MONDAY MEMO
Happy Groundhog day tomorrow! Punxsutawney Phil leaves his burrow at 7:25 AM (EST) tomorrow morning, kicking off three days of celebration and merriment in Punxsutawney, PA.

And join us for the Groundhog Day merriment in Norman! The fun takes place this Thursday, February 4th, at 8 PM at Sooner Legends. There will be a $5 charge for food; $7 if you’re over 21 and drinking.

This is the third week of the spring 2016 semester.

**ALERTS:**

- **TODAY** (2/1/2016) at 5:00 PM is the final day that you may add a class online for the spring 2016 semester. You will still need instructor’s permission in Ozone, even if the class has space.
- **TODAY** at 5:00 PM is the deadline to drop a spring 2016 class online with no ‘W’ on your record. *Beginning tomorrow* (2/2), you can still drop a class without instructor or Dean’s permission, but you may no longer drop online – you will need to go in person to the Office of Enrollment Services (Buchanan Hall, Room 230). A ‘W’ will appear on your permanent record and will count toward the maximum five “Ws” you are allowed at OU (a complete withdrawal does not count toward the five max Ws).
- **TODAY** at 5:00 PM is also the deadline to apply for scholarships online through OU’s CASH system for
2016-2017. Go [here](#) to access this great system!

- If you are a **DGES major seeking a faculty mentor**, please check out the attached information from DGES academic coordinator Jamie Steele. Ms. Steele has provided a step-by-step process which will greatly assist you. Gain knowledge and insight from someone who has already arrived at where you want to be!

- Would you like a **FREE pass to park** in the Union Parking Garage? Stop by the first floor of the Union TODAY, between noon and 1:00 PM to test out your putt-putt skills and see if you can be a winner!

- DGES majors may begin signing up **NOW** for fall 2016 advisement. Just go to iadvise.ou.edu to set up an appointment with Jamie Steele.
Volunteers needed for Majors/Minors Fair

The grand merriment that is the annual Majors/Minors Fair takes over the Union Ballroom next Wednesday, February 10, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. This event targets students who are still undecided about a major at OU – so it’s a perfect opportunity for us to sing the praises of our fantastic A&GS degree programs. As always, students are our best ambassadors, so we would love to have a strong showing of A&GS undergrads to talk with prospective majors. You don’t have to stay for the entire event; even 30 minutes would help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the College’s Events Coordinator Mona Springfield at mspringfield@ou.edu by Monday, February 8.
Save the Date

OU’s Office of Financial Education (FED) kicks off their first student “Save Sooner” event of the spring 2016 semester with the Valentine’s Edition: Love & Money Don't Mix. Attorney Kristy Loyall will be speaking about the impact and risks of involving finances with a significant other. Students who attend will be provided FREE dinner and chance to win an OU scholarship! This event takes place on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 PM in Bizzell Library’s community room. Click on the link below to register: https://ssloveandmoney.eventbrite.com Seating is limited and will fill up fast!!
“Sunset Flight” by Kyle V. Sorrell, one of 16 stunning images on exhibit through next Tuesday.

**Tribe’s Eye Photography Exhibit**

The Navajo youth from Diné College and the Southwest Conservation Corps’ Ancestral Lands Program learn about climate and the local environment through photography. The Navajo Nation has historically been plagued by prolonged drought, experiences little rainfall, and is subject to poor water quality. Climate change is expected to exacerbate future droughts and their impacts. Through a set of compositions (photographs), participating students communicated their perspective on how climatic and environmental changes on their reservation affect their lives. These compositions were shared with the public in a gallery event in April 2015 at the University of Colorado Boulder campus and are currently on display in the National Weather
Center, on the second floor right outside the NOAA office, through Tuesday, February 9. Take a break from your busy day and browse this beautiful photo gallery!

An artist’s image of

one of Boyan Slat’s proposed artificial "plastic" reefs.

**Sustainability in Action!**

You may have heard of the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch,” a mammoth swath of plastic trash choking the ocean. The gargantuan chunk of garbage now takes up more space than Texas, in fact. The problem is so huge that no one has even attempted to tackle it – until now. Boyan Slat, a 21-year-old Netherlands native founded the Ocean Cleanup Project, which aims to trap wayward plastic into artificial reefs, and then collect the plastic and use it to create a line of ocean plastic fashion wear (apparently, plastic makes great jeans!). About half of the ambitious project is now funded.

While the plan is still in development and has its share of naysayers, we don’t notice those naysayers offering a more viable solution to cleaning up the mess. Kudos to Boyan Slat and the Ocean Cleanup Team! You can read more about this amazing project [here](#).
Reminder about Outstanding Internship Opportunity

Don’t forget the South Central Climate Science Center’s (SCCSC) fantastic summer undergraduate internship opportunity for students of underrepresented minorities interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

Interns will be involved in hands-on activities related to climate research that will allow you to see the direct impacts of climate variability and change on the West Texas Southern High Plains, prairie and forest ecosystems and tribal cultures in Oklahoma, and the bayous, delta and coastline of Louisiana. This internship provides you with the opportunity to travel across the South Central United States to visit university campuses and field locations and interact with faculty conducting cutting edge research. The internship will take place from Sunday, May 22, 2016 to Saturday, June 11, 2016; the deadline to apply is 5:00 PM Central Time on Monday, February 29, 2016.

Interns will spend one week with Louisiana State University, one week with the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, and one week with Texas Tech University. All meals, lodging and travel will be provided during the three week period. In addition, interns will receive a $200/week stipend for the duration of the program. The program will not cover local travel between the participant’s home to their closest airport, personal equipment (clothing, cameras, etc.), or
other personal expenses.

This is an amazing opportunity! For full eligibility requirements and to access the application form, please see: https://goo.gl/S18sCA

UC Action Tutoring Underway

University College’s Student Learning Center is excited to kick off the spring 2016 Action Center Study Sessions. UC is offering over 90 subjects this spring; go here for more information. Their program is nationally certified with peer learning assistants (tutors) completing 12 hours of training each semester. The returning PLAs are currently maintaining an overall combined GPA of 3.73.

This Week’s Student Success Seminar:

Tuesday, February 2 Study Skills: Note Taking & Test Taking Strategies Wagner Hall, Room 250 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 3 Rising from Fall Mistakes Wagner Hall, Room 240 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Thursday, February 4 Career Services for International Students Wagner Hall, Room 250 10:30 AM -
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MM?
If you have any announcement you would like posted in Monday Memo (e.g., meetings, seminars, jobs, internships or just some great news) please send it to Asst. Dean Hempe (mahempe@ou.edu) by Friday at noon to appear in the next week’s edit.

On This Day In History:

back in the day.

The HP-35; super-cool
In 1811, Scotland’s 100’ tall Bell Rock Lighthouse was lit for the first time. Prior to this, the razor sharp serrated rocks surrounding Bell Rock wrecked hundreds of ships and claimed thousands of lives. A marvel of engineering, the Bell Rock Lighthouse was built by Robert Stevenson on a treacherous sandstone reef, which is underwater except at low tides. No repairs have ever been needed to Bell Rock’s stonework since then. It is the oldest sea-washed lighthouse in existence, and considered by many to be the finest lighthouse ever built.

In 1884, the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), covering A-ANT, was published. It took more than 40 years and nine more volumes to cover the entire alphabet. The OED is considered to be the definitive authority on the meaning, pronunciation and history of over half a million words, both past and present. In 1992, a CD-ROM version of the dictionary was released, making it much easier to search and retrieve information.

In 1892, Mrs. William Astor invited 400 guests to a grand ball at her mansion, which started the use of the term “The 400” to describe the socially elite.

In 1898, the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, issued the first automobile insurance policy to Dr. Truman Martin of Buffalo, NY, who paid $11.25 for $5,000 in liability coverage. In 1913, Grand Central Terminal (aka Grand Central Station) opened in New York City, NY. It was (and remains) the largest train station in the world, covering more than 48 acres.

In 1921, 17-year-old Carmen “Irish” Fasanella registered as a taxicab owner and driver in Princeton, New Jersey. He retired
November 2, 1989 after 68 years and 243 days on the job – making him the longest-working cabbie in history, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Among thousands of passengers, Fasanella drove Jimmy Stewart, Adlai Stevenson, and F. Scott Fitzgerald, but said his favorite rider was Albert Einstein.

In 1951, TV station KTLA out of Los Angeles broadcast an atomic explosion for the first time. The event was captured by an NBC camera on Mount Wilson, 300 miles away from the test blast at Frenchman Flats, Nevada. In 1951, the greatest ice storm of record in the U.S. left up to four inches of ice all the way from Texas to Pennsylvania (Tennessee was hardest hit), causing twenty-five deaths, 500 serious injuries, and 100 million dollars in damage.

In 1972, Hewlett-Packard introduced the first scientific hand-held calculator for $395 (about $478 today). Named the HP-35 for its 35 keys, it was the first hand-held calculator able to perform logarithmic and trigonometric functions with one keystroke. The initial price was reduced several times, eventually going down to $195.

In 2003, NASA’s space shuttle Columbia exploded while re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts on board.

And your parting shot:
**XAV** is a Spanish artist known for both his amazing tattoos as well as his big, beautiful murals of animals and people, like this stunning, huge elephant breaking through a wall. That’s the artist himself, standing by this huge, spray-painted pachyderm, made all the more real by the actual bricks and water below.
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