

MARCH 2, 2011

The Watch Dawg

CALENDAR:

- **Mar. 2 & 11—**
Biggest Loser Weigh-Ins at the weight room in the gym from 11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. \$50 prize!
- **Mar. 3—** last day to audition for the **Bulldog Blitz Talent Show** offering prize of \$1000. See details, page 7.
- **Mar. 3—Aron Ralston** (Yes, the guy who cut off his own arm!) to speak at the Fine Arts Center, Weatherford, 7:30 p.m. Free, but get tickets in the business office to assure seating.
- **Mar. 4-5—3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.** in the Patterson Field house on campus.
- **Mar. 9—Blood Drive** in gym, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Mar. 14-18—Spring Break!**
- **Mar. 25—PBL Pull Tab Fundraiser** deadline. Bring bags of tabs to Mrs. Hernandez.
- **Mar. 31-Apr. 5—**
Urinetown at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
SWOSU Weatherford

SWOSU at Sayre

By Julie Olson

SWOSU students are invited to volunteer to assist in the upcoming Special Olympics.

This event will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will be held at the Weatherford High School Track and Field, 1500 N. Washington in Weatherford. Lunch will be provided for the participants.

Sign-in will be at the registration desk in the Weatherford High School cafeteria or you may sign up in Mrs. Holly Hernandez's office in Mackey Hall 103 here on the Sayre campus.

Volunteers will be responsible for their assigned athlete from the time they arrive until they are completed and in the care of their parent or coach. Volunteering to be a "hugger" and cheer on the

The Focus is You!

special athletes can be a very rewarding experience.

Additionally, community volunteer work is an important component of your resume.

Mrs. Hernandez is offering bonus points to all students who participate. For more information on this event, contact Ronna Vanderslice at 580-302-0960.



Spring Break begins March 14

GOING GREEN? MARDI GRAS OR ST. PADDY'S DAY

By Aaron Fultz

For SWOSU students, St. Patrick's Day falls during Spring Break this year, so many may take advantage of the time off for a little bit of green beer and shamrocks. For others, March means Mardi Gras, where green is one of the traditional colors and stands for faith (See related article on page 5).

Whether or not your plans include green, you are sure to enjoy that classes will not be held March 14-18. The campus will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of Spring Break, but admin-

istrative staff will be here on Wednesday through Friday to take care of business. Classes will resume on March 21.



Kicking up his heels with Spring Fever is Joseph Hough as J. C. Ely drives him to class on a warm day last week.

Wondering what to do? Perhaps you can get some fresh ideas from your peers. Students volunteered some of their Spring Break stories and plans below:

"Spring Break 1991 was the best Spring Break ever because my family and I went to South Padre, Texas, and Matamoras, Mexico.—Kathy Jones, Freshman from Erick

"I usually spend the week on my grandmother's farm." — Ashley King, Freshman from Cordell

"My favorite Spring
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BIGGEST LOSERS SHOULD WEIGH IN TODAY!

Today is the weigh in day for contestant in the Biggest Loser contest on the Sayre Campus.

Go by the Patterson Field house weight room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. to weigh in. Chris Stufflebean will be there to take your weight. If you can't make it at that time, you may make

arrangements with Stufflebean or with Terry Ford to validate your weigh in.

If you make it to the weigh in today, you will be eligible to receive a prize of \$50 if you lose the most between today and March 11th. It doesn't matter if you haven't lost the most of all the others, just if you have lost the most

in the period between today and March 11th.

"Don't give up," Ford stated. "Make it to this weigh in and use Spring Break as your incentive!"

Dr. Cindy Foust at Weatherford volunteered to sponsor the winner with a \$50 prize.

The final weigh in is in mid-April.



ARON RALSTON TO SPEAK AT WEATHERFORD

Aron Ralston-adventurer, author and the focus of the movie *127 Hours*-will speak at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on March 3rd as part of the SWOSU Panorama Series. Ralston documented his life-altering experience and his remarkable will to survive in the New York Times best-selling book, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center followed by a book-signing ceremony.

Pinned by a half-ton boulder for nearly a week in a remote 3-foot-wide slot canyon in southern Utah in 2003, Ralston finally escaped his desolate grave by amputating his right forearm with a dull pocket-knife. After applying a tourniquet, he hiked and rappelled for five hours through Blue John Canyon before searchers in a helicopter miraculously rescued him.

Ralston documented the life-altering experience and his remarkable will to survive in his New York Times best-selling book, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. His story was recently featured on a special two-hour edition of *Dateline*

NBC with Tom Brokaw following the Super Bowl and is featured in the movie *127 Hours* that is one of 10 movies nominated for "Best Picture" at the 83rd Academy Awards scheduled for February 27.

Ralston will speak at SWOSU at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Admission is free but tickets are being issued to secure seating. Free tickets are available at the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building; the SWOSU Business Office, Room 109 of the Administration Building; SWOSU Sayre campus Business Office; and the Weatherford Daily News office. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:15 p.m.; after that time, seating will be opened for anyone without a ticket.

There will be a book-signing event after the talk.



Aron Ralston, who cut off his arm to save his life, will tell his story and sign his book on March 3 in Weatherford.

SWOSU ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY FOR SUMMER AND FALL

By Tim Racadio

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students can enroll now for the 2011 summer and fall semesters.

Enrollment is open until the first day of school. For summer, it is June 1st, or for Fall, it is Aug. 17th.

Students who will be juniors, seniors and undergraduate students have also already begun to enroll for the summer and fall semesters.

Students who are transferring to Weatherford should visit with Kim Seymour in Sayre or Daniel Archer at Weatherford.

They can enroll online via Cam-

pus Connect or in person at the Registrar's Office in Weatherford in Room 108 of the Administration Building.

"It is important for these students to take advantage of early enrollment opportunities to get into the classes that meet their needs and preferences," said Registrar Daniel Archer. "They should also work with their advisors to choose classes that put them on track to graduate."

Weatherford sophomores will be able to enroll starting February 21st, and freshman can enroll starting February 28th. For more infor-

mation, please contact the Registrar's Office at (580) 774-3777.

Qualify for graduation?

Those students who are planning to be eligible to graduate in May of 2011 should see Kim Seymour in the Sayre Registrar's Office. Every student needs to fill out a graduation application to verify the information on their diploma will be correct. It is very important to the campus for all who qualify for graduation to be documented, even if they are transferring to Weatherford and even if they choose not to go through graduation ceremonies, according to Seymour.

"What's in your wallet?"

HOSPITALITY OFFERS MORE \$\$\$\$ AND A BRIGHT FUTURE!

By: Bill D'Alessandro – Director/Instructor, HRGM Program

Jobs, jobs, and jobs—it seems that is all everyone is talking about today. Unemployment is at record levels. American industries are shutting down and moving overseas. Companies have replaced people with technology, robots and cheaper foreign workers. So where are you going to find a job when you leave school? Let's face it, most people go to college for two reasons – first because their parents say they should and secondly because they want to get a good steady job. Colleges are turning out more future employees than educators. So where are the jobs?

They are in hospitality management by the hundreds of thousands. According to all government and private sector studies, the Service Industry is the only industry still growing and adding jobs by the millions. Health care and Hospitality are the two largest sectors of

the Service Industry. The Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released its forecast for employment prospects till 2018 and this is what they said:

Hospitality will add over 1 million new jobs by 2018.

Combined Service sector & Management employment will jump by 28%.

Food service alone will jump by 9%.

Companies hire twice as many college graduates over those with only on-the-job training.

Hiring of people with Associate degrees has increased by 19%, largest increase of all categories.

SWOSU has seen the numbers and responded to the need. In Fall 2010 the Sayre campus introduced a new Associate Degree in Hospitality, Restaurant

& Gaming Management (HRGM). The role of this degree program is to turn out Top Managers for hospitality. Looking at the DOL report and using standard business "Span of Control" theory, hospitality will need 250,000-350,000 new managers for those new employees. It is a career that offers great pay from \$40,000 at entry level to \$100,000 at the General Manager levels with full benefits.

Hospitality is a career that depends heavily on people providing service. Your job is not endangered by replacement by robots and it cannot be shipped overseas. It takes real people to deliver real services and those employees need management guidance. I invite you to page through the web sites of hospitality corporations like Marriott, Brinker, Yum Brands, Hyatt, Hilton and hundreds more. Scroll down to Careers and open a new world with thousands of

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MARCH MEANS MARDI GRAS. BUT WHAT IS IT?

By Megan Spitz

Many people today love to celebrate Mardi Gras, but very few know the meaning or origin of Mardi Gras. Its origins go as far back as ancient Roman times. The Romans celebrated the *Lupercalia*, a circus-like festival not entirely unlike modern day Mardi Gras. When Rome embraced Christianity, the early Church fathers decided it was better to incorporate certain aspects of pagan rituals into the new faith rather than abolishing them altogether.

Mardi Gras (also known as Carnival) became a period of abandon and merriment that preceded the penance of Lent, therefore giving a Christian interpretation to the ancient custom. In preparation of Lent, early Christians

used up all their products that came from warm blooded animals. The reason being that since Christ was warm blooded and died on the cross for our sins, Christians didn't eat any warm blooded animals or the ani-



mals products, which is why Catholics eat fish during Lent. So to get rid of all their warm blooded products they would hold parties. They would use all their meat, eggs, and butter to make their meals and sweets.

They would hold the biggest party

on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, thus giving the name "Fat Tuesday."

Many began to use the mask to hide their face. The mask allows the revelers to remain anonymous and behave in ways that they normally would not, adding to the fun of the festivities.

Using masks gave people a chance to be who they wanted to be, act out their true personalities, or their alter ego. Also, masks are often used in tandem costumes for Mardi Gras and have become integral to the festivities.

The traditional colors of Mardi Gras are purple, green, and gold. Each color represents different things. The purple stands for justice, green stands for faith, and gold stands for power.

Watch for Mardi Gras activities to be sponsored in March by the SGA!

FUNDS RAISED BY MLT AND SGA VALENTINE'S DAY SALES

By Casey Bloomer

Valentine's Day on campus was awash with color as balloons filled the air and treats filled tummies. The Medical Laboratory Technician club did a fantastic job on their Valentine's Day fundraiser they held, which was selling chocolate



strawberries, rice crispy hearts and popcorn hearts. Amanda Low, member of the MLT club, reported that they made \$2,000.00. All of the goodies provided by the club were hand made by its dedicated members trying to

raise money to attend the national AMT convention this summer in Miami. The Student Government Association raised \$400.00 with their balloon fundraiser. The clubs wish to thank all who participated.



SWOSU GOES MOBILE!!! GET THE APP FOR PHONE

By Tim Racadio

With the ever-expanding use of cell phones as a way to get information and stay connected on the go, it was only a matter of time before SWOSU developed a fitting application to make stu-

dent life a little easier. The goSWOSU app is now available for iOS iPhones and iPads, Blackberries, and is free to download.

Get connected today with News and Event feeds. Navigate around the campus

with the Campus Locator. Look up class schedules, utilize the library, get local weather and more. Direct connections to Desire2Learn, Campus Connect, and Webmail are also included. One more way SWOSU tries to make things more convenient for its students.

ST. PADDY'S DAY—THE ORIGINAL WAY TO “GO GREEN”

By Amber Ritchie

On March 17, the Irish and wanna-be's all over the world will be wearing green and celebrating their heritage. Saint Patrick's Day has been a holiday for a very long time. It started out as a day in recognition of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, but now has become more of just a celebration of Irish culture.

In the U.S., St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated since 1737. In Boston and Irish society organized the first St. Patrick's Day parade in the colonies and was also recorded as the first St. Patrick's Day parade in the world on March 18 of 1737. This parade was made up of Irish immigrant workers who were marching to make a political statement about how they were not happy with their low social status and



their inability to obtain jobs in America. New York's first St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1762, by Irish soldiers in the British army. The first celebration of St. Patrick's Day in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1766. The parades were held as political and social statements because the Irish immigrants were being treated unfairly. In 1780, General George Washington, who commanded soldiers of Irish descent in the Continental army, allowed his troops a holiday on March 17. They called it The St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780.

People celebrate this unique holiday all over the world, but if you are from around here, you may wonder where some places are that might be fun to join the festivities but not have to travel too far. I found a few places



that look like a good place to celebrate this green day.

The closest is Shamrock, Texas, about a 45 minute drive west of Sayre. The town has a parade, carnival, dance, and other festivities. In Dallas, Texas, they have a parade and after-party that has been going on since 1981 on Lower Greenville Avenue. The parade is held the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day with thousands of spectators and parties lining the streets. It is the biggest St. Patrick's Day parade and festival in the Southwest. Also, in Oklahoma City they have a parade on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 1 p.m. According to www.St-patricks-day.com, "It is a family-focused event offering a venue of those who wish to participate as an entry and for those who are ready to come and celebrate and have a fun day at the largest annual parade in OKC." So get out there and show your Irish pride on the 17!

SPORTS TALK BY SPENCER SMITH

The other night, the Denver Nuggets didn't need Carmelo Anthony, Chauncey Billups or any of their new acquisitions. J.R. Smith's 26 points helped short-handed Denver beat the Memphis Grizzlies, 120-107, Tuesday night, hours after the Nuggets finalized a blockbuster deal that sent Anthony and Billups to the Knicks.

Tony Allen had 26 points and O.J. Mayo added 21 for the Grizzlies, who had their four-game winning streak halted.

The Nuggets had only nine players

on the bench following Monday's nine-player trade with the Knicks.

The four players the Knicks sent to Denver—Raymond Felton, Timofey Mozgov, Wilson Chandler and Danilo Gallinari—received the biggest ovation of the night without even stepping on the floor.

They waved to the crowd from the side of the court after spending most of the game watching from a luxury suite as their new teammates picked apart the Grizzlies.



WHAT'S NEW IN SGA? MEDIEVAL MANIA

By Becca Sims

Some Medieval mania will be coming to the Sayre campus! This year SGA plans on a medieval theme for our annual Spring Fling, which will take place in

conjunction with the Literary Festival on April 15th. There will be a costume contest, games, free food, and fun. More information to come!



SWOSU TO HOST MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will once again host a summer science and math academy thanks to a \$41,600 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will host a summer science and math academy for 32 high school juniors and seniors July 11-29 on the Weatherford campus.

The academy will be made possible by a \$41,600 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Principal investigators of the grant are Dr. Brian Campbell, who is director of the academy, and Dr. David Esjornson. Both are professors in the SWOSU Chemistry and Physics Department.

The SWOSU Summer Science and

Mathematics Academy is designed to give high school students a two-week campus experience studying the relationship between science, mathematics, technology and society. It is also in-

tended to motivate the participants to pursue higher education and careers in science, mathematics and technology.

Campbell said other objectives for the SSMA are to meet the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) curriculum as well as National Education Standards in Science and Mathematics (NSES, PSSM).

Students will stay on the SWOSU campus and engage in short courses of biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, space science, health, mathematics and physics. Students will have laboratory activities, field experiences and participate in a problem solving competition.

For questions about the SSMA, contact Campbell at 580-774-3118.



Meeting recently to discuss the academy were (from left): Dr. David Esjornson, SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics; SWOSU President Randy Beutler; Dr. Brian Campbell, SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics; SWOSU Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe; and Dr. Lori Gwyn, director of the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs.

Hospitality Industry \$\$\$\$\$\$, continued

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job opportunities, all over the world in every conceivable field. The hospitality industry has careers with greatest possible diversity of jobs, careers that employ more women and minorities in management than any other field and a career that is as wide as you want it to be.

Take the first step and explore a degree in HRGM at SWOSU-Sayre. Oklahoma, the United States and the world are exploding with hospitality employment growth. There is a career with a bright future, good pay, great benefits that offers adventure, travel and excitement.

"I can honestly say that in over 35 years in hospitality work, I always had a job, did

some amazing things but most of all, I never had a dull day! What will be in your wallet?" D'Alessandro asks.

For more information, visit Bill D'Alessandro at SMH 125, or contact him at (580)928-5533, ext 156 or e-mail him at bill.dalessandro@swosu.edu.

ON MARCH 4-5 . . .

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SLATED

By Jason Bollinger

The SWOSU- Sayre SGA is holding a 3 on 3 basketball tournament Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th in the Patterson Fieldhouse on the Sayre campus.

According to Ron Kistler, SGA Advisor, "The hours of the tournament will be dependent upon the number of teams entered to play. The tournament is scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, but could possibly be played on Saturday only if there are too few teams entered to play both days."

Game times will be posted in the gym, or you can contact Nancy in the Financial Aid office for more information.



The games will be played half-court, with two games going on at the same time. Each game will be played until the first team scores twenty-one points.

The team that wins the tournament will receive a cash prize of half of all the entry money for the tournament. "The other half of the entry money will go to SGA, who," Kistler says, "will use the money to fund a scholarship at the end of the year, or will put the money toward campus beautification projects."

The tournament is sure to be fun and entertaining for both spectators and players. Admission is a cheap \$1, and there will be a concession available, so everyone come out and support the SGA and SWOSU at Sayre!

Team captains and players need to be aware of the rules for the tournament. See graphic.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

- 3 ON 3 teams
- 18 and up
- Anyone can join, even if they aren't a SWOSU student
- Referee's will be SGA officials or volunteers (that are not in the tournament)
- Play times will be posted in the gym, or call Nancy
- We can text your play times to your captain if you wish, but be sure to tell Nancy or check yes on the entry form
- Every team must sign a waiver
- Can be coed, all girl, or all boy
- Substitutions allowed only for emergency
- \$30 a team
- You can be disqualified due to excessive fouls or violence
- 5 fouls allowed per team
- 5 minutes allowed before game on the court
- Teams must be on the court at their scheduled game even if the games are running behind
- Teams ahead at 25 minutes win
- Clear ball after rebound for defense team
- Coin flip determines first ball
- Ball changes possession after point score
- Teams must have coordinating colored shirts
- No outside food or drinks,

Talent Show offers CASH prize

The Bulldog Blitz talent show is coming back, and students on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses will have the opportunity to compete for big cash prizes.

SWOSU students will compete for first place prize money in both individual and group competitions. The individual winner will receive \$500 and the group winner will receive \$1,000. In order to be eligible to enter the individual category, the contestant must be a student currently enrolled at SWOSU.

However, in the group category, only one member of the group is required to be currently enrolled at SWOSU.

Audition tryouts are scheduled for February 28 through March 3 at the SWOSU Conference Center on the Weatherford campus.

Interested participants need to sign up for a tryout time in the Dean of Students Office, **Room 214** of the **Stafford Center in Weatherford**. Audition times each day are from 3-7 p.m. The tryout times are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

SPRING MEANS PROM AND WEDDING FASHION SHOWS

By Tisha Herndon

Elk City hosted its annual Prom and Wedding Fashion Show Saturday, February 5. The show proudly boasted students from high schools and colleges in the surrounding areas.

The show is actually put on by Jackie Black and Roxanne Currier, co-owners of The Boutique in Elk City. Co chairman of the show Roxanne Currier said, "This is a great way for the girls to see what is in style and to start getting an idea of what it is they want to wear on their special occasion coming up."

Some of this year's hottest trends showed up on their runway, including bright patent shoes and simple but chic hair and makeup. These days, the prom for the girls is less formal than it used to be. Many of the dresses were made of silk and they were brightly colored with very little jewels. The girls don't want big puffy dresses or dresses that are heavy from intricate beading. The girls want something that looks elegant but that they can dance the night away in. Another hot trend for prom seemed to be mini dresses and one-shoulder dresses. Bright vibrant colors seemed to be the theme although they did showcase classic red, white, and pink ball gowns. The girls today just seem to be more relaxed and do not make such a big deal over prom anymore and this easiness has translated into the

latest prom styles.

The wedding catwalk also hosted new trends with old. You had your classic big white wedding dresses and then you had your current black, red, or any color you want gowns. Most were one shouldered and more fitted on top with the full skirt. There weren't many that rocked the trains or veils but they did showcase a few for those that still want the traditional style. They also showcased a more laid back set of dresses that one may prefer to wear on a beach or just for a simple basic ceremony. Co chairman Roxanne said they are still getting in the newest dresses from Maggie Sottero and Mori Lee for that big day. The shoes were the highlight with all the girls wearing colored, patent, and peep toe shoes.

The catwalks weren't the only things being showcased. Many people from the surrounding areas that make cakes, plan weddings, and take pictures showed up to showcase their talents as well with booths set up all around the civic center. You could go by each booth and look at what they had to offer, and I am sure that many women found this to be very helpful to see everyone's styles in one place. Then they were able to decide who, or if, they wanted to use someone to help them with their big days!

The show had a large turnout and

every year it keeps getting bigger.

If you missed this show but would like to see what the trends are, then you can go to The Boutique in Elk City, located on Main Street, to star in your own personal fashion show for that big event coming up.



Beautiful! Bailey Carnes, Hollie Orth, and Lacey Custer, all originally from Merritt, look stunning at the Prom and Wedding Fashion Show. Orth attended college here at Sayre last semester.

HELP THE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND DONATE OR ADOPT!

By Michael Amberson

PBL is accepting donations on behalf of the Friends for Life Animal Sanctuary. PBL is collecting the following items to donate to the animal Sanctuary:

- Dog or cat food (any kind)
- Leashes (must be new)
- Collars (must be new)

If you are interested in donating,

please bring donations to Ms. Hernandez in SMH 103. Also any animals you see on the flyers are available for adoption. Also the following teachers are giving out five points per donation up to fifteen points for your support: Ms. Holly Hernandez, Mrs. Deborah Carpenter, Mrs. Tommye Davis, and Mrs. Kathy Brooks.



THE BOY WHO WAS SEEN, NOT HIS WHEELS

BY TRAVIS WELLS



There was a boy, who was born not to walk,
 But because he never knew something was wrong, oh, boy, could he talk!
 When he reached a certain age, his dad bought him a walker with wheels,
 When Travis stepped into the walker with wheels his dad asked, "How does it feel?"
 Travis was so happy, that now he could go on his own,
 Why, if he heard the bell tolling he could go answer the phone!
 Travis knew his walker of wheels would open up new ways to live,
 Like going to school, and being with other kids, Travis had so much to give,
 But the kids at school looked at Travis different not the same,
 When it was playtime outside no one ever asked if he would like to be part of a game.
 So Travis forgot how excited he was, and stay quiet as a mouse,
 For when Travis came home from school he never would go out of the house.
 Though Travis' parents, tried everything they could,
 They wanted Travis to have a reason to go out, if only he would.
 Well, fall, and winter went by so fast, Springtime had come at last.
 One Saturday morning, Travis awoke to the bluebirds singing a beautiful song,
 He laid there for awhile wishing there was a place for him to belong.

Getting into his walker, Travis thought and thought about going outside,
 "Maybe staying in here I am only trying to hide."
 Travis remembered what they taught in Sunday school,
 To love everyone like Jesus, for that is the golden rule.
 So Travis sat down on the front lawn, After a while it was so quiet he started to yawn.
 He started to fall asleep, but all of a sudden what did occur?
 A wet nose, with a wet tongue licking his face, attached to a lot of fur!
 "Hey, wait a minute, you!" Travis said, "What are you trying to do?"
 From where did this beautiful golden-haired dog appear?
 So gentle she was, Travis felt no fear. It seemed no one knew where she lived, or belonged to,
 So Travis' parents allowed the dog to stay, it was the thing to do.
 The dog named Buffy, was such a wonderful friend,
 She got Travis to play, tossing a ball, so much fun; Travis hated the day to end.
 One day Buffy wanted Travis to take her for a walk that day,
 They were having so much fun; Travis didn't realize how they had gone so far away.
 Across the street were some boys playing basketball,
 All of a sudden, one of them gave

Travis a
 ler, a call.
 "Hey, want to come over and join the game?"
 That day was the beginning for Travis; he would never be the same.
 Travis hesitated, but Buffy pulled him along,
 She seemed anxious for him to belong.
 "You sure you want me?"
 "I am in this walker, can't you see?"
 "So what if you are, can you make those wheels go?"
 Travis stood there a moment. "I don't know".
 "Well give it a try, see how it goes",
 What happened next, I don't think anyone would expect or know.
 They gave Travis the ball, and with one hand he went towards the net,
 With all his strength, he threw the ball, not thinking he would make it, but yet,
 The ball went into the net, and Travis was amazed at what he could do,
 Well the game proceeded, and Buffy got to help retrieve the ball,
 Everyone was involved with the game; it was Travis' happiest day of all.
 When Buffy and Travis arrived home, his mother wondered where they had gone,
 Mom, Travis Smiled, "Jesus showed me even with my walker, I can belong."

RAD TOWN BY TIM RACADIO



SPRING BREAK, FROM FRONT

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Break was in 1999 when I went to Washington, D.C., and saw the breathtaking cherry trees in bloom. I was able to see the ceremony as the military added a new name to the Vietnam wall.” – Colleen Taylor, originally of Cape Cod, Mass.

“For spring break this year I plan on going to Branson, MO, with my family and going to a lot of cool shows.”—Bree Waugh Elk City, OK

“Many years ago, I spent my spring break in Galveston, TX. On the first day there, we went down to the pool at the hotel, and while walking across the deck, I tripped and got about 50 splinters in my feet. They were so deep I had to go to the hospital and have them all removed with no pain medicine. Ouch! The rest of the week I had my feet all wrapped up and could not walk or get in the water. It was horrible—a horrible way to spend my spring break.”—Eileen Murry, Hammon, OK

“This Spring Break 2011, I am going skiing for the first time at Keystone,

Colorado with my good friend Kenzy. I’m really excited and can’t wait to go.”—Jordyn Roberts Merritt, OK

“During Spring break I’ll be going skiing in



OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO . . . *Enjoying a warm sunny day, Jordan Roberts, of Erick, jogs across campus. Above, instructor Terry Ford (in orange) and friends enjoyed Wolf Creek skiing last year.*

Colorado with my family and some friends.” Kenzy Nagle,

Merritt

“Last year was my favorite spring break. My friend Mary-Kate and I went to Colorado. It was my first time there and both of our first times to ski. It was so much fun.”—Morgan Williams, Carter, OK

“For the last couple

of years during spring break, I’ve traveled to Houston, Texas, with a group of about 10 friends. While we are there we go to several homeless parks and help feed the homeless. We also go to a couple of homeless shelters and help out there.”—Wesli Blumer, Elk City

“My best friend is going to be in town and his parents will be gone. We are going to spend the whole Spring Break laying outside by his pool.”—Dallas Passmore, Sayre

“My little sister and I are going to take an epic adventure to California where we will be staying with our amazing cousins.”—Tara Hill, Freshman from Elk City

“I am going to go visit some of my friends and family back in Fort Worth, Texas,” says sophomore Lauren Tatum, “There is always a good party waiting for me back home.”

The Weatherford newspaper, *The Southwestern*, is once again available on campus.

Look in newsstands for news of our sister campus.

Literary Festival

April 15th, 2001

Celebrating Writing and Culture of Western Oklahoma

9 to 2 - **Workshops** on campus with Oklahoma authors, editors, photographers and publishers.

12 p.m. - **LUNCH ON THE SQUARE.** Entertainment by Red Carpet Community Theatre’s production of *High School Musical*.

6 p.m.— **Open Mic at The Brick.** Share your poetry, read from your book, or sing a song at Sayre’s downtown coffee shop, 109 E. Main.

Authors and Vendors: Call 928-5527 ext. 128 to set up a booth for the Festival.

The event will be held outdoors if weather permits, or indoors if inclement.

