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The Southwestern

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SGA elections to be held online

By Dana McBee
Staff Reporter

For the first time ever, the Student Government Association elections will be completely electronic. On-line ballots will be posted on Desire2Learn for all students to access.

Ballots will be available on D2L April 7-8, and students will only be able to vote once. Voting will be completely anonymous and accurate.

The hope for the new on-line system is to increase voter turnout. The ease and convenience should encourage more people to vote. Previous elections have been held in the Stafford Building and in the Student Union, but both areas are limited on how many students they can reach.

Mary Lawless, Election Committee Chair, says, "The only concern I've heard is that some students were worried that they would forget to vote if there were no physical polling locations. Several of SGA's committees are working together to provide information about voting on Desire2Learn and to establish polling locations around campus to assist with the change to electronic voting."

The format of the ballots will be similar to taking a quiz or test for any class on D2L. Students will be able to vote for their candidates

and on a number of issues.

The Presidential candidates are Angela Foust with vice president Tyler Rogers, and Britnee Goure, with vice presidential nominee Caitlin Harwell. The only candidate for Treasurer is Allyson Walton.

Students who want to know more about each candidate can attend an open question-and-answer

When:
April 7-8
Where:
D2L

session at 7 p.m. April 1 in Stafford room 104. The event will be hosted by the Student Senate.

Issues that could come up for vote will concern a tobacco-free campus, increases in activity fees, moving the Homecoming Parade from Main Street to University Drive, selection of faculty, administrator, and staff members for the Brandy Awards, and revisions to the Constitution.

With the ballots being online, the option to read the bills and legislation in their entirety will be available by clicking the titles and following the



Randy Rogers Band headlines this year's SWOSUpalooza

By Danny Vise Jr
Staff Reporter

On April 16, at SWOSUPalooza 10 the headliner is the Randy Rogers Band, based out of Austin, Texas.

The Randy Rogers Band is the most decorated band at SWOSUPalooza to date. They are nominated this year by the Academy of Country Music in the Top Vocal Group category up against bands like Rascal Flatts, Little Big Town, and Lady Antebellum.

The band consists of Randy

Rogers on lead vocal and rhythm guitar, Brady Black on the fiddle, Geoffrey Hill on lead guitar, Jon Richardson on bass, and Les Lawless on the drum kit. They formed in 2000 in the San Marcos, Texas area, playing venues such as the Chatham Street Warehouse and the Nutty Brown Café outside of Austin.

After recording their third album, *Just a Matter of Time*, their act became much more nationwide as the album gained the attention of country music fans across the country. It debuted at No. 8 on the Billboard Country Music Charts.

"What that record did for us is, we can go play in Wisconsin or, I think we were in Minnesota last week, and people know the work that this band has done," Rogers told the Dallas Morning News. "That record, as a whole for us, opened up doors that were closed before. Did it sell platinum? No. Could it have sold it? Absolutely. I believe in that record and still stand by that record. It did exactly what we thought that it would do."

Their fourth studio album, see Rogers on page 2

Enrollment down; job market may lead to change

By Kallie Elder
Staff Reporter

Over the last few years Southwestern has seen a decline in student enrollment. Total head count numbers have been down the last three years, with spring 2009 enrollment down 2.8 percent compared to spring 2008.

The number of full time students has also been on the decline the last five years. Compared to last spring it is down by 83 students.

Enrollment was steadily climbing, until reaching its peak in 2004. Since then Southwestern has seen a steady decline in enrollment. While the numbers are not dramatic, it is still a worry if this trend will continue.

Bob Klaassen, Southwestern's Registrar said he would not consider the drop significant. "It's fairly routine," he said, "it's related to job opportunities."

Klaassen said that throughout the last year the job market in western Oklahoma was booming,

especially in the oilfield. The availability of good jobs lured many potential students away from college and into the workforce.

With the job market on the decline though, especially in the oilfield, Klaassen said it is still hard to tell if the numbers will go back up, as there are other factors at play.

Another factor Klaassen states is a smaller pool to choose from.

"High school graduation in Western Oklahoma is down, and could continue to drop," Klaassen said.

Todd Boyd, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, also cites a decline in potential students to the cause.

"Registration is down across the nation and state. The population in western Oklahoma is in decline." Recent census data shows population declines in many of the counties surrounding Weatherford, including Custer county. Dewey County has seen a negative 8.5 percentage drop in population.

Boyd also says that competing

with a booming job market is hard.

"It's tough competition," said Boyd, as many students no longer see the need to keep building their job skills. He thinks as the job market slows down, though, we will see more people coming back to school to acquire more skills.

Boyd said that Southwestern's plan right now to attract more students has been to increase marketing in the Oklahoma City Metro area and Tulsa.

Conversation Starters

1 A teenager has been charged with lighting an unconscious man's pants on fire and causing a third-degree burn to the man's groin, police said Monday.

Source: msnbc.com

2

Yale University student Jesse Maiman, 21, filed a lawsuit against US Airways in March because someone stole the Xbox console from his luggage, for which he wants \$1 million.

Source: newsoftheweird.com

3

A cast of a "hobbit" skeleton will go on public display for the first time as part of a human evolution symposium April 21 on Long Island, New York. The hobbit fossils (and near fossils) were discovered on the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003.

Source: .com

NEWS

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Randy Rogers Band, was released in 2008 and debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard Country Music Charts.

They have had several songs reach the country music charts, such as “Kiss Me In the Dark,” “Tonight’s Not the Night,” “One More Goodbye,” “Down and Out,” and “In My Arms Instead.” They have done all this despite not being a “Nashville” country band. Being based out of Austin they are part of a growing scene of Texas Country or Red Dirt music that has sprung up in the Oklahoma and Texas music scenes. Bands such as they, Cross Canadian Ragweed, No Justice, Jason Boland, Reckless Kelly, Kevin Fowler, Brandon Rhyder, and so many others are a part of this growing trend to stay out of the business end of music and just record what they want. These bands like Randy Rogers gain their fan base, not by radio hits, but by constant touring, many being on the road almost 300 days a year.

Despite this the Randy Rogers Band in 2007 was listed on *Rolling Stone’s* list of top 10 acts to see, along with U2 and others. They also have recently appeared on both the Late Show with David Letterman and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. As well as their self titled album debuting as the most downloaded country album on iTunes.

They attribute a lot of this success to the songs that they play, most of which are written by Rogers.

“These songs are definitely true, and they’re relatable to many different life situations that I’ve either gone through in the past or will go through in the future,” Rogers said. “I just tried to create believable characters and relatable characters. I hear from fans that we really have helped them in real-life situations when they’ve applied the songs to their everyday life. That’s what I strive for in the songs that I write.”

They, however, have not let their success go their heads. They have remained true to what they think music is all about. They still play the old bars, the small venues, and even some college Palooza’s often. They have not “jumped ship” chasing big money and big arenas. That is what makes this band. They do it for the love of the music.

In the 2009 Lone Star Music Awards they are nominated for seven awards including, Best Album, Best Song for “Kiss Me In the Dark,” Best Vocal Performance, Best Musician with Brady Black on fiddle, Best Songwriter with Randy Rogers, Best Live Act of 2008, and Best Album Artwork with their self titled album.

Elections from page 1

link.

For questions concerning any of the issues, voting procedures, or for help with the process contact Mary Lawless at lawlessm@student.swosu.edu, and remember to cast your electronic vote April 7 or 8 on your Desire2Learn account.



Andrae’ Cook (left) and Jahven Tanner (right), both of Weatherford, are serving as Oklahoma Stars for current Miss SWOSU Kaeli Jo Carothers (second from left) of Hollis, and the girls will be attending the Miss Oklahoma Contestant Day this Saturday, April 4, in Tulsa.

Two serves as Stars

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The Miss Oklahoma Organization created the program seven years ago to expose girls ages 6-11 to outstanding young women as role models. Carothers, along with the other Miss Oklahoma contestants, is committed to mentoring the young “stars.”

Cook is the 10-year-old daughter of Doug and Kim Cook, and Tanner is the daughter of Robert and Grace Tanner. Both are fourth-graders at West Elementary School.

Both Carothers and Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen Ashley Nicole Wheeler of Altus (Navajo) will both perform their talents at this Saturday’s Miss Oklahoma Contestant Day. This is the seventh year for the Miss SWOSU Pageant to have Oklahoma Stars. Previous ones were Alex Harrison in 2003; Ashton Folsom, 2004; Abby Smith, 2005; Hannah Henry and Kimberlyn Lancaster, 2006; Ashlynn Karlin, 2007; and Reagan Tuck and Addison Duerksen, 2008.

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NEWS

SWOSU to host Relay for Life April 24

By Jasmine Cocheran
Staff Reporter

Relay for Life has been a non-profit organization since 2000, and has raised millions of dollars for the American and Canadian Cancer Societies.

Southwestern has been given the opportunity to host this fund-raising event on April 24th in the Wellness Center.

Many non-collegiate organizations are involved, including: Cells-U-More US Cellular captained by Misty Julian, The Weatherford Regional Hospital captained by Lucas Grounds, Team Kathy captained by Kerri Unruh, and The Three Amigos captained by



Britnee Goure.

Krystal Benevento, manager of Cells-U-More, said her company got involved in Relay for life to make a difference.

"This gives US Cellular the opportunity to fight against a disease that has affected us all, and also it gives everyone a sense of pride to know they are a part of something bigger than themselves," she said.

There are also many Southwestern organizations involved.

Some include KAPPA EPSILON, captained by Lena Lam, and the SWOSU Orientation Leaders, captained by Elizabeth Austin.

Senior Communication major Liz Austin said Relay for Life is important to her because it is meaningful and fun.

"Relay for Life is an amazing event that raises both funds and awareness for a disease that affects so many lives. It's great to be involved in such a special

activity-- and it's fun, too," she said.

Although each team is working very hard towards its own specific goals, the top three teams should be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

They include: KAPPA EPSILON Team Kathy Weatherford Regional Hospital

All three combined have raised over \$2,000, and still have plenty of time to reach their goals if they haven't already.

Relay for Life is giving Weatherford the opportunity to come together as a community and fight towards the cure for cancer.

Staff Appreciation Week set for next week

SAF, Brandy Awards recognize faculty and staff

By Misty Crosby
Staff Reporter

Brandy Award News Appreciation is a compliment that often goes unsaid. Until four years ago, the situation was much the same at SWOSU.

Staff, administration, and faculty appreciation week (called SAF for short) is set to be April 13-17 this year. The idea was introduced by the CAB four years ago.

SAF week is to honor faculty, staff, and administration on the SWOSU campus. One event that came with the advent of SAF week was the introduction of the

Brandy Awards.

The Brandys are three awards, one for each letter in SAF, which honor three outstanding SWOSU employees as voted and elected by the SWOSU campus.

"I, as Dean, am the only one not eligible," said Cindy Dougherty, dean of students.

Nominations for the Brandys will continue through April 2, and voting for the nominees will be on April 7 and 8. This year students will be able to vote online through their Desire to Learn (D2L) account. Students can nominate people by sending an e-mail to Dean

Dougherty.

There are almost 20 nominees, and there is still time for students to nominate their favorite SWOSU employee.

Debra Purdum, an 11-year staff member as a Human Resource Specialist, was nominated this year.

"I'm just shocked. I think it's a wonderful honor," she said.

Brian Adler, the 2008 winner for the Administrator Brandy Award said, "I was very honored; it was such a nice award. I'll be anxious to see who wins them this year."

Winners of the Brandys

receive a traveling trophy that has their and previous winners names engraved in it.

To add to the spirit of SAF Appreciation Week, every employee will receive a few tokens of appreciation from the CAB, whether they are nominated for a Brandy or not.

"I love CAB for putting together SAF week and all the work they do throughout the year," Dougherty said.

There will be a reception to honor this year's Brandy winners on April 15, from 11:30-1:30. The location of the reception is to be announced.

Coming up at SWOSU...

• History Club to show movie

The Southwestern History Club will screen Blind Shaft on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30PM in CAM 102.

Set in the coalmining towns of contemporary west China, Blind Shaft, follows two cold-blooded, methodical killers as they search for their next victim in their complex and grisly scheme of murder and profit. Produced in 2003, Blind Shaft is banned in China no doubt because the film also shows the western world that the recent Chinese economic miracle in fact excludes hundreds and hundreds of millions of Chinese. Rated R for language and brief sexual content. 89 minutes. Subtitles.

• SWOSU New Student Orientation is April 3

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's second New Student Orientation session for incoming freshmen is Friday, April 3, on the Weatherford campus.

The students will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The program concludes around 1 p.m. when the students will pick up their class schedules for the fall semester.

Jena Skarda of the NSO program at SWOSU said families are also invited to attend the Family Orientation Session that runs concurrently with the student orientation.

• Scholarly Activity Fair

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OPINION

Runners were ‘tough enough’ to run 5k in bad weather

By Ashley Slemp
Features Editor

This past Saturday was the annual “Tough Enough To Wear Pink” 5K Run/Walk on the Southwestern campus. All proceeds from the race were going to benefit Relay for Life, which is an organization that raises money to fight cancer.

On Friday night, the snow and ice started coming in. By Saturday morning, the ground was covered and the roads were dangerously slick but the 5K was still on. Volunteers and runners gathered early on Saturday

morning to brave the cold. It was about 28 degrees outside with 40 mile per hour wind. But still, many were determined. I am proud to say that I was one of those. It was my first 5K and I decided that I was gonna go through with it, despite the harsh conditions. As we all gathered at the starting line and felt the cold air, we realized just how difficult this race was going to be. The gun went off and the race began. As the cold air blew against our faces, I turned to my friend Stefani and said “hey, we’re doing this to fight cancer. Let’s just keep that in mind.” And we did. All of the runners and walkers went down the 3.1

miles of icy roads and crossed the finish line. It was a proud moment for me when I finally did it. My fiancé was standing at the finish line waiting for me and snapping pictures. Everyone involved (the participants, the volunteers, the race organizers) did a great job making this race possible and we finished it with a bang. As it turned out, the “tough enough” slogan turned out to be a bit of irony. We were, in fact, “tough enough” to participate. “Tough enough” to fight cancer. You can be too by participating in Relay for Life on April 24th at the Southwestern Wellness Center.



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FEATURES

Spring Break meant work for some, relaxation for others

By Dianna Fair
Staff Reporter

For many students spring break meant that well waited trip home to see the family, some far and some near. However for some it meant all work and no play.

Linsey Hale a senior from Weatherford, Oklahoma said “this was the first spring break that I did not have to work and she was very happy about that.” She spent most of her time with her best friend Captain her German Sheppard. They played water Frisbee in the small creek behind her house. She also spent time resting up and watching her favorite pirate .

Elisabeth Austin, a junior, from Borger, Texas and studying Mass. Communication and

English went to Missouri for Grad. School. Then she was off to Boston to visit a friend. Elizabeth said “I had a blast, but did not get much rest and came home exhausted.” It did sound like she was very happy to get away for awhile and had a lot of fun.

Then there were some who stayed home and relaxed. Patricia Snyder, a senior from the Bay Area in California said, “ I ate great sushi and spent a lot of time outside enjoying the weather.” Rest and relaxation that was her fun for spring break.

Then there were students such as Adam Tomberlin had to work all of his spring break. He did say however he did get to rest a little bit, so he said that his spring break was not very exciting.

Spring break is one

vacation everyone in school looks forward too. It sounded like everyone’s spring break was not the same, but we all got a week out of school to catch up that well needed break to rest. It is also the time the parents look forward to because they get to see their kids.

Watching everyone loading their cars on Friday was a sight to remember. Everyone was running around trying not to forget those last minute details. All in all it sounded like everyone had a great spring break and some said it was boring because they had to stay home, but they made the best of it. I hope everyone had the spring bring break they wanted and had lots of fun whether they traveled home or just stuck around Weatherford.

April Fool’s Day is celebrated worldwide

By Melia Jacobi
Staff Reporter

The origin and history of April Fool’s Day is not certain. The most popular theory is that the modern holiday was first celebrated soon after the adoption and reformation of the Gregorian Calendar in France under Charles IX. Prior to the reformed calendar, the New Year was celebrated for eight days beginning on March 25 and lasting until April 1.

With the reform of the new calendar, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced. New Year’s Day was then moved to Jan. 1. However, communication traveled slowly in those days since it was done by foot. Many people didn’t receive news of the change. Some weren’t even informed until several years later. Some people were just rebellious and refused to acknowledge the change and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1st. These people were labeled as “fools.” They were subject to ridicule and sent on “fool errands,” sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played



upon them. This harassment evolved over time and a custom of prank-playing continue on the first day of April. This theory is questioned and isn’t proven true. According to a *Gentleman’s Magazine* in April of 1766, it is shown that the British, not the French may be the ones that once observed New Year’s on April 1. Although the origin isn’t totally clear, April Fool’s day has taken an international flavor with each country celebrating the holiday in its own way. In Scotland the day is devoted to spoofs

involving the buttocks and as such is called Taily Day. The origins of the “Kick Me” sign can be traced back to the Scottish observance. In England jokes are only played in the morning. If one plays a prank after noon it is considered bad luck. In Rome, the holiday is known as Festival of Hilaria, celebrating the resurrection of the god Attis. In Portugal, April Fool’s falls on the Sunday and Monday before lent. Many people throw flour at their friends in this celebration.





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FEATURES

Color and flair are ‘in’ this spring

By Linsey Hale
Staff Reporter

Spring has sprung and it’s time for students to put away their hoodies and scarves. Martha Sauer, owner of the Kloset, has some suggestions on what would replace Uggs boots and sweaters. “Everything is about color. We’re seeing more brightly colored clothes, especially in shorts and dresses,” she said. “The Maxidress (a long v-neck thin-strapped dress) is a favorite among college women. It can be easily dressed up with a jacket and jewelry.” Sauer said the overall theme in 2009 is femininity. “All of the dresses and tops are longer and lighter - which compliment the figure. The peasant top has made a come-back due to its comfortable fit and light fabric.” Nothing much has changed with pants. “Jeans are still the staple of most women’s wardrobe, however, ankle-pants are replacing capris since they are more dressy and can be worn to the office and church.” “Shorts, as I mentioned earlier, are in a wide variety of colors; and in my opinion, are a little shorter than they were in 2008.” Maxidresses are the new look for the

dress line. “They are becoming more popular because they are so versatile and economical. More women are wanting to show their feminine side and still look professional; jackets are always a good addition to a dress and can help achieve that look.” Sauer said. “Instead of mini-skirts, you’re now seeing the knee-length, soft, and “flowy” skirts in many different colors and patterns.” Purses are still a great accessory to any outfit. “They are arriving in a variety of bright colors, too. As far as the big purses being more popular than the small ones - that’s still a matter of personal preference. Some women like large purses to hold more content...others like the smaller, less cumbersome ones.” She said. Sauer offers a few tips to students who are on a budget but still want to look stylish. “You don’t have to buy the really expensive name-brands. Many competitors with a lesser-known name still make a fashionable product. Also, when putting together an outfit, add your own flare. Put your personality into it and make it your own.”



Among this season’s must-haves are bright, flowing tops and equally eye-catching accessories. (Photo by Larissa Copeland)

Southwestern students discuss their favorite cult films



Kristine Mengers poses with her collection of cult films, including *The Evil Dead* series and *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. (Photo by Larissa Copeland)

By Dillon Young
Staff Reporter

A cult film possesses these characteristics: it has a small but highly devoted group of fans, it was not successful critically and financially, and it usually takes just word of mouth, and DVD or VHS sales for the movie to gain its popularity. Most fans of cult movies would agree that a cult film is a movie that Hollywood simply missed. There are many cult films through the past four decades: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Pee Wee’s Big Adventure*, *This is Spinal Tap*, *Clerks*, *The Big Lebowski*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Donnie Darko*. More recently films such as *Across the Universe* and *The Nightmare Before*

Christmas have shown signs of heavily devoted fans. Even Samuel L. Jackson’s *Snakes on a Plane* has been tagged as a cult film for being “so bad it’s good”. Students from Southwestern have their own favorite cult films were. Darrell Weddington, a sophomore from Muskogee majoring in pharmacy had his input. “*The Warriors*,” Darrell said, “That movie is tight.” *The Warriors* is a 1979 cult action/thriller about warring gangs in New York City. Kasha Burdge, a sophomore from Laverne and Communication Arts major recommended watching *Tod Browning’s* 1932 classic horror “*Freaks*”.

“Back in the 1930’s they didn’t have the special effects we’re used to,” Kasha added, “So when a “freak” was on the screen, those were real people who really did make their living performing in sideshows.” When asking SWOSU students about their favorite cult film one answer kept popping up. *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* was a film most considered one of their favorites. The movie is made by a comedy group (Monty Python) who spoof the legends of King Arthur’s search of the Holy Grail. Brett Whitehead, a senior from Mustang and pharmacy major recommends the movie. “It’s funny,” Brett said, “it’s withstood the test of time.”

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SPORTS

Cocannouer gets ready to lead the Bulldogs

By Sports Information

New Southwestern Oklahoma State University head coach Dan Cocannouer gets to officially put his stamp on the football program when he presides over the opening of his first spring football practice session as the Bulldogs’ field boss. Cocannouer, who was named the Bulldogs head coach in December, is expected to greet 58 players, including 15 returning starters on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

“It’s a very exciting time here,” Cocannouer said. “The first couple of practices will be in shorts so we will start introducing the practice

environment to our players. At the same time, we’ll be doing a lot of installation of what we want to do once we get in pads on Wednesday.”

Cocannouer said that he and his new staff enter the 15-day practice session with several clear objectives in mind. “We are going to establish a fundamental foundation,” he said. “We are going to distribute our personnel in the best way to be competitive this fall. We need to find out who ‘THE’ guys are, find out who should be our front line players and maybe who should be in a different position.”

Cocannouer added that with the initial evaluation period will come with some interesting

personnel decisions, situations that may require players shifting positions from where they’ve been listed at the past.

“We’ve been watching the offseason program and looking at that (personnel) board. We have expectations based on what we saw and what we have seen them do on tape last year,” Cocannouer said. “However, there’s no substitute for going out there and just playing football.”

Southwestern scheduled to hold practices each weekday beginning Monday, March 23 at 2 p.m. The team will culminate the spring drills with the annual Blue vs. White Game on Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m.



Southwestern’s Coach Dan Cocannouer will train these band of players to run a tougher ball this spring session. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)

Baseball takes leads over weekend series



Blake Mounce heads to first base after making contact for the Bulldogs. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)

By Sports Information

DURANT, Okla. - Southwestern put itself in excellent position for landing a future berth in the Lone Star Conference Tournament by sweeping Southeastern Oklahoma State University in a four-game baseball series completed Monday in Durant.

The Bulldogs won by scores of 8-0, 9-7, 4-2 and 11-9 and upped their overall record to 23-13 and 17-11 in LSC play. SWOSU has broke from a jumbled pack and stand alone in fourth place in the league standings. The top six teams qualify for the LSC Tournament scheduled to begin in May in Abilene, Texas. The tournament winner will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament.

In the 8-0 opener on Sunday, Aldemar Betrian pitched a five-hit shutout and raised his record to 3-1 on the year. Betrian struckout six and walked two while only allowing one runner past second base. Bow Buckner was the offensive star for the Bulldogs collecting three hits and driving in two runs. The Bulldogs scored twice in the first and were aided by a pair of errors in the fifth to score three unearned runs.

SWOSU put the game out of reach in the seventh with three more runs, two of which came on an RBI single by Buckner. The Bulldogs had to wait until Monday to collect their second win as it was suspended prior to the ninth inning with SWOSU

leading 9-7. Kevin Hyde retired the Savage Storm in the ninth without a run to save the game and allow Adam Phillips to earn his first win at SWOSU.

Phillips pitched five and one-third innings and allowed no runs while scattering five hits. He struck out five batters and walked none. Phillips has now pitched 10 and one-third consecutive innings in relief without allowing a run.

The Bulldogs tied it at 7-7 thanks to a six-run fifth inning. Kenny Hare and Travis Rose each drove in a pair of runs with extra base hits. SWOSU went ahead 9-7 in the eighth inning when Rose drove in Morgan Marr and Jon-Andrew Martin with a two-out double.

In game three, SWOSU won in its last at bat. Trailing 2-1, Rose again delivered with a two-out single that drove in two runs to put the Bulldogs back on top. SWOSU had tied the game at 2-2 earlier in the seventh inning when Ricky Kirby blasted a solo home run.

Hyde got the win as he pitched the entire game to improve his record to 3-3.

In the final game, SWOSU carried an 11-2 lead into the ninth before Chris Morrison gave way to reliever Ty Pool. Morrison who had limited the Savage Storm to just two runs through eight innings allowed five in the ninth as Southeastern crept closer to make the final 11-9. Pool got the final two outs as Southeastern had the tying run reach base.

Softball team loses to UCO

Southwestern Oklahoma State University had its share of bright moments but they were not enough to overcome Central Oklahoma as the Bronchos won both games of a softball doubleheader Saturday by scores of 6-4 and 8-3.

The losses dropped SWOSU to 11-19 and 3-9 in the Lone Star Conference North Division. UCO improved to 18-8 and 11-3 in the division. The Bulldog will next play Friday in Durant as they begin a six-game series against opponents in the LSC’s South Division in the annual crossover tournament.

In the first game that ended with UCO winning 6-4, SWOSU got a pair of homers from Stacy Creger who blasted her sixth and seventh homers of the year. She now is only three homers away from breaking the school’s single-season mark of nine set three years ago by Alli Flaman.

The Bulldogs did not score until the sixth against UCO starter Molly Shivers who won to improve to 10-2 on the year. Creger’s homer was followed by a double by Kristina Davis. She later scored on an RBI single by Sarah Harwell.

Creger’s homer in the seventh was a two-run shot that scored Laiken Lester who reached on a single.

Katie Raines took the loss for SWOSU. She dropped to 3-7 on the year after allowing five runs through four innings of work.

In the 8-3 game, Kristyn Shawver was the offensive star collecting three hits, driving in one run and scoring another. Harwell also continued to hit the ball well with a run-scoring triple in the fourth and a single in the sixth.

Alex Zukerman took the loss on the mound after allowing eight runs through six innings of work. She gave up nine hits and allowed six walks while falling to 3-7 on the year.

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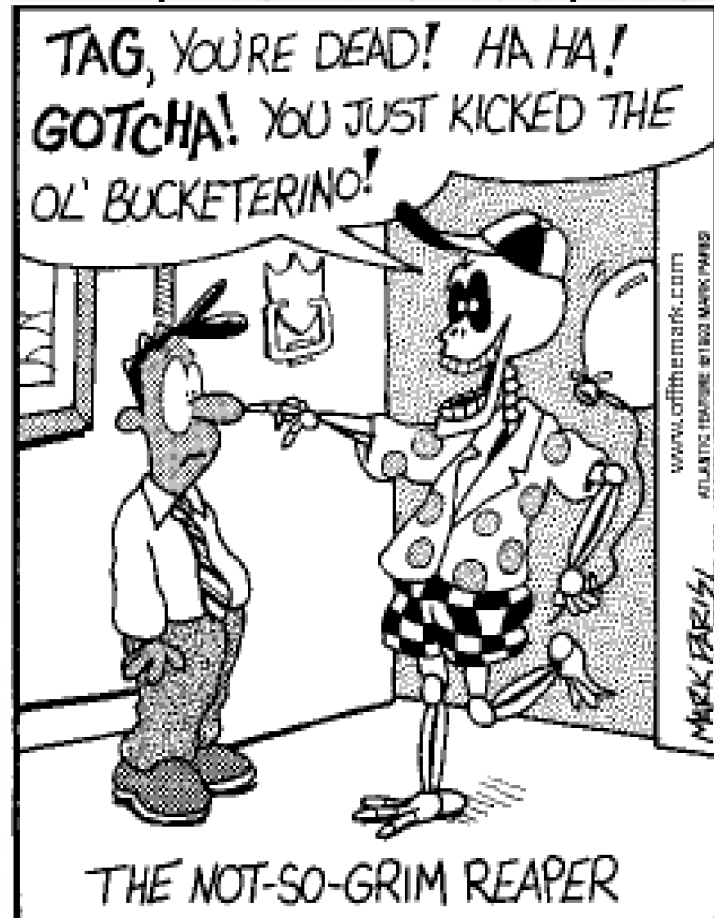
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