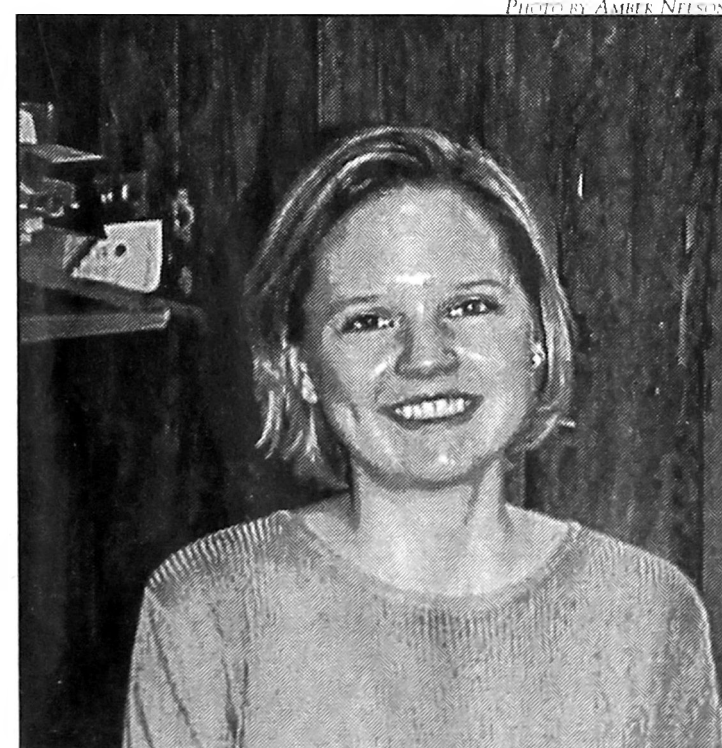


PHOTO BY AMBER NELSON

Ashley Jackson, Community Service Learning Coordinator, hopes to bring students and campus members creative ways to volunteer around the community.

sponsoring teams," Jackson said.

Volunteers are also needed for the local assisted living centers and nursing homes. "They need people to come in and spend time with the seniors, such as playing cards and opening their mail," Jackson said. "At the assisted living centers, the seniors need help getting out and going places such as the grocery store."

Multi-County Youth Services is looking for mentors for adolescents in the area. It is similar to the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Students must be able to contribute at least one hour a week for two semesters.

The Diabetes Wellness program, sponsored by the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe, is also looking for volunteers. The program helps children

up to age 18 get involved in outdoor activities and also teaches them about diet and nutrition.

There are also individual volunteering opportunities. For students interested in government, the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce is looking for a student to volunteer four hours a week.

"This gives students publicity, and also good experience in city government," Jackson said.

FEMA still needs assistance in Cordell with tornado relief efforts.

"Students interested in volunteering can come in and fill out a form which we will enter into our database," Jackson said. "When organizations call needing volunteers, we match up students who meet the organizations needs."

"We can also help students interested in getting experience in their major. We will go out and search for an opportunity for them to participate in a national organization, or to help out people in the community."

For more information about volunteering opportunities, contact Jackson at the Student Development Center at 774-3712.

Writers' festival features poet

Southwestern is preparing to host its 10th annual Westview Writers' Festival coming up Tuesday, March 26.

This year's festival will feature visiting writers Carolyn Wright and Cole Rachel.

The Westview Writers' Festival will be held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center. Admission is free.

Wright has published six books of poetry, a collection of essays, and three volumes of poetry in translation from Spanish and Bengali. Her most recent collection, Seasons of Mangoes and Brainfire, won the 1999 Blue Lynx Poetry Prize in 2000.

Rachel is a Southwestern alumnus and native Oklahoman whose poetry and freelance writing. He now makes his home in New York City.

For more information about the festival, please call Westview editor Fred Alsberg at (580) 774-3168 or managing editor Joyce Stoffers at (580) 774-3086.

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presumably know exactly what day and time they will take place.

"We wouldn't ask faculty members, staff, and students to do this if it wasn't necessary," said Don Groth, Director of the Department of Public Safety. "These drills need to be as real and as safe as we can possibly make them."

When the Campbell building's alarms went off, a police officer from the Department of Public Safety went through every room to make sure everyone was following procedure and evacuating the building. The whole building was evacuated in two minutes and 58 seconds—a very good time for a three-story building. Alarms can also be set to go

off on one floor only. There are certain circumstances where this could be the only option.

Surprise drills where no one knows the date or time could be on the schedule for later in the school year if the Safety Committee approves them.

"We need to be prepared for anything that could possibly happen," Groth said. "We ask for the full cooperation of the faculty and staff to get their students out of the building as soon and as safely as possible. It only takes about five minutes per drill, so class time will not be interrupted very much."

"One of these times it may not be a drill, so we need to make these drills as real as we possibly can."

APO hosts charity masquerade ball

By JOY INGLE/STAFF REPORTER

The national co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega plans to support Tina Literberry, who is competing this year in the state Special Olympics.

The fraternity will host a masquerade ball from 8 p.m. to midnight March 28 in the Student Union Ballroom. This will be a formal evening with a live Disc Jockey and finger foods for everyone who attends. Tickets go on sale March 11 and are \$8 per person or \$10 per couple.

"We wanted to support her financially in her goal to state," said Nicole Phillips, vice-president of membership.

Alpha Phi Omega is an interest group on campus that has done many things for this community in the last months, including town clean-up after the ice storm. This is another way they can serve their community.

"Tina will be competing in swimming and boche, which is a lot like lawn bowling, and may even qualify to go to the World's Special Olympics in Ireland," Phillips said. If she qualifies, the fraternity says it will help as much as possible with the money situation.

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receives approximately 3 percent in funds from the Regents," Fagan said. "I support any means that will add more money into the education system."

Supporters of the proposal claim that the state lottery would directly boost economic development and raise per capita income in Oklahoma. Furthermore, lottery money would not be used by the Legislature for other state purposes.

Thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia have lotteries. Surrounding states include Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

Money set aside would be dedicated to a tuition program, early childhood education programs including all-day kindergarten, capital improvements for schools and health insurance for

"I support any means that will add more money into the education system."

-TOM FAGAN

education and employees. Fagan said that if the proposal passes, the process would involve distribution of prize earnings to the respective winner, the K-12 schools, vo-tech institutions and higher education universities and colleges.

According to Henry, the tuition program would provide free college tuition for Oklahoma residents who have applied for federal and state financial aid and whose family income does not exceed \$75,000.

Orientation leaders go 'live' for enrollment

By AMBER ESADA/STAFF REPORTER

The Orientation Leaders, commonly referred to as OL's, have been working long and hard on this year's enrollment session skits.

OL's help freshmen adjust to campus life. They hold five enrollment sessions—three in April, one in June and one in August—where they put on skits. The skits help inform freshmen about important things, such as dealing with roommates and going to class. OL's also help teach a freshman orientation class.

This year's enrollment session theme is Saturday Night Live.

"We decided to do the SNL theme because a lot of people are familiar with it," freshman OL Luke Berthot said.

Incoming freshmen will be entertained by such SNL characters as Stuart Smalley and Mr. Peepers.

Working on the enrollment session skits requires a lot of outside class work. Most of the OL's don't seem to mind.

"I don't mind meeting outside of class because we have fun working together," sophomore OL Brandi McNair said.

"It's fun to perform and to



Orientation Leaders practice for a skit in The Grill. They hope the skits will invite new students to feel at home and make the transition into college life a little easier for the Fall 2002 semester.

hang out backstage with everyone," sophomore OL Scott Martin said. All OL's agree that working on the skits is fun.

"It's fun being backstage and laughing at each other," McNair said. "I also like being in the skits because I like pushing Darin (Behara, Dean

of Students) to his limits. I know I've succeeded when his forehead vein starts pulsating."

Every OL contributes in some way to the enrollment session, even if he or she can't be there.

In order to get all OL's involved, video commercials will also be shown throughout

the skit. That allows the OL's who can't be there to be in the show.

Another group of OL's are working on a new power point presentation to show before the program. Also, another group is working on a parent session where they also will perform skits.

Native American club finds strength in numbers

By KERRI BENTLEY/STAFF REPORTER

The Native American Club is "trying to promote cultural awareness," said President Cody Zimmer.

Last week, it organized a successful taco sale in the cafeteria. Most of what it does

is hold benefits and dances. Club members raise about \$1,000 when they have these activities. Right now, they are focused on their Spring Pow-Wow April 13 at Radar Park.

The club has 26 members, which is much more than

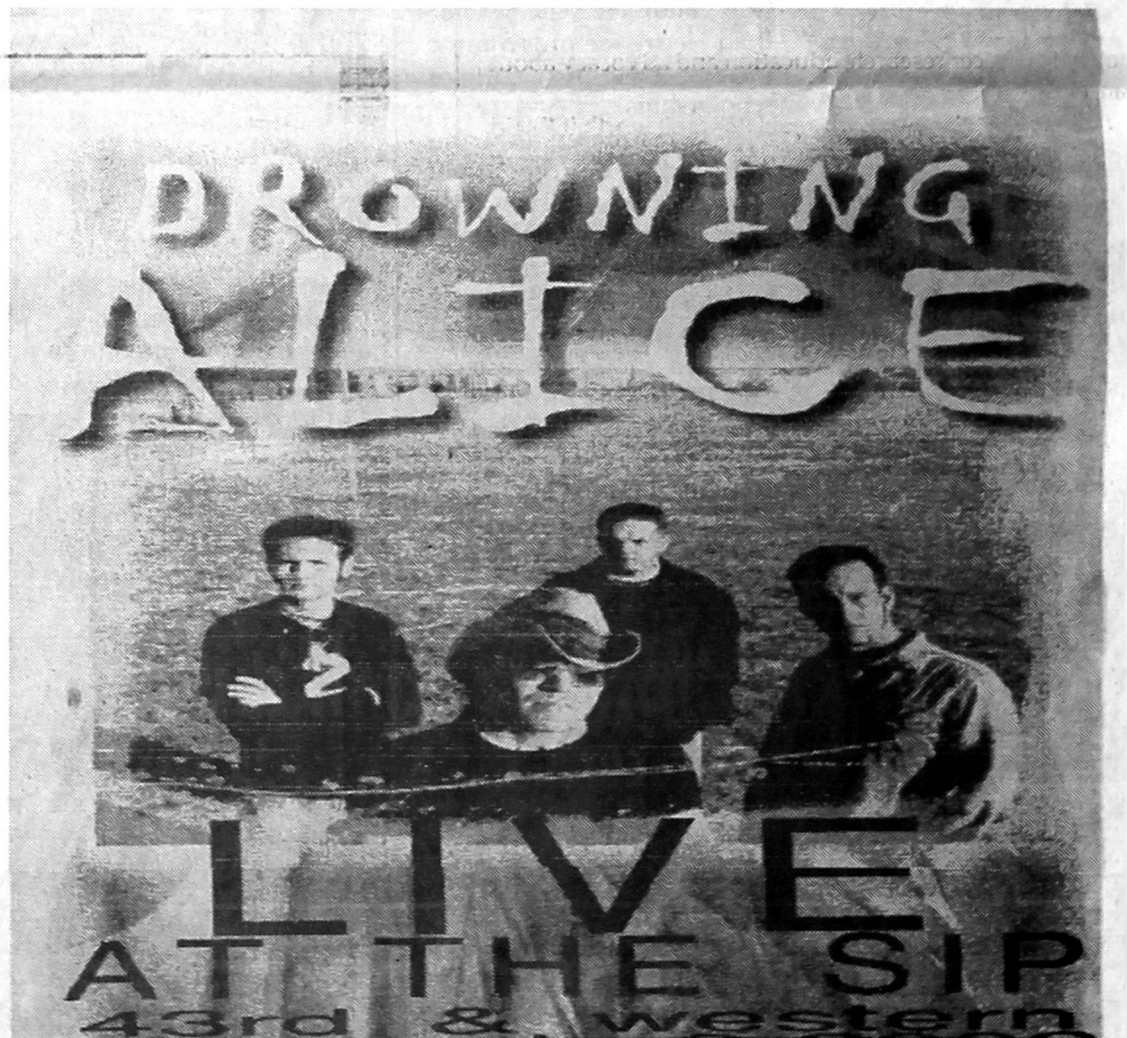
when it first began.

"For being an unorganized group, we have vastly improved," said Zimmer a sophomore psychology major from Weatherford.

There are around 250 Southwestern students

enrolled that are from different tribes, so the club would like to see its numbers increase.

If anyone else is interested in joining the Native American Club, they can contact Cody Zimmer at 774-7920.



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Smoking may be banned on campus

New law may take fun out of smoking

By DONNITA STEWART/STAFF REPORTER

Anti-smoking in public places is in the courts again. This is an on-going issue between the tobacco growers and smokers versus the scientific proven data of the harmful substances in tobacco.

Should the anti-smoking bill come into effect, there will be changes regarding where a smoker can smoke.

These places included on the bill are restaurants, bars, clubs, and all public places, including Southwestern's campus deck where many students relax, do homework and study.

The state of California has a no public smoking law and enforces that law with fines.

Should this bill become enacted, it's hoped that all smokers will either quit a

harmful habit or at least show greater respect for non-smokers and quit using the outside air and grounds as an ashtray.

There are two types of second hand smoke that greatly affects a nonsmoker.

Mainstream smoke is exhaled after being filtered by the smoker's lungs, and sidestream smoke comes directly off the burning end

of the cigarette, cigar or pipe.

Sidestream smoke is considered more harmful because of higher concentrations of carcinogens and other harmful substances that has been proven to cause cancer and other health related diseases.

Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in our society and yet it is one of the leading causes of death..



If passed, the new smoking law would force smokers to be considerate of non smokers in public places.

Chi Alpha plans Rez Week activities

By JOY INGLE/STAFF REPORTER

Chi-Alpha, a Christian fellowship, will host the third annual Rez Week March 26 and 27.

The Chi-Alpha leaders have been planning this two-day event for the past four weeks. Plans for the first day include an outdoor concert on the front steps of the Al Harris Library at 8 p.m. Bands include Five Star Day, Gloaming Season, and Sub Seven.

March 27 will include a free cookout between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. outside the Student Union, and a performance by comedian Mike Williams that evening. Williams is from Florida and started his career as the prop inventor for Carrot Top. His act starts at 9 p.m. in the Ballroom and will be a "Coffee House" style with fruit trays and drinks. All events are free. There will also be T-shirts available for purchase.

Chi-Alpha is a campus organization that has hosted many activities this year, including Freshman Survivor, The Main Event, and 70's Party. Chi-Alpha holds services at 9 p.m. every Wednesday 9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Club takes historical trip to Kansas City

By JESSICA CHESKO/STAFF REPORTER

The History Club will take a road trip to Kansas City on April 26-27 to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Truman Presidential Library, Nelson Atkins Museum, and the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison and

Museum.

"Every semester we try to take students on a road trip out of town," said sponsor Dr. John Hayden. "We've been to recent places like Dallas and Tulsa, and, in the past, Albuquerque and Memphis."

The History Club received

some money to fund the trip from the Student Activity Allocation Committee. For the remaining funds, the club will have a garage sale at Dr. Roger Bromert's house at 701 N. Custer on Saturday April 6. If a student would like to help out or has any questions about the trip, he or she can

come by room 101B in the Old Science Building or call 774-7072 for Hayden.

"Depending on how much we raise will matter of how much the students will have to bring for the trip," Hayden said. "Any donations or help will be very appreciated."

Full-time faculty statistics stay strong

By LEANNA KOPE/STAFF REPORTER

With the concern about cutbacks, Southwestern officials say the number of full-time faculty is not lacking.

"Not with the resources available in Oklahoma," said Dr. John Hays, Southwestern president.

Studies agree with Hays. According to U.S. News

and World Report, 95 percent of Southwestern's faculty is full-time. That rates it above all other master's-level colleges and universities in the west region.

There is no definite answer if Southwestern will have fewer full-time faculty next year.

"We won't know until the money situation is solved,"

Hays said about hiring more full-time faculty for the fall semester.

Due to the number of retiring professors, Southwestern will be uncertain about re-hiring until the budget situation is solved. Southwestern and other universities must cut up to 8 percent of their budgets for next year.

So far, from the faculty itself of having too much of a work load, "there hasn't been any complaints," said Hays.

At Southwestern, there are 44 professors, 64 assistant professors, approximately 40 associate professors, 67 instructors (including the Sayre campus) and 40 adjunct instructors at Southwestern this year.

Cancer relay set at Rader

By MARIA ARNEY/STAFF REPORTER

It's time to dust off those walking shoes and participate in Weatherford's Relay for Life on April 26, at Rader Park.

Relay for Life is a community event that helps raise money for cancer research, education and advocacy about cancer.

"I haven't met anyone who said it wasn't worth it," said Amy Kilhoffer, a junior business major and contact person for Relay for Life.

Relay for Life will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. Those who have overcome cancer or are currently in remission, will take the first lap, called the survivor lap.

"The youngest I've seen take the survivor lap is 4 going all the way to the oldest at 70," said Kilhoffer.

Anyone at any age can have a team and participate. Each team member usually tries to raise \$100 each. Entertainment will also be there for the 12-hour event.

For more information on participating, contact Kilhoffer at 774-6779.

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"Perspectives"

JON OWENS/ FEATURES EDITOR

How should our leaders be chosen?

So often things fall apart when the leadership needed to keep organizations, institutions, and other groups together is absent. Sometimes this happens because people tend to vote for their favorite person rather than the person best qualified.

I bet you 10 to one that back in high school Student Council was a popularity contest. I know it was even that way at my last college. I cannot say the same for Southwestern because I have not been here long enough to know if that is the case.

A leader must be sensitive to the needs of his or her people.

One of the things the president at NEO did was start a prayer before SGA meetings. Of course, the issue I had was that he used the words "through Christ our Lord," which was instilling a belief on my non-Christian friends at a public college. He thought that the moral issues at NEO were really bad and so he did not start the prayer until the second semester.

This leads to the next point that in order to be a good leader you must be a good follower. Sometimes a leader needs to step back and let other people take control.

I know that sometimes I get terrified of letting other people in my clubs make arrangements because I am afraid things will not get done. It is a risk I must take to create a healthy

environment that is inclusive.

The next issue with being a leader is communication with the group. No one likes a hierarchy. People like to feel they were a part of a decision and not left in the dark. We must keep consulting with our group and coming to a consensus on a decision.

Another part of being a leader is to stand up for your organization and your rights and not back down. Sometimes there are those who think they are leaders and want to think they have all the authority but in reality you might have to remind them they are not in control.

I remember at church one Sunday we had a priest who consecrated holy water. We decided to move the baptismal font to the back. It was positive and people were happy. One church member made a bigger deal than he needed to. He screamed at me. He said I had no authority to do what I did. He apparently moved the font back. He said I needed the church council's approval to move things around.

Well, apparently getting approval from the senior and junior warden was not enough for me to get. My only question is what authority did he have to move this font, which was not a big deal? Could he have waited and asked the vestry if they should move it back? He was not a leader but an individualist who wanted things his way and I still think he owes me an apology for yelling at me.

Foremost, structure and organization are important in a leader. To be an effective leader one must be organized and get things done in a timely manner. The world is about deadlines. Do not hold up the process. Call people back within a 48-hour period of message or give enough notice for people to plan to attend a meeting. These are some of the qualities I look for in a leader.

Ms. Terrell stated that 'this is an adult environment and the nudity is less than one sees in many ads for gymnasiums.' I don't know what sort of gymnasiums you have seen ads for, but I have never seen pubic hair anywhere in print ads or television besides right there on the pages of *The Gayly Oklahoman*. If you were referring to the school being an adult environment, then I have to challenge you yet again. Our school hosts many high school and junior high competitions/seminars where students refresh themselves in our Student Union or at the Campus C-Store.

The other letter written in response to Mr. Nicholson's was written by Corey Hidlebaugh and was printed in the same edition of *The Southwestern*. In his letter he states that *The Gayly Oklahoman* is an 'additional news source to draw from.'

I have thumbed through several issues with as objective a mind as I could muster and found the newspaper to be opinion-based with little regard for factual information. It seems to be a propaganda machine insofar as I understand it. Please know that I have nothing against the paper or the people who are putting it forth; I just do not feel it is representative of our campus.

If merchants around town or individual students start distributing *The Gayly Oklahoman*, I say, "Go for it!" however; I do not believe that paper should have a place alongside our own *Southwestern* on campus.

In regards to your claims of requested censorship, I don't believe that is the intent at all. Neither Joseph nor myself have requested the newspapers to be removed from town or taken out of print. I ask that it be removed from the campus because it is indecent and little more than propaganda for homosexuals and transsexuals. If you have made it through to the end, I applaud you and thank you for your time. This letter ended much longer than intended.

--Carson Sides

animals, but we are mammals, which puts us smack dab in the middle of the animal kingdom. Wouldn't it make sense to say that we are then subject to our own forms of instinctual behaviors, which have been instilled in our minds and bodies over hundreds of thousands of years? Every other animal on earth lives by instincts. Are we any different? Are we really that special? It's because of instincts and instinctual behavior that each species that is now living has survived into the present day. The human species is probably no different. Like every other animal, the human animal has probably developed behavioral characteristics (instincts) that cause us to procreate, form bonds with our peers, learn from our elders, and to protect our young. The natural urge to do these things may be something that we commonly mistake for "Love".

The most obvious instinct mistaken for love, of course, would be our own basic need to procreate. Upon reaching puberty, we all (most of us) feel the urge to do it (no pun intended). It seems perfectly natural that we would form an instinctual bond with our mates to offer protection or to be protected during pregnancy and other vulnerable stages. The relationship between other family members and even friends is somewhat different. This kind of "love" may just be the combination of instincts that we have developed for our own survival. It is a well-known fact that many mammals are more likely to survive as groups than they would alone. Our need for belonging and to be close to those around us may be the same. The bonds that we develop with those we associate with most ensure our protection within our "pack".

What we think of as "love" for our children could really just be a behavioral instinct that keeps us close to them for the benefit of their survival. That may be why we see babies and baby animals as "cute". We are most likely attracted by instinct to their helplessness and drawn to protect them. Sometimes this instinct floods over and we find ourselves protecting animals outside our own species. This could be the early man's way of practicing his care techniques or even securing more protection by forming a bond with a guard-dog. For the most part, however, we are simply compelled to pass down our genetic material. When we do, we have to make sure that those genes get passed along in turn. Every mammal behaves in this manner. Why should we be different than the birds and the bees (so to speak)? Nature has decided that the best way to pass down our genetic line is to protect our offspring until they are ready to reproduce for themselves.

As humans, we are at a great intellectual advantage over our small-brained competitors. Perhaps our intellect and superiority has led us to believe that we are more special than we really are. Have we simply convinced ourselves that we can rise above animal status by aesthetically disguising our own natural inclinations and behaviors? Maybe it's just our way of adding beauty and mystery to our existence. It's hard to say. Whatever it is, and however we may try to describe it, we might have to face the possibility that it may not really be Love.

--Joseph Nicholson

From the Mailbox



Reader disagrees with columnists views on touchy subject

In last week's *The Southwestern*, Jon Owens' column "Perspectives" made me wonder what kind of world we would live in if we were all like Jon.

Let me start off by quoting a few of his lines: "Let's take abortion for example I am pro-choice. No I do not want anyone to willfully abort their babies but I am not one to censor someone else's right for that." Unlike Jon, I am pro-life, and I have no problem censoring someone's right to abort "their" baby.

The subtitle of the column was "Make your own choice, not mine." This is the exact opposite of what he says about abortion. The mother gets to make the choice of life for the baby. We're so concerned about these women and their rights that we forget that there are more people involved in an abortion than just the mother. Never, not even in cases of rape and incest, is the baby at fault. So why do we kill the baby? Sometimes the mother decides that it just isn't convenient for her to have a baby at that time in her life. I guess selfishness makes abortion okay. According to some, the abortion of a mother's fetus is none of our business. We should let the woman do what she wants with her body and her children. What's the difference between abortion and what Andrea Yates did. Yates is the woman accused of drowning her five children last summer in Texas. Maybe the five children were just too much for her to handle. If abortion is okay, the only crime Andrea Yates committed was procrastination.

Jon refers to abortion as one of the "norms set by society that really do not matter." Maybe the abortion of over thirty million babies since *Roe v. Wade* doesn't matter to him, but it matters to me. At least some abortionists believe in a woman's right to choice, because they believe life does not begin at conception. I disagree, but I can at least understand their view. My problem with Jon is that he is apathetic. He never makes reference to them as not being as human as you and I. He refers to them as children and babies, but he has no problem with disposing them when it's easier for the mother. Another heartwarming quote from Jon about abortion, "I cannot tell them to keep their child, because that is their right and it does not personally hurt me in any way." Who is supposed to tell the mother to keep her child? The baby? According to Jon's perspective, if it doesn't hurt us, we shouldn't try to stop it. I guess if Jon comes upon someone being raped or attacked, he'll just keep walking. What does he care? It's not as if he's the one being raped or the one being aborted.

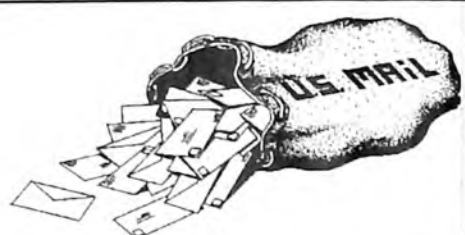
Let's take Jon's philosophy of every man for himself a step further. In WWII, most Americans were "not personally hurt" by Hitler's murder of six million Jews. The Holocaust wasn't our business, so I guess we shouldn't have stepped in. Does Jon think the WTC attacks can be tossed aside and ignored, because he wasn't directly hurt. That's the way he views abortion. Jon thinks that trying to get *Roe v. Wade* overturned is an attack on everyone's right to his or her own beliefs. Standing up for the defenseless does not impress your religious views on someone; abortionists just use that as an excuse. Abortionists claim we're infringing upon their rights, just like slave owners claimed the U.S. government was infringing upon states rights. Abortion is not about a mother's rights, it's about life and death. Jon even tries to use the old saying "my rights stop where yours start." I'm afraid he's arguing the wrong side with that one. The woman's right to choose stops where the baby starts. But wait, don't turn against Jon just yet. He is against the death penalty. I don't know of a better example of contradictory values.

It's okay to murder over a million innocent babies every year, but I guess the thought of a convicted murderer getting what's coming to him makes Jon's stomach turn. The saddest twist of the article comes when Jon also tells us that he happens to be a Christian. If Christians are really supposed to support abortion, as Jon does, I'm ashamed to call myself one.

--Robert W. Taylor

Editor's Note: A small side note referring to the subhead of Mr. Owen's column. "Make your own choice, not mine," was not created by him but by the Editor-in-chief.

From the Mailbox



Rebuttal to defense of controversial newspaper

I have to start this out by saying I speak for myself and myself alone. In broad strokes this letter is about the newspaper, *The Gayly Oklahoman*. More acutely, it is a counter-response to the letters written after Joseph Nicholson's own letter. Leslie Terrell stated in her March 6 letter that the school does not sponsor the paper, but only allows the Students for Human Rights Organization to place it on the campus. I think perhaps you should consider your wording very carefully here. If we house this newspaper are we not also condoning it?

If you were to play this role out on a larger scale, are not the hosts responsible for whatever their guests may do? An example would be the current attacks on terrorism around the world. Our country and many others have pledged that they will root out evil no matter where it may be and that any country not cooperating will be punished. By these countries harboring terrorists, they are sponsoring them. If you "simply allow" a pornographic picture to be on display at your residence hall door, you are breaking campus rules even if you did not place it there yourself. The reason for this is you are sponsoring its existence by not removing it. By the same token, I feel the school is also in this category.

From the Mailbox



Reader ponders truth of columnist's statement on love...

The following is in response to an article written by Jon Owens a few weeks ago. The article was concerned with what it feels like to love or to be in love. Jon stated in his article that there are different kinds of love and that very few of them are what he considers TRUE love. I have a somewhat different take on what love actually is, which might just take his negative view to the extreme. I'm wondering if there really IS such a thing as love. Is it real or just something that we made up? I haven't decided what I really believe yet, but I've been mulling it over and I have actually entertained the possibility that love might not even exist.

In Jon's article on Love, he introduces the definition of love. I actually took Jon's dictionary idea a few steps further to try to find Love's real meaning. As Mr. Owens had already discovered, Webster defines the word love as a strong affection. It then, it turn, defines affection as a moderate emotion. Emotion is defined as a sense of feeling, and feeling is then defined as a state of emotion—which makes the definition of love about as clear as mud, right? The definitions all just come back on each other. So, if there's no true definition for the word, then what does it really mean? Does it mean that there is a possibility that love may not exist? Could it be an abstraction? Is it merely an attempt to describe aesthetically what we cannot describe logically? If it really isn't love, then what is it?

So, how do we explain our relationships with the people around us? Don't we love our family and friends? How else could we explain the intimacy between a man and a woman? Aren't all of these things love? They might be, if love exists; but what if it doesn't? There has to be an explanation for how we feel and act towards other people. What can we call it if we can't call it love? Maybe, just maybe there is an explanation. What am I talking about, you ask? Allow me to introduce a possibility that just might help clear a few things up. You may have to humor me a bit but I challenge you to ponder these questions:

What if we are really no different than any other animal that roams this Earth? What if we just think we are? Are we really so highly adapted that we are no longer susceptible to what controls the behavior of every other species? In other words, aren't we simply animals acting like animals? Not only are we

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JILL WEBER/NEWS EDITOR

Concert freaks...



Every college student enjoys a good live concert once in a while, but lately there haven’t been that many bands worthy of seeing coming through Oklahoma.

Last week, I heard on the KATT that an awesome, bad-ass group was coming to Oklahoma City. However, I had to wait four days for the announcement. After those four suspenseful days were over, the KATT announced that Kid Rock is the so-called “awesome, bad-ass band.” Whatever!

Okay, so he was semi-cool when Cowboy first came out. But, hello! His new song and new look are just asking for attention. Sorry to all you Kid Rock fans out there, but I personally wouldn’t waste my time or money on one of his concerts.

You must be asking yourself what kind of concerts do I enjoy going to.

My first concert was when I was fifteen. The Goo Goo Dolls opened up for BUSH in the Myriad and totally rocked the place. Gavin was looking hotter than ever; of course, BUSH was the big band back then.

Everclear and Spacehog put on a two-day concert later that spring. Everclear was indescribable! We were at the very front of the stage being smashed into the rails, sweating out all the everclear we had drank on the way to the concert. After the Spacehog concert, the group I went with got backstage and met the group. I even have pictures to prove it! You’d think that this was an awesome night, but later that night on the way home we ended up in a ditch. Long story; don’t ask.

I’ve also been to see the Steve Miller Band at the Zoo Amphitheater. Anyone who’s seen them knows how great that concert was. Creed played at the Lloyd Noble Center a few years ago, and they put on a good show, too. AC/DC’s Ballbreaker tour was unforgettable.

In April of 1996, Ozzy broke out his Retirement Sucks Tour (who could have known there would be more to come?) and it was the most spectacular event of all time. Well, it seemed like it at the time. It was assigned seating at the Myriad with security all over the place. The crowd wanted an encore and Ozzy finally came back out to jam one last song.

My friend Eric and I jumped the railing and ran past security. We were standing on top of the chairs to see better when Eric took off towards the stage. After a lot of shoving and crouching between people, we were two rows away from Ozzy. Wow. Like I said, it was spectacular.

KATT Fest 2000 was the last concert I attended. \$25 to enjoy over ten bands, including 3 Doors Down, Godsmack, and my all-time favorite band Stone Temple Pilots. It rained the entire day and everyone was soaked and muddy. But when STPs took the stage around 11 p.m., it was awesome. No one cared that we were wet, cold, and grouchy.

So what I’m asking is, when are some more great, legendary bands coming to rock Oklahoma? Tool, Aerosmith, and Staind have played recently, though I regretfully missed the opportunity to see any of them.

My dream concert has always been to see Tom Petty live. I absolutely love him. I had the chance once, but tickets were \$100 a seat, a hotel in Dallas would have cost about the same, and gas would have been unaffordable.

Hopefully, I’ll have another chance someday. Until then, I am hoping some groovy bands will grace us with their presence.



CD Review

“Under Rug Swept”

Alanis Morissette again changes images with the release of her third major album *Under Rug Swept*. Morissette’s image on *Jagged Little Pill* was the angry alt-rock, furious at men for being such pigs and low-lives. On *Supposed Former Infatuation Junky*, she has wedded her image to a deep sense of spirituality. *Under Rug Swept* combines these two images in a deft move of maturity.

Under Rug Swept reads like an autobiography of Morissette’s love life with a definite progression of lyrical themes, climaxing in the last track, “Utopia.”

On the album, you won’t find anger like you did on *Jagged Little Pill*’s most powerful tracks, though you will find pain. You won’t find the *Supposed Former Infatuation Junky*’s rich spirituality save for “Utopia.” Instead, *Under Rug Swept* gives you a very traceable narrative.

This narrative begins by Morissette defining what she wants in a lover. She hooks up with a music exec (described angrily in *Jagged Little Pill*’s track “Right Through You”) who has underage sex with her in “Hands Clean.” In “Right Through You,” Morissette is very angry, but “Hands Clean” is almost journalistic in approach.

Morissette explores the negative impact of this situation in the next two tracks, “Flinch” and “So Unsexy.” In “Flinch,” Morissette talks about how she is trying hard not to flinch at his name. In “So Unsexy,” she says it’s been almost a decade

and still hurts, which for me definitely links this track to “Hands Clean.”

Eventually, Morissette finds a lover (“That Particular Time”), but they need time apart. The relationship is complex, and you get the guy’s viewpoint in the guitar-heavy track “A Man.” She tells him she loves him and will do whatever it takes for him to be happy, and in the end they live in Utopia. “Utopia” sounds more like her hopes and dreams, and here the album ceases its narrative style and turns into a very hopeful and optimistic view of what the world could be.

While novelistic songwriting is fascinating, Morissette’s songs can be too easily construed as cliché-driven. Rolling Stones’ review said *Under Rug Swept* has enough clichés to make up a whole season of Oprah. This appraisal has validity when you do not listen to the album as a cohesive collection of songs.

Hearing the songs outside the album’s context, Morissette has indeed turned from an original writing style to rather blah psychobabble, sounding like the Democratic Party’s singing mascot. All of *Under Rug Swept*’s songs rely on each other for context, especially “Hands Clean.” She says plainly in the early part of her career, she and one of her mentors had an inappropriate relationship, which she has had to live with for years. Just hearing the song without knowing the album, you think she is just trying to push the limits. The album, however, makes it quite clear the negative effects it has had.

Overall, a fascinating album that once you understand what she is doing proves to be a rewarding and fulfilling listening experience. Without understanding, however, *Under Rug Swept* appears as an artistic stumble. Once you realize what’s going on, Morissette proves herself once again as a valid and intriguing musical artist.

--Aaron Clark

EVERYTHINGZ IN

ALANNA BRADLEY/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



A Lady in distress...

Being a lady in distress always starts out as no fun. Especially when it’s the breakdown of your trusty old vehicle. Whether it be at the Hinton Travel Plaza 20 miles from Weatherford or cruising along Main St. with a huge cloud of smoke blowing from the sides of the hood, it seems to never fail to be an embarrassing moment. These scenarios were just a few of many for me in the last few months. After my misfortune with previous vehicles and owning a Wrangler that I should of asked for a mechanic with as an extra, I considered somewhat of a novice at amateur car diagnose.

But nonetheless, I am still that helpless female twidling her thumbs with the hood up on the side of the interstate wondering what in the world my car of only a year is doing with head gasket problems. However, diagnosing this problem wasn’t that easy. It started months with the radiator light on and refilling my car with water and radiator fluid every few weeks. After six months of this and approximately \$700 of shop work with no hope, this lady finally found her knight in shining armor, or grease, whatever the case may be.

I was about to be forced to regulate hard core on some poor excuses for car repair. I was furious because I took it in to three different places with several attempts to explain why it kept

overheating with answers ranging from “Oh, all you need to do is flush your fluid,” to “Ah, ma’am, it’s just that you need a new radiator cap.”

None seemed to work until one day my Mustang Sally said that’s enough and blew her last snort. That’s when I got the advice from a trusty friend to take it to a place about 6 miles north of town called Wood n Engine. Yes I don’t care, I’m going to throw them a free plug for the service and honesty I received. Something that was going to cost me a minimum quote of \$2,000 “elsewhere” ended up being \$600 cheaper and they went out of their way to explain what exactly went wrong with my poor head gaskets.

I want to acknowledge this shop for all their help and hope to pass on a little wisdom to other readers, in particular the estrogen induced kind, to recommend them and show them how much it’s appreciated. Thanks WOOD ‘N ENGINE. (Also, if anyone knows of a good deal on a new car or loves black mustangs with superb head gaskets let me know...)

Okay after that cheesy infomercial last line...I also want to take note of two other rescuers of women in need. Two ripped, muscle-bound, chemical-bonding, P-chem lovers by the names of Jason Wickem and Andy Frame have earned a shout out for also performing what only Hercules could do. Thanks guys for hauling a gigundo Washer and Dryer set up a flight of stairs and later loading a new 27-inch TV and once again hauling it up the same flight of stairs without popping some crucial vertebrae. Your man duties are more than appreciated. I would like to thank all the men out there who have at some point taken the time, whether it be brain power by hooking up electronics or muscle power by fixing a car or hauling heavy appliances, to help all of us out there who have at some point become a lady in distress.



Movie Review

40 days and 40 nights

Miramax Films calls *40 days and 40 Nights* “the first no-sex comedy.” This is anything but true.

The last relationship of Matt Sullivan (Josh Hartnett) left him in total heartbreak. Every since the break up, his love life has been lacking. He can’t stay committed to one girl for more than a few hours. The second the relationship takes a more intimate note, Matt panics.

This happens over and over. During Lent, Matt decides to make a vow: No sex for 40 days.

Matt’s roommate Ryan (Paulo Castanzo) decides to take advantage of it. Ryan makes a web site called The Vow and starts taking bets to see how long Matt will stick to his promise of abstinence.

Matt holds up well until he meets the girl of his dreams, Erica (Shannyn Sossamon). Erica is a bit skeptical about the vow, but falls for Matt. Matt and Erica overcome the odds of a relationship without sex.

The actors in this movie are hilarious. Josh Hartnett does an excellent job portraying your everyday sex crazed man. All the actors make their characters come to life.



This movie only runs for 90 minutes, but each second is full of laughs. The end of the movie takes a turn that is not expected. It made the movie even more interesting.

This movie is fun. It makes you think of the importance sex has taken in relationships. The basic story line is sex really shouldn’t be shared with someone you don’t really care about. They have taken such a serious issue, and made it into a great comedy.

The movie has something for everyone. It is comical, romantic, and fun!

--Macy McGee

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How did a saint become linked to green beer?

By Jason Sullivan/ Staff Reporter

St. Patrick was born sometime in the fifth century. He is considered today to be the Patron Saint of Ireland, yet he was born somewhere in southwestern Britain. At around the age of 16 he was kidnapped and spent this time as a herdsman in Ireland. As saints tend to do, Patrick began seeing visions, some of which urged him to escape.

After his escape he was ordained as a priest, possibly by St. Germanus. After returning to Ireland, he became the successor to St. Palladius, the first bishop of Ireland. He then set up shop until his dying day, making Christianity more accessible to the Irish. His feast day is March 17.

Much myth shrouds St. Patrick, but it is known he was an actual person because some of his writings have been preserved. A bell he supposedly used in mass is on display in the National Museum of Dublin. In Ireland, March 17 is a national holiday and most businesses are closed. Adults "drown the shamrock" to break away from the seriousness of Lent, and children gorge on candy.

So how did all the hoopla and dying food and rivers green get involved with all this Catholic history? As the case with many things, Americans did it. Ever since 1737 the holiday has been celebrated in America. Americans wear green and if you don't, you'll get pinched. We eat green eggs and ham and drink green beer. The Chicago River is dyed green. New York City has a huge parade, as does several other cities.



When the parade is over, the drinking commences. In cities where no parade is held, the drinking comes first. Pubs have benefited greatly from this celebration. You don't even have to be Irish or Catholic anymore. It's all in celebration of Irish-Americans. Luck of the Irish, huh? Leprechauns come from Irish myths but Frosted Lucky Charms can be blamed for making them famous and cute. Shamrocks actually comes from St. Patrick himself. He supposedly used the three-leaf clover to represent the holy trinity when teaching the Irish people about Christianity. It is still popular to wear a shamrock pin, or in Ireland, the actual clover, on St. Patrick's Day.



Medea cast wins honors in Texas

By Ben Hawkins/ Staff Reporter

Theatre instructor Steve Strickler gathered his crew for a pep talk before going on stage. He said, "The hard thing about performing is that you never know when the last performance is."

The cast and crew of *Medea*: a Noh Cycle Drama Based on a Greek Myth knew the truth in Strickler's statement. They performed at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Fort Worth Texas on March 1. The crew stepped onto the stage hoping to advance to nationals in Washington D.C.

Yet they also knew that it might be their last performance of *Medea*.

In the end, judges did not send *Medea* to nationals.

However, Strickler said, "I didn't come back with sour grapes. It was by far our best performance ever."

The cast of *Medea* received a standing ovation after its last performance. Strickler noted this with delight because the audience consisted of 500 theatre enthusiasts.

"This was one of the hardest crowdsever," Strickler said. "A critical audience."



The cast of Medea prepare for upcoming competition of the eerie production of a woman coming to self-actualization through the removal of society's expectations of her.

However, he also noted that it was the "most appreciative audience" as well. Many audience members personally complimented Strickler and the cast of *Medea*. Also, two respondents hired to critique the play spent an hour or more complementing the performance.

"We've put *Medea* to sleep," Strickler said of the play, which was first performed at

Southwestern in November 2001.

"I feel fulfilled. We did exactly what we wanted to do. Going to the Kennedy Center would have been icing."

Although the performance of *Medea* didn't advance to nationals, the theatre department brought home some individual winners. Holly Borrer, who played Medea, was an alternate

semifinalist in the Irene Ryan Auditions.

Also, the department put in 13 design entries. Out of these, Jaciel Roewe won sound design and alternate sound design, Jason Henderson won graphic design, and Matthew Terry won alternate graphic design. Terry Chance won alternate props for his design of the masks used in *Medea*.

Campus life activities keep students busy

By Donnita Stewart/ Staff Reporter

Young men and women from across the United States and around the world prepare for higher education degrees at Southwestern. College life can be one of most rewarding experiences in a person's life even with ice storms and power outages. For many students it is the first step from home and parental control. For the returning adult to continue or finish college, it enhances the quality of their lives by learning new technology and teaching skills and many other benefits for all people.

There are numerous clubs on campus to fit anyone's interests. If there isn't the particular club of your choice there is the possibility to start a club. All areas of majors have something in their department from business organizations to the criminal justice department. There are also numerous church groups so students may continue in their choice of worship and praise.

Each semester the theatre department puts on a production. Speakers visit for a variety of world and local issues.

Announcements for upcoming events are posted throughout the campus. Many times teachers will announce it in class.

College education is to broaden horizons and to become knowledgeable in all areas. Southwestern is providing the atmosphere to give students the tools needed to be productive citizens and knowledgeable of world affairs.

Besides the academic benefits the meeting and making of new friends from all over the world. International students teach us so much and vice versa. Friendships and marriages come from campus happenings. The multi-cultures on this campus provide much insight and breaks down barriers of racism that exists in our world.

Another aspect of campus life is of volleyball, beach parties, and South of the Border. Lets not forget having fun. The fitness center offers work out equipment, weight lifting, and swimming. There is something for ever-single person. College grows a person up to be responsible and contribute to the community one lives in and therefore, a better place for all to live.

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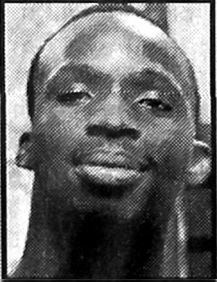
Composed by Features Editor Jon Owens

What are your plans for Spring Break?



Alan Robinson
senior, pharmacy
Hollis

"Pharmacy convention for the first half and home to do studying for the second half."



James Cook
freshman, criminal justice
Cleveland, Texas

"Going to Louisiana to go fly fishing."



Apryl Owens
senior, criminal justice
Anadarko

"I am going to party hardy and rock 'n' roll."



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University and civic leaders got their degrees at Southwestern

By JON OWENS/ FEATURES EDITOR

Ed Berrong was a state senator for 20 years. Ivan Kauger made it to the Oklahoma State Supreme Court. Glenn English, Parry Walker and Bill Rooser served as congressmen. What do all these names have in common?

"It shows we have all sorts of successful students at Southwestern," said president Dr. John Hays.

They are all Southwestern alumni. Not only does Southwestern stand well in the world of politics but in the field of higher education. Many presidents from other state universities have connections to Southwestern.

Former president Al Harris was Southwestern alum. The father of the University of Oklahoma's president, David Boren, was a president at Southwestern.

Currently Southwestern has (outside the major research facilities) five alumni among Oklahoma colleges as presidents.

President John Hays has two degrees from Southwestern. Hays received his bachelor's in accounting and master's in business education, then finished his doctorate in higher education from the University of Oklahoma.

Carl Albert State College is the fastest growing college per capita in the state, and is governed by Joe E. White. He received his bachelors in English at Oklahoma State University. His master's in English came from Southwestern. His doctorate is from OSU.

White's previous work experience has consisted of being principal at Elk City, then superintendent of Sentinel and Elk City public schools and then onto Carl Albert as an administrator.

The alumni president, Rollin D. Reimer, works at Eastern Oklahoma State College. He started at Southwestern working on his bachelor's in education. His MS. in biology is from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. in zoology is from Tulane University.

He started off in higher education as vice president of

academic affairs at Cameron University and then went onto the University of Science and Arts as the vice president of administrative affairs. Before starting his presidency at Eastern he served as an economic development specialist for the state of Oklahoma.

Seminole State College president James W. Utterback received his bachelors and masters in psychology at Southwestern. He finished his schooling with his doctorate in college personnel administration at the University of Northern Colorado.

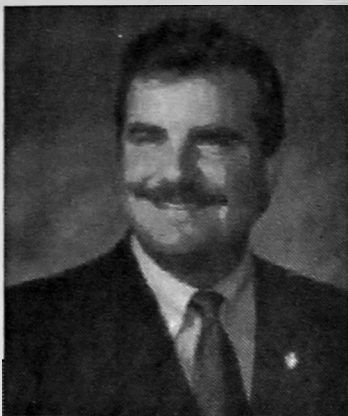
At Murray State College Utterback started off as a Title IV project director. He served as a graduate assistant at the University of Northern Colorado and then worked as a housing director for the University of Denver. His last job before being at Seminole was at Dodge City Community College.

Western Oklahoma State College's president Randy Cumby received his bachelors and masters, both in education, from Southwestern.

He started his career at Western as a college counselor and worked his way up at the junior college all the way to

his current position.

"If you graduate from Southwestern you have the potential for success," Hays said.



Dr. James W. Utterback

Dr. Joe E. White

Dr. Rollin D. Reimer



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WEEKLY FEATURE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT HAPPENINGS

By Clay Pope

® The Student Senate passed legislation concerning Martin Luther King Jr. Day last Wednesday. The resolution reads as follows:

Therefore Let It Be Resolved by the Students of Southwestern Oklahoma State University That:

Section I. The University properly observe the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as set by precedence of Oklahoma state offices, the majority of state funded schools, a number of banks and private businesses, the U.S. Postal Service, etc. ... by closing the university in honor of the Civil Rights Movement, led by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and many other men and women who nonviolently fought for equal treatment under the law and in society.

® Attention!! Any undecided major or graduate student interested in becoming a member of SGA please contact any member of the Senate or Executive Council or call 774-0615.

® If any organization is interested in donating money to a Juke Box that will be placed in the University Grill. Please contact Janet Pelzel at 774-0615.

® The line up for SWOSU palooza has been decided. The line up is as follows:

1. Lotic
 2. 5 Star Day
 3. PMA
 4. Banner Road
 5. Solomon's Splendor
 6. Sub-Seven
 7. Time Machine
 8. Spoken
 9. Underwater People
- SWOSU palooza starts at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2002.

Southwestern's corner on scholarship

by Jeff Gentry, Language Arts Department

SWOSU's faculty, staff and students are actively engaged in diverse scholarly pursuits. Congratulations to the following administrators, professors and their students for all their contributions to research, theory, art and learning.

Fred Alsberg, Language Arts, published the article "Interview with Caroline Wright" in *Westview: A Journal of Western Oklahoma*, 21 (1).

Mary Aspedon, School Service Programs, presented the paper "Factors that Affect Student

Achievement: What 21st Century Teachers Need to Know" at the annual conference of the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Norman.

Thomas Ratliff, Student Financial Services, made the workshop presentations "Communication During Meetings" and "Time Management & Goal Setting" at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' National Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C.

Valerie Reimers, Language Arts, presented the paper "Family TV Sitcoms, Shifting of Authority and Focus: Fathers, Mothers, and Children from the 1960s to the Present" at the annual conference of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, N.M.

Ronna Vanderslice, School Service Programs, published the article "Special Olympics: Beneficial to All?" in the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. She also published the article "Developing Effective In-

School-Suspension Programs" in a publication of the Educational Resources Information Center.

Administrators, Faculty and students are encouraged to submit all scholarly activities to the OSP on the form available on the SWOSU web page under Administration/Forms/ SWOSU FORMS/ Research and Grants. Use of this form greatly facilitates the collection and dissemination of research activities. Additional scholarly activity may be viewed at the OSP web page.

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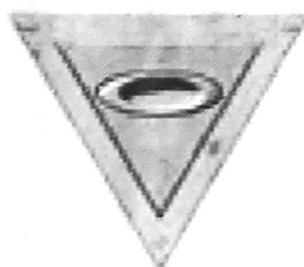
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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Vicki Hatton Health guru

By Jill Weber/News Editor

After growing up in and graduating from Mangum, Dr. Vicki Hatton attended Southwestern where she obtained her Bachelor degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and her Masters degree in Education. She later received her Doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Hatton first coached and taught physical education for grades K-12 in Watonga for two years. She then moved to Plainview, TX where she coached and taught at Hale Center for ten years. Around that time, three former teachers of hers from Southwestern contacted her and told her about an opening for a HPER teacher. She came back to Weatherford and interviewed for the job she still holds fourteen years later.



There are many duties in being an Assistant Professor in HPER. Hatton teaches many classes including Methods and Materials for Elementary Teachers, Adapted Physical Education, and Teaching Health in Public Schools.

"I enjoy giving guidance to students," said Hatton. "I like to see them go out and make a difference."

"I miss coaching, but I like the opportunity of working with students who will become future educators."

Hatton holds a chair on the Athletic Council, is involved with the Action Team, and was involved with the board for the President's inauguration last year. She went to Washington, D.C. to visit with Senators and Congressmen about what to do with physical education being taught to students in public schools for the Physical Education for Progress Act. This summer, Hatton will attend meetings in Washington, D.C. and Savannah, Georgia as the President elect for the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. In October, she will be the new president. She will also travel to San Diego in April to represent Oklahoma.

In her free time, Hatton enjoys golfing, playing tennis, walking, and reading. She attended the NCAA Women's Final Four a few years ago, and went to the New York Liberty 2000 where many women's basketball teams played. In the future, Hatton would like to get involved with some administrative duties, but enjoys what she is doing for now.

"The HPER department and the people I work with are great," said Hatton. "I feel fortunate to be back at Southwestern."

Softball team splits with Bacone

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

MUSKOGEE, Oklahoma - Frustration would best describe the softball team on Mar. 6, as the Lady Bulldogs split a pair of games with Bacone College, despite overmatching the Lady Warriors in overall ability.

The over anxious Lady Bulldogs allowed BC the chance to score two runs in the first inning on a pair of errors and two hits. SWOSU also could not figure out the pitching style of BC's Amber Santos, recording only two hits in the game.

Lauren Brown and Dandy Newton were the only Southwestern team members to notch a hit in the game, leaving everyone ready to pounce on the Lady Warriors in game two, after dropping game one 2-0. Tasha Coles suffered her third loss of the season, scattering five hits over six innings and striking out four. Coles allowed only one earned run and no walks in her eighth appearance of the season.

April Chapman's 4-for-4 performance from the plate paced the Lady Bulldogs 13-hit attack in game two, resulting in a 4-2 victory. Brown and sophomore Courtney Hale each added two hits apiece as Southwestern Oklahoma scored two runs in the top of the second and third innings.

Bacone managed to push two runs across in the game, but pitcher Hale went the distance for SWOSU, striking out five batters en route to her fourth win of the year.

The 4-2 final score is a deceiving indicator of the true outcome of a game in which the Lady Bulldogs dominated the Lady Warriors. SWOSU missed out on several scoring opportunities, leaving 15 runners on base, including stranding the bases loaded on four occasions.

Bacone College committed three errors and surrendered six walks, while allowing 13 hits. SWOSU had runners on base in every inning of the game, while BC could muster base runners in only four of the seven innings.

The split moves SWOSU's record to 8-9 on the year. Southwestern Oklahoma will return home on Thursday for a pair of Lone Star Conference North Division games against Southeastern. First pitch will take place at 2 p.m.



Kiley Tyson



Kari Edge

Two earn all-academic

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

Four Southwestern women's basketball team members were among 18 student-athletes honored by the Lone Star Conference with All-Academic honors for the North Division, by having at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and completing a minimum of 24 semester hours at her institution, while also earning a "letter" for the 2001-02 athletic season.

Kiley Tyson, junior from Thomas, and Kari Edge, sophomore from Kingfisher, headlined the representation with spots on the LSC North All-Academic Team. Tyson and Edge were selected to the six member team by the league's sports information directors, based on academic and athletic achievement.

Tyson, an education major, finished the season as the seventh leading scorer on the team, averaging 5.2 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. Edge, a health science major, tied with Tyson in the scoring ranks, averaging 5.2 points and 2.3 rebounds. Edge also started in 23 of the Lady Bulldogs 27 games.

Sophomore Roxie Camden, of Weatherford, and junior Ashlee Hamar, a native of Thomas, were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll for meeting the qualifications for All-Academic Team selection. Camden averaged 12 minutes per game for the Lady Bulldogs, ranking fourth on the team in free throw shooting with an 81% (17-of-21) clip from the charity stripe. Hamar finished as the team's leading scorer, averaging 10.1 points per game, along with 3.3 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest. She also earned Second Team All-LSC North honors for her play on the court.

Intramural all-stars shine Thursday

An intramural all-star basketball night is planned this Thursday evening.

All SWOSU students are invited to participate in the fun-filled evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Rankin Williams Fieldhouse. Admission is free.

Scott Miller, assistant intramural director at SWOSU, said there will be various competitions including men's and women's three-point shooting, spot shot, slam dunk and half-court shot contests. The winner of the half-court

shot contest will receive \$100, while other prizes will include local restaurant gift certificates, t-shirts and movie passes.

Free cokes will also be provided during the evening.

Miller said SWOSU students need to sign up for the contests by Wednesday, March 13, at the SWOSU Intramural Office.

Southwestern's intramural basketball leagues are finishing up their post-season tournaments on March 13, and the all-star night is planned to end the intramural basketball season.

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Bulldogs improve record with easy wins over USAO

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

CHICKASHA, Oklahoma - For the second time this season, the Southwestern Oklahoma baseball team broke out their whooping sticks and put 22 runs on the board in a pair of victories over the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, 12-4, and 10-2, in a non-conference double header on Tues., Mar. 5 at Bill Smith Ball Park.

Senior Wes Sparks (2-1) grabbed the win in game one, going the distance for the Bulldogs. Sparks allowed seven hits and three walks, while striking out six. Second baseman Alfonso Borjas, Jr. wasted little time announcing his arrival to Chickasha by blasting a two-run homer, after a leadoff walk by Jake Dillard. Bryan Hackney added another run to the SWOSU total with an RBI ground out to third, four batters later.

The Bulldogs added a pair of runs in the second inning, pushing their lead to 5-2 over the Drovers. After a single run in the fourth, SWOSU erupted for six runs in the top of the sixth, using only three hits, a hit batter and two walks,

coupled with a USAO error.

Senior Brady Hybsha and sophomore Bryan Hackney notched RBI singles, while Josh Kilhoffer and Matt Morgeson each tallied RBI's with sacrifice flies. Gabe Boyd added the other RBI of the inning with a run scoring double.

The Drovers slipped two more runs past the plate in the sixth and seventh innings, but it wasn't nearly enough to compete with the Bulldogs, falling by a final score of 12-4. Borjas, Hybsha and Marc Williams each finished with two hits in the game and were just warming up for the nightcap.

Game two was more of the same as SWOSU used a 14-hit barrage to blast the Drovers, 10-2. Brent Hill (3-1) recorded his third win of the season with a six-inning, five-hit performance. Hill allowed only one earned run and one walk, while punching out seven.

Hill earned all the run support he would need in the first inning as the Bulldogs sent eight batters to the plate. Dillon Ball came up with the only hit of the inning, plating

two runs with an RBI single. Ball's single came after four USAO walks and a failed pick off attempt which scored one SWOSU runner and loaded the bases for Ball. SWOSU put up a four spot in the fourth, using three extra base hits to plate four runs. Borjas and Williams each pounded RBI doubles, followed by an RBI triple from Hybsha. Moments later, Hybsha scored on a passed ball to round out the scoring in the top of the fourth.

The Bulldogs added three more in the final three innings, before Kris Wermey pitched a scoreless seventh to end the game. Five batters recorded at least two hits for SWOSU, led by Borjas with a 2-for-4 performance, including two runs scored and three RBI's.

Southwestern improved their season record to 10-5 on the year, including a four-game winning streak. The Bulldogs will return to action on Fri., Mar. 8 with a doubleheader against Benedictine College. First pitch of game one will be at 1:00 p.m. at Rankin Williams Field.

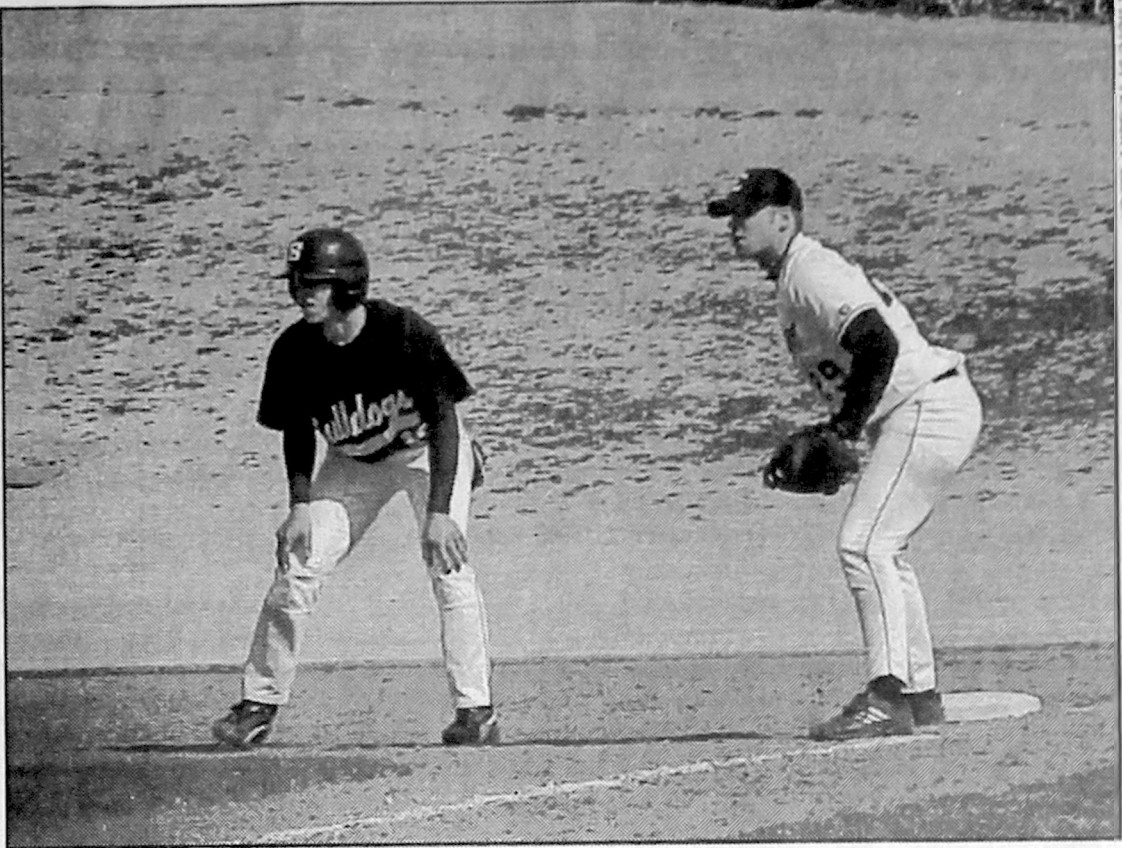


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Hackney named hitter of the week

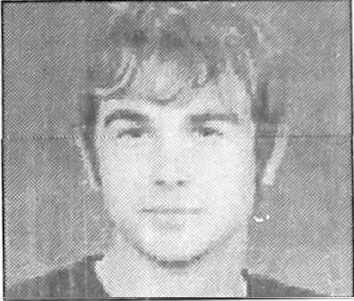
SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

Southwestern Oklahoma baseball player Bryan Hackney has been named the Lone Star Conference North Division "Hitter of the Week" for the week of Mar. 4 after recording a .556 batting average in a pair of Bulldog wins last week.

Hackney, a 6-0 sophomore from Paris, TX, led the Bulldogs in three wins

against St. Gregory's University, including the continuation of a previously suspended game due to darkness. Hackney went five-for-nine from the plate, scored two runs, slapped two doubles and crushed a homer in the victories. He also posted five RBI's and a whopping 1.111 slugging percentage for the week.

Hackney currently leads the



team with a .387 batting average. The third baseman has started in eight of the 11 games he has appeared.

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STEPHEN GLOVER/SPORTS EDITOR

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Another historical and humorous approach at choosing a mascot is in Freeport, Illinois. The high school's mascot is a pretzel. Freeport has two major economic products: beer and pretzels. Since any mascot referring to alcohol would be considered inappropriate for a high school, the school chose the pretzel as a mascot. People at Pretzel football games cheer, "You can eat us, but you can't beat us."

The University of California, Santa Cruz took a geographical approach at finding a mascot. Their mascot is a Banana Slug. A Banana Slug is a bright yellow gastropod that lives among the redwoods around Santa Cruz.

Another school that took a geographical approach at picking a mascot is the high school in Fort Collins, Colorado. It seems sheep raisers once heavily populated Fort Collins so the school started calling them selves the Lambkins. The representation of the mascot has been a gentle looking lamb named LeRoy. Recently, a more vicious looking lamb named Clyde replaced LeRoy. Even the football coach suggested calling the football team the "Blacksheep" to beef up the mascot.

The University of Illinois took a cultural approach to find a name for their mascot. The school's mascot is named an Illini. The mascot got this nickname from a local Indian chief named Illiniwek, who was the leader of a loose confederation of Algonquin tribes. His name means "they are men," and

former Illinois coach Robert Zuppke believes this is where the "Fighting Illini" got their name.

The Delphi, Indiana, Community High School has an oracle for a mascot. It seems this name was adopted after a resident traveled to Greece and became captivated with Greek history and culture. In ancient Greece, the town of Delphi was known for its famed oracle.

Doane Stuart School in Albany, New York took a very supernatural approach at picking their mascot, the Thunder Chicken. When the time came for Doane Stuart to pick a mascot, the student body went to the legendary Thunder Chicken.

The yellow and orange Thunder Chicken stands 6 feet 5 inches tall and holds a lighting bolt. It overlooks the school's gym, which is affectionately known as the "Chicken Coop." If this doesn't astonish you, the Thunder Chicken also performs for the crowd by playing the bagpipes.

Itasca, Texas High School has the mysterious Wampus Cat for a mascot. Apparently, the Wampus Cat has no definite form. The cat can change into any number of distinct forms, from ferocious to humorous. A local urban legend tells of someone actually catching or spotting the elusive Wampus Cat. Conway, Arkansas High School also has the Wampus Cat as its mascot. A local newspaper in Conway gave a reason why the Wampus Cat has six legs: "Four to run at the speed of light, Two to fight with all its might."

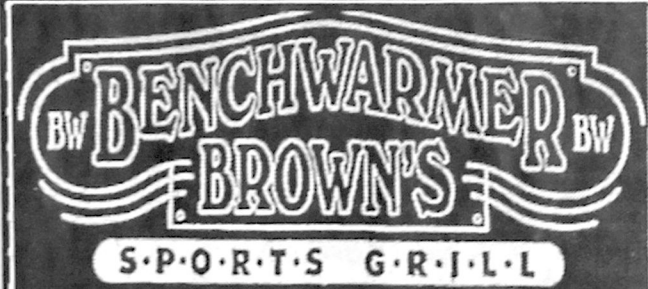
All-conference honors

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

Five Southwestern Oklahoma basketball players were named to the North All-Lone Star Conference teams, as voted on by the league's head coaches..

Senior Milan Pepper, a 6-3 guard from St. Louis, MO, was named the LSC-North "Player of the Year." Junior forward Cochise Valentine, 6-5 from St. Louis, MO, joined Pepper on the All-LSC North First Team after posting an outstanding season for SWOSU. Junior Arturo Jones, a 6-2 guard from Compton, CA, was the only other men's team member honored, picking up Honorable Mention accolades.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by guard Ashlee Hamar, 5-7 of Thomas. Hamar was named to the All-LSC North Second Team.



Benchwarmer Brown's 'March Madness Challenge.'

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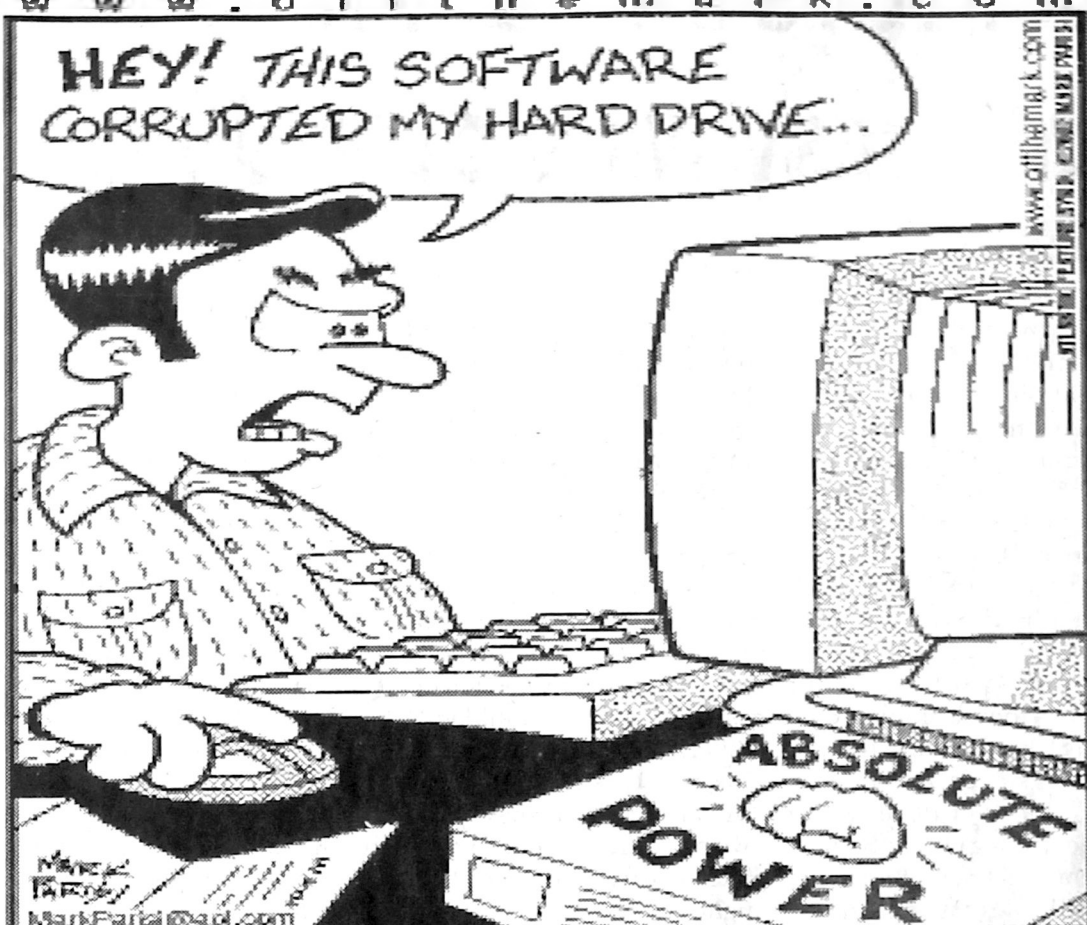
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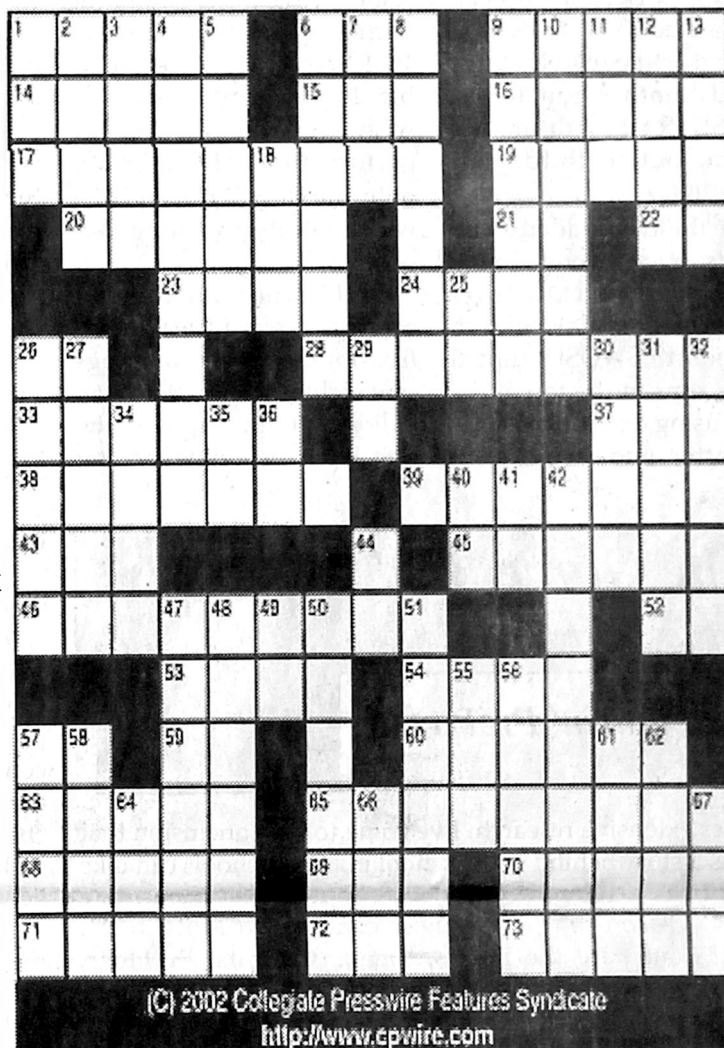
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ACROSS

1. Hot under the collar
6. Toy pilot
9. Err
14. Slang for legal
15. Eye
16. Willow tree
17. Lands away from the wind
19. 19th century metric measurement
20. Abandon
21. A prefix
22. Musical note
23. Nitrogenous fertilizer compound
24. Hub of a wheel
26. Morning hours
28. Type of saint
33. Chaperone
37. Symbol for honesty
38. Mythical monsters
39. Flatten up
43. Mistake
45. Barley syrup
46. Blank space that marks end of data
52. Advanced degree
53. College disease, commonly
54. A fruit of Asia
57. Third-person present singular of "be"
59. Electronic amplification system
60. _____
63. Having no police record
65. Foul-smelling organic bases
68. Halloween adjective
69. _____ de Cologne
70. Free-for-all
71. Turl
72. Picas
73. Sacred part of ancient temples

DOWN

1. Unfavorable opinion
2. Obese
3. Screenwriter for African Queen
4. Wrapping for Christmas
5. Anastrolic
6. Doorway
7. Before
8. Not there
9. Reason
10. Atomic compounds
11. Serious mistake
12. Retreats
13. Type of sandwich
16. Norwegian bronze coin
25. Small Thai coin
26. Totaled
27. Black & white diving bird
29. Cut off
30. Palm
31. At the right of a ship
32. Woman gossip
34. Countess's husband
35. Indicate disbelief
36. Suffix meaning certain kind
40. Preposition indicating comparison
41. Heraldic insignia
42. Made least beautiful
44. Reference to people in general
47. Lessen strength
48. Complained
49. Not out
50. Type of rug
51. Reddish
55. High school class
56. Camel-like animal
57. These can be Italian
58. Lots and lots
61. Merely
62. Mammary projection (alt. spelling)
64. Historical period
66. Irish hat
67. Type of salt



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