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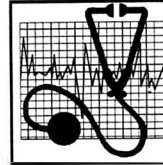


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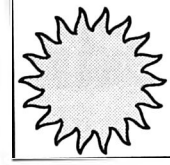
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# Mr. Dimes is Thursday night

By STEVEN McLEMORE/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The fourth annual Mr. Dimes pageant is at 7 p.m. this Thursday night in the Student Union ballroom.

The event, sponsored by University Media Association, is a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. The competition consists of ten Southwestern men dressing as women competing for the crown of Mr. Dimes 1999.

Admission to the event is \$3 and donations over that will be accepted. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes to aid in their effort to research and prevent birth defects.

This is the first year UMA has sponsored the pageant. Phi Beta Lambda started the fundraiser three years ago but decided not to sponsor the pageant this year. Along with new leadership, UMA has attempted to make the pageant as fun for the crowd as it is for the contestants.

The night promises to be full of fun and surprises as the ten "women" sing, dance and perform in their attempts to win. Seating is limited, so audience members are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will  
*See 'Dimes' page four*

# April fooled!

By KEISHA GRUBE/NEWS REPORTER

*Editor's Note: The following is a highly sensitive story containing information about possible April Fool's day pranks and pranksters. If you are going to be the recipient of any of these pranks, please do not read on.*

April Fool's Day....a day to celebrate by playing practical jokes on friends, right? Maybe not, but this day is a day to express our appreciation of humor with our loved ones.

Several Southwestern students have plenty of pranks up their sleeves for this special occasion. For instance, Anthony Fine, freshman music therapy major, is hoping to play a joke on a residence hall friend.

"I'll borrow a uniform from Sinor EMS (an ambulance service) and ask another friend to 'dress up', break into another friend's dorm, strap him down, and take him for a ride," Fine said.

Plenty of ideas are floating throughout Fine's head, such as putting vaseline on windshields, then underneath the windshield blade. After washing the vaseline off of the window, the greased windshield blade will smear the window again.

Another student mentioned her friend's boyfriend will have a "secret" revealed to him. Her friend plans to say, "I'm pregnant." In reality, she's not, but she can't wait to see the look on his face.

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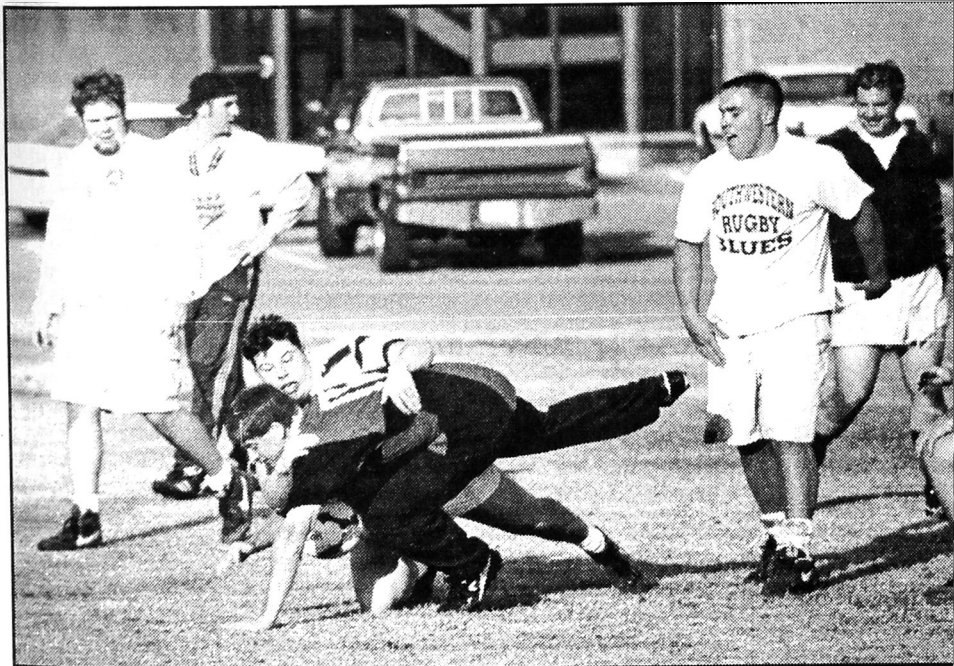


PHOTO BY PATRICIA COOK

The Southwestern Blues rugby team, not officially sponsored by the university, practice every week and competes in tournaments all over the region. The team is in its first year of existence and is looking forward to more success in the future. In recent practice, Bryan Tener tackles Mike McKinney as Jason Ballou, Matt Spreiesterbach, Jason Morris and Lance Abramson look on.

# In my opinion

I recently took the English Proficiency Exam, and I must say I'm getting a little anxious.

I went into the test extremely confident, as I am an experienced writer. What's changed? I've been hearing horror stories about people flunking for seemingly insignificant reasons.

One person told me she didn't pass, even though her writing was virtually error free, because she didn't write enough. Another person informed me that the essay is required to have a title. Yet another student said that even though the exam is handwritten, it must be double-spaced.

Now I admit, I have not checked the accuracy of these claims to verify their validity. Even so, I am becoming increasingly uneasy as I await the results of my performance. I am one of those seniors who has, for one reason or another, waited until my final semester to take the exam, so passing the first time is of the utmost importance.

You see, I never entertained the notion that I might not pass. Writing has been an integral part of my life from the very beginning. I could write the alphabet and my name long before I entered kindergarten. I wrote my first short story in the second grade. I have had some writing published and have even won competitions. My first semester of college I took the second level English course because my performance had exempted me from the first level.

It just never crossed my mind I should concern myself with whether or not I could pass the EPE. I guess that's what I get for thinking - or not thinking. Nevertheless, here I am, afraid to see the results - all because of a few unconfirmed rumors.

I have to believe the exam is truly a measure of a person's ability to communicate competently and effectively in written form and not a trap in which to catch the unsuspecting student. To manipulate the outcome through tricks, or even simple ambiguity, would be unethical and would say very little of our entire educational system. I have to believe our school and the powers that be are better than that.

As I write, the results of the exam are still a mystery. By the time you read this, I may know my fate. In the meantime, I hold on to my belief in fairness and honor and in doing what's right. I hope I am not disappointed.

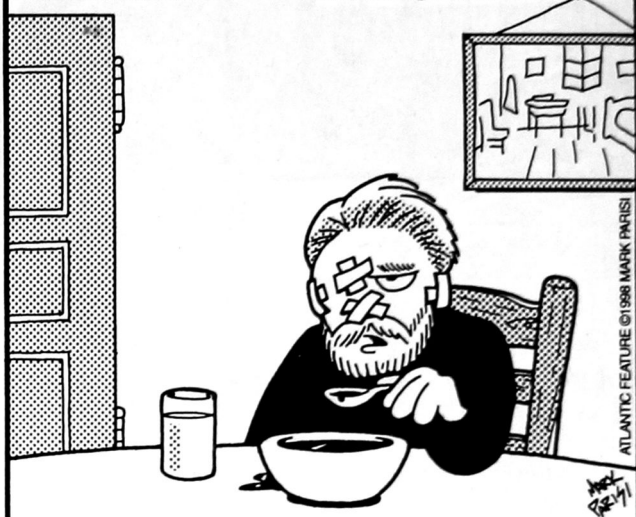
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## Deeper Thoughts

by Amanda Madden

### *Can you love and not hurt?*

When conditional love is King, the loser of the game is usually the one who gives too much too soon, causing the other to lose interest. Which makes you wonder, what was the proposed one who dropped the other looking for in the first place? Maybe it was an escape, a game, something to do in his or her spare time, a plight for attention or even just an attempt at a good challenge!

Love in our society has become known as something it is really not. The dictionary defines love as: any strong linking of affection. The Bible defines it as patience, kindness, peace, long-suffering, keeping no record of wrong, not proud etc. Other definitions I've heard people use include: sex, shared living quarters and even "only a word." However, it seems that hurt from broken relationships affects every person. Whether it be in family circles or among groups of friends, all people get hurt; and hurt people hurt others.

Likewise, we see people in our society go through relationships to find love, yet there is less giving than there is taking. When I say giving, I don't mean giving material things or affection, I mean giving of who they really are. I mean taking the risk, putting it bluntly, to let it all hang out.

Thus, my question is: Can a person actually love another person without getting hurt? I propose that the answer is no, because real relationships are built as much on pain as they are on joy.

I used to think that "loving relationships" had to be "perfect relationships" to qualify as such. My version of the American dream included having a husband who never yelled, kids who never fought, best friends who always understood and churches that were free from hypocrisy. I actually believed that these existed!

However, the problem with my theory was that it all revolved around me; and worse yet, I wasn't even able to live up to the standards I was looking for in others. Likewise, little by little my philosophy fell apart. It all happened when I thought I'd found that "perfect" place of belonging. The people I had relationships with were like my family away from home. All was great until the group had a falling-out and many of us "fell out" of good terms with one another. So there we were, two distinct groups, each set dead against the other and in the church at that. We stayed apart for about five months during which I had a lot to think about.

My philosophy had been destroyed, and I really didn't know what to expect from people at that point. I questioned the meaning of the words "I love you," words I'd thrown around so much, without thought or consideration of the commitment they actually signified. But at first, it hurt too much to trust so I went back into my shell and for a time I welded it shut. During those months of being alone I had hours to think about life and, realistically, what to expect.

In my search, I stumbled across an article around Christmas time.

It was the story of Missy Jenkins, the girl from Paducah, Kentucky, who was gunned down in December '97 and paralyzed by classmate Michael Carneal as she and a group gathered for a prayer before school. Her story of forgiveness in spite of dire circumstances gave me feelings of remorse for the fact that I was not able to forgive minor wrongs done to me in situations, when Jenkins was able to forgive someone who for no reason left her paralyzed.

"Hating him [Carneal] is wasted emotion," Jenkins said.

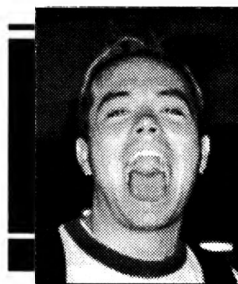
After reading this, I came to the conclusion I need more often to see people through the eyes of one who understands hard times and hurt and to forgive them for the wrongs they do to me; this is the beginning of what love is.

There are many people who have ways of thinking based on hurtful situations and experiences. I'm not saying that we should just let all flaws in our relationships slide by. Instead, if we are going to embrace others, we might as well do it with their imperfections still intact because the only people we can truly change are ourselves.

Even though I do not have deep relationships with everyone I meet, I have found that understanding them by trying to see them for who they are and what makes them do the things they do has improved my friendships 110 percent.

In fact, there was a major reunion between the two groups I mentioned earlier; forgiveness on both parts reunited us. This was something I have never experienced before. I guess that's because it has always been easier to move on to new things than to go back and deal with the hurt from former relationships.

After experiencing hard times, friends who stick with one another tend to stick closer than before. Of course, none of my relationships are "perfect," but then again I wouldn't want them that way!



## My Real World

by Steven McLemore

### *My Real World; the abridged version*

I'm sitting here in the j-lab racking my brain trying to think of something to write. Doesn't even have to be funny, just halfway understandable. But, thanks to another columnist, I don't need to think of much to say in this week's issue.

All I can seem to think about is apologizing to the two hot chicks I sat with on the airplane back from Salt Lake City.

(You know who you are.)

I do want to say that the fourth annual Mr. Dimes pageant is at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the Student Union ballroom. Admission is \$3 and all proceeds will go to the Weatherford March of Dimes.

I guarantee each of you that this is, without a doubt, the best event that will take place on this campus this entire year. So, I expect to see each of you there Thursday night. Oh yeah, don't worry, I am not a contestant. I hung my high heels and control top panty hose up a long time ago.



**'April Fools'***from page one*

Jayne Orgain, freshman education major, plans to call her parents in Cheyenne and tell them her keys are locked in her car, and the police or locksmith were unavailable at the moment. Then, after her parents drive to Weatherford, she can say, "April Fool's Day!"

Residence hall residents may want to take caution. Schehera Heglin, freshman elementary education major, and Amy McLaurine, undecided freshman, plan to tape sheets of newspaper to cover the doorframes outside their friends' doors. In order to exit their room, they must jump through the newspapers.

The jokes keep coming. Sophomore electronic engineering major, Terrell Banks, said spring football scrimmage is coming up. He hopes to play well, so his coach will think he's coming back next year.

"Actually, I'm planning on going back home to Houston next year," he said.

Matt Cook, junior English education major from Altus, plans to take advantage of April Fool's Day by resetting friends' alarm clocks. Instead of thinking the time is 6:30 a.m., will really be 3:30 a.m.

"If anyone has access to a friend's apartment, go in, string their underwear all over the place. Then, when they walk in, they'll have to pick it up," Cook said.

Keith Bowman, sophomore psychology major, and Dominick Herrald, senior finance major, are plotting jokes on their closest friend. Willie Combs, watch out!

"We'll try to convince Willie Combs' wife to tell her husband that she's booked them to appear on the Jerry Springer show because she has a secret to reveal," Bowman said.

Herrald plans to join in the fun by exchanging Willie's cigarettes by replacing them with exploding cigarettes.

Bonnie Blakley, senior health care administration major, said she's excited about April Fool's Day because there are 25 school days left until graduation (not counting finals week.) Blakley also wants to add a special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Ferrell.

"Thank you Dr. Ferrell for this April Fool's joke about having a marketing test on this day," Blakley said.

Jeff McCoy, junior English education major from California, enjoys April Fool's Day. On one occasion, he involved a trick on his fiancée which included a bar of Dove soap and chocolate. He hoped to cover the soap with chocolate and take it to the nearest ice cream shop. He asked the employees to pose as if they were giving away free "samples of chocolate." Looking like a Klondike bar, his fiancée would think it was ice cream.

Although most students forgot about April Fool's Day, some students still have the spark of joking in their system. Trista Banks, junior management major, and sister of Chantry Banks (Mr. Dimes contestant) enjoys playing jokes on her brother. She plans to videotape the pageant set for Thursday night without letting Chantry in on it.

"I have yet to decide who I'm going to show it to, though. Hopefully, he won't upset me, so I won't have to show it to somebody," Banks said.

Whether jokes are involved or not, April Fool's Day can be a fun day for anyone as long as we all remember what day it is. That way, we can make sure the joke is not on us.

**'Dimes'***from page one*

also be door prizes given throughout the night to audience members.

All contestants will receive prizes. Many merchants from the Weatherford area have been very generous in donations, according to UMA vice president Kay Robinson.

The ten entries and their sponsoring clubs are Chantry Banks, Alpha Psi Omega / Pi Kappa Delta; Ryan Woody, Phi Delta Chi; Keith Hutton, UMA; Dustin Baker, Biology Club; Patrick Fees, Chemistry club; Mose Richardson, Alpha Kappa Psi; Danny Brown, Catholic Student Association; David Scott, Student Government Association; Andy North, SGA; and Branson Ewing, SGA.

Another change in the pageants format is there are now five judges. This year's judges are Scott Crew, Language Arts; Debbie Keasler, Education; Shelly Prince, Pharmacy; Elizabeth Ferrell, Business; and John Hayden, Social Sciences.

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# SGA meeting tonight *STD's are no joke*

By WENDY LEE/ NEWS REPORTER

Saul Magana, student relations liason to the Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education, will be attending the Student Government Association meeting tonight. He will return student concerns to the Board of Regents.

One of the issues under discussion is a bill for a constitutional convention on campus. Students and faculty have voiced their concerns that the SGA is not running as efficiently as it could be. A constitutional convention would give the student body a great opportunity to decide how they want their government to run. Martin Luther King Day will also be discussed. Many students want Southwestern to recognize it by giving students the day off.

Some members want the Monday after Easter off to spend with their families. Those members will be calling for a built-in snow day, which would require the next spring semester to start on a Wednesday.

Angela Murphy has written a resolution about unnecessary meal plans. It will be discussed tonight. Having to buy a meal plan for living in the dorms can get wasteful when that person spends the weekends at Mom and Dad's.

Jennifer Johnson, SGA treasurer, is looking into getting new flags for Southwestern. Depending on how much they cost, Southwestern may get from six to fifty.

"If we can get fifty, we could give some to businesses downtown to fly for us," Johnson said.

"If we can only get six, they would be placed around campus. The football field, the Administration building and SGA house are just a few of the places. It depends on how much they will cost."

Last week, moving the bicycle racks more toward the center of campus was talked about. Right now, they are situated near the dorms. If everyone knew the racks were on campus for bike riders, more people might ride their bicycles to class, and it would help cut down the parking problem. No decision was made.

By CHARITY KOHOUT/ NEWS REPORTER

The month of April is STD month. The month will be dedicated to educating people on STD's, and informing people on how to treat and prevent them.

STD's are sexually transmitted diseases. Currently there are more than 10 sexually transmitted diseases. Of these many are incurable and have lifelong effects. For example, genital herpes, genital warts (HPV), hepatitis B, and HIV/AIDS are all incurable. Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and trichomoniasis are all treatable.

The most frequently reported STD's are gonorrhea and chlamydia. This information is important to college students because approximately 12 million people in the United States have an STD.

It is important for college students to be informed on this subject because STD's cause infertility, premature and still births, infant pneumonia, eye infections leading to blindness and death.

As far as contracting STD's, they are usually transmitted through sexual activity. However, some STD's such as chlamydia can even be transmitted by fingers to eyes.

To prevent STD's the best thing to do is practice abstinence. If you don't practice abstinence experts suggest having only one sexual partner and use a latex condom every time. This lowers your risk dramatically.

"There is a correlation between drinking and risky sexual behavior which increases one chance of getting a STD and Southwestern students are no exception", said Mattie Tolley R.N., M.S., who teaches in the division of nursing and is the coordinator of community health nursing.

In Custer County alone there are 16 cases of gonorrhea, 58 cases of chlamydia and one case of syphilis. In the state there are 5,267 cases of gonorrhea, 9,425 cases of chlamydia and 103 cases of syphilis.

If you have signs or symptoms of STD's or suspect you have been exposed you may be examined and treated at an STD clinic usually provided by county health departments. For college students the University Nurse is now certified to perform HIV testing and counseling. The test is completely confidential, all you need to do is contact the university nurse Becky McBride R.N., BSN. The university doctor, who takes referrals from the university nurse, can do other STD testing.

One thing the campus is doing in April is HIV/AIDS education. On April 27 and 28 approximately 30 junior nursing students will teach HIV/AIDS education to the Wellness class in the Physical Education department. These students have been certified by the American Red Cross curriculum to do this teaching. There are about 10 wellness class so these program alone will reach many college students.

Even with all the education now available on STD's the number of cases continues to rise. As of December 1997 there were 641,086 people with AIDS. This number doesn't include people with HIV. Being informed seems to be one of the best ways to prevent STD's.

The health department and the university nurse have more information on STD's and there are now even websites dealing with STD's.

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# Warm weather lowers class attendance

BY JENNIFER ROBINSON/NEWS REPORTER

Ever look out the bedroom window, see the sun shining, birds chirping and clear skies and feel beckoned to a day at the lake or the mall and wonder why—why should I go to class when the world has so much to offer? Or worse, how can a student possibly crawl out of bed when the windows are so iced over the blizzard blanketing the campus cannot be seen?

Whether the weatherman predicts sunny skies or sleeting snow, many students will skip class no matter what mood the breeze brings.

Some students think it's easier to skip in cooler weather than warmer.

Senior recreational leadership major Jarrod Tippens said the weather helps him decide whether or not to skip.

"I skip in cold weather because I'm more apt to stay inside—I don't want to walk in the cold. I have very cold-sensitive skin. I don't skip a lot, except for Fridays. I never go to Friday classes. However, I do skip in warmer weather to watch my soaps, my favorite being *All My Children*," he said.

Freshman English major Zack Ashley shares the same view.

"I skip more when it's cooler so I can sleep in," he said.

Many students said they skip in the springtime to do anything under the sun. Some popular activities are going to Radar Park, playing basketball, shopping, tanning, walking or just driving around with friends to talk.

Sophomore nursing major Tracy Carlton enjoys the warmer weather by skipping class to catch some zzz's—something most college students need and don't get enough of.

"I skip a lot more in nicer weather to sleep. I usually skip on Fridays to go home to Guthrie," she said.

Dr. Sandy Johnson has noticed a decline in attendance and accurately perceives why students skip more on Fridays.

"I've noticed a decline in warmer weather. Some students skip more on Fridays because of partying on Thursday nights," Johnson said.

Junior English Education major Jeff McCoy likes to spend time outdoors when skipping springtime classes.

"I skip more in the springtime because of nicer weather. I like to go to the lake, play basketball or workout. And I think I'm more attentive in class in the springtime because I'm more alert," he said.

Some are very adamant about not skipping, no matter what mother nature decides.

Senior elementary education major Joe Davis said he doesn't care about the weather, he won't skip.

"I never skip. There has to be a legit reason if I do skip.

I graduate in May and I'm not going to skip. The reason people skip is because teachers lecture and most don't take role—especially on Fridays," he said.

Junior psychology major Rod Dunn also refuses to skip class.

"I would rather go to class in the springtime because I like to get out and wear shorts. I only have one class on Friday so I might as well go," he said.

Another psychology major, Amanda Rivers, shares the same view in attending class regularly.

"I don't skip class, really. I don't feel compelled to skip, though I am less attentive in class knowing I could be walking, exercising or going shopping," she said.

On a brighter note, most students interviewed for this article were, in fact, skipping.



## Campus Events March 31- April 6

### Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation welcomes all Southwestern students to come and join them every Wednesday night at 7 for their weekly Bible study.

### Sigma Sigma Chi Social Sorority

Sigma Sigma Chi Social Sorority will have a date party at the Bricktown Ballpark at 7 p.m. April 10 to see the Redhawks play.

### History Club

The History Club is having their annual garage sale. Anyone with items to donate should call Dr. Roger Bromert at ext. 3281 or Dr. John Hayden at ext. 7072. All donations will be gladly accepted.

### O.W.L.S.

The O.W.L.S. will be attending the Renaissance Fair at Norman on April 10. Anyone interested in attending should attend the meeting at noon on April 9 in the Student Union Snack Bar.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## MOVIE REVIEW



**"8mm,"** released Feb. 26 by Columbia Pictures and Sony Pictures Entertainment, is a disturbing film starring Nicolas Cage. Cage plays Tom Welles, a surveillance specialist who embarks upon a case that he never

expected to become so out of hand.

In this movie, Welles is hired by Mrs. Christian (Myra Carter) to investigate the origin of an 8mm snuff film — a pornographic film in which the girls are supposedly murdered. Eddie Poole (James Gandolfini) is a porn film producer who may have some connection to the snuff film. Tom runs into a Hollywood porn shop owner Max California (Joaquin Phoenix) who joins him to explore the trail of the porn actress in the 8mm film - Mary Anne Mathews, missing since 1993.

"8mm" is a thriller, yet it goes beyond the usual boundaries of what makes a movie a chilling thriller. It is far more haunting than anything I have ever watched. The movie is full of depicitive snuff films that show young ladies being stripped of their dignity.

The snuff film that is being investigated is of a young girl, Mary Anne Mathews, standing in her underwear while a man wearing a black leather mask walks in circles around her threatening her life. Then slowly he steps up very close to her and raises a sharp knife up to her face. Her fear is breathtaking. Suddenly he takes the knife and slashes her face and then continues to mutilate her entire body. This is all caught on film.

This disturbing scene opens the movie, and haunts it from there on. Many films discuss subjects of such graphic detail, yet rarely do they show gruesome details to this extreme.

It's surprising that Nicolas Cage starred is such a controversial flick. Maybe once yan actor reaches the point in Hollywood that Cage is at, it just doesn't matter because he has nothing to lose.

The previews for this movie give the illusion that it is more of a mystery than thriller. Although there is some mystery going on the main focus of the film is snuff film production.

The setting is dark and dreary. Everything in the film takes place underground or in dark and hidden places.

"8mm" is definitely not a first choice for a date. It may be frightening, but it is not a movie that the lady will cuddle up with her man in. Rather, she will pull away and cover her face for the majority of the film.

The movie was very intense and unexpected. While I sat there thinking about how horrible the movie was, I also couldn't stop watching it. I was on the edge of my seat throughout the movie.

After it ended, the theater was completely silent. It was strange. I've never left a theater with so many faces so gloomy and distraught.

I think the inevitable thought running through most people's minds was - does this sort of behavior actually exist? Unfortunately it does. Snuff films are not a mere fictitious story. line to get higher movie reviews. Although it is illegal, it goes on. And one can only wonder how many end up in tragedy as in this movie.

I think that this movie will lose so much of its intensity when released onto video, so if you want to see a frightening film, see it on the big screen. However, those of you who have weak stomachs, I strongly suggest that you skip this film.

-Mindi Bond

## This Week's Video Releases

### RINGMASTER RATED R

Starring Jerry Springer, Jaime Pressly and John Capodice.

This comedy follows two sets of fictional guests as they try to get onto Jerry's show.

### HOME FRIES RATED PG-13

Starring Drew Barrymore, Luke Wilson, Jake Busey and Catherine O'Hara.

One gentleman wants to marry her, the other wants to murder her.



# Tornado season approaches

By FELICITA OLIVER / STAFF REPORTER

It is a nice afternoon. The sky is clear and the breeze is calm. You can hear the birds singing and chirping. All of a sudden you look up and realize the wind has shifted to sharp and heavy blowing everything in sight into pieces. The sky has turned gray and black and instead of hearing birds chirping, you hear thunder cracking loudly. As you look up in the distance you see a funnel shaping in the sky and the wind takes on an eerie sound.

We all know that's a sound of a tornado coming. Tornadoes occur during the spring season of the year or sometimes they may occur during the winter or summer seasons. It all depends on Mother Nature.

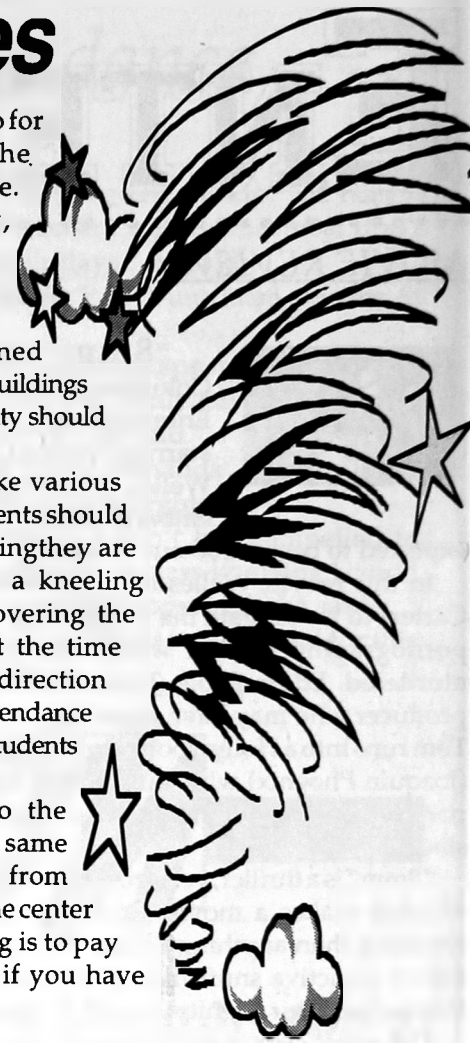
The best way to be familiar with tornadoes is to pay attention to the weather stations. There are many ways to prepare yourself for a tornado. Keep an eye on your local weather station or listen to a nearby radio. Know the different meanings when it comes to the words *watch* and *warning*. *Watch* means the conditions are favorable for a tornado or severe weather; *warning* means a tornado may be imminent, so take shelter quickly.

How is Southwestern prepared for a

tornado? The campus monitors a radio for watch or warning signals in the Department of Public Safety office. Under a "watch" the library, Administration Building, gym, physical plan and Student Union are notified that the area is under a watch. All shelters are opened by assigned persons. Under a "warning" the specific buildings will be advised and students in the vicinity should take cover within these areas.

A teacher may lead students to take various steps of action. If the sirens sound, students should go to the lowest level inside the building they are in, get against a wall and assume a kneeling position, head down, with hands covering the face. Students in unsafe locations at the time should go to assigned locations at the direction of the faculty. The faculty should keep attendance rosters at all times to check if all of their students are there.

If you're not able to make it to the university's safe place, do the exact same steps in your own home. Stay away from windows. Go to the smallest room in the center of the house. The most important thing is to pay attention to your television or radio if you have questions about the situation.



## Cuban diplomat to visit Southwestern

Roberto Garcia Hernandez, second secretary for the Cuban Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy in Washington, D.C., will spend time with Southwestern students during an April 5-10 visit to campus.

Hernandez' visit is sponsored by the Southwestern Social work Club and the Political Science Association.

At the current time, formal diplomatic relations are not existant between the two countries. Hernandez has represented Cuba in the United States in his current position since 1997.


Patricia albaugh, assistant professor in the social sciences department, said hernandez will meet with students speaking in various classes and student organization meetings.

The University of havanna journalism graduate will address current policy issues, health and social services in Cuba, examine past and current aspects of the long and complex historical relationship between the U.S. and Cuba, answer questions from students.

Albaugh said Hernandez' visit to Oklahoma will

enhance students' international awareness and understanding. Students will, in turn, introduce him to the Southwest region of the United States.

Additional information about the second secretary's visit to Southwestern is available by calling Albaugh at 774-3154 or e-mailing her at [albaughp@swosu.edu](mailto:albaughp@swosu.edu).

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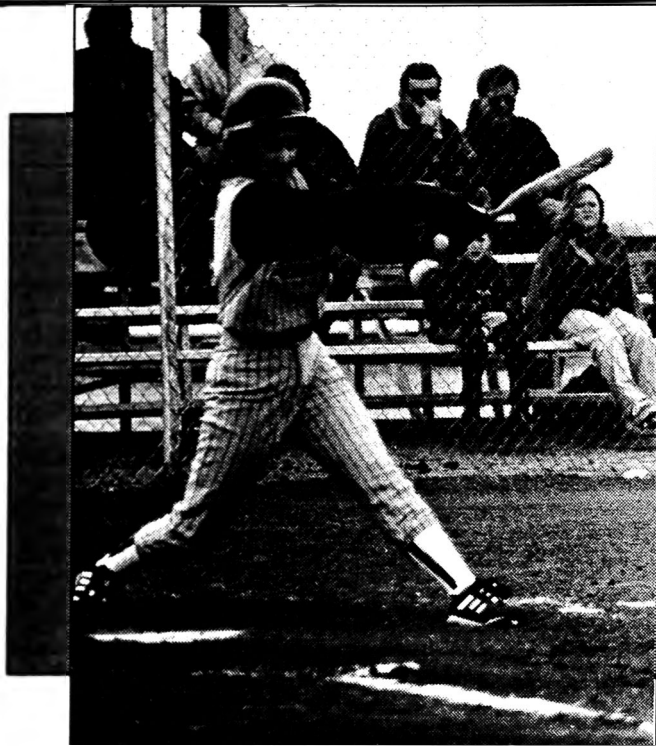
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**Jamie King, an outfielder from Oklahoma City, swings for the ball in recent home action. The womens softball team plays Southern Nazarene at 2 p.m. at Rader Park. Admission is free.**

PHOTO BY STEVEN DUNN

## Bethel finishes second

Clayre Bethel finished with scores of 80-79-80 to lead the Southwestern women's golf team to a third place finish at the Texas Invitational Golf Championship in Fort Worth, Texas. Bethel's 239 earned her second place honors individually.

### Correction

These are the only times the intramural department offered aerobics classes in Rankin Williams Fieldhouse.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7-8 p.m.

There are no morning aerobics classes because there are no aerobics instructors available for morning classes. If anyone has any experience teaching aerobics and are available for morning sessions call the intramural director's office.

The aerobic information was misidentified in last week's issue of *The Southwestern*. We apologize for any inconveniences this error might have caused.

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# Southwestern prepares for new soccer team

*Coach looks to build strong mens program in first year*

By ALEJANDRO VARGAS/ NEWS REPORTER

The men's soccer team will begin next fall as a member of the Lone Star Conference North Division. The team will be under the responsibility of head coach Jim Loomis.

Loomis has been a member of the Southwestern staff for many years and finally one of his dreams is coming true, to be the men's head soccer coach. He said now that he has this job, all he wants is to build this program from the bottom all the way to the top.

He also said this program will bring a new identity for the school and will be good entertainment for all the soccer fanatics from all around the county. Coach Loomis said a lot of people have shown support and excitement about the men's soccer team, which they are looking forward to seeing in action next fall.

Loomis is still looking for anyone who is interested in being a member of the men's soccer team. To give an opportunity to everyone, he is going to have an evaluation and tryout session Saturday, April 17.

There will be two sessions that day. The first will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The second will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may participate in either session, but only one.

All prospects should come prepared to perform various activities involved in playing the game of soccer. These will include various skill drills and timed activities. That will be the key in making the team.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the new soccer team should contact coach Loomis at 773-3100. These sessions will be held on the practice area north of Rogers and Jefferson halls.

Coach Loomis also said one of his goals for the men's soccer team is to have a great opening season. He wants to try to win at least 10 games.

To do this he said they have to prepare themselves very well, and not just physically but also mentally.

Official practice begins August 16, and Loomis plans to put all his effort into taking the men's soccer team all the way to the top.

## Rodeo teams to saddle up in home event

By LACEY CULLY/ NEWS REPORTER

It's time to bring out the saddles and spurs and head out to the Don Mitchell Arena. Weatherford is once again hosting one of the region's college rodeos April 8-10.

It will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, with another competition at 8 p.m. Friday. A slack performance, which will be open to the public, will be at 10 a.m. Friday. Saturday will have two performances at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

This is a chance to see some of this region's most talented

cowboy and cowgirl athletes in college rodeo. The men will participate in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling and bull riding. The women will compete in breakaway roping, goat tying and barrel racing.

Dar Perez, a junior from Castaic, Calif., sees the Weatherford rodeo event as something Southwestern students should see.

"Everyone should come out and support the rodeo team on their efforts, individually and as a team," Perez said.

Other activities will take place in conjunction with the rodeo. An alumni golf tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. At 10 a.m., Dale Hirschman will lead a worship service at the arena. Following the Friday and Saturday night performances, there will be a dance at J.C. Cowboys.

Jim Pugh and the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce have been very supportive in helping organize and sponsor the upcoming rodeo.

A joint effort between the rodeo team and the city of Weatherford has upgraded the facilities.

The women are currently leading the region with 935 points while Colby Community College is behind them with 550.

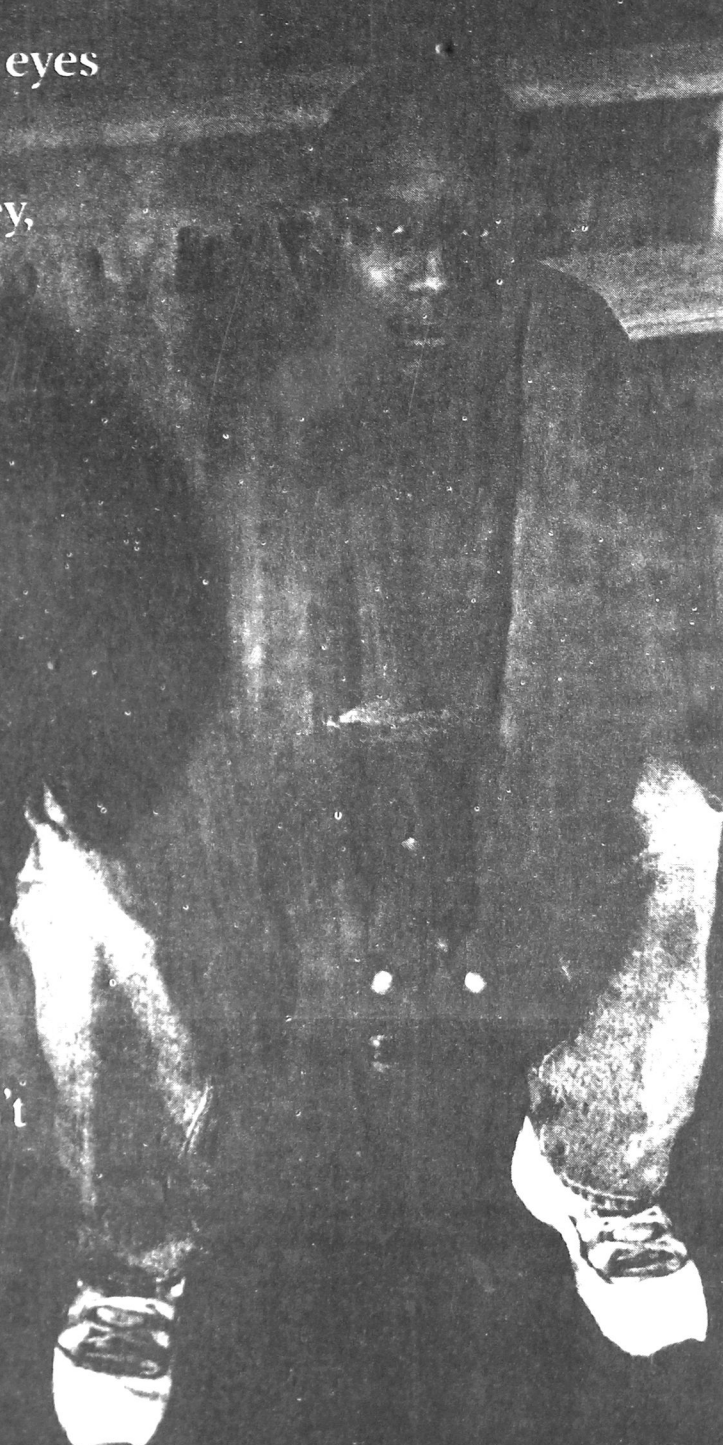
The men are second with 956 points, behind Panhandle State University's 1,178 points.

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