

The WatchDawg

The Focus Is You!

Calendar

- **October 4** Switchfoot & Anberlin in concert at the football field in Weatherford, 7:30 p.m.
- **October 19-20** Fall Break. No classes.
- **October 24** Campus Blood Drive
- **October 26** Oklahoma Research Day 7:30-12 noon. More info @ www.ucok.edu/facres/okres/intro.htm
- **October 31** - Halloween dress up contest in the Patterson Field house, Sayre. Win prize money.
- **November 1** Government Career Fair at Weatherford
- **November 7** Sayre's Career Day. Speakers will be on campus to answer your questions.
- **November 21-23** Thanksgiving Break. No classes.

Thursday: Switchfoot and Anberlin in Concert

By Kevin Williams

Switchfoot and Anberlin will be adding to the noise as they are scheduled to be at Milam Stadium on Thursday, October 4 and no, the concert will not be at 4:12, but at 7:30 p.m.. Many wonder if the concert will be a beautiful let-down. I dare you to move your schedules around to attend this event. Ammunition will be set off, and you were meant to attend this concert!

Don't miss it because, before you know it, they will be gone. After all, this is your life, so live it up and attend this concert that will be more than fine. Living is sim-

ple and they are playing for keeps, so explore your inno-

cence again and experience the awakening with Switchfoot and Anberlin in concert on October 4.

I can guarantee you they will continue to live the American dream and burn out bright.

Tickets are now available in the business office at both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. If purchased in advance, tickets are \$20 for SWOSU students, \$25 for non students or \$20 for individuals in parties of fifteen or more.

All tickets at the gate will be \$30, so get your tickets today and be head over heels in this life!

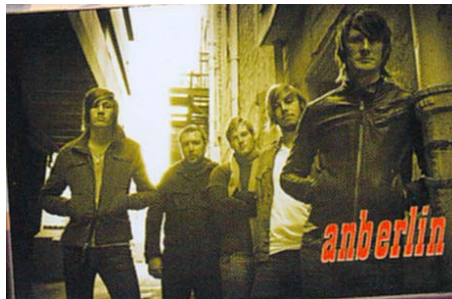
How well do you know Switchfoot?

In this article, there are 16 popular song titles by the band. How many can you find?

Answers will be disclosed on page six.



Above, the band Switchfoot, and below, Anberlin, will perform Thursday night. Tickets available in Sayre's Business Office.



Survey Says . . . Rock Bands Preferred

By Sharon Adair

The S.G.A. recently conducted a survey on what new activities students would like to see around SWOSU at Sayre. Around 75 people responded.

The music poll was the first and the type of band you would rather have on campus is Rock'n'Roll. The results were as follows: Rock: 35 votes,

Country: 23 votes, Christian: 10, and Hip Hop: 6 votes.

The number one thing students would like to see here was a comedian (45 votes). Next was hypnotist (34), magician (12), followed by motivational speakers (7) and karaoke (5).

Some students wrote in suggestions, having an interest in debates, dances, an American

Idol or Most Talented contest, food, outdoor contests, a group trip to a pro-athletic contest, and even a carnival with a dunking booth where faculty members will sit in the wet seat.

So keep your eyes open for new fun activities around the campus, and thanks to all those who responded. Your wishes and ideas will be considered.



Tara Lynn De La Rosa

Campus Saddened By Loss of Student

The faculty and students at SWOSU in Sayre were saddened with the loss of our fellow student, Tara Lynn De La Rosa, and her three-year old son Adrian De La Rosa of Elk City. The cause of the two fatalities occurred on Sunday morning in an automobile accident at the Elk City Lake on the Dam.

Tara Lynn was traveling south bound on Washington St.

crossing over Elk City Lake Dam. The vehicle swayed left of center and drove off the left side of the roadway. Skid marks indicate that Tara attempted to overcorrect her car, veering to the right side of roadway, landing the car in the west side of the Dam. The Elk City Fire Department arrived at around 7:30 a.m. where they found the car upside down but partially exposed in

the lake.

Some faculty and fellow students attended Tara's services. Tara Lynn will never be forgotten because she brought lots of joy and happiness to all that knew her. She was a very happy person with lots of goals and ambitions. We will always keep her in our thoughts and prayers.



C. E. Christian,
A past yearbook picture

Chris Christian, Professor Emeritus, Dies

By Roxann Clifton
On September 18, 2007, the medical technology profession lost one of its most dedicated members.

Chris Christian was a man of vision. After he moved to Sayre in 1965 and began working at the hospital as head of the lab and x-ray departments as well as assistant administrator, he saw the need for hospitals to have trained medical technologists working in laboratories. To meet this need, he proposed an associate degree program to train medical technologists at what was then Sayre Junior College.

No one had ever attempted this type of program before. In spite of being told it would never work and that it would never get approval, his tenacity won out and the first classes began in 1967. The first class had three graduates.

After those first few years, students started coming from all over the state and Texas panhandle keeping the dormitories full of students. He was responsible for the education of an entire generation of Medical Technologists/Technicians in the state of Oklahoma. Not only did his students find employment within Oklahoma, but at one time, at least one of his graduates was employed in each of the fifty states. His far-reaching influence in the profession ex-

tended beyond the traditional classroom. He was a noted and sought after lecturer who gladly accepted offers to speak at various medical technology meetings across the country—often at his own expense.

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After his retirement from the University in 1987, he became a lecturer for the Bayer Corporation traveling and representing the company, often spending more time on the road than at his home.

The Oklahoma State Society of the American Medical Technologists was started by Chris. At first he traveled throughout the state having small meetings at the local hospitals. Eventually, he was able to bring all the medical technologists together to form the state society. He served the Oklahoma State Society in every office and spent many years as the editor of the state publication, *The Sooner Scope*.

Chris truly loved his students and his friends he met through his 50 plus years as a member of AMT. He remembered his students and contacted them whenever possible. As he traveled throughout the state, he'd often stop at the local hospitals knowing he would find one of his former students and take the time to visit.

Chris always encouraged his students to further their education, attend meetings to gain knowledge about their profession and to become involved with AMT. He set the example by serving not only the Oklahoma State Society, but later by serving on the AMT Board of Direc-

tors. Chris deservedly received every award AMT bestows to its dedicated members. He was tireless in his efforts to improve the profession of medical technology.

Chris was proud of all his students and their accomplishments and never missed an opportunity to tell them so. The smile on his face as two of them were elected to the AMT Board of Directors is one that could only be rivaled by that of a father. He acted the father figure to many of his students. While they were in school, he kept tabs on them, gave them a per-

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sonal lecture when necessary and tried to "keep them in line." He was well known for his eye-rolling reaction to some of his students' antics.

In spite of his "trick questions" on exams and the demands he placed on his students' brains for the wealth of knowledge required of the profession, his students loved him and appreciated the standards he required they achieve to become medical technologists.

Chris' dear wife Phyllis died in 1977 while his three daughters were still teenagers. While a lesser man may have been unable to carry on, Chris raised three wonderful daughters. Diana, Dana, and Dayva have always been as proud of their father, as he was of them.

Chris' life can be described of that of a rich man—not of monetary wealth, but that of a man abundantly rewarded for his love of God, his

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Chris using a "willing" volunteer!



Chris and students in front of what was then the student union, but is now the Capps computer lab.

The SGA Officers have been elected

The votes are in! You have elected your 2007-2008 SGA officers.

Chosen President is Nicole Smith of Elk City who is working toward a Physical Therapy major. Elected Vice President is Chase Cook of Elk City, who is studying business, nursing, and computers.

Serving as Secretary is Ashley Yandell of Elk City while majoring in Nursing. The Sophomore Representa-

tives for SGA this year are Jina Brown of Canute, who is majoring in Nursing and Seth Puett of Sayre who is majoring in Criminal Justice.

The Freshman Representatives chosen are Fern Chotilersak of Sayre, who is working on a General Business major, and Candise Warren of Elk City who is studying Social Work.



Here they are—your SGA team: Nicole, Chase, Ashley Fern, Candase, Jina, Sponsor Ron Kistler, and Seth.

A Tuition Hike was Effective Fall 2007

By Lisa Phillips

Many noticed the rising cost of an education this fall and wondered why.

According to Dr. Jim James, Dean of the College of Associates and Applied Programs, funding has shifted in the Legislature, leaving less money for higher education, which in turn causes the consumer to pick up the slack.

Tuition fees are up \$10.00 per credit hour (pch) with the start of the Fall 2007 semester. The fee is now \$125.00 pch for Oklahoma resident students. Non-resident students now pay \$285.00 pch. Of the \$125.00,

\$100.00 is for tuition and the other \$25.00 is for fees. These fees are required by all students and are broken down as follows:

student activity fee-- \$8.50

facility fee--\$7.50

technology service fee--\$9.00

In addition to these fees, a student can also be subject to additional fees such as the following:

ACT residual - \$35.00 per exam

Application fee--\$15.00 per application for admission to the University

Electronic media fee--\$5 pch plus regular tuition charges

Music lesson fees--\$50.00 pch for private lessons and \$25.00 pch for

semi-private lessons.

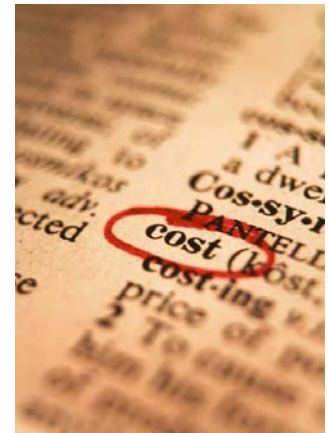
Off-site interactive video--\$20.00 per course if taken outside the Weatherford or Sayre campuses

Remedial course fee (zero level courses)--\$20 per semester hour PLUS regular tuition charges

Supplies fee—Applies to some Chemistry, Biology, Art, Physical Education, and Computer Classes. The fee is in lieu of supplies being purchased by the student.

Web based course fee--\$20.00 per hour

Although tuition is up at SWOSU, students can take solace in knowing it is still less per credit hour than other state universities.



Apply for Grant to Visit NASA and Its Scientists

The NASA Travel Grant Award, each averaging \$1500, are for faculty and/or students to spend up to three days at a NASA Center visiting with scientists.

The purpose of this grant is to provide the first step in initiating contact and forging a direct partnership with a NASA Center to develop possible research projects. Those faculty who received Travel Grant Awards and have visited with NASA Center Personnel will be eligible to apply for Research Ini-

tiation Grants, each averaging \$21,000.

Please refer to the NASA Mission Directorates for areas of research interest. Our NASA EPSCoR website is linked to the NASA Mission Directorates.

In order to apply you will need to submit the following information: Cover/application page (with NASA Mission Directorate emphasis), a short budget and a short abstract.

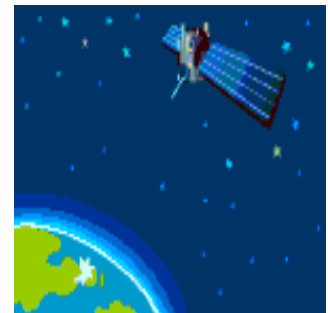
Requirements and forms for Travel Grant Awards are located

at: <http://nasa.epscor.ou.edu/sitetest/index.html>

Applications must be in office no later than October 8, 2007.

Awards will be announced October 15, 2007. Should you have any questions, please email or call: Stephanie Ponder, Project Coordinator, Phone: 325-6559, Fax: 325-5537, meganoksg@ou.edu

Apply today. Enjoy traveling and learning—plus it looks stunning on your resume!



Employee Spotlight

By Brent Bogart

Who's new on SWOSU campus in Sayre? The college recently acquired Dr. David Brooks as an adjunct instructor.



New adjunct faculty member,
Dr. David Brooks

Dr. Brooks grew up in Chickasha, Oklahoma, even though he did attend school in Enid for a short time. His father worked in the oil field, and Brooks stated that he thought he was raised "as well as anyone could be raised." He enjoys walking and riding bicycles. He's a huge history buff, and loves to learn American History that he doesn't already know.

He attended college at SWOSU in Weatherford. He has

a Bachelor of Arts in History. He took 64 college hours of history, therefore, is very educated in what he teaches.

David Brooks's heroes in American History are Ulysses S. Grant and Harry S. Truman.

Brooks has had many professions including the oil field, (where he once was pulled off a diving board and hung 150 feet in the air for about 20 minutes) as well as law, judge, assistant district attorney, private practice lawyer, and most recently of course, an adjunct professor at SWOSU in Sayre.

When asked if it was more difficult to be a lawyer or a

teacher, Brooks stated that "the practice of law is more difficult because one has to deal with his own problems as well as the client's problems." Teachers may affect a kid's future, but, he added, "kids won't go to jail if they flunk a class," so being a lawyer means having a lot on the line.

David Brooks has three kids Kristina, 27, Leah, 24, and Steven, 19. In closing, Brooks states that an important reminder for college students is that, "College years are the easiest years. They are pancake and sausage on a stick." *If that's a promise*, we'll bet many people will enjoy his class!

Smith Motivates Students Toward Goals

By Nicole Smith

Motivational speaker Amber Smith was the featured during Dawg Days, and her presentation was entitled The Ultimate Road-Trip. Almost 30 people were in attendance to hear her presentation and to be in the drawing for a free I-Pod.



Amber Smith, motivational speaker, explains the goals acronym S. M. A. R. T. to Sayre students.

Many of her tips will be helpful if applied by SWOSU students. One thing she suggested to do was to set S. M. A. R. T goals, which she described as Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Bound goals. Decide what you want to accomplish and get it done. If you don't set a timeline, you may never get around to accomplishing your goal.

Amber also reminded everyone, "You have to believe you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. People judge you

based on their own abilities and what they *can't* do, so don't let that bring you down."

She said, "Set deadlines for your goals! We've grown up in a society where promises are not kept even when they're promises made to ourselves; therefore, if deadlines aren't set, they can't be met."

The concept of time management was also discussed. So many times we hear people say, "So little time with so much to do." Time is the only thing we can't get back, so don't waste it.

There are only 168 hours in one week. As students, only so many of those hours are devoted to class, so how is the rest of our time being spent? Amber suggested writing out a schedule to see exactly how much time is being used productively or wasted, for that matter. It really put things in perspective.

Amber said, "Professors DON'T want to flunk you. They get absolutely nothing out of that."

She then preceeded to give students pointers on study habits. Sit in the "T" which is the front row and the middle row going back. Studies show that students who sit there are more

alert and have higher grades. Where, when, and with whom you study are also important. Find out if you study better in the AM or PM or when you're most alert. Don't let study groups turn into Chatty Kathy get-togethers, either.

These are just a few of Amber's tips. Look for more in our next issue.

SGA Awards I-Pod



As a result of attending the Ultimate Road Trip sponsored by SGA, one lucky winner of an IPOD Shuffle was selected. Brent Bogart, a freshman from Mangum, receives the prize from Ron Kistler.

Time To Scream . . .and Win Ca\$h!



Showing off a little leg are a couple of last year's Halloween Costume Contest winners.

Halloween is just around the corner, and it's time again for the annual Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the SGA here at Sayre.

Start getting together your best costume, because the winners get cash money.

The winning amounts for the costume contest will be awarded as follows: First place, **\$250.00**; Second place, **\$150.00**; and Third place, **\$100.00**.

Instructors, too, are en-

couraged to participate. There will be the Bobbing for Apples, Pie Eating Contest, and a Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest. For the Jack-O-Lantern Contest, you will need to carve your own at home and bring it up to the gym for display and voting.

Food and drinks will be served free to everyone—even if you are not a participant in any of the contests. Quiznos sandwiches and pop

will be served. The event will be in the gym from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Details are still being hammered out by the SGA committees, so look for signs around campus for exact times and locations of events, and be sure to vote for your favorite costume.

Remember, it is still your responsibility to attend class or to make arrangements with your instructors.

MLT Club is off to a sweet start



The 2007 Med Tech Club

The members of the Medical Laboratory Technicians Club have already had a very successful fundraiser, selling chocolate candy bars around the campus. If you haven't had a chance to purchase one, there might be one left in the office of Mrs. Roxann Clifton, sponsor, if you hurry!

The members of the club will be using their profits to help defray registry exam fees.

In the photo at left the MLT

Club consists of the following: Front row, left to right, Darcy McLeod—President, Erika Bryant, Jessica Toler—Sophomore Representative, Lynn Crha—Treasurer, Melissa Smith—Vice President, Deneile Nash—Freshman Representative.

Second row: Martha Bustamante—Sophomore Representative, Aaron Fultz—Freshman Representative, Penny Armstrong.



J. D. Moore

Meet J.D. and His *Little Friend* . . .

By Lisa Phillips

J. D. Moore, one of our sophomores from Elk City, has a very interesting hobby. He is a scorpion keeper. This is an African Emperor Scorpion (one of the largest kinds in the world) which according to J.D. is very docile and a

great scorpion for beginners. It is a second generation pet. J.D.'s brother bought the mother and she had eight babies; this is the only one left. It is about 5 years old and eats spiders, crickets, giant centipedes, young mice, rats, lizards and snakes. It

even ate a tarantula once. The only time it has ever used its stinger was on a large mouse. The sting of the African Emperor Scorpion is no worse than a bee sting, but watch out for the pinchers! Oh, and the coolest thing it does, is glow in the dark.

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biological family, and his AMT family. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have had him in our lives will miss him very much.

Chris was 82 years old at the time of his death. Newspaper sponsor Terry Ford added, "*The WatchDawg* had been receiving articles from Chris as recently as last semester. He loved to send us really funny clips from the dusty, old editions of the first campus newspapers, which we ran in a column called 'Tidbits from I. M. Hokom.' He

got a kick out of that pen name because *hokum* means a bunch of bull. He enjoyed journalism, and always teased me as a fledgling reporter by asking me if my modifiers were dangling or if I had split any of my infinitives that day."

Librarian Janice Hodge also remembers how much Chris meant to her. "He really cared for his students and went about helping them in anyway he could to help them in the Med. Tech. Program. When he retired, he often visited us in the library to help him make copies for projects that he would be prepar-

ing to help recruit students for this program. He also taught nutrition at night, and I was amazed when he would go into detail about foods and vitamins and the body. I often thought about enrolling in that class just to learn for myself what all the body requires for nourishment to keep us up and going. He was just a very dedicated man and worked hard for this program as well as for the community. He was a man full of stories. He was a fine man, and we will really miss him."

Some Friendly Advice—A Column by Matthew Lee

**"If . . .
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cript is better than
an 'F'."**

So the fall semester is here. For some of you it may be your first time at college. For others, you may be returning. Either way, you have already made it a month or so into this semester. Most likely you're in it for the long haul if you made it this far. Now let's make sure you pass your classes with the best grade possible.

Some classes can be stressful or difficult for you. There may be certain subjects you excel in and some you may struggle with, either way there should be no reason to get an "F" in that class. If you don't understand material or work you are doing in class, ask the instructor of that class for help. Most have office hours posted; find out those times and visit with them about problems you have and any help they might provide to help you understand the material better.

Often bad grades are the result of bad homework or study habits. Everybody is busy. Jobs, kids, family, friends, and time for you are all causes of school being pushed to the side. Procrastination, or putting everything off until the last possible minute, is one of the worst things you can do in college. Try setting a little time aside each day for study and homework and don't let anybody or anything interrupt you from this. This will help you immensely. Try and stay ahead of assignments and tests. That way you have the

upper hand.

If you are still struggling with things and have talked it over with your teacher and you still think you'll fail, look into dropping the class. A withdrawal or "W" on your transcript is better than an "F". Dropping classes should be a last resort. If

you follow the steps above you really shouldn't fail. Good luck with classes this semester. Don't have to learn from your mistakes like I did. Stay ahead of the game.

Comics by Chase Cook



List of Answers for SWITCHFOOT — From Page One

"Adding to the Noise," "4:12," "Beautiful Letdown," "Dare You to Move," "Ammunition," "Meant to Live," "Gone" "This is Your Life," "More Than Fine," "Living is Simple," "Playing for Keeps," "Explore Your Innocence Again" "Awakening," "The American Dream," "Burn Out Bright," "Head Over Heals In This Life."