

Class plants new seeds of tradition

By Nate Jones
Staff Reporter

At Southwestern College, we have been building up a mound of rocks for nearly 80 years. It is the cornerstone of the heavy population of traditions here at SC. However one tradition that may have gone overlooked is the giving of the senior class gift that has been a tradition since 1903.

Bo Webster is the 2008 senior class president. He has been on a fundraising campaign to obtain this year's senior class gift, an evergreen tree.

"The first senior gift back in the day was a tree and I wanted to commemorate that," Webster said. That first tree is located west of the ramp to the basement of Mossman Hall, given to the college by the class of 1903.

There have been a variety of gifts over the years, such as the hot water heater for the 2nd floor of Richardson Hall from the class of 1938, and the Jinx

on the landing of the 77 steps by the class of '58.

A lot of effort is being made to reach the amount needed to accomplish this goal. The target is to raise \$2,000 by Founders Day, which is April 19th. "Thus far [the money raised] is nearing \$300, which means we still have a lot to go," Webster said. "I will actually have a table set up to receive donations and answer any questions this coming Thursday in the Java Jinx area from 11-1." It is estimated that if each senior donated \$20 the goal could be accomplished and then some.

The giving of the gift on Founders Day will be a big moment for the seniors. "It will be the first time in history that the class will be recognized in this tradition," Webster said. "It's to be planted at a designated location near the top of the 77 in front of Christy."

Jessica Hornbostel, Builder Fund manager and senior class adviser, said, "Our vision is to make the senior class gift some-

thing of importance beyond monetary value and boost pride in Southwestern College."

Last year's senior gift was a paver for the newly renovated mound. Like the paver, the tree will remain on campus for generations to come. And the tree, like tradition, will keep growing. Webster said, "I feel that we, as students and as seniors, should have a certain respect for our institution that gave us an education. Therefore giving back in some way, I think this is a great opportunity where seniors can show that appreciation."

For questions about the class gift contact Bo Webster at bo.webster@sckans.edu.

To donate, send a check or cash to Webster, and specify on the memo line it is for the senior gift. Online donations can be made at sckans.edu/donations, or drop by The Office of Institutional Advancement to donate.

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Youth Symphony performs Play-a-Thon

The Southwestern College Youth Symphony will showcase its talents in Wichita during its annual Play-a-Thon Feb. 23. About 45 young musicians will play at the Towne East mall between 1 and 2 p.m., and again between 3 and 4 p.m.

The Play-a-Thon is a fundraiser as well as a way for the group to show its musical excellence to the community.

"The symphony encourages students to achieve musical excellence, function as members of a team, and appreciate the talents of peers in the ensemble,"

says conductor Prof. Daniel Stevens. "This group is based on the model of the Tulsa Youth Symphony, and strives to maintain a rich heritage of classical music in Winfield."

Stevens, who was conductor of the Tulsa Youth Symphony before joining the Southwestern College faculty two years ago, founded the Winfield group and is its executive director. Young musicians from grades five through senior high represent communities from as far away as Tulsa, and rehearse weekly during the school year.

A non-profit organization, the group is underwritten by student fees, individual donations, grants, ticket sales, and other fundraising.

The Play-a-Thon is a major undertaking for the players, who solicit sponsorships for the event. Each donation of \$25 or over is recognized through concert programs and at the Play-a-Thon.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Stevens at daniel.stevens@sckans.edu, or by calling 620-262-6677.

James Leland will play in faculty recital

A faculty recital will feature harpsichord player James Leland at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in Messenger Recital Hall. It is open to the public and there will be no admission charge.

Featured works will include "Four Duets for Solo Keyboard" by J.S. Bach, and also music by Couperin, Scarlatti, and Sweelinck.

The music will be played on Leland's harpsichord, which was built by John Phillips of Berkeley, Calif., and is patterned

on 18th-century instruments.

After graduating from Oberlin College, Leland completed his master's and doctoral degrees in music at Northwestern University. He also studied at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, the State Academy of Music in Berlin.

Leland has made appearances with the Detroit Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, and the Roanoke Symphony. He has also toured as a harpsichordist with the Robert Shaw Chorale.

In 2006 he made a solo appearance at the Chamber Music at the Barn series in Wichita, playing three performances of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5.

Leland teaches organ and harpsichord at Southwestern College, and is the organist at Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield.

He is also professor emeritus at Hollins University in Virginia, where he taught and directed the choir for 34 years.

Explore extraterrestrials at Beck Lecture on Feb. 5

Richard O. Randolph, assistant professor and chair for the department of bioethics at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, will be the guest speaker at Southwestern College's Beck Lecture at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in Mossman 101. There is no admission charge to attend.

Randolph will focus on the implications of extraterrestrial life for Christian faith and doctrine. The title of the lecture

is "What if Extraterrestrials Really Do Exist? Towards a Cosmic Christian Faith."

"My basic approach is to examine what the discovery of intelligent or non-intelligent extraterrestrial life would mean for our understanding of basic Christian faith," Randolph says.

Southwestern College campus minister Steve Rankin looks forward to the lecture.

"The possibility of life on other planets is a perennial fas-

ination," Rankin says. "For Christians thinking of humans made in God's image, it poses a theological conundrum."

The Beck lectureship, funded by Paul V. Beck to explore topics relating to science and religion, is an annual event on campus and brings in theologians and scientists from across the nation.

For more information about the Beck Lecture, call (620) 229-6367.

Leadership Advisory Council set at Southwestern

The Southwestern College Leadership Advisory Council has been assembled for 2008. The council is in place to advise Leadership Southwestern students.

"Our students get to listen to other perspectives instead of just mine," says Cheryl Rude,

director of Leadership Southwestern.

"I am very grateful for these members. They are willing to share their time with a gracious spirit," said Rude.

Council members include Lyle Weinert, Marcus Adler, Lonnie Boyd, Megan Wolf,

Robin Barbour, and Kevin Hopkins, Winfield; Matt Schofield, Olathe; Janette Edwards, Moundridge; Nadine Smith, Lost Springs; Alicia Griffin, Kim Dickerson-Oard, Jeff Lowe, Amy Alley, Wichita; Mick Shafer, Roeland Park; and Diane Massey, Dexter.

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present." Therefore, changes cannot be made by a few students. The support of the whole student body is needed.

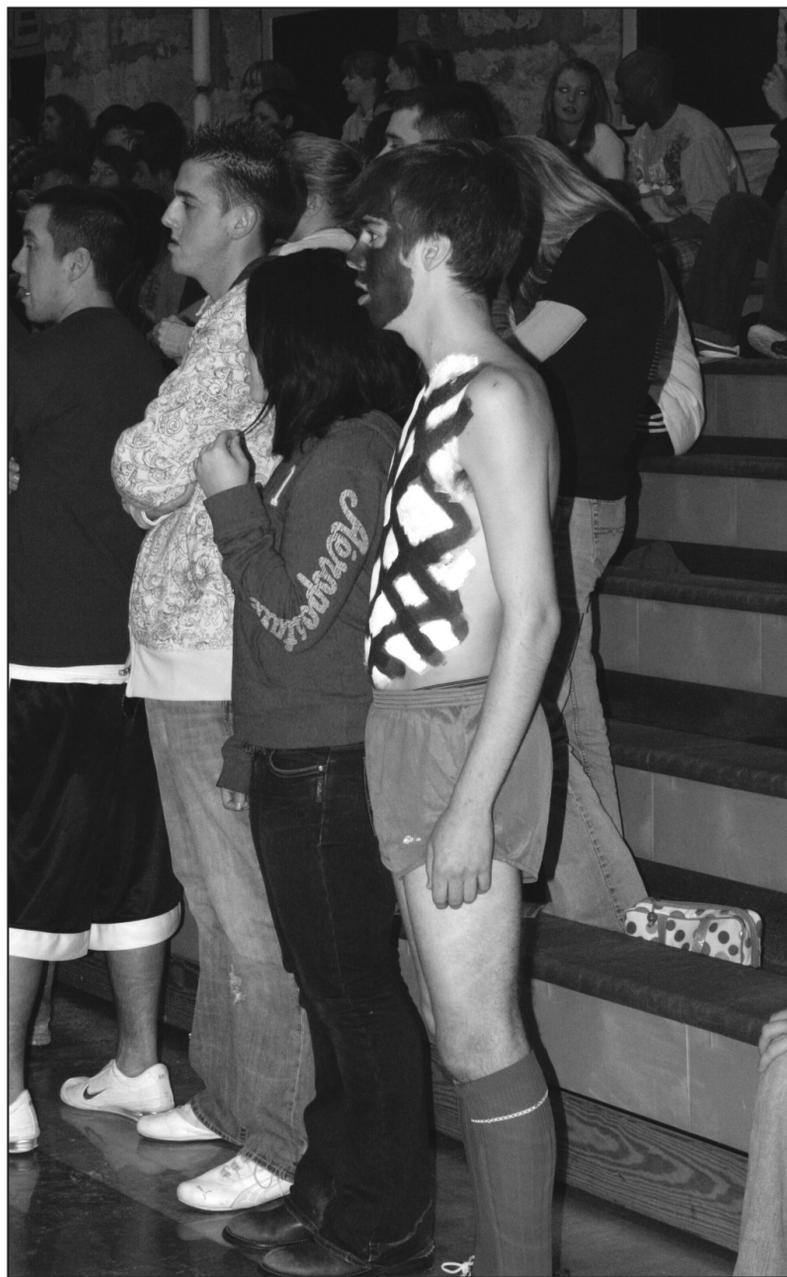
There are many ways each student on campus can help to reduce their own personal carbon footprint. Turning off lights when they are not in use,

unplugging electronics, taking shorter showers, driving less, using less paper, and of course recycling are all ways in which students can help. Cowlshaw said, "Recycling is the easiest way to start changing your lifestyle." There are bins in a few buildings around campus where students can take materials to be

recycled. Hopefully in the future there will be more recycling reciprocals. Cowlshaw said, "It needs to be more visible and people need to be tripping over them."

Living on a small campus and in a small community makes it seem impossible for people to impact the environment. "Even

Purple Storm



Kimberly Rousseau/Collegian photographer

Chase Kuchera, journalism freshman, cheers on the men moundbuilders at a home game against the Bethany Swedes during a StuFu sponsored Purple Storm event on Jan 17.

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his role in "A Few Good Men," when asked for the truth he replied, "You can't handle the truth." It seems this has become the understanding of many men. That women simply won't be able to handle the honesty.

Tracy Frederick often uses as an example of a woman who finds a thong in her husband's truck. She takes the thong to her husband and he asks, "Do you really want to know the truth?" His wife replies, "No."

While Tracy uses this to describe elements of interpersonal communication, this is also an example of what many of us experience in relationships, living a lie.

But are men lying to us? Or are we lying to ourselves? I've often found myself wondering when my friendships would progress to the next level.

I kept asking what we were, when were we going to be together, or if I could have a title. Although we had not progressed to the next level I behaved as if we had. I acted like and treated him like he was committed to

me. Eventually, I realized he wasn't. Over time I discovered he was never going to be.

It was beyond my control, my eagerness to be in a relationship had allowed him to control where our friendship would lead.

A dead end I like to call "no where."

A woman's innate need for companionship is a man's warning sign not to commit. It is this same need that makes us vulnerable and it's vulnerability that makes us open to surrendering to the least common denominator of a relationship, being a friend with benefits.

We must regain control ladies. In order to do so we've got to start with ourselves. Love yourself enough to be alone. Start being picky, we've got to set standards, and stick to our guns.

Write a list of all the qualities you are looking for in a man and only make those who meet the qualifications possible mates. Set a standard for what you have to have and don't allow loneliness to make you settle.

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players.

Kissling said, "Coach has been a huge part of my life. He made me a better person by making sure I do well in my academics. As a player he has taught me more about soccer than any of my previous coaches and he has helped me greatly improve my game."

He leaves behind a team of 20.

Dos Santos said, "The athletes have become a part of me. I am somewhat of a father fig-

ure. I've watched them grow and mature."

He won't be on campus next fall, but will be making his mark in the world.

Dos Santos said, "No matter

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that sends "Riot!" out with a bang. The tempo change at the bridge that shows high quality musicianship. Its call and response style is something that isn't done too often anymore, but it works really well for the closing of the CD. I am willing to bet is a fan favorite at their live show as well.

So my confession is now complete. This excellent sophomore release from Paramore adds yet another rocking female fronted band to the top of my list of favorites. I think my fan status of chick-rock has been made complete.

But before you point the fin-

Like a job, a woman is worth applying to get. Make the men in your life present a relationship resume. When was his last relationship? What did he buy his ex-girlfriend for Christmas and Valentine's Day? Check his references, call his ex and ask why they broke up.

Ask the questions you want answers to. You can't expect a man to be honest with you if you're not willing to be honest with yourself. Does he even want a girlfriend? If the answer is "no" that's your cue to move on.

Finally, know that sex is not a means of changing his mind. Being a friend with benefits will not lead to a relationship. And if you discover this as your reality buy a box of tissues, cry a river, wake up and discover the other fish in the sea.

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ger of accusation at me, check out "Riot!" for yourself. I don't think you'll be able to blame me.

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