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Top events coming up at SWOSU

- **SWOSU Football Blue and White Spring Game** 7-9 p.m., Friday, Apr. 14; Milam Stadium
- **Westview Writers Festival** 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 19 and Thursday, Apr. 20; Student Union East Ballroom

WEEKLY WEATHER

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WED	THUR	FRI
63/45	65/45	62/51
SAT	SUN	MON
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SWOSU Snapshot

International Student Banquet was host by SWOSU Internal Students Association (SISA) in April 8 at the Student Union Ballroom

Photos by Harry Le



Culture shock

Saudi Arabia sisters find home at SWOSU

By Monica Posas
Staff Reporter

Movie theaters.
Women driving vehicles.
Women working.
Alcohol served in public places.
Handing items to another individual with your left hand rather than your right hand.
These are just a few of the many differences Saudi Arabian students experience when leaving their homes to receive an American education.
Hibah Al-Johani, a student with a double major in communications and marketing, and her sister Rahaf, a pre-med major, were both shocked in various ways once they left their parents' home in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Seeing western Oklahoma was one of their many culture shocks.
“When we see America on the television we see New York, LA, and Disney World,” said Rahaf. “It was a lot different here than what we expected.”
The flat lands and small towns were far from the bright lights and skyscrapers they initially pictured their new home would resemble.
But their transition did not end there. The Al-Joha-

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TKE sit-a-thon happening now

By Ethan Lesley
Staff Reporter

The annual Tau Kappa Epsilon sit-a-thon began Monday, April 10 and will last through Thursday, April 13.
All proceeds will be going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
Members of TKE will sit on a toilet for 80 straight hours outside of the Stafford building starting at 6 a.m. on Monday, and ending at 2 p.m. on Thursday.
“Although sitting on a toilet for an hour might be uncomfortable, it is for a good cause so it shouldn't be too bad,” said Dylan Pennello a pre-law major from Lawton, OK.
They will also have Pie-a-Teke promotion going on where you can pay \$2 to put a pie in the face of a member of your choosing.
“I feel like the Pie-a-Teke promotion is a fun and

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Students encouraged to use new hammock center

By Brent Williams
Staff Reporter

With the days getting longer and the weather warming up, many students are breaking out the sunscreen and getting outside.
SWOSU has installed a “hammock center” to make this season even more enjoyable. Located southwest of the Burton House, off College St., the hammock center allows for students to get off their feet to read or just unplug.
The Student Government Association encourages students to bring their personal hammocks to lay in. The SGA have also purchased hammocks for students to check out at the Wellness Center with their Student ID card.



NEWS



Writers Festival hosts authors, publishers

By Breanna Neer
Staff Reporter

The 24th annual Westview Writers Festival will be held in the student union ballroom at SWOSU on Wed., April 19 and Thu., April 20 from 5-6.

On Wednesday The Literati Press Comics and Novels will have a workshop to teach students how to submit a publication for a book, how to get started in publication careers, and offering a creative educational environment.

The Literati Press Comics and Novels is a press where Oklahoma authors are helped to find a voice with their writing.

Following the workshop, Charles Martin, author and editor in chief of Literati Press Comics and Novels, will be doing a public reading along with Kristen Grace, editor and graphic novelist.

Grace will read her newest book, *Wings*, which is a collection of feminist fairy tales for children and adults.

She is also the author of *The Stepmother Who Dreamed of Feathers*.

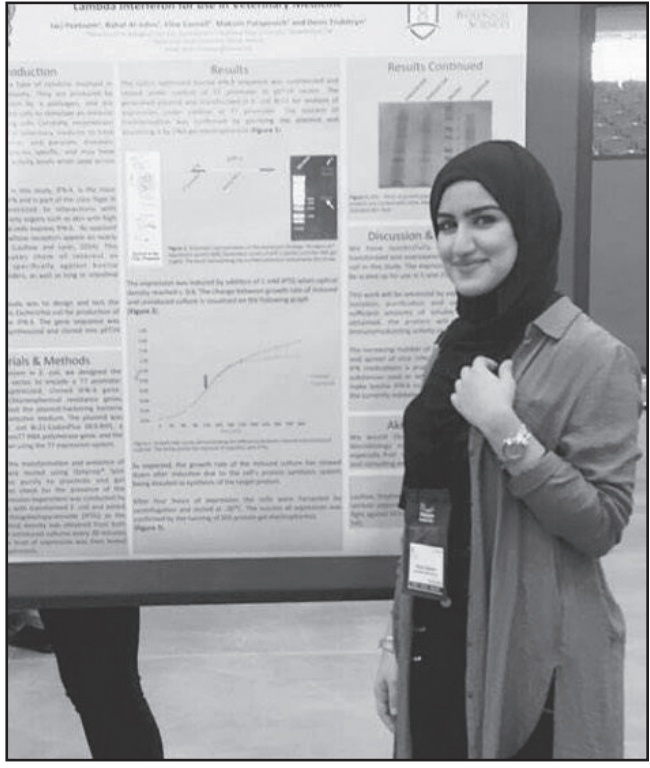
Martin is the author of several books, including *How to Control Gravity and Other Stories*, *In the Town Where All Things Are Possible*, and *The Wonderboy Serial*. The co-writer for these books is Will Weinke.

On Thursday A.W. Marshall, a Pushcart prize nominated short fiction writer, will be doing a feature reading from his latest collection, *Simple Pleasures*.

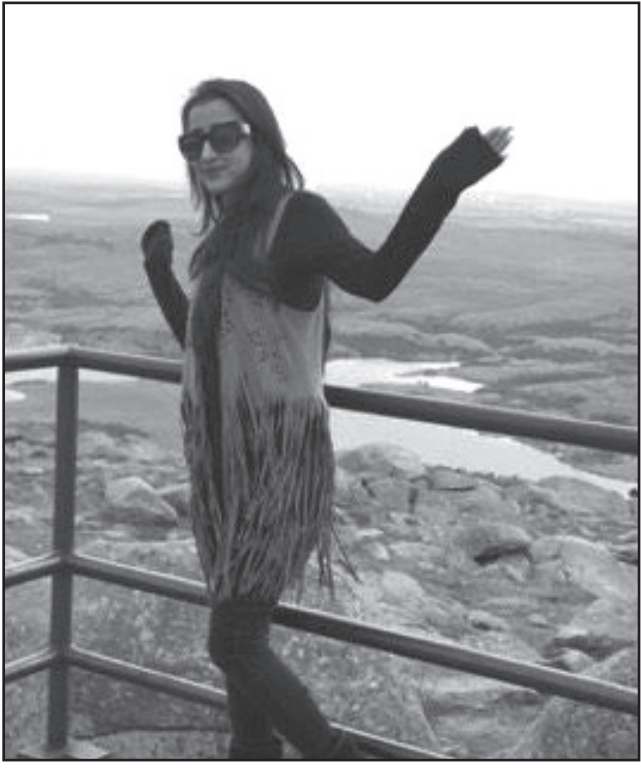
There will also be a Q&A after as well as a book signing. This event will be open to anyone for free.

When asked why this festival is held every year, Amanda Smith, an assistant professor in the department of language and literature, said, "It's a way for students to appreciate creative writing, and encourages them to participate while celebrating the publication of Westview Graphic novels."

Graphic design students will also be able to showcase their art work and poems throughout this event.



Rahaf Al-Jahoni



Hibah Al-Jahoni

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...nihad a lot of work to do before they could even begin their academics.

Learning new materials and studying frequently is challenging enough in college, but learning in a second language amplifies that difficulty. The first steps for the sisters was becoming more fluent in English as well as learning how to drive. During this time the sisters had to part and live alone.

"That was very different and difficult," Hibah said.

"Back home you don't move out from your family until you are married," Rahaf said. "So moving away and living on our own was hard."

With Rahaf in Norman and Hibah in Edmond, the sisters visited each other every weekend.

Since women are not allowed to work, their scholarship, given to them by their home country, is generous enough to provide them a monthly fixed amount for their living expenses while they are in school.

The sisters' favorite part about coming to America has been their ability to travel.

Traveling expenses are much

cheaper in the United States versus Saudi Arabia, and the Al-Jahanis' have taken full advantage of their opportunity to see new places. They have been to numerous states including Missouri, Illinois, New York, Florida, California, Nevada. Eventually they did get to see the skyscrapers they originally pictured.

"Back home we never go anywhere," Rahaf said. "So that's an exciting thing for us to do."

Hibah, Rahaf, and the 270 other international students enrolled this spring keep campus an exciting and diverse community.

SWOSU currently has international students from 33 different countries. These students make up 5.79 percent of the total campus population, and that number is increasing every year. The Al-Jahanis' are 2 out of 146 students from Saudi Arabia, making their home country the home of most of the international students on campus.

SWOSU has been a helping hand for all these students through every step of the way.

"It's a really new experience for them. A lot of new things. A lot of

new adjustments," said Dr. Randy Beckloff, director of International Student Affairs. "We get to spend a lot of time with students during their first semester. After that first semester they're really on their feet."

Beckloff and other faculty members of International Student Affairs help students with their transitions to campus. They provide full assistance for applying to SWOSU as well as other forms and documents required. Similar to Freshmen Orientation, they provide an orientation class specifically for international students. This class help students adjust to the changes they face after their move.

"I really respect students who travel thousands of miles, come to a totally new place, and they make it work," Beckloff said.

The Al-Johani sisters have traveled to many places and have met many people since their move from Saudi Arabi, but they do love the community of Weatherford and this campus.

"The people here are nicer than anywhere else we've been," Rahaf said.

Biology students present research

Eleven Southwestern Oklahoma State University biology students in Weatherford recently presented their research findings at the 2017 Beta Beta Beta South Central Regional Convention held in Mt. Lebanon, Cedar Hills (TX).

SWOSU's Delta Sigma chapter was awarded Outstanding Chapter for District 1 of the South Central Region, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

SWOSU's Chelsea Miller of Yukon, Sara Hutchinson of Oklahoma City, and Ashna Dhoonmoon of Mauritius, East Africa, won first place awards; Tyler Mitchum of Minco won third place, and Laci Johnston of Lindsay and Lindsey Hendricks of Cordell received honorable mention, all for Outstanding Poster Presentations. First place winners will receive financial support to attend the 2018 Beta Beta Beta National Convention in Monterey, CA.

Johnston's presentation was "Investigating the role of biosurfactants in *Pseudomonas syringae* motility and attachment". Her mentor for this work was Dr. Regina McGrane, assistant professor in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences.

Hendricks' presentation was "Pick your poison: the sublethal effects of pesticides on amphipod life history". Her mentor for this work was Dr. Rickey Cothran, assistant professor in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences.

Mitchum's presentation was "Analysis of autophagy and its effects on the D-type motor neuron circuitry of unc-33 mutants of *Caenorhabditis elegans*". His mentor for this work was Dr. Andrea Holgado, associate professor and chair in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Miller and Hutchinson co-presented "Analysis of surface motility regulation in the phytopathogen *Pseudomonas syringae*". Their mentor for this work was Dr. Regina McGrane, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Dhoonmoon's presentation was "Stimulation through innate immune receptors selectively upregulates co-receptor expression on B cells". Her mentor for the work was Dr. Christopher Horton, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

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NEWS

24th Annual research fair is April 13

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s 24th annual Research and Scholarly Activity Fair involving 200 students and faculty will be held Thursday, April 13, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford.

The public is invited, and admission is free. The SWOSU Research and Scholarly Activity Fair showcases the research and scholarly activities of undergraduate students who have made an inquiry or investigation that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to their discipline. The 200 students and faculty taking part this year represent the disciplines of Biology, Business, Psychology, Chemistry, Physics, Nursing, Political Science, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical

Sciences, Language and Literature, Education, Computer Science, Art, Music and History.

The celebration of undergraduate research will kick off at 12 noon with opening remarks by SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

For more information about the event, contact Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor Dr. Lisa Appeddu at (580) 774-3148 or lisa.appeddu@swosu.edu, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs Dr. Yolanda Carr at (580) 774-7012 or yolanda.carr@swosu.edu. Info is also available on the SWOSU website: www.swosu.edu/osp and follow the Research Fair link.



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potentially extremely efficient fundraiser,” said Connor Pelzel a pre-pharmacy major from Lindsey, TX.

A FIFA 17 tournament was held on Tuesday from 7-10 p.m. for \$2 each game. A prize for the person with most wins was given away at the end of the tournament.

On Thursday members will be hosting a lunch cook-out from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the end of the sit-at-hon food and drinks will be available to purchase. Tailgate games will also be available to play during the cookout.

“The food is going to be great, and the company around will be even better so come check us out,” said Pelzel.

Donations to St. Jude are greatly appreciated, and there will be a donation bucket on site to help support the cause.

“I definitely encourage all students to come by and check out our table and come talk to us and hopefully

help us raise more money for St. Jude than we ever have,” said Pelzel.

“I believe it’s a good event to have on campus and should be fun. I suggest all students come out and see what it’s all about,” said Pennello.



Student entrepreneurs own work-school balance

By Timothy Comstock
Staff Reporter

Dakota Key studies and goes to work just like all college students. When class ends, Key goes to work for himself.

Work and school has always been a balancing act for students. Students must maintain good presence in their classes and at work, along with performing well at both.

Full time students often have full time jobs and at some points those two overlap and can affect each other. This can be even harder for student entrepreneurs.

Key, a junior Business Entrepreneur major, owns 5K Construction LLC, located in Vici. He started his business in November of 2014 with the

help of his family. “My dad has his own welding business and has accumulated construction equipment over the years.

In August of 2014 a customer asked us to build a pad and we agreed.

“I was the only person who knew how to run the equipment at the time, so I would come home from school and work on the project” Key said.

It was then that he saw the opportunity if owning a business.

“After we completed the project I had a conversation

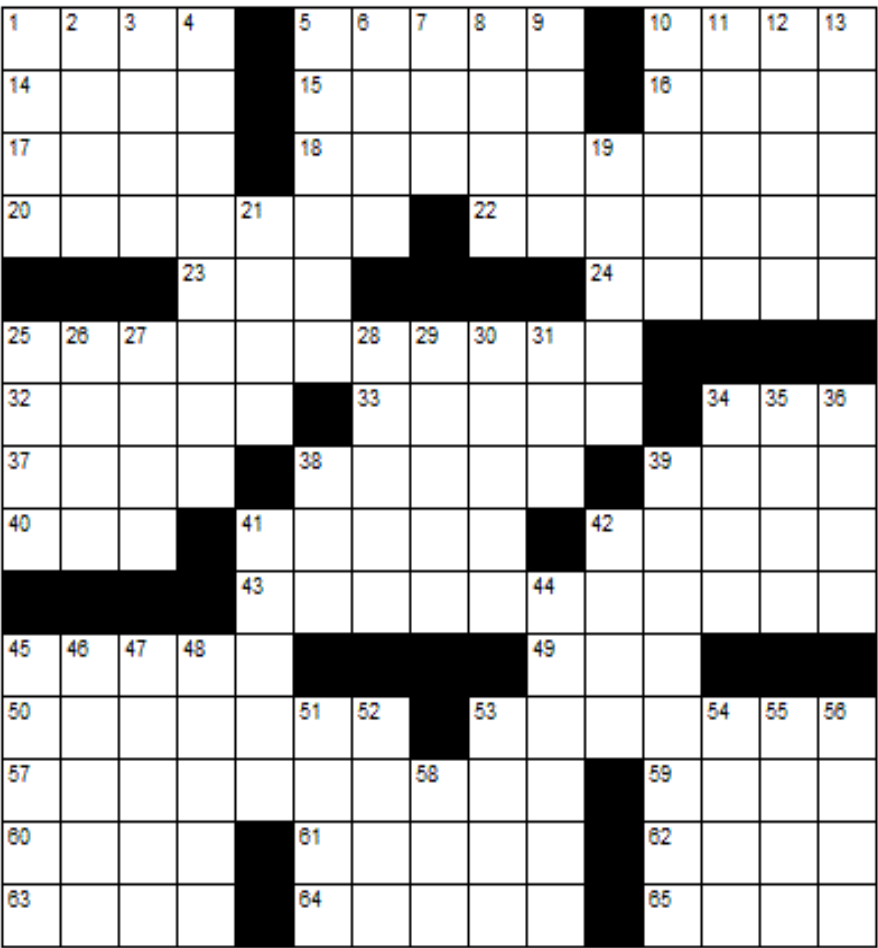


Dakota Key owns his construction business.

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Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

- ACROSS**
1. Crones
5. Academy freshman
10. Taxis
14. Two-toed sloth
15. Gaps
16. Portent
17. Shopping center
18. Deplorable
20. A military unit
22. Prolific
23. Consumed food
24. Daisylike bloom
25. Without dissent
32. Poison plant
33. Territories
34. Precious stone
37. Anagram of "Seek"
38. Twist and compress
39. Scottish hillside
40. Lair
41. Villain
42. Utter impulsively
43. Unwanted
45. Behind bars
49. A tribe of Israel
50. Retaliator
53. A travelling vendor
57. A decorated dart
59. Greek letter
60. Place
61. Patter
62. Fraud
63. If not
64. Lone-Star State
65. Strikes



- DOWN**
1. Something that bulges out
2. A Freudian stage
3. Big party
4. Seedless raisins
5. Vascular tissue in plants
6. Give temporarily
7. Shade tree
8. Meat from cows
9. Feudal worker
10. Outer garments
11. Extent
12. Young woman
13. Contemptuous look
19. Meal carriers
21. Ear-related
25. Utilized
26. Microwave (slang)
27. So be it
28. Rowed
29. Pee
30. Dispatches
31. Delay
34. Food
35. Nobleman
36. Distribute
38. Be victorious
39. Praise somewhat dishonestly
41. Soft creamy candy
42. Actor Pitt
44. Highest goals
45. A steel wire rope
46. Utilize
47. Segments of DNA
48. Provide
51. At one time (archaic)
52. Fully developed
53. Urgent request
54. Hubs
55. French for "State"
56. Adult male sheep
58. 59 in Roman numerals

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

- Women's Track & Field at KT Woodman Invitational
- All Day Staff, Administration and Faculty Appreciation Week
- All Day TKE Sit In for St Judes (Multi-Day)
- 9:00AM - 1:00PM NSO-New Student Orientation
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Zeta Phi Recruitment Table
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM SSC Council Meeting
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM CPT testing for NSO
- 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM St. Eugene Catholic Church College Lunch
- 12:50 PM - 1:50 PM SWOSU Flute Association Business Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Kappa Kappa Psi Business Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tau Beta Sigma Business Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Brass and Woodwind Ensemble Concert
- 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM DND Club Group 3

Thursday, April 13, 2017

- Women's Track & Field at KT Woodman Invitational
- All Day Staff, Administration and Faculty Appreciation Week
- End Day TKE Sit In for St Judes (Multi-Day)
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Wellness Expo
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM SWOSU Research & Scholarly Activity Fair
- 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM N.A.S.A. Meeting
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Yoga for Musicians with Dr. Robinson
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM SGA Banquet
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM DND Club Group 5
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Student Gov. Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Percussion Concert
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM FC College Circle
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM SISA Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2017

- Women's Track & Field at KT Woodman Invitational
- 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM SWOSU College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony
- 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Softball vs. Henderson State
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Guest Artist Recital - Dr. Eric Troiano
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Guest Artist Masterclass - Dr. Eric Troiano
- 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM D&D Group 4 Meeting
- 6:00 PM Baseball at Henderson State University
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Musical Delicacy of France - Piano Studio Recital
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SASA African Movie Night
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SWOSU Football Blue & White Spring Game
- 8:00 PM - 11:59 PM Mu Phi Epsilon - Initiation

Saturday, April 15, 2017

- Women's Track & Field at KT Woodman Invitational
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Softball vs. Henderson State
- 1:00 PM Baseball at Henderson State University
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Faculty Recital - Robin Griffearth
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Softball Senior Dinner Banquet

Sunday, April 16, 2017

- Women's Track & Field at KT Woodman Invitational
- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Mu Phi Epsilon Business Meetings
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mu Phi Epsilon Business Meetings
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Sigma Sigma Chi Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Phi Delta Theta Chapter meeting
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sigma Alpha Iota Colony Business Meetings
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Zeta Phi Pledge Meeting
- 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM TKE meeting

Monday, April 17, 2017

- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Exec Council Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Admin Council Meeting
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Let's Talk about SWOSU
- 6:00 PM - 9:00PM Gamma Delta Kappa Meeting
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Wildland Fire Club Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Community Chorus Concert
- 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Zeta Phi Weekly Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

- 2:00 PM - 4:00PM Faculty Retirement Reception
- 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Softball vs. NWOSU
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CAB Meeting
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM SWOSU ESA Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CAB Bash
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Engineering Tech Banquet

FEATURES

Movie Review

Beauty and the Beast



Photo courtesy Disney Movies UK

By **Brylee Vandiver**
Staff Reporter

Many dreams came true when it was announced that there would be a live-action remake of Disney’s classic *Beauty and the Beast*. There was some skepticism behind it; people wondered if it could live up to the magic of the 1991 animated film. For me, all that disappeared when the beloved Emma Watson was cast as Belle. Emma Watson is known for completely owning every role she plays. Roles like Hermione Granger from the *Harry Potter* series and Sam from *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* are iconic, and now her role as Belle will be remembered through the ages as well.

This film brought back childhood memories but felt new all at the same time. It brought to life something that both children and adults can enjoy. The music, costumes, sets and artistry behind this film were magical. One of my favorite things about the film was how they stayed true to the original music from the film but also added some songs, creating a breathtaking score for an enchanting movie. A touching re-telling of a classic story, I think this film accomplished what it set out to do, which can be proven by its astounding box office revenue. This story may be a tale as old as time, but it was beautifully re-awakened this past month.

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with my dad and we both agreed that a construction company would be a great idea.”

“He and the rest of my family have been supporting of me since starting the business and it motivates [me] knowing how encouraging they have been” Key said.

The stress of balancing both can be high on these students because they own a business.

“It’s not bad really,” Key said. “Most of the people I work for are really understanding of my school schedule, as well as being blessed with understanding teachers who know where I’m coming from.”

“I divide certain times of the day for school and work. Staying on top of my school work is the key for balancing the stress.”

A college degree can help someone who already has their own business.

“I plan to use my degree to help grow my business,” Key said. “I really have a passion for the construction industry and if you do it right, it can turn into a long and profitable career.”

Being a student entrepreneur isn’t for everyone.

“If I had any advice for other students looking to own a business it would be make sure you have a good balance point for school and work. It can be overwhelming at times but stay focused and you will be successful,” Key said.

Depending on future careers, though, other students decide to sell their businesses.

For example, James Blood, a senior criminal justice student, owned

Crossways Vapor in Clinton from January 2015 to April 2016.

“The business was an opportunity that presented itself and allowed me to schedule my own hours and paid more than minimum wage” Blood said.

Blood felt that selling his business was the right choice for his future though.

“I sold my business to focus completely on school, because I realized the business I was in wasn’t going to give me any experience for the career field I was looking for,” he said.

“I want to be a U.S. Marshall so I figured it would be better to start looking for opportunities to get my feet wet in my career field than continuing to run a business,” Blood said.

The stress of balancing school and work never became an issue for James.

“Between customers I had time that allowed me to do homework so I wasn’t rushing to finish after I got off.

“I felt like I balanced the two really well. I was able to handle business outside of class and my school work never affected my professional life” Blood said.

Both Blood and Key agree that running a business as a student can be very lucrative but that the student needs to make sure that he or she will not let it interfere with school work or their future. But if your business is your main focus, using school to gain additional knowledge that may help you in your career is also not a bad choice.

Senior Spotlight

By **Delmi Menendez**
Staff Reporter

“Enjoy your time and try not to procrastinate,” is the advice Jessica Tortorelli wants to leave for the underclassmen as she gets ready to graduate.

Tortorelli is currently a senior majoring in Mass Communications from Trinidad, CO.

“My dream job would have to be

something in the entertainment world, but ideally my plan is to graduate, find a job, travel and own lots of dogs,” says Tortorelli.

The minute she has free time, she likes to just relax and appreciate the little time she gets.

The commencement ceremonies will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. For more information visit <http://www.swosu.edu/commencement>.

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SPORTS

Unnamed athletes: Cheerleaders

By Larkin Wisdom
Staff Reporter

Friday nights under the lights, helmets and pads cracking, fans cheering. Football games are going on and you are there to watch your team play the sport you love to watch. The line of girls, and yes maybe some guys, is cheering them on as well. Cheerleaders are yelling and screaming, throwing stuff into the stands and showing a lot of team spirit. This poses the question, is cheerleading a sport?

For a lot of people all over the country, this is the only exposure they get to cheerleading. Friday nights at high school games, Saturday at college games, or Sunday at pro games. All that is seen is them cheering on the team and throwing stuff into the stands. However, cheerleading is more complex and difficult than that.

Cheer teams all over the country participate in competitive cheer events. Florida and California have some of the bigger competitions.

Teams choreograph dances routines and practice long, hard hours in the gym for these competitions.

Cheerleading can also be very dangerous. An individual that has trained to

become the best cheerleader they can be still has a high risk of being injured if the stunts and routines are not done properly. When the towers are made and the girl on top gets tossed and she flips down, she could be severely injured if not spotted or caught correctly. The degree of difficulty can be extremely high for the stunts and routines.

“The level of difficulty all depends on how much you improve because there is always more to learn,” said Rachel Jameison.

Flexibility is also a key part to cheerleading. “A major thing is flexibility and the rest of it is up to your body on how much it can take,” said Jameison.

When you look at cheerleaders at the college level, male and female, for the most part, you see some very fit individuals. They all are in great shape and work very hard to stay in shape.

Cheerleading may seem lame to some because the only exposure they get to it is them doing what their title is, leading cheers at sporting events. It does not seem like much but there is a whole other level of difficulty and training that is involved for those who go to the next level and compete.

Rodeo team excel at home

Cowboys and cowgirls from around the Central Plains Region descended upon Weatherford and the BOP Ram Rodeo Grounds this past weekend for the 45th Annual SWOSU Rodeo. The home team had several strong performances and came away with a third-place finish for the Women’s team while the Men’s team claimed sixth place.

SWOSU put six cowgirls in the short round on the strength of long round wins from Ricki Konze in Breakaway and Paige Wiseman in Barrel Racing. Wiseman went on to place third in the average of Barrel Racing, one spot ahead of Rachel Pozzi, who was fourth in the long round and average for the Dawgs. Konze and Kenzie Huffman had a strong start in Breakaway, but neither athlete was able to secure a time in the short round or place in the average. Huff-



The SWOSU rodeo was held last weekend.

man was fifth in the average of Goat Tying with times of 8.7 and 8.3 seconds, which also placed her fifth in each round.

Sloan Smith led the Bulldog Men’s team with a fourth-place finish in Tie Down roping on times of 10.3 and 10.9 seconds in the two rounds. Alex Phelps entered the short round of Steer Wrestling in a share of eighth place, but moved up to fifth in the average after winning the short go by a wide margin

with an extremely fast run of 4.0 seconds on Saturday night. Will Gaillard took ninth in the average of Steer Wrestling, largely in part to his 6.5-second run in the long round. Nick Shenold was 68 points in the long round of Saddle Bronc, but did not a qualified ride on Saturday night to factor into the average.

SWOSU Rodeo now has a week off before returning to action on April 21-23 at the Fort Hays State Rodeo in Hays, Kansas.

Bulldogs earn split in Shawnee

SHAWNEE, Okla. – In a pair of identically scored 6-5 ballgames on Saturday, SWOSU Baseball came out victorious in only one of them but it was enough to take the road-series victory against Oklahoma Baptist. The Bulldogs jumped out to a lead in game one before falling to the Bison, but bounced back in the nightcap to score four runs late and held on to win game two.

No midweek action scheduled for SWOSU in the upcoming week, as the Dawgs will travel to Arkadelphia next Friday to play in another road conference series against another top-tier GAC opponent.

Game One
Oklahoma Baptist 6, SWOSU 5

The Bulldogs couldn’t hang on to a 4-1 lead and fell to the Bison 6-5 in a tight opening game of the day. Rogelio Sanchez doubled in the first run of the game in the second, followed by a two-RBI double by Nichols in the third inning to allow the Dawgs to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

After OBU got one back in the bottom half of the third, Joel Baxley homered to get the run back and give SWOSU back the momentum. It was the fourth inning that killed the Bulldogs, with a four-run inning that began with a walk and a hit by pitch. In that fourth, the Bison managed to score four runs on only two hits by taking advantage of two errors and free bases SWOSU gave away in the inning.

The Bison added a run in the seventh to push the deficit to two and provide insurance the rest of the way. SWOSU would get one in the eighth, but stranded two on first and second to end the threat in their final opportunity of the contest.

Devin Ring got the start but was awarded the no decision in 3.1 innings of work. Gunnar Cook (L, 2-3) was charged with the loss after finishing the final 4.2 innings and allowing two runs (none earned).

Game Two
SWOSU 6, Oklahoma Baptist 5

Richard Marches and Ted Wisdom delivered for the offense in the nightcap, coming up with five of the six RBI during the game.

Both teams went back-and-forth throughout the contest, with OBU opening the scoring up in the bottom of the first to lead 1-0. SWOSU responded in the second with a pair of their own to take the first Bulldog lead. The Bison retook the lead in the fourth when they put up a two spot, and the score would remain until the sixth when SWOSU delivered the best punch of the game.

In the sixth, the Dawgs loaded the bases with two free passes and a hit by pitch with no outs. Wisdom and Marches both provided run scoring hits, followed by a Ruben Rodriguez felder’s choice to bring in the fourth and final run of the inning.

Leading 6-3 into the seventh, Jeremy Smith was unable to go the distance after getting into trouble in the final inning. After a walk and a home run, the lead was just one. Quintin Dougherty came in for relief and successfully shut the door to earn his fifth save of the season and hold the one-run lead intact.

Smith (W, 2-2) did provide the Dawgs with a productive outing, striking out nine while only walking one in 6.1 innings of work.

SWOSU track team excels in first ever season

By TJ Comstock
Staff Reporter

SWOSU students get to enjoy cheering on our school sports teams. From tailgating at football games to getting loud during basketball season there are many different sports to cheer for. This year SWOSU added a track and field team students can cheer for.

The team currently has 29 students on the roster and coach Shane Brookshire expects that number to increase.

“We are looking to expand our roster to upwards of 35 people next year,” Brookshire said.

The team helps the college attract students.

“We started the track team to increase enrollment numbers and roster size,” he said. “SWOSU is now



one of the most affordable schools with women’s track.”

Most of the roster came from the cross-country team.

“All the cross-country athletes compete in track and field. This gives a better collegiate experience to these athletes because it allows us to train year-round,” Brookshire said.

The team is already proving to be a contender in its first year.

“Jordan Caulkins tied for second in the high jump in the conference. We have steeple chaser Dani Whiting who is ranked third in the conference for steeple chase,” Brookshire said.

This came as no surprise to coach Brookshire.

“Even though we are a new program we are still looking to compete at a high level” Brookshire said.

The track and field team has the conference championship April 21 and 22.

Thunder fans get loud about Westbrook; other favorite OKC Thunder players

By Vincent Berrones
Staff Reporter

Last week the Oklahoma City Thunder clinched a spot in the NBA Playoffs with a 114-106 victory against the Orlando Magic. In that game, Russell Westbrook led the Thunder back from a 21-point deficit on his way to his 38th triple-double of the season.

Since then, Westbrook has added three more triple-doubles, tying Oscar Robertson for the NBA record for the most in a single season. So, it was no surprise that Westbrook was a popular choice as the favorite Thunder player of some SWOSU students.

“Russ has been my favorite player since the 2012 Western Conference Finals against the Spurs,” junior Justin Moreno said.

“He was a big part of the reason we reached the finals that year, and he hasn’t slowed down since. Plus, you must respect the way he’s put the Thunder on his back with his MVP caliber season so far,” Moreno said.

Lena Garrison, sophomore, has been a die-hard Thunder fan since they made the

move to OKC.

“Russ is hands-down my favorite player. I love the way he plays the game and all the excitement he brings to Thunder fans.”

“Even when Kevin Durant was on the team, Russ was still my favorite. He’s a phenomenal athlete and in my opinion the best player in basketball right now,” Garrison said.

Russel Westbrook is a top candidate to win the NBA Most Valuable Player award this year. He is competing with Houston Rockets point guard James Harden, who is also having a tremendous season.

Trevor Welton, junior, was the only person interviewed who had a different favorite player on the Thunder.

“My favorite player would have to be Victor Oladipo,” Welton said.

“I was a big fan of what he did when he was in college playing at Indiana. When I found out the Thunder signed him in the offseason, I was pretty excited.”

The Oklahoma City are 44-33 this season with five regular season games left. They are currently the sixth seed in the Western Conference.



Ted Wisdom lines up for a hit during recent Bulldog action.

Sudoku

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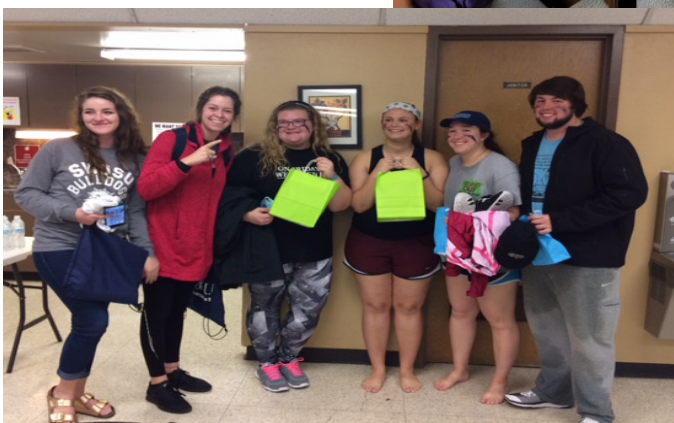
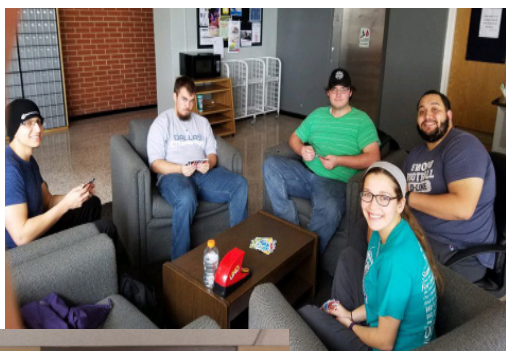
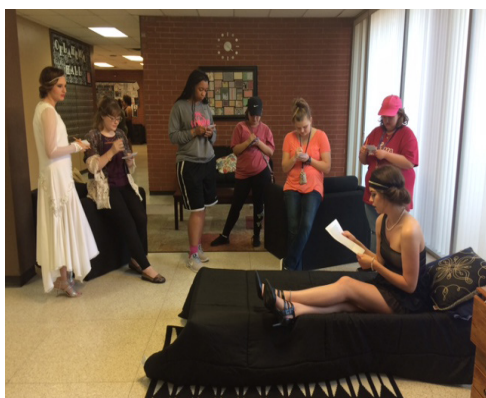
Mural and Margaritas

We are nearing the end of the semester and everyone could use a study break. At Stewart Hall in the lobby on April 17th at 5pm there will be an event called mural and margaritas. There will be canvases and you'll get to paint whatever you'd like to on this canvas. Some of these canvases will be selected to be displayed in the lobby for the 2017-2018 school year. It also allows students to get away from school to have a relaxing evening. There will be unlimited amount of paint to go around. There will be **FREE** food and drinks to go along with the event. We hope that everyone will be able to attend. See everyone there!

Neff Hall's Pool Tourney

Neff Hall is hosting a Pool Tournament Tuesday March 25th at 6:30pm. The competition will take place in the Neff game room and a signup sheet is currently located at the front desk. You must be a resident of a Residence Hall on campus, to win the first place prize. The tournament winner will receive a high quality pool cue, weighing in at 21 ounces. The competition is fierce this year at Neff, the resident have been enjoying their new pool table since August!

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Resident Spotlight

Shay Hartness



Hometown: Vinita, OK

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Music Therapy

Building: Oklahoma Hall

Why did you choose SWOSU?

I chose SWOSU because I had a TBI as an 8th grader. Through my recovery process, I had to undergo certain therapies. I started doing research and found information about music therapy. I then found that SWOSU was the only place in the state where Music Therapy was offered as a major.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy reading, drawing, and spending time with family and friends.

Who has been a major influence in your life?

My mom because she has always been there for me and supported my decisions.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

I would like to get my master's degree and complete an internship. When I finish with my degree, I would like to work with teenagers.

Resident Spotlight

Austin Addington



Hometown: Coweta, OK

Classification: Freshmen

Major: Wild Fire Management

Building: Jefferson

Why did you choose your major?

I want to become a firefighter and having this degree would help me out greatly in getting a job.

What are your hobbies?

Hunting, fishing, and playing sports.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

Become a firefighter near my hometown.

What is your favorite movie quote?

“Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.” – John Wayne