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Farrell Selected to Represent SWOSU as Nigh Scholar Step Up Online Auction

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Jaelle Farrell of Kingfisher is the university's representative at the 2021 George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy.

Farrell is a freshman at SWOSU, majoring in elementary education. She will participate in an initial zoom meeting on February 5 along with other selected students representing two-year and four-year higher educational institutions in the state of Oklahoma.

Farrell will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. In 1999, the Oklahoma State Legislature established the George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship, which are provided to each of the Nigh Scholars.

The academy is supported by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which contracts with the Nigh Academy for implementation. During the history of the academy, more than 600 students have been awarded the title of Nigh Scholar. Past students have become members of the State Legislature, county commissioners, mayors, city councilman, lawyers, doctors, teachers, federal and state officials, businessmen and higher education administrators and professors.



Jaelle Farrell

Chase Wright
Staff Writer



Step Up Transitional Living Program is hosting their first ever online auction (Bids Against Homelessness), beginning on February 6th at midnight. The auction will end on February 21st at midnight.

All proceeds of the fundraiser will go to benefit the program's expansion and services, provided to the youth of western Oklahoma.

Step Up is a transitional living program for young adults between the ages of 18-24 years old. Their goal is to, "move individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency by addressing the individual's total life situation." They accomplish this goal by providing transitional housing and support services, tailored to meet the needs of the members of the program.

Step Up has qualified professionals on staff ready to meet the needs of their youth. These services include counseling, case-management, life skills (cooking, money handling, cleaning, etc), and employment support.

The program targets young adults who are - or are at risk of being - homeless. The program provides a clean and furnished apartment, funds to practice paying rent/bills, and emotional support through "therapeutic recreation."

Members who have completed the course have gone on to find successful careers and stable housing with the skills they've built during their stay.

A program of this size requires a broad network of support, from volunteers to donations to fundraisers. With this online auction, the goal is to raise \$40,000. Businesses and kind individuals have already donated auction items which you can find on the Step Up Transitional Living Facebook page or at their site: stepuptransition.org/events.

From there, you can browse all the items currently on the block and get more information on the program; including a FAQ page and a volunteer portal.

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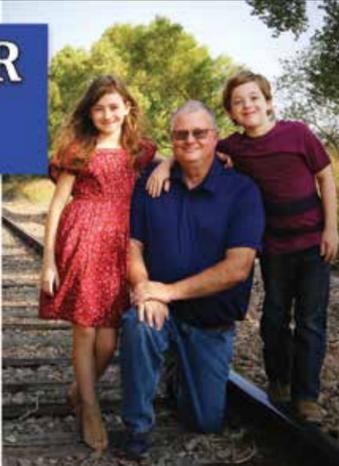
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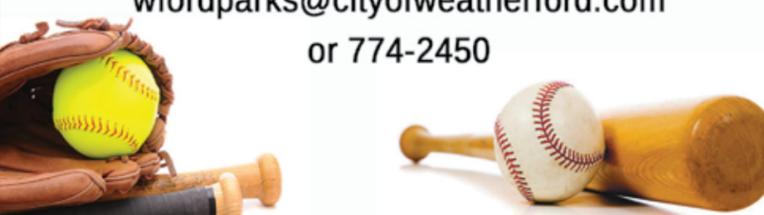
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Charles Clemens Blonien

Charles Clemens Blonien (“Chuck”) was called home by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jan. 26, 2021, after dying from complications from a stroke. Chuck was born to Clemens Louis Blonien and Mary Katheryn Huber in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He was a twin (brother Jim) and the youngest of 5 siblings (Mary Agnes, David, Joan, Bobbie, Jim). He grew up in Rudolf, Wisconsin, for the first 14 years of his life before his family moved to Milwaukee where he attended high school at Marquette High. After graduating as an accomplished basketball player, he went on to attend Marquette University for 3 years.

After a short stint working as a loan officer with Household Finance, Chuck went into the restaurant business with a partner, making pizzas on the west side of Milwaukee. He had no prior experience but decided to take a chance. After a few years of working in Milwaukee, he moved his family to Altus, Oklahoma, to open his own restaurant Sano’s, which featured pizza and other Italian cuisine. The restaurant did well and all of his family were part of this family business. Kids worked in the kitchen, preparing food, making orders, washing dishes and all of the other tasks you have to do when running a successful restaurant. Chuck and his wife Jean also did much of the cooking during the 7 days a week the place was open for dinner. Chuck’s daughters also worked as waitresses when they got old enough. But Chuck was still not satisfied. He had a very entrepreneurial spirit and was always looking for ways to extend his reach and provide for his large family. He was approached by a friend to open a nightclub in the upper part of his restaurant which was being used for storage and a family playroom with a billiards table, and so the Upper Room was born.

The Upper Room was so successful that Chuck had to renovate the space to accommodate more patrons, and since the margins were so much better in the nightclub business and the operations were more simple, he decided to convert his restaurant into a second nightclub, which came to be known as The Bamboo Tree. Of course, it was an instant success as it was one of the few places in town where someone could get a drink after work and dance to country & western music, provided by a live D.J. His final foray into the club business was opening a very large nightclub in Weatherford, Oklahoma, which came to be known as J. C. Cowboys. There he would partner with his oldest son Greg who ran the nightclub for many years.

There are lots of things you can say about Chuck, but certainly one of his deepest loves was his family. He was married to Jean for 59 years, and out of their love came 7 children: Greg, Mike, Mary, Chuck, Ann, Danny and Joey. He was very involved in his kids’ lives with things like coaching little league baseball, giving golf lessons, teaching his kids to cook pizzas, etc. He also had a passion for family trips in the summer. Almost every summer he would close his restaurant for 2 weeks and take the family to destinations all across the US in a 8-door Chrysler limousine that would accommodate his family and sometimes an extra sojourner like his mom Mary. He

took them to places like the Redwood National forest in California and other fun-filled summer destinations like Miami Beach. The family also traveled to Wisconsin about every other year to visit family and friends. Summer in Wisconsin was so refreshing.

We would be remiss if we did not also mention Chuck’s passion for the exotic, particularly when it came to pets. The family had both an African lion (Gopa) and a mountain lion (Cougie) as pets in their backyard. The family also had 2 dogs (Rusty and Lady), alligators, pigeons, hawks, turtles, snakes, rabbits and probably several other species long forgotten. It was a regular zoo at times in the Blonien household and backyard with never a dull or safe moment. He also loved his exotic car, a 1985 Zimmer which looked like something out of a 1940’s gangster movie. It turned many heads as it rumbled down the road as it was so unusual looking and harkening back to a by-gone era.

Chuck and Jean also were strong in their faith. They were both Catholics who raised each of their children in the faith. It was always a spectacle every time the Bloniens marched into Sunday Mass at Price of Peace Catholic Church in Altus. The family usually sat up front where all the action was and easily consumed an entire church pew. They also made sure each of the kids made it to Sunday school each week so they could be properly educated in their faith.

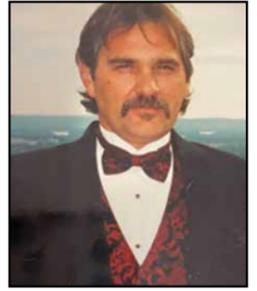
Chuck is survived by 5 of his children: Mary, Chuck Jr., Ann, Danny and Joey and their spouses and children; his brother David and sister Bobbie.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years Jean; his 2 sons: Greg and Mike; his parents Clem and Mary; his brother Jim; and sisters: Mary Agnes and Joan. Due to his wishes and the worldwide pandemic, there will be no funeral Mass or memorial service. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul and for peace to shower his family during this difficult and sad time. Chuck had a long and fruitful run and has left several large, positive footprints on the world, and for that his family and friends are truly blessed and thankful. Godspeed, Chuck, and we all look forward to the day where we can all be reunited in God’s kingdom and catch up. We are sure you will have plenty of stories to tell.

She is survived by daughter, Dekeisha Griffin, OKC, OK; three sons: William Griffin, OKC, OK, David Griffin, and Mike Crawford, both of Clinton; four sisters: Sharon Taylor, Davie Murphy, both of OKC, OK, Tyra Harris, Dallas, TX and Daretta Griffin, Lawton, OK; and several grandchildren including Lance Delana, Clinton and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Hargrove

A visitation was held for Robert Hargrove, 64, Norman resident and former Clinton resident 4:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., Thursday, January 28, 2021, in the Tribute Memorial Service in Norman, OK and family will greet guests from 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M. There will be a private burial in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Robert Lynn Hargrove was born March 10, 1956, to Patricia Arleen (Babb) and James B. Hargrove in Prague, OK and passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

Robert was raised in Wewoka, Clinton and McAlister, OK and graduated from Wewoka High School in 1974. He moved to Yukon and worked in construction as well as working in the oilfields. He later moved to Norman, Oklahoma, and worked for the Moore Sanitation Department. He pursued a career in plumbing and owned and operated Absolute Plumbing.

He married his longtime sweetheart Cindy Smit on October 18, 2000, in Hot Springs, AR. They made their home in the country where they could care for their many animals.

He was a musician and loved to play the guitar and sing and performed in numerous venues across the state. He was very artistic; he had a special love for animals and took in many strays; he had many four legged friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, two sisters: Julie Ronan and Jacqueline Morlan; maternal grandmother Lynn Babb and maternal grandfather Cecil Argo and many of his four legged friends.

He is survived by his wife Cindy of the Home, daughter Lacy Hargrove-Francher and husband Jordan, Norman; mother Arleen Harris, and sister Toni Lee and husband Troy, all of Clinton.

He is also survived by two cousins: Greg Babb and wife Judy, and Steven Babb, all of Seminole several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested those wanting to give a memorial contribution may do so to the Blue Hawk Rescue, P.O. Box 5902 Norman, OK 73070 or bluehawkrescue.org@gmail.com.

Cheryl "Kay" Gouldsby

Funeral Services for Cheryl “Kay” Gouldsby, 66, Clinton resident was held 2:00 P.M., Friday, January 29, 2021, in the Bethany Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Billy Mucker and Pastor E. Jennings Tyson. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Cheryl Marie (Griffin) Gouldsby also known as “Cheryl Kay” was born July 8, 1954, to David Lovejoy Griffin and Georgia Marie (Taylor) in Kansas City, Kansas, and passed away Sunday, January 24, 2021 in her Clinton home.

Cheryl was raised in Clinton, Oklahoma, and graduated from Clinton High School in 1972. She attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Clinton and later transferred to Santiago, CA for about three years. She furthered her working career by attending Heavy Equipment Operating School in North fork, VA. She moved back to Clinton, OK and married Danny Gouldsby in 1992 in Clinton.

She was a longtime member of the Bethany Baptist Church and the Eastern Star; she loved music and was an accomplished singer, watching television, playing videos and games on her cell-phone and sneaking out to the casino; and eating out with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Viola Gouldsby and a sister Karen Griffin-Russ.

Michael Perkins

Graveside Services for Michael Perkins, 72, Clinton resident were held 1:00 P.M., Friday, January 29, 2021, in the Pavilion of the Clinton Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Gary Jones. Burial is under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Visitation was held 8:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M., Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Michael Shannon Perkins was born May 4, 1948, in Paintsville, Kentucky to Calvin Perkins and Jean (McClure) Perkins and passed away January 23, 2021, in his Clinton home.

Michael was raised in Louisville, Kentucky, where he graduated from high school in 1967. He soon joined the United States Air Force and served in Germany, England and many stateside locations. He retired after 21 years of service. He married Jolene Vandiver on March 3, 1979, in Clovis, NM. They moved to Clinton in 2005 and worked for the Clinton Veterans Center in the Maintenance Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Teresa Swaim and son Darrel Jaquess.

He is an active and faithful member of the New Hope Fellowship Church; he enjoyed watching television and especially old westerns.

He is survived by wife Jolene of the home, son Russ Perkins and wife Sahra, of Colorado and sister Silvia Perkins, of Kentucky and brother James Calvin Perkins and wife Kelly, of Colorado.

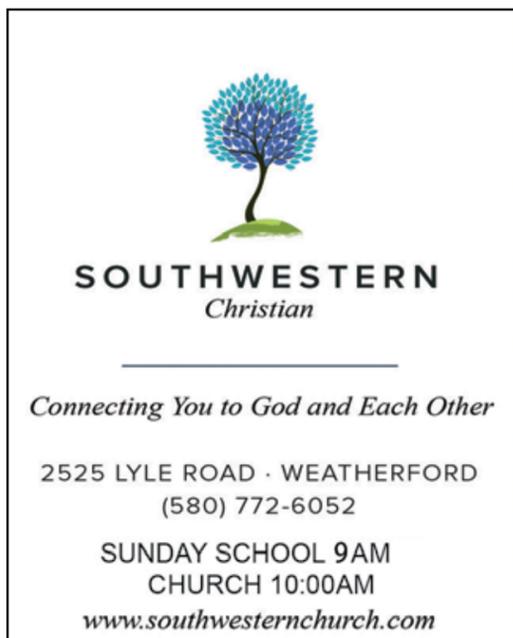
He is also survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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HAMMON FATAL FIRE -Fire officials in Hammon said three people died in a structure fire. Fire Chief Cole Ivey said the trailer house located at 4th and Foster was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on scene. Names of the victims have not been released. Ivey said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

ELK CITY MAN ARRESTED- A man wanted in connection with the death of a 2-year old child has turned himself in, said Elk City Police Chief Eddie Holland. An arrest warrant was issued for 24-year old Troy Justice Jones, who has been charged with first degree murder. Police said 2-year old Benji Taylor suffered severe head trauma.

BLAINE COUNTY FATALITY-One person is dead following a three semi accident on U.S. 270, 12 miles west of Watonga in Blaine county. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 29-year-old Sean Bush of Neosho, Missouri, died at the scene. Sixty-two-year old Robert Palacio of Garden City, Kansas, was transported by air evac helicopter to OU Medical Center. Troopers said Bush rear ended hauling hazardous materials that had stopped at the railroad crossing. Bush's semi then crossed into the northbound lanes and struck Palacio's semi head-on.

WEATHERFORD CHAMBER UPDATE-The board of directors of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce continue to work diligently to strengthen the solvency of the organization.

Chamber President Justin O'Connor said several factors have contributed to financial difficulties for the chamber, especially the COVID-19 pandemic. To deal with the revenue losses, the board eliminated one of two employee positions in the summer of 2020. In November, Chamber Director Haley Kliewever resigned at the end of the year to pursue other interests. The board has hired Debbie Zahorsky on a part-time basis to continue office operations during the reorganization, and former Chamber Director Linda Hays is serving as volunteer consultant.

CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-A preliminary hearing was held for a Custer County murder suspect. Thirty-seven-year old Dennis Ray Rigsby Jr., is charged with the murder of his mother, 66-year-old Judy Mullin, who was found deceased on the floor of a camper the pair had been traveling in. Court records show Rigsby and his mother were enroute back to the state of California when Rigsby said he punched her, choked her with some clothes and hit her with an unknown object after she would not give him her cell phone.

WEATHERFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL OBGYN-An OBGYN has signed a work agreement with Weatherford Regional Hospital. Chief Executive Officer Brian Denton said Dr. Michael Hensley will begin seeing patients soon.

WEATHERFORD STRUCTURE FIRE-Weatherford firefighters worked a structure

fire recently, south of Weatherford, in the Quail Canyon addition. Fire chief Mike Karlin said four pets perished in the blaze, three others were rescued. No other injuries were reported. Karlin said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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PUBLIC RECORDS

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Elrond Burns, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, assault and battery on a peace officer X2, resisting arrest, custer county warrant for one charge of domestic in presence of a minor, two charges of interrupting an emergency telephone call and another custer county warrant for burglary in the first degree.

Angela French, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for a custer county rule 8 bench warrant.

Chelsea Musick, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for a city charge on public intoxication.

Joe Taff, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for a custer county charge of domestic assault and battery by strangulation.

Alex Palmer, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for a caddo county warrant.

Robert Rutledge, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for a custer county warrant.

Jay Richardson, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for a custer county warrant.

Nicole Racelis, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, obstruction, child neglect, and a custer county warrant.

Choya Gamboa, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for driving under the influence, transporting a loaded firearm while under the influence, and failure to comply with compulsory insurance law.

Richard Klinekole, arrested by El Reno Police Department, for public intoxication.

Denton Lewis, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for public intoxication.

Ezequiel Cuevas, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for custer county warrant.

Brady Dutton, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for custer county warrant.

Damon Herndon, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for rear center

mounted break lamp, failure to comply with compulsory insurance law, driving while license is suspended, and a custer county warrant.

Rebecca Franklin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for obstruction, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and possession of paraphernalia.

Van Horn Bear-Robe Warledo, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, on a custer county warrant.

Annalisa Harrell, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for improper left turn at an intersection and aggravated DUI.

Perry Helm, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for driving under the influence.

Out on Bond

Oscar Carrizales, arrested by Washita County Sheriff, for rule 8, and driving under the influence.

Andrew Roque, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for rule 8 bench warrant.

Kyla Davis, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs Office, for assault and bat-

tery.

Karen Elix, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs Office, aggravated driving under the influence.

Zane Gray, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for driving under the influence and display temporary tag.

Annalisa Harrell, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for aggravated driving under the influence, and improper turn at intersection.

Penny Helm, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for driving under the influence.

Cassandra Ireland, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for possession of paraphernalia.

Lori Kelly, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for driving under the influence.

Megan Lee, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for aggravated driving under the influence.

Allen Shelton, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia and driving under suspension.

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Lady Bulldogs Finish Strong to Topple SNU

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team downed Southern Nazarene 91-76 on Saturday afternoon at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center for their sixth straight win against the Crimson Storm.

The Lady Bulldogs got off to a hot start in the first quarter, going on a 14-2 run and holding SNU to 3-14 shooting from the field to lead 24-13 at the end of one. SNU began to fight back in the second, but SWOSU made six of their final seven shots to end the half with a 42-29 advantage.

SWOSU extended their advantage to 20, 58-38, with 4:54 to play in the third quarter before SNU mounted a huge run, outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 19-4 the rest of the quarter to get within five with ten minutes to play. SNU's run continued into the fourth and saw the Crimson Storm take a brief lead at 63-62 with 7:11 to play before SWOSU rushed the ball back down court and scored seven seconds later to take the lead back.

From that point, the Lady Dawgs finished strong and closed out the game by outscoring SNU 27-13 to pull away for the double-digit victory.

Bethany Franks and Makyra Tramble had 18 points apiece to lead the Lady Dawgs and the duo combined for 15 rebounds and five steals. Karly Gore added 16 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals and Lauren Ramey chipped in 13 points in 22 minutes of action prior to fouling out. Taber Beer dished out a career-best 10 assists in the win, moving into sixth in



school history in the process with 262 career assists. "We stepped up and we rallied today after giving up a big lead," Head Coach Kelsi Musick said after the win. "We shouldn't have allowed them to make their way back in to the game, but we did and we played

through some adversity like we had to and closed it out for the win."

This win propels SWOSU to 9-1 at the midway point of the season, which resumes on Thursday night with a visit from Southeastern Oklahoma State to Weatherford.

Bulldogs Upended by SNU on Saturday

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU was outscored 46-34 in the second half as Southern Nazarene overcame a five-point halftime deficit to leave the Pioneer Cellular Event Center with an 81-74 victory on Saturday afternoon.

SWOSU started slow, missing their first four shots of the game, and they found themselves down by five midway through the first half before going on a 13-3 run and taking a 40-35 lead at the break following a last-second three-pointer from Tauriawn Knight.

The Bulldogs struggled from the field in the second half, hitting just 3-of-14 three-point attempts and falling behind SNU by 11, 71-60, with 5:13 to play. SWOSU would cut the lead down to five in the final minute before the Crimson Storm pushed the final margin to seven at the free throw line.

Kamden Gipson led the Bulldogs with 22 points, four rebounds and three assists while Knight chipped in 16. SNU converted 16 SWOSU turnovers into 25 points while the Bulldogs managed just 12 points off 10 Crimson Storm turnovers. With the loss, SWOSU falls to 5-4 on the season heading into their third round of Great American Conference divisional play, which begins on Thursday night at home against Southeastern.



GAC Council of Presidents Approves Limited Guest List for Indoor Sports

On Friday, the Great American Conference's Council of Presidents unanimously approved the creation of a limited guest list for basketball and volleyball.

Effective Monday, student-athletes and non-student coaching staff may invite up to four guests to attend home contests.

"Our presidents and administrators worked diligently to find a solution that allows GAC student-athletes to play in front of loved ones, but does not compromise

our primary goals of campus health and continued competition," GAC Commissioner Will Prewitt said.

At their own discretion, individual institutions may implement additional restrictions based on the size of each campus athletic facility and the ability to safely distance.

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Tauriawn Knight, Karly Gore Selected as Bulldogs of the Week



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

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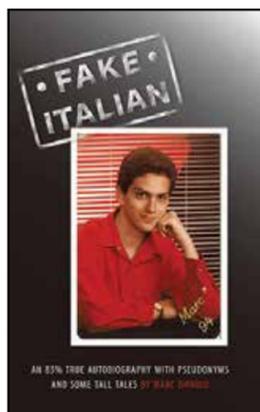
Knight (Edmond, Okla.) averaged 13.7 points and 3.7 rebounds per game during three games last week as the Bulldogs went 1-2, including a blowout win over Northwestern Oklahoma State on Monday night in Alva.

Knight knocked down a team-leading five three pointers on the week and shot 45% (16-35) from the field. For the year, Knight is averaging 14.9 points per game and he's scored at least 15 points in six of the Bulldogs nine games.

Gore (Taloga, Okla.) helped the Lady Bulldogs pick up a trio of Great American Conference wins by averaging 18.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game. She connected on 21-of-32 (65%) field goal attempts, including 5-of-9 (55%) three-pointers, and scored at least 16 points in each game, including back-to-back games with a season-high 19 points. For the year, Gore is SWOSU's second-leading scorer at 15.2 points per game.

SWOSU Professor's Fake Italian Book to be Published

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Associate Professor Dr. Marc DiPaolo of Weatherford has an autobiographical novel— Fake Italian: An 83% True Autobiography with Pseudonyms and Some Tall Tales—that will soon be released online and later in print.



The book takes place in New York, 1987. In a city torn apart by racial tension, Damien Cavalieri is an adolescent without a tribe.

His mother — who pines for the 1950s Brooklyn Italian community she grew up in — fears he lacks commitment to his heritage. Cavalieri's fellow Staten Islanders agree,

dubbing him a "fake Italian" and bullying him for being artistic.

Complicating matters, his efforts to make friends and date girls outside of the Italian community are thwarted time and again by circumstances beyond his control. When a tragic accident shakes Cavalieri to his core, he begins a journey of self-discovery that will lead him to Italy, where he will learn, once and for all, his true identity.

DiPaolo has written three nonfiction books: *Fire and Snow: Climate Fiction from the Inklings to Game of Thrones* (2018); *War, Politics and Superheroes* (2011); and *Emma Adapted: Jane Austen's Heroine from Book to Film* (2007). He has appeared in the documentary Robert Kirkman's *Secret History of Comics* (2017), and is associate professor of English at SWOSU.

The book will be published by Bordighera Press on May 11, but the book will be available for purchase online in early February, when the first print run is expected.

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Oklahoma History: Sonic Booms

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

On February 3rd, 1964, Oklahoma City received the first sonic boom test from Operation Bongo II that would ultimately result in national government program restructuring, cancellations, and a complete shift in the future of air travel.

Operation Bongo II was an experiment by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that would generate hundreds of sonic booms over OKC during a six month period. During this time, supersonic transport (STT) was on the rise as engineers were currently designing the next faster than sound civilian transport vehicle. The purpose of the OKC sonic boom tests was to analyze the effect of multiple sonic booms on a population over a constant rate of time.

According to Oklahoman period articles, the FAA chose OKC due to its relative location to the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and the Tinker Air Force Base. The city relied on air traffic for some of their economic needs, so the addition of future Mach 3 aircraft would potentially be a big commerce boost. Initially, support for the testing was substantial with local leaders backing the experiment fully. Even the local Chamber of Commerce threw a special celebration after Oklahoma's selection. The positivity did not last.

Operation Bongo II began with eight booms per day on a schedule. The United States Air Force used F-104 fighter and a B-58 bomber to produce the booms. The noise was set to increase over the course of the

experiment, with later stages reaching ranges of 72 to 96 pascals.

Initially, Oklahoma's citizens' feedback was positive. Published studies believe the early acceptance of their new noisy lives was due to the predictable nature of the booms. The FAA hired camera crews to film locals during their daily lives to see the impact firsthand. While filming a construction crew, they realized the crew would use the booms to signal their lunch break.

During the first few months, the First National Bank's and Liberty National Bank's windows were broken (the city's two tallest buildings). Soon, organized groups began sending in complaints and forming petitions. Their complaints were ignored by leaders who had given their full support to the program. Then, an injunction against the tests was denied by the district court judge with the reasoning that the plaintiffs "could not establish that they suffered any mental or physical harm."

As citizen unrest went ignored, complaints began flooding into other state departments and even to national institutions. U.S. Senator Mike Monroney received hundreds of complaints which led national newspapers on the coast to pick up the story. As the FAA continued to ignore public backlash, other government councils began putting pressure on them to end the tests. A Washington Post report published information about the turmoil citizens were undergoing which led to a national spotlight over the project and the mishandling by the FAA. On July 30th, the tests ended.

Following the experiment's end, the National Opinion

Research Center conducted a review over public opinion before, during, and after the program. They released their report the next year that stated "73% of subjects could live indefinitely with eight sonic booms per day, while 24% stated they couldn't." The last 3% of the population had either issued telephone complaints, sued, or written protest letters but no complaints were filed.

The FAA fought against the report, stating that the majority of citizens reported they could learn to live with any kinds of booms experienced and that 3% was a marginal number at best. However, Senator Monroney, who had been reading the hundreds of letters complaining about the FAA's dismissal of reports, withdrew his support. He demanded to see frequently updated reports from the agency. As they struggled to deal with his request, information came in about the damages the booms caused. Time magazine released the figures that "9,594 complaints of damage to buildings, 4,629 formal damage claims, and 229 claims for broken glass and cracked plaster" came in. The FAA rejected almost 95% of the claims.

By May 1966, the FAA was stripped of its authority on sonic boom issues and President Lyndon B. Johnson's committee transferred matters of policy from the FAA to the National Academy of Science. The FAA's meager payout and handling of claims led to a class action lawsuit against the U.S. Government. On March 8th, 1969, the government lost the appeal. Shortly thereafter, the US withdrew plans for supersonic transport and cancelled the Boeing 2707 project.

HIGHER GROUND

We all Stumble



Jim Morrison

"We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says," he is a perfect man, "able to keep his whole body in check." James 3:2

Few of us would question the truth of this passage of Scripture. Some of the greatest figures of history had their flaws. Martin Luther, whom the Protestant world owes a great debt, had some great flaws. Toward the end of his life he became harsh in his views toward Jews, writing words that Hitler used to ferment hatred of the Jewish people. Jonathan Edwards, one of our greatest theologians and who was instrumental in the First Great Awakening, owned slaves. George Whitfield, one of the most powerful preachers and evangelists of the colonial days could draw crowds of 20-30,000 in the open air. He led thousands to faith in Christ.

Many feel he helped produce the climate that led to the call for independence from England. Yet he approved of slavery and used slaves to work his plantation, providing funds for his orphanage.

General William Booth gave his heart and life to care for the poor and preach the gospel to the outcasts of England, later organizing the Salvation Army. Today they continue to minister all over the world. Yet in his later years, he developed a strong authoritarian approach that caused harm both to himself and his family. John Wesley, the great founder of the Methodist church, had a terrible relationship with his wife, even refusing to attend her funeral.

Someone said, "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us that it ill behooves us to pass judgment on the rest of us."

It bothers me that school boards in San Francisco have decided to rename schools that were named after George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Thomas Jefferson because of perceived failure in their lives. When some questioned the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. because of his reported infidelity, the reply was, "so did David, the man after God's own heart."

All these examples do not suggest that we cease trying to live holy and wholesome lives, just because our heroes failed. It simply says that as long as we travel this land we are going to mess up on occasion. As one inmate, when questioned about why he had stolen some property, replied, "Well, nobody's perfect," as if that justified his failure. Aren't we all grateful for the promise of I John 1:9 "If you confess your sins he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

All sin is an act of rebellion against a holy God. God hates sin and disobedience not because he is some killjoy, but because he knows the destructive nature of disobedience. So it is to our advantage to daily examine our actions and motives to see how they reflect the character of our Holy and Loving Heavenly Father. Does this please God? Will my choice of words demonstrate ultimate love? The Apostle Paul prayed for the Colossian church that "...they would live a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col. 1:10) We would do well to pray that prayer for ourselves and those we love. To comment jhm82@outlook.com or 580-772-2311

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Audience: Adults 35-55
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