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Briefs

Online Registration

Course selection for the 2009 summer and fall sessions will begin online 12 a.m. on March 30.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team will compete against Hesston College at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Hower Tennis Courts.

Dance Team

The Jinx Dance Team auditions will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday in Stewart Field House.

Financial Aid FAFSA and Student Data Forms for all returning students are due March 31. To complete your form go to www.fafsa.edu. gov. Student Data Forms can be picked up in the Financial Aid Office.

Success Center The Student Success Center will be closed at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

STAU BAU Sign up sheets for STAU BAU class competitions are available in the Student Life Office. This year's events include SC Top Model, SC Scavenger Hunt, Skate Night, Indoor Inflatables, and Prom Night.

Intramural Basketball An intramural co-ed 5-5 basketball tournament will take place soon. A roster of 3 males and 2 females can be sent to Jason Venjohn at jason.venjohn@sckans.edu.



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Elizabeth Higbee, theatre junior, Brooke Rowzee, theatre junior, and Will Neely, physics junior, gather around Allen Twitchell, campus security, during rehearsal for "Urinetown the Musical."

Pay toilets prompt protests in performance

By Cameron Siefkes
News and opinion editor

It is literally a musical about urine. Beginning this Saturday, it will be performed in Messenger Auditorium for five times over two weekends.

Allyson Moon and Roger Moon, associate professors of theatre, are always aware of the most popular shows both on and off Broadway. They saw "Urinetown" when it was on Broadway and decided that this would be the year to do the show here.

"Urinetown" is about a fictional town that has experienced a drought for 20 years. This causes the police force to ban the use of private toilets and the public now has to pay to use the restroom. One person decides to revolt against the system and becomes a hero by guiding others out of the control of the government.

Allyson Moon is directing

the musical. She said, "The show has an underlying serious message about overpopulation and drought and the consequences on the planet. It is delivered in this sort of funny graphic novel storyline." Moon said that the message won't beat the audience over the head. Instead, it will sneak up on people.

A variety of wacky characters fill the cast list. Penelope Pennywise, Soupy Sue, Tiny Tom, and Hot Blades Harry are just a few of the many. "It is hilariously funny because of these very bold bigger-than-life characters," said Moon.

Moon said the show will be popular among different groups of people. "It will be particularly popular among people who are younger, but then there will be people who love musicals," said Moon.

"Urinetown" spoofs many other musicals. "Les Misérables," "Annie," "Big River," and "West Side Story," are



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Sarah Frazier, theatre junior, and Abram Rankin, theatre junior, sing "Follow your Heart," in "Urinetown the Musical," which will begin performances Friday at 7:30 in Messenger Auditorium.

all targeted.

In past years, musical productions have been staged in Richardson Auditorium. This year "Urinetown" will be performed in Messenger Auditorium. Moon says they will be able to create a different kind of atmosphere in Messenger. "Doing it in Messenger we can surround the audience with the action. In Richardson the action is far more in front of you," said Moon.

They have achieved this by building the set out from the stage, using all the available exits, and creating sound effects from all different areas in the auditorium.

There will be five performances of the musical because of the limited capacity of the space. Moon said a live band will be playing at the left side of the auditorium, so seats will be limited to about 220. She also believes people will spread the

word about the show. "We think that word of mouth catches on and doing it two weekends allows that to take effect," said Moon.

For this production, Moon will be directing her daughter Arden Moon, business and theatre freshman. Their relationship on and off stage will be very different.

Allyson Moon said, "We had to spend a couple of minutes talking about our re-

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Officer Lockstock- Kyler Chase
Officer Barrel- Anthony Gropper
Penelope Pennywise- Jamie Garrard
Little Sally- Arden Moon
Bobby Strong- Abram Rankin
Old Man Strong- Roger Moon
Josephine Strong- Brooke Rowzee
Tiny Tom- Caitlynn French
Soupy Sue- Sam Mitchell
Little Becky Two Shoes- Elizabeth Higbee
Robby the Stockfish- Will Neely
Hot Blades Harry- Roger Moon

Caldwell B. Cladwell- Brett Smith
Hope Cladwell- Sarah Frazier
Dr. Billeaux- Emily Stephens
Mr. McQueen- Allen Twitchell
Senator Fipp- Kevin Mnich
Mrs. Millennium- Marilyn Craft

The Poor/Rebels
Victoria Mitchell
Clarissa Cura
Emily Stephens
John Crosser

The UGC Staff
Elizabeth Higbee
Sam Mitchell
Caitlynn French

Cop Chorus
Will Neely
Allen Twitchell
Sam Mitchell
Brooke Rowzee
Elizabeth Higbee
Caitlynn French

7:30 March 27 and 28 • 3 March 29 • 7:30 April 3 and 4 Messenger Recital Hall

Former White House correspondent will speak next week

By Paige Carswell
Sports editor

As the school year, full of politics and a presidential change, comes into its last month, a visit and lecture by someone who has been close to the political scene many times before seems to fit perfectly in the scheme of things.

Eleanor Clift, a political reporter and author, will be on campus next week. Clift will arrive in Kansas March 29 and be on campus until March 31.

She will be doing a book signing the evening of March 30 at 7 p.m. in Mossman 101 for her most recent book, "Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics" (2008). The book narrates the last few weeks of her husband's life as he was dying from kidney cancer. The Book Cave has secured copies of the book for consumers.

Clift will be lecturing on politics and journalism

March 31 at 10:45 a.m. in Mossman 101. The lecture is open to the public and will tie into Communication Day. During her visit, she will also be visiting journalism and political science classes.

"She will bring a little different perspective," said Tracy Frederick, associate professor of communication. "All of this is really an agenda to make Southwestern a little bit more of a place for people to come and learn about politics and the world."

Now a well-known author and journalist, Clift began as a secretary at "Newsweek" before becoming a contributing editor for the magazine in 1994.

She was among the first women at the magazine to move from the secretary to reporter position.

Clift has been the White House correspondent for both "Newsweek" and "The Los Angeles Times," as well as a congressional and political correspondent. She is now a panelist for the talk

show, "The McLaughlin Group," and serves as a political analyst for MSNBC.

Not only has Clift been in the spotlight both politically and journalistically, but she has appeared in four movies (three portraying herself), including "Rising Sun," "Dave," "Independence Day" and "Getting Away With Murder" and has written five books—two with her late husband, Tom Brazaitis. Her books are "War Without Bloodshed: The Art of Politics" (1996), "Madam President: Shattering the Glass Ceiling" (2000), "Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment" (2003), "Election 2004: How Bush Won and What You Can Expect in the Future" (2004), and the most recent, "Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics."

"Eleanor Clift is an author, a television personality, a journalist," said Andy Sheppard, associate dean of students. "You name it, she's done it."

Clift's visit was made possible by the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program. The program is part of the Council of Independent Colleges and makes it possible for independent colleges to afford visits by nationally recognized leaders.

"I don't know what we would have to pay Eleanor Clift if we said, 'Hey, why don't you fly out here?' but it would be a lot," said Dick Merriman, president.

Southwestern pays annual dues to be a member of the CIC in order to bring these "fellows" to campus and not pay a lot of money while doing so. Anthony Cortese, president of Second Nature, was on campus as part of the program last fall, and Clift was sought after for her expertise in political journalism and insight into politics.

"I just thought that she would be an interesting person to bring in," said Merriman. "Chuck Todd visited earlier this year and focused specifically on the election.

I thought she could come in and speak more broadly about journalism and politics."

"It's always good to have the information from another side, so hopefully she will offer that," said Frederick. "It's certainly worthy of sitting and listening to her experiences."

Clift will be followed by Roger Ogden. Ogden will be speaking at 1:15 p.m. in Mossman 101. He is the former president and CEO of the Garnett broadcast division, and was named the 2007 National Broadcaster of the Year.

"I think that these people are extraordinarily accomplished in their fields," said Sheppard. "It's a very rare opportunity that our students will actually get to meet and interact with people like Eleanor Clift and Roger Ogden."

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