



TREVOR GREER/O'COLLEGIAN

Ethan Stedman plays the guitar at the 2013 Cowboy Showcase. Stedman and 10 other performers competed for the crown on Wednesday.

Cowboy Showcase winner announced

Students received concert tickets, Beats by Dre headphones during Student Union Activities Board event



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Gabrielle Perez sings with The Dopamines on Wednesday.

By **ALEX STROHM**
Staff Reporter

An audience waits in anticipation as the lights dim and history is about to be written.

Last night in the Student Union Theater, performers showed off their talents in the hopes of being crowned the 2013 Cowboy Showcase winner.

Performers such as Garth Brooks and Adley Stump were a part of the Cowboy Showcase when they were students, making the annual event historic for Oklahoma State University.

Judging the competition was Miss OSU, Michelle Langford; Student Union Information Coordinator, Matt Fletcher; and current SUAB President, Allyson Jones.

Performers included Ethan Stedman, Tyler Fields, Katie Kinast, Ethan Schlecht and Chelsea Jackson, Roland Sanders, The Dopamines, Kody Jones, Latrice Staley, The Tyrel Draper Band and Keenan Schmidt.

After all performances ended, the

judges deliberated and the performers mingled with the audience and their friends, who congratulated them on their success.

Before the results were announced, the audience was surprised with a guest performance from 2012 Cowboy Showcase winner, Cheyenne Taylor.

Finally, after the anticipation reached its peak, the winners were announced.

Texting in their votes, the audience awarded "crowd favorite" to The Dopamines, who received tickets to their choice of the Tumbleweed or Cain's Ballroom.

Second place went to Kody Jones for his original song. The prize was concert tickets and Beats headphones.

After a dramatic drumroll from the audience, Schmidt was announced as the 2013 Cowboy Showcase winner.

Schmidt, a singer, songwriter and lyricist, moved from Florida to attend school in Stillwater. He said he tries to take hold of any opportunities he can.

COWBOY SHOWCASE WINNERS

- FIRST PLACE:**
Keenan Schmidt
- SECOND PLACE:**
Kody Jones
- CROWD FAVORITE:**
The Dopamines

"I performed last year in the Cowboy Showcase and I participate in a lot of open mics hosted by SUAB," Schmidt said. "Pretty much any opportunity I hear of music around Stillwater, I take it."

Schmidt said some of his biggest influences are The Beatles and Bob Dylan. However, he was introduced to music by learning different instruments.

"I started playing piano when I was 8 years old, moved to banjo and then finally to guitar," Schmidt said. "I carry on my love [of music] with writing now."

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Cuban scholar speaking today

University of Havana professor to discuss economic relations with U.S.

By **MATT LEOS**
Staff Reporter



SANCHEZ

A professor of economics who specializes in international relations.

CUBAN SCHOLAR U.S.-CUBA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

WHEN:
Thursday from
3:30-5 p.m.

WHERE:
236 Human Sciences

COST:
Free

A scholar from the University of Havana in Cuba will be on campus to speak Thursday.

The Oklahoma State University Division of International Studies and Outreach has brought Jorge Mario Sanchez to present "US-Cuban Economic Relations: Playing in the Margins."

This presentation will focus on the economic issues that are affecting Cuba and influencing the US. This is a special opportunity for students to hear directly from a professor from Cuba.

Sanchez is a senior professor of economics at the University of Havana's Center of Studies of the Cuban economy. He has received his master's degree from Carleton

University in Canada and a Ph.D. from the University of Havana.

Sanchez specializes in international relations between the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America. He has authored numerous publications that deal with these same issues as well.

Sanchez is serving as a visiting professor at the University of Texas at Austin but has found some free time to come to Stillwater.

Denise Blum, an assistant professor in the School of Educational Studies, is responsible for Sanchez's visit and is excited about this rare opportunity.

Due to strict Cuban restraints, Blum has gone

through many obstacles in bringing Sanchez to OSU, making this a special event.

"The only way he could come to OSU was if I sent a formal invitation for him to come," Blum said. "If I sent that to the person in charge at UT Austin they would more than likely approve it, which they did."

This lecture is free to the public and will be in 236 Human Sciences from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Afterward, there will be Q&A session with Sanchez from 4:30-5 p.m.

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SGA senator is accused of improper conduct Wednesday

By **CHRISTINE WALSH**
SGA Reporter

A senator was accused of lacking decorum and conduct when confronting a journalism department professor representing SGA during campaign season.

When asked for a formal apology, Senator Daniel Dixon was accused of not responding.

On a motion to remove Dixon from Wednesday's meeting, failing with 10 affirmatives, 12 negatives and 21 abstentions, Dixon apologized to the Senate for the disruption.

"I agree that the disturbance to the classroom, while not intended, was definitely improper," Dixon said.

"In terms of the EA and the formal apology, without knowing about it, I had to read about an apology that I had to give to the body and the professor."

Committee on Student Or-



SALLY ASHER/O'COLLEGIAN

Senator Daniel Dixon speaks to the SGA Senate on Wednesday.

ganizations chairman Michael Young presented three bills on behalf of organizations vying for registered status on campus.

The Student Association of Chicano and Native Americans organizations hope to support networking and improve advancement of organization as a recognized association.

The Lutheran Student Fellowship, another organization

presented, is a religious organization planning to conduct Tuesday Bible studies, philanthropy outreach, and social events.

Finally, the Oklahoma State University Ethics Club presented a bill for registered status from their last encounter with SGA.

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