

# Early course selection begins Monday

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Staying up late, waiting until midnight, or putting it off.

Early course selection allows students to sign up for their classes in advance.

Students will have access to sign up for classes on IQWeb on March 30 and submit them for approval by

their advisers.

Early course selection gives students the chance to get the classes they need or want to take before they fill up.

Stacy Townsley, registrar, said, "A schedule has been posted for students to start looking now for summer and fall courses.

"Faculty has also added new courses to the summer

and fall schedule."

Students should meet with their advisers and check their academic plan to be sure they are signing up for the classes needed.

"That's where students mess up at. We go based off their academic plan. If they are missing general courses or required courses that may set them back from graduat-

ing," said Townsley.

James Davis, accounting freshman, said, "I don't know what classes I want to sign up for yet, but my advisers normally did it for me.

So I'll have to do it this time around. I really wanted to get my general courses out the way so I won't have to deal with them as a senior."

Townsley said, "Freshmen

should meet with advisers, and change their general advisers if needed so they can register for classes and submit their schedule to the correct adviser for approval."

Jasmine Woodfork, nursing junior, said, "I will probably sign up for some summer courses, so early course selection helps out a lot of students who want to catch up,

or want to get ahead."

Townsley said, "If you end up on the waitlist for a course, it's better to sign up for the number of hours you need. Then if you need to change your schedule you can make corrections later."

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# Evaluation team visits for quality check

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It's time for a quality check up.

The Higher Learning Commission reviews accreditation for colleges and universities in the United States.

The college has participated in the Academic Quality Improvement Program for eight years.

Dick Merriman, president, is ready for the evalu-

ation visit. "Every 10 years Southwestern College goes through a process where its accreditation is reviewed," said Merriman.

"We are about a year and a half away from that formal process, so this is kind of a tune up, or a preparation visit.

"The nice thing about AQIP is that it is designed to help the school get better," said Merriman. "So instead of just finishing a paper and

get a C on it, which would be one way of getting accredited, this program really pushes you to get an A or an A+, and to do really well, and to focus, not just on the grade, but on learning something and becoming a better institution."

Two visitors are on campus this week.

Merriman said that AQIP has already been reviewing documents that the college has sent them, and the visit

will be more of a reaction to the documents that have already been reviewed.

The visit is scheduled for March 24 to 27. The evaluation team of two educators will spend time in Wichita at Southwestern's Professional Studies Center as well as on campus in Winfield.

Andy Sheppard, vice-president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said, "Hopefully they won't find a big problem. We should

know about it before they do. The odds are good though that they can find a problem, and we think that's a good thing."

As for the evaluation visit Sheppard compared what AQIP looks for to what the college asks from students.

"The name is quality improvement so there are things that we can do better, and it's kind of what we ask students to do. It's about quality improvement," said Sheppard.

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life said the AQIP would also meet with students.

"They are interested in how the school is doing, and the product of the school," said Pleas-Bailey, "They want to hear from the administration, faculty, community and students."

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# Administration works through hiring process

By **Inger Marie Furholt**  
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Two important positions are still waiting to be filled. The process of finding a new vice president of institutional advancement and a new athletic director is in the works.

The interviewing process has been going on for quite a while, but there is still no word of who will be the new vice president of institutional advancement. Paul Bean moved on to Ottawa University after 10 years as the VPIA, and his old office is still waiting to be filled.

Andy Sheppard, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty is on the interviewing committee. Sheppard said that there's not much to update on the status of a new VPIA. "Merriman has made an offer," said Sheppard. "It is not much to update, right now. It is where it is."

For the past six years Mike Kirkland has been known as both the athletic director and the women's track coach. In June, he will, step down and

continue only as the women's track coach. Another athletic director is in hopes to be found before the end of the school year. Sheppard said that the interviewing process is yet to start. "We will be interviewing some internal candidates," said Sheppard.

As for the hopes of finding and interviewing someone new for the position athletic director, Sheppard said, "That one needs to be done by the time the school year lets out."

Jason Bond, history sophomore, is a soccer player and thinks it will be interesting to see who will become the new athletic director for next year. "The job as an athletic director is an important job, and as an athlete I think it will be interesting to see who will become the new athletic director, especially since they're starting to look for someone internal," said Bond.

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# Reality returns after spring break

By **Amerlia Lutz**  
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If you spent anytime watching MTV, you heard you that should have been on their beaches during Spring Break living it up like the rest of them.

Spring Break originated with the ancient Greeks.

Before you start imagining "Animal House's" toga party, the ancient Greeks based the break on weather.

As winter would die off and spring was ahead, the thoughts turned to regeneration, rejuvenation and new birth.

The elders also noticed that younger people became more playful during this time and partook in rituals celebrating Dionysus, the god of fertil-

ity, and Bacchus, the god of wine.

Socrates proposed and Greeks adopted the allowance of these days of celebration and Spring Break was born.

The earliest traces of tradition in spring break in America dates back to 1936.

A swim coach for Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., took his team down to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to practice at the Casino Pool.

This pool was the first Olympic-size swimming pool built in Florida.

The experience was so successful that he came the following year to train again.

Fort Lauderdale jumped on the opportunity to make a buck and hosted the first College Coaches' Swim Forum

at the pool in 1938.

The grand opening of a hotel, mixed in with some alcohol, created a successful concoction

Even though Winfield is approximately 1,554 miles away from Fort Lauderdale, some students found their own fun elsewhere.

Kirstie Gronau, psychology freshman, said, "I went to Six Flags with my cousin and not my parents. We had a bunch of fun even if she tricked me into riding some crazy rides."

Alex Hutchins, business administration senior, stayed in his hometown of Winfield most of the break.

"It was fun because I was able to relax with some of my old high-school buddies that came back into town."

Others wished they would have more of a break.

Kaylee Hicks, biochemistry freshman, spent most of her break playing in a softball tournament in Kansas City.

"I would have liked to have spent more time with my family and friends, but I'm glad we got some good games in before conference play."

The break ended Monday, so put away your flip flops and your sunglasses for now.

Look forward to the summer that will be advertised on MTV, just around the corner.

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lationship. Arden and mom is different than actor and director. I have a tendency to be far more assertive in that role."

Working with her mom was an extra incentive to joining the cast for Arden.

She said, "Mama is great at directing and she is not afraid to act like my director and not my mother when she has to. She is honest and tells me where I need to improve and because she is my mother I want to be the best I can."

While some are just starting their college theater

experience, there are a few who are getting ready to say goodbye. For a few seniors, "Urinetown" will be their last musical. For Jamie Garrard, music senior it's hard to believe.

She said, "It's surreal. I can't believe it's over this fast. I really enjoyed being

a part of the theater department they are a very good nurturing community and it is going to be hard to leave that."

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