

# International Cuisine Night



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**Left:** Jinglin Chen, accounting sophomore, and Lu Yu, digital arts junior, prepare a dish at the International Cuisine Night April 15 in the cafeteria. Hanyuan Yin, business administration sophomore, looks on. Several types of food were prepared from varieties of people and different nationalities.

**Above:** Susan Norton, international student host parent, and Jacob McGuire, religion and philosophy senior, start a conversation and enjoy the various international food available while Tian Zeng, business administration senior, and Bo Lian, business administration sophomore look for a place to sit.

# Phi Delta Theta gambles it all for a good cause



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Jake Henson, business management freshman, deals cards to players during the fifth annual Phi Delta Theta Cards for the Cure Poker Tournament, taking place on April 15 at the Cowley County Fairgrounds. Henson placed seventh out of 53 competitors. Half of the proceeds from the tournament went to the ALS Association to fight against Lou Gehrig's disease.

By Dalton Carver  
Staff reporter

Traditionally associated with good causes, gambling and poker games are usually played for the benefit of the individual player only.

However, Southwestern students, alumni, and other participants took to the tables last Sunday to support the organization of Phi Delta Theta and some other good causes.

Phi Delta Theta, sponsored by the Student Government Association, hosted its fifth annual Cards for the Cure poker tournament on April 15, enticing participants with a grand prize of \$1000. The tournament was held at the Cowley County Fairgrounds, opening up the event for several surrounding areas. As well as the first place player taking home cash, places second through ninth were also rewarded with prize money.

Despite the intense competition, the primary purpose of the tournament was to raise money for the Phi Delta Theta Kansas

Zeta service fund and the ALS Association, the only non-profit organization combating ALS at every turn.

"The purpose was to have fun and raise some money for Lou Gehrig's disease," said Kyle Killgore, communication sophomore.

ALS, or Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, and is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The progressive degeneration of the nerve cells may eventually lead to the patient becoming paralyzed or even death. About 5,600 people are diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease every year in the United States and as many as 30,000 people may suffer from the ailment at any given time.

On the fun side of the fundraising, 53 players attended this year's tournament. Despite a weekend of stormy weather, causing attendance number to be lower than previous years, the Phi Deltas still managed to make a significant amount of money to donate towards their desired or-

ganizations and services.

"It was definitely a success," said Killgore. "We had 53 people play and raised a lot of money for a good cause."

As those who play and watch poker know, the game and the competition can become a fierce combination.

"There was a lot of competition," said Killgore. "Everyone was pretty even going into the final table."

Ben Shirley, a poker player known locally, eventually ended up winning the coveted \$1000 cash prize.

Several Southwestern students competed in the tournament, but only Jake Henson, business management freshman, placed top ten, finishing seventh.

Despite these two victories, the big winner was the ALS Association. After the smoke had cleared, Phi Delta Theta had raised \$2,310, half being donated to the organization.

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junior earned honorable mentions in editorial writing and sports photography.

Five other students earned eight additional individual awards for work they submitted which has been published in the SCUpdate online media site and in the Collegian student newspaper during the year.

Jonathan Woon, communication sophomore, received second place and an honorable mention in news photography for four-year private newspapers. Erica Dunigan, communication senior, took third place honors in both feature and review writing. Clinton Dick, communication

junior earned honorable mentions in editorial writing and sports photography.

Carly Budd, elementary education senior, earned an honorable mention in newspaper feature photography.

Paige Carswell, class of 2012, took first place in sports column writing. Five students from Southwestern College joined nearly 200 student journalists from 20 colleges and universities at the Ramada Conference Center in Salina April 15 and 16 for the annual two-day conference.

Dalton Carver, communication freshman, Angel Vadillo, communication freshman, Katie

Vorderstrasse, communication freshman, Dunigan and Woon were accompanied by Stacy Sparks, associate professor of journalism. Sparks serves on the executive board as secretary of KACP.

The conference included sessions led by Larry Hatteberg, KAKE News, Clarke Sanders of the Salina Media Group, state senator Terry Bruce of Hutchinson and Ben Wearing and Tim Unruh of The Salina Journal.

The students also attended sessions and lectures on securing careers, public relations and digital ad sales and using social media.

# Storms damage professional studies center

Special to the Collegian

College officials continue to assess damage done to Wichita East Professional Studies Center during April 14's tornado. The center, located at the corner of Pawnee and Rock Road, was in the direct path of the storm, and a convenience store next door was heavily damaged.

"We expect to have power restored by today (Tuesday)," says President Dick Merriman, "and once that's done we'll be able to get into the buildings and get a more accurate picture."

Merriman says damage on the outside of the two buildings is obvious—a billboard fell onto the roof of the north annex, and air conditioning units were torn from their moorings on the main building.

This allowed water damage in both sites. A car owned by Southwestern also was damaged, along with the center's street-side signage.

However, the windows were intact, so much of the center's interior had at least some protection from the elements.

No preliminary estimate of

damage is available. Restoration costs are expected to be shared by insurers of the college (which has extensively remodeled the interiors of the buildings) and the building's owners.

Staff who normally work at the Wichita East center have relocated to the college's Wichita West center on north Ridge Road.

Classes are also meeting there, though most Professional Studies learners study online and their instruction has not been impacted by the storm damages.

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