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Southwestern has received a gift of three commercial buildings and one house from an Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice.

Yvonne Kauger, the first woman to be vice chief justice and chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, recently donated the structures, located in the town of Colony, to the SWOSU Foundation as part of the university's $5 million FOCUS fundraising campaign.

The three commercial buildings are located on Main Street in Colony, which is located 15 miles south of Weatherford. The home is located one block north of Main Street.

Kauger said it is hoped the university will develop the structures into a gathering place for area artists. Plans are for Dr. Joe Thompson to live at the home and manage the project.

Kauger started the Gallery of the Plains Indian in 1982, and the gallery was the genesis for the Red Earth Festival that is held annually in Oklahoma City. Kauger is known as the Mother of Red Earth for her involvement in the startup of the Red Earth Festival.

She said it is hoped that area tribes and SWOSU can work together in developing the project. She sees the potential for SWOSU art students showing their work at the gallery and theatre students having the opportunity to perform.

Kauger said her family—mother Alice Kauger, daughter and son-in-law Jonna Kauger Kirschner and Bruce Scambler and grandchildren Jay and Winston Scambler—are all supportive of the donation.

Kauger, a fourth generation Oklahoman, is a graduate of Colony High School, SWOSU and OCU Night Law School. She is a member of the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.
Southwestern's Foundation has launched a $5 million fund-raising campaign.

Foundation Executive Director Jim Waites is conducting "The FOCUS Campaign" with high expectations.

"I am continuously amazed at how Southwestern friends and alumni support the university," Waites said.

The campaign focuses on four areas: academic program enrichment, scholarships, wellness and athletic complexes and deferred/planning giving.

Southwestern President Dr. John Hays believes the support of the academic programs at Southwestern is vital. The university continues to develop laboratories, classrooms and courses designed to ensure that students reach their potential in a rapidly changing world.

Two critical areas, according to Hays, are raising money for scholarships and the development of the new Wellness Center and athletic complex at SWOSU.

Scholarships will allow SWOSU to attract highly capable students.

The Wellness Center is being built on the Weatherford campus and improvements are needed at the field house on the Sayre campus.

Waites said there are several ways to make a gift to Southwestern. The Foundation will accept a wide variety of gifts including cash, real estate, stocks, publicly traded securities, life insurance policies and other usable or convertible assets.

For additional information about the FOCUS campaign, call the SWOSU Foundation Office at (580) 774-3267.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has received a $1 million deferred gift from an anonymous donor.

The donor has designated in their will to give $1 million to the SWOSU Foundation for a scholarship endowment.

Jim Waites, assistant to the president for institutional advancement, said this person does not want recognition but wants to help young people in western Oklahoma.

"This is a wonderful gift that will benefit SWOSU students for years to come," Waites said. "Southwestern faculty, staff and students want to thank this generous donor."

The SWOSU Foundation is in the middle of a $5 million fundraising campaign. SWOSU's FOCUS campaign is focusing on four areas including academic program enrichment, scholarships, wellness and athletic complexes, and deferred/planned giving. Additional information is available by calling the SWOSU Foundation Office at (580) 774-3267.
Dr. David and Dianne Hunter (left) of Edmond donated $25,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU were (middle from left) President John Hays, Linda Weckel; and Jim Waites.

Harold and Carol Wright of Weatherford have donated $5,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University FOCUS fundraising campaign.

The Wrights, owners of the Wright Wradio network based in Weatherford, have made the unrestricted donation to the SWOSU Foundation.

“We believe that Southwestern is important to this part of the state,” Harold Wright said. “And, it’s important that we invest in the young people of Oklahoma.”

Both Harold and Carol are SWOSU graduates with Carol earning degrees in both 1971 and 1981 and Harold in 1971. Harold is current president of the SWOSU Alumni Association and a trustee on the SWOSU Foundation Board.

Art Harris (center) of Great Plains National Bank donated $15,000 to Southwestern. Accepting were President John Hays and Jim Waites.
Dr. David and Dianne (D. K.) Hunter of Edmond have donated $25,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The money will be used to establish a lecture-ship through the SWOSU Foundation. David is a facial plastic surgeon and otorhinolaryngologist in Oklahoma City where he has a private practice. Dianne also works at the facility as medical practice coordinator. David is also Chief of Staff for St. Anthony’s Hospital in Oklahoma City. Dianne is a 1986 graduate of Southwestern. She also earned her master’s degree in education from SWOSU in 1990. Dianne’s mother, Marjory Smith, was the owner of Smith House, a rooming house for girls at SWOSU in the 1960s and 1970s. The Weatherford High School graduate serves on several advisory boards for Oklahoma Career Technology Centers and the SWOSU Alumni Board of Directors.

Both David and Dianne are advocates for education. They both enjoy golf and travel during their spare time.

Great Plains National Bank recently donated $15,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford as part of the University Foundation’s FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded yearly to incoming freshmen for the next three years.

“We chose to invest in SWOSU because this university has provided our organization with many qualified personnel including our Chairman of the Board, W.B. Nell,” said Art Harris, president and CEO of Great Plains National Bank. “Several of our bank employees and board members also have children who have attended or are now attending Southwestern. We have always supported the youth in our area with college scholarships, and this will just add to that support.”

Harris himself grew up in Texas, but has made Elk City his home because he really likes everything about this part of the country and the people who live in western Oklahoma.

Great Plains National Bank has branches in Hollis, Eldorado, Sayre, Mangum, Granite, Elk City and Burns Flat.
Harvey and Jean Minton

Academic Enrichment

Harvey Minton (right) of Weatherford donated $25,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU was President John Hays.

Joe and Glenna Johns

Joe and Glenna Johns of Weatherford have pledged $10,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of the Foundation’s FOCUS campaign.

The gift will be used for the advancement of the university.

“SWOSU is so important to the community of Weatherford, offering a cultural setting we would not have otherwise,” Joe Johns said. “SWOSU has been the cornerstone of education for our family.”

Joe is a 1962 graduate of SWOSU, and a daughter and son-in-law are also graduates of SWOSU.

Joe retired from the insurance business but still operates Johns Rentals. He is active in economic development circles for the City of Weatherford and is a steering committee member of the Leadership Weatherford program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Interbank

Unrestricted Donation

Making the presentation were InterBank representatives (from left) Terry Garner, Brad Maddoux, (fourth from left) C.H. Wyatt, and Brad Stieben. Accepting for SWOSU were (third from left) President John Hays and (far right) Jim Waites.
Harvey and Jean Minton of Weatherford have donated $25,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University for academic enrichment and scholarships.

The gift is part of the SWOSU Foundation’s FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Mr. Minton is a 1964 graduate of Southwestern and a current board member on the SWOSU Alumni Board of Directors.

He and his wife moved back to Weatherford after he retired as vice president of taxation for the DuPont Company.

“We want the gift to be used for academic enrichment and scholarships so that others can have the chance for a great education and opportunity to be successful in life,” Mr. Minton said.

InterBank with four locations in western Oklahoma communities recently donated $15,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of the University Foundation’s FOCUS fundraising campaign.

InterBank has donated $15,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s ongoing FOCUS fundraising campaign being coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation.

InterBank was established in Oklahoma in 1901. C.H. Wyatt, president and CEO of InterBank, said the bank is happy to be a valuable part of SWOSU’s FOCUS campaign by providing scholarship funds for students.

“Our organization realizes the importance of being a leader in Western Oklahoma and this certainly includes supporting Southwestern Oklahoma State University,” Wyatt said. “Its positive influence has touched Oklahomans everywhere and we are proud to play a part in that success.”

InterBank has locations in Clinton, Elk City, Hobart and Sayre.
Keith and Michale Marcy of Clinton recently contributed $10,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University FOCUS fundraising campaign being conducted by the SWOSU Foundation. Keith and Michale, along with many of their family members, are proud SWOSU alumni. Accepting for SWOSU is President John Hays. The $5 million FOCUS campaign will benefit four areas including academic program enrichment, scholarships, wellness/athletic complexes, and deferred/planning giving.
Eddie Tom and Marinita Lakey of Sayre have made a significant contribution to the FOCUS fundraising campaign being conducted by the SWOSU Foundation.

The Lakeys have made a contribution to the F.K. Buster Scholarship Fund that is already established with the SWOSU Foundation. Mr. Lakey believes in youth having opportunities to further their education. He understands that going to college can be financially difficult at times for families.

“Scholarship funds like the Buster Fund at SWOSU can be a life-changing opportunity for young people,” Lakey said. “We are pleased to add this contribution to the fund in hopes that others will benefit in the future.”

Mr. Lakey is currently president of the SWOSU Foundation Board of Directors and a member of the Foundation’s Investment Committee. He owns Sayre Professional Pharmacy, Cheyenne Professional Drug, home medical stores in both Sayre and Cheyenne and is in the process of opening another prescription compounding business in Sayre.

The Lakeys have one son and two daughters. They enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren, fishing in Colorado and being active with the First Baptist Church of Sayre.

Keith and Michale Marcy

Keith and Michale Marcy of Clinton donated $10,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU was President John Hays.

Jett Distributing Company

Jett Distributing Company of El Reno and Clinton and President Matthew Jett have pledged $15,000 to Southwestern as part of the Foundation’s FOCUS campaign. Jett’s contribution will benefit the SWOSU golf program, the new Wellness Center, scholarships and academic enrichment.

“I am pleased with the future plans and happy to have the opportunity to contribute for the betterment of the SWOSU campus, students and faculty,” Jett said. “I encourage anyone who can to give back to this wonderful university.”

Jett is a 1994 graduate of SWOSU where he majored in business management and was a member of the varsity golf team.

In addition to working with his beverage distribution company, Jett is active with golf, family, the SWOSU Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Oklahoma Malt Beverages Association. He and his wife, Anji, keep busy with their young son, Luke.
Tim Hushbeck (middle) representing AEP-Public Service Company, presents $8,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU were President John Hays (right) and Jim Waites (left).

Tommy Sims, representing the Weatherford Sonic Drive In and the M.D. Jirous Foundation, recently presented a $3,000 check to the SWOSU Foundation to provide scholarships. Receiving the check are SWOSU President John Hays and Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement Jim Waites. Three $1,000 scholarships will be used by the School of Business, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education.

Carol Sides, representing MidFirst Bank, presents $15,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU were President John Hays (right) and Jim Waites (left).
AEP/ Public Service Company of Oklahoma recently donated $8,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of the Foundation’s FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Tim Hushbeck, manager of community affairs for AEP/ Public Service Company of Oklahoma, made the presentation for support of the FOCUS campaign and the new Wellness Center that is being built on the Weatherford campus.

AEP/ Public Service Service Company of Oklahoma is an avid supporter of economic growth in Oklahoma. Hushbeck said SWOSU plays a vital role in educating future leaders in addition to promoting and supporting economic development efforts in western Oklahoma.

AEP/ Public Service Company of Oklahoma is a leading marketer of low-energy and energy-related service to more than 478,000 customers in a 30,000 square-mile service area encompassing eastern and southwestern Oklahoma.

Sonic/M.D. Jirous Foundation

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Tommy Sims (right) of Sonic Drive In donated $3,000 to Southwestern.
Accepting for SWOSU were President John Hays and Jim Waites.

MidFirst Bank

MidFirst Bank of Weatherford has donated $15,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s ongoing FOCUS fundraising campaign being coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation.

Carol Sides, assistant vice president and banking center manager for MidFirst in Weatherford, presented the gift that will provide five $1,000 scholarships for three years.

“Weatherford would not be Weatherford without SWOSU,” Sides said. “This university provides the biggest support to our community by bringing in students from other locations.”

With $9.1 billion in assets, MidFirst is Oklahoma City’s largest bank, and one of the largest privately owned banks in the United States. Oklahoma owned and operated, MidFirst has a network of 40 offices and 100 ATMs across Oklahoma and is a member of the Midland Group of Companies. The Midland Group has served Oklahoma and the nation’s financial needs for over 50 years and is among the largest employers in the state with 1,500 employees.
David and Kay Tautfest of Weatherford have given $5,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Owners of Tautfest Furniture & Appliances in both Weatherford and Clinton, the Tautfests believe SWOSU provides a quality education at a reasonable price.

"SWOSU is great for the economic well being of Weatherford and the surrounding area," David Tautfest said. "It is important for area businesses to support this campaign."

According to Jim Waites, assistant to the president for institutional advancement, SWOSU’s $5 million FOCUS campaign is focusing on four areas, including academic program enrichment, scholarships, wellness and athletic complexes, and deferred/planning giving.

David Tautfest is a SWOSU graduate and a former athlete at the university. He is a long-time businessman in the Weatherford/Clinton area.
Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, a division of ONEOK, Inc., has donated $20,000 to Southwestern as part of the SWOSU Foundation’s $5 million FOCUS fundraising campaign.

The donation will assist with the building of the Wellness Center, which is currently under­way on the Weatherford campus.

Sam Combs, president of ONG, made the presentation to SWOSU President John Hays.

“This gift reflects the commitment of both ONEOK, Inc., and Oklahoma Natural Gas Company to support programs that enhance the quality of life and economic well being in communities where ONEOK operates and where our employees work and live,” Combs said. “SWOSU’s plan for a new Wellness Center dem­onstrates a focus on health that will provide benefits for students and, ultimately, all of western Oklahoma.”

“We are pleased to support the university’s capital campaign on behalf of this goal,” Combs added.

ONEOK, Inc., is a diversified energy company involved primarily in oil and gas production, natural gas processing, gathering, storage and transmission in the mid- continent areas of the United States. The company is the largest natural gas distributor in Kansas (Kansas Gas Service) and Oklahoma (Oklahoma Natural Gas) and the third largest in Texas (Texas Gas Service), serving almost 2 million customers.

David and Kay Tautfest presented $5,000 to Southwestern. Accepting for SWOSU was President John Hays (left).

E. Van Greer of Oklahoma City recently donated $18,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of the SWOSU Foundation’s $5 million FOCUS fundraising campaign. The gift will be used at the new Wellness Center on the Weatherford campus.

Greer, who was the first female in Oklahoma to become an orthodontist, is a 1960 graduate of SWOSU. She is also on the SWOSU Alumni Association Board of Directors. With Greer is Jim Waites, assistant to the president for institutional advancement at SWOSU.
Leaders of Oklahoma recently honored graduates of SWOSU who serve in state political offices. The officials were visited by SWOSU President Dr. John Hays and Harold Wright, president of the SWOSU Alumni Association. Each person was given a commemorative plaque. The plaque honors the Southwestern graduates for their service to the state and the university. In the last issue of Echoes, Sen. James Maddox was inadvertently left out of the honorees.

Dr. David Pittman, who recently earned a doctorate of pharmacy at Southwestern, will serve as a member of the state Commission for Rehabilitation Services. The administrative board governs the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. DRS provides vocational rehabilitation, employment, independent living, residential and outreach education programs for Oklahomans with disabilities and determines medical eligibility for disability benefits.

Pittman owns and operates Sooner Pharmacy in Sulphur, as well as a small Angus cattle farm. He is the president-elect of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and has served on the Sulphur City Council. In addition to earning his doctorate of pharmacy degree from SWOSU in 2004, Pittman also received a bachelor's of science in pharmacy from the university in 1967. He has master's and doctorate degrees in health service management from LaSalle University in New Orleans, Louisiana and a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology from Oklahoma Baptist University. Active in countless civic and community organizations, Pittman currently serves as the United Way chair for Murray County and attends Calvary Baptist Church.

Larry Palmore of Hollis has been selected to be inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame. He graduated from SWOSU with a Bachelor of Science in Education. While

Bulldogs in the House
Rep. Debbie Blackburn
Rep. Jack Bonny
Rep. Ray McCarter
Rep. Purcy Walker

Bulldogs in the Senate
Sen. Kathleen Wilcoxson
Sen. James Maddox

Bulldogs in the Capitol
Randy Beutler
Legislative Liaison for the Office of Gov. Brad Henry

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working on his bachelor's degree, Palmore played baseball with the Bulldogs. He also earned his Master's in Administration from Southwestern.

KENNETH ECK, who graduated from SWOSU in 1950, was awarded a 2003 Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship, will again be in Who's Who in America in the 2004 edition, and in April was elected to Healdton, OK City Council.

Pharmacist and Southwestern graduate RHONDA DER-RICKSON NORTON, who works in Alva, recently saved a diabetic man's life while working for MedCo Health, and in honor of her actions, she was featured in Women's World Magazine, received a hero award, and was one of 10 people invited to a special catered lunch with MedCo Health CEO, David Snow.

CHRISTINE REID joined the Law Firm of Harrison and Mecklenburg, Inc. as an associate. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Southwestern, magna cum laude, in 1992 and the juris doctorate degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law, summa cum laude, in 1996.

SUSAN SMITH HAMBURGER, who received a BAE in speech in 1968 and Master
Betty Walters (right) of Yukon was named the Outstanding Nursing Alumnus for 2003-04 during Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s Division of Nursing end-of-year pinning and awards ceremony on the Weatherford campus. Walters, who is a retired registered nurse but continues to be a parish nurse and an adjunct nursing instructor at SWOSU, was presented the award by Vicki Montgomery. Walters also has a CPR training center for the American Heart Association.

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All alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the SWOSU web site for both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. The address is: www.swosu.edu
The site has been up and running for nearly five years. Many aspects of Southwestern are featured, so be sure to take a look at what’s happening on the “hill”!
Graves inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

Ardmore physician Ron L. Graves was inducted into Southwestern’s Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during the 2004 Convocation. Graves is a 1966 graduate of SWOSU.

Following his high school graduation from his hometown of Clinton, Graves attended college at Southwestern State College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry in 1966.

While at Southwestern, he married his wife, Pam, who is also a Southwestern graduate. Following completion of a dental degree at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and oral surgery training in the military, Graves completed a surgical residency at the OU Health Sciences Center and affiliated hospitals.

In 1975, he established an oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Ardmore. The practice scope has included out-patient oral surgery and surgical treatment of injuries, deformities and pathology of the maxillofacial region.

He is a past president and board member of the Oklahoma State Board of Health.

Graves has been an active member of the medical and dental communities and as a charter member and officer of the southern Oklahoma Physician’s Association (SOPA). He continues to serve as a board member of its sister organization, the Southern Oklahoma Physician Hospital Organization. Additionally, he has served in leadership roles in state and regional oral and maxillofacial surgery organizations.

He has lectured regularly on topics dealing with surgical reconstruction of facial bone injuries and deformities as well as application of dental implants for oral reconstruction.

Graves is a member of the First Baptist Church in Ardmore. Community activities include the Kiwanis Club and Arbuckle Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Graves have two children, Noel and Todd.

Landscape project takes seed

By SWOSU Public Information

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association is moving forward on its landscaping and tree projects on the Weatherford campus.

The tree and landscaping committees of the alumni board met recently in Weatherford to work the public phase of the multi-faceted plan. Linda Jones, chair of the landscaping committee, said the goal is to raise $100,000 to purchase 150 trees, several park benches and revitalize the landscaping around seven buildings and five residence halls on campus.

Mary Regier of Cordell is spearheading the tree and bench program, and Linda Kay Jones of Oklahoma City is chairing the landscaping of the buildings.

Committee members include Harvey Minton, Larry Knisley, Cindy Kaiser Broadbent, Chip Diffendaffer, Otis Sanders and Sonya Flaming, all of Weatherford, and Teed Bishop of Edmond, Julee Thomas of Oklahoma City, and Angela Goddard of Irving (TX).

“It is our goal to not only revitalize the campus landscaping but to take it a step further and really beautify it with a variety of new trees and landscaping that will endure the Oklahoma weather, have low maintenance and provide peak enhancement to the campus during the spring and fall semesters,” Jones said.
Southwestern graduate Don Kiehn chronicles the real-life adventures in teaching with his first book, *Four Years (or More) of College for This???: True-Life Anecdotes and Experiences of Educators*, published by Authorhouse.

"(The book) is designed to offer the reader a realistic look at the teaching profession and the broad range of issues that educators are faced with on a daily basis," Kiehn says.

*Four Years (or More) of College for This???:* is a collection of real stories he and fellow teachers have experienced. Kiehn, a teacher for nearly 25 years, offers his personal perspective on teaching to new and future educators. The stories highlight the challenges of dealing with children, parents and daily events.

Many stories focus on humorous things kids do and say. Some stories warm the heart, while others threaten to break it into pieces.

It is not all shiny apples and bright, attentive faces. *Four Years (or More) of College for This???:* shows rookies and prospective teachers what life in front of the class can really be like.

Kiehn is a native of Clinton, and graduated from Southwestern with a master's in education. He taught in his hometown for 11 years, where he was mentored by some of his former elementary teachers. For nearly 15 years, he has taught elementary school in Texas. *Four Years (or More) of College for This???:* is his first book. For more information, visit [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).

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of Education in 1970, is a 2004 TWCA Women on the Move honoree in Albuquerque, NM. She was recognized for her accomplishments as a drama director at Hope Evangelical Free Church. In 1968 Susan won the Duke Award for drama at SWOSU. She also has directed numerous children's performances and events. Susan is the wife of DR. GARY HAMBURGER, class of 1968.

DAVID HAMBURGER, who attended SWOSU from 2000 to 2001, completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education in 2003 at the University of New Mexico. He and his family are now in Tanzania, Africa, with Take 12, a short term missions agency of The Evangelical Free Church of America. David is learning Swahili and will be assisting career missionaries in various ministries.

Alumni CHIP DIFFENDAFFER, MAGGIE TAYLOR, VANESSA VOGT and MISTY WILLIAMS recently completed a semester or more of volunteer service as Schusterman Mentors, providing academic support to elementary students. The program matches former Academic All-State Scholars with students in Oklahoma City, Norman, Tulsa, Stillwater and Weatherford.
Mentors spend at least an hour a week with a student.

**LT. COL. LAMONT WOODY** was named the 2004 Admiral William J. Crowe Jr. Joint Action Officer of the Year. He received the award from Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers. Woody is classified as J-4 Sustainment International Logistics and works on integrated body armor and armored humvees. The Weatherford native received his bachelor’s degree from SWOSU in 1981 and his master’s degree in 1982.

Retired SWOSU zoology professor **HARRY HENSON** won first place in Beginners, Amateur Close-Up and Best of Show for his photographs in the Oklahoma Native Plant Society’s 2004 Photo Contest.

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**Golf tournament winners announced**

Southwestern’s Alumni Association hosted 140 golfers at the 11th annual SWOSU Alumni and Friends Golf Classic held June 26 at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

Winners in the University Flight with a score of 54 were Matt Donley and Drew Litsch, both of Edmond; and Jim Petree and Mike Tyson, both of Thomas. There was a three-way tie for second place with scores of 55. Winning on a scorecard playoff was the team of Greg Hall and Aaron Sharp, both of Weatherford; and Trace Newton and Stan Wagnon, both of Edmond. The third place team was Richard Hasley, Oklahoma City; Bill Crockett, Shamrock, Texas; Ron Polston, Frisco, Texas; Delbert Mahan, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Ray Kuykendall, Dallas, Texas. Finishing fourth was the team of Kevin Fosbennor, Edmond; Chad Westfahl, Yukon; and Jeff Penny and Jason Penny, both of Corinth, Texas.

In the alumni flight, there was a three-way tie for first place with all teams shooting 59. Using the scorecard playoff, the winning team was Jim Cowan, Oklahoma City; Patrick Cowan, Edmond; and Jill Cowan and Sean Cowan, both of Elk City. The second place team was David Balezentis, Tulsa; Ric Meshew, Guthrie; Louie Mendoza, Clinton; and Albert Walz, Weatherford. Third place was won by Floyd Simon, Clinton; Ryan Skinner, Oklahoma City; Rodney Skinner, Norman; and Rick Skinner, Weatherford. The fourth place team was one shot behind at 60. Members of the team were Jerry Kinzer, Jeff Oaks, Jantz Kinzer and Mitch Ray, all of Oklahoma City.

In the blue and white flight, the winning team shot a 62. Members of the team included Rocky Walcher, Oklahoma City; Jeff Spivey, Richmond, Texas; John Spivey, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Clint Ponder, Arlington, Texas. There was a two-way tie for second place with scores of 64. Finishing second was Gary Amen, Amber Bryant and Herschel Brewster, all of Weatherford; and Erwin Duerksen, Corn. The third place team consisted of Joe Battles, Seminole; Amanda Harrison and Melani Mouse, both of Oklahoma City; and Jerry Burrows, Cordell. The fourth place team shot 65 and team members were Pat Lewis and Glenn Stallings, both of Oklahoma City; Mike Whaley, Blanchard; and Rocky Powell, Weatherford.

In the various contests, closest to the pin winners were Albert Walz, Weatherford; Jim Horsburgh, Weatherford; Matt Jett, Yukon; and Brad Hale, Edmond on holes 6, 8, 12 and 14, respectively.

The longest drive winners on holes 3 and 16 were Floyd Simon of Clinton and Clint Mahaney of Clinton.

Jim Waites, director of the alumni association, said proceeds from the tourney will be used for the SWOSU alumni legacy scholarship fund.
On Monday, May 17, the principal of Wiley Post Elementary School took to the skies! She had been challenged to fly with the library media specialist, who is a pilot, if the students passed 9,000 Accelerated Reader tests by April 30. This is a computer program that allows students to read a book and take a test on it. The students actually passed 10,417 tests by the deadline, so Susan Hooper, SWOSU graduate, had to rise to the challenge!

About 10:00 that morning, she took off with Elaine Regier, also a SWOSU alumni, to fly over the school. It was rather windy, and that made the ride a bit bumpy. Because Mrs. Hooper is afraid of heights, that created even more of a challenge for her, but she did return to the airport with an empty sic sac!

"We had been playing on her fear of heights for the students and talked about loops, rolls, and hammerheads," Elaine said. "I had already assured her that none of that would happen. I didn’t realize how nervous Sue was until we took off! That’s when she grabbed the seat and the strap on the door and held on for dear life!"

With the celebration of 100 years of powered flight, this was a perfect year for the challenge! The saying, “a good landing is one you can walk away from, but a great landing is when you can use the airplane again” was adapted for use at school.

The students were told that every take-off needs a landing. The take-off would be represented by a book that was checked out of the library, and the student began reading it. A good landing was when a book was finished. To have a great landing, the student needed to pass the AR test.

About 36 students went to the airport to watch. Everyone else gathered on the playground to see them fly over the school, which is practically in the traffic pattern for Wiley Post Airport, in Bethany. During the flight, the students visited with three other pilots.

Diana Harrod’s plane is known as Miz America. She flew from Tenkiller to participate in this event. A few years ago, she flew with Wyvema Startz, of Oklahoma City, in the Air Race Classic, which is an air race for women. They described their experiences during the race.

Bill Hines, of Oklahoma City, told about his plane as well. He also explained the things Ms. Regier was doing to prepare for take-off. A visit to the control tower gave a different view of the airport!

The students had several questions when everyone was back at school. The most frequently asked questions were, "Did you barf?" and "Did you see me wave?" The empty sic sac was proof for the first question! Ms. Regier was busy flying the airplane, and Mrs. Hooper was busy holding on, but they did see the students on the playground!

Mrs. Hooper is a 1975 graduate of SWOSU. She received a BA in business economics. She later earned a Masters degree at SWOSU in elementary education with additional administrative coursework. She served as principal in the Weatherford, Clinton, and Stillwater, Oklahoma, school systems before coming to Wiley Post Elementary School in 2001.

Ms. Regier graduated from SWOSU in 1980 with a degree in elementary education. While teaching in Anadarko, she took flying lessons at the Chickasha Municipal Airport and earned her private pilot certificate in 1988. A Masters degree in library and information studies from the University of Oklahoma led her to Wiley Post Elementary School in 1999, where she serves as media specialist. Wiley Post Elementary School is part of the Putnam City School District in Oklahoma City.
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Dr. Cynthia Foust has been appointed assistant vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

She is replacing Dr. Vilas Prabhu who retired effective June 30. Foust was first employed as a part-time faculty member in the School of Nursing at SWOSU in 1977, the year the university started its nursing program. She became a full-time faculty member in 1979. Foust is an associate professor and until recently maintained a part-time clinical practice.

As assistant vice president for academic affairs, some of Foust’s responsibilities will include regional and professional accreditation for the academic programs, academic program planning and evaluation, academic policy, course scheduling and other academic functions.

She earned her Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Woman’s University, Master of Science in nursing from the University of Oklahoma, and Bachelor of Science in nursing from Central State University.

Foust is active as chair or member of numerous departmental and university committees including the chair of the School of Nursing Evaluation Outcomes Committee and the RN-BSN Committee and is a member of Faculty and Curriculum Committees. She is President of Faculty Senate and chairs the SWOSU Assessment Committee.

Foust and husband Gene reside in Thomas. They have two children, Christy, a recent graduate of SWOSU who is a fourth grade teacher at the Sequoyah Public Schools in Claremore; and Roy, a student at SWOSU majoring in nursing, who lives with his wife Adina in Weatherford. The Fousts also have two grandsons, Austin and Caleb.
Return to SWOSU

Financial aid director chosen

Larry Hollingsworth has come back to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Hollingsworth is the new director of student financial services at SWOSU.

Hollingsworth was head of the same office from 1992-95 and then left to become director of student financial services at Oklahoma Baptist University. He comes back to SWOSU to replace Thomas Ratliff, who recently left the university for another position in Indiana.

The 1972 Oklahoma Christian University graduate has been active with the Oklahoma Association of Student Aid Administrators and Southwest Association of Student Aid Administrators.


Van Dusen selected to fellows program

Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, R.Ph., J.D., professor of pharmacy administration in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern, has been selected by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy to participate in the charter class of the Academic Leadership Fellows Program.

The year-long faculty development program in health professions education is to develop the nation’s most promising pharmacy faculty in becoming future leaders in pharmaceuticals and higher education. Supported in part by a grant from Pfizer, the Fellows program was developed in response to the needs of the AACP membership.

Madison provides nursing scholarships

By SWOSU Public Information

Winona Madison of Clinton continues to support the Southwestern School of Nursing. Madison recently spent a day at SWOSU interviewing four nursing students who she provided scholarships.

Madison was a long-time registered nurse. She received her training and diploma from Clinton Regional Hospital. She later served as Director of Nurses for Integris Clinton Regional Hospital for many years.

The scholarships that Madison is providing will go to nursing students that plan to stay in western Oklahoma.

"Nurses are so badly needed in western Oklahoma that my daughter and I wanted to do something positive for this area of the state” Madison said.

Mrs. Madison’s daughter, Judy Raulston, is a graduate of SWOSU. Raulston and her late husband were instrumental in the development of these latest year scholarships being provided to SWOSU nursing students.
SWOSU’s Panorama series has been bringing outstanding events to the Weatherford campus since 1991. Panorama is partially supported by an endowed lectureship sponsored by SBC.

All five events this year begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford. For more information on Panorama events, call the SWOSU Public Relations and Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063.

Bill Engvall, Comedian
Blue Collar Comedy Tour
Wednesday, September 1st, 2004
7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center
Tickets:
$5 SWOSU students
$10 Non-SWOSU students in advance
$15 All tickets at the door

Just about everyone has heard about the Blue Collar Comedy Tour that has been a smash hit across the country. SWOSU is pleased to bring Bill Engvall, one of the four comedians on the BCC, to western Oklahoma on September 1st.

This stand-up comic is a former winner of the American Comedy Awards Comic of the Year award. His first album, Here’s Your Sign, was the number one selling album of 1997. He and Jeff Foxworthy then started touring together and Engvall’s career is now quite successful. He and Foxworthy are starring in their own television show, Blue Collar TV, which WB will air at 7 p.m. Thursdays this fall.

Col. Chuck Scott
Former Prisoner of War in Iran
Tuesday, October 12th, 2004
7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center
Free Admission

Survivor of 444 days as a hostage in Iran, Colonel Scott is considered the Pentagon’s leading expert on terrorism, both domestic and in the Middle East. Col. Scott inspires and motivates by discussing the events of his ordeal and the abilities he developed to survive it.

Scott was among 51 American hostages held during 1979-1981 in the United States Embassy in Tehran, Iran. Amazingly, he emerged from the ordeal psychologically unscathed.
Ron Lyon and Jenny Paschall, creators and producers of ABC TV's Ripley's Believe It or Not starring Jack Palance, will bring some of the most phenomenal video segments from their personal archives to SWOSU on November 16th.

This will be a fascinating and fun evening when Lyon and Paschall share their work that has taken them to some of the strangest places on this Earth.

The two are also creators and producers of Nickelodeon's Beyond Belief, Travel Channel's Simply Unbelievable, and Discovery Channel's Would You Believe It!

The Great Debate - Heads vs. Feds

Debate on the Legalization of Marijuana
Tuesday, February 15th, 2005
7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center
Free Admission

How do you feel about the legalization of marijuana? Bob Stutman and Steve Hager will debate the issue at SWOSU on February 15th.

Stutman is a 25-year veteran of the D.E.A., rising through the ranks and retiring as head of the New York office, the world's largest. He has been called "the most famous NARC in America" by the New York Times. He appears regularly on national TV as a drug expert for both PBS and CBS.

Hager was editor-in-chief of High Times Magazine for 15 years and founded The Cannabis Cup, the "Academy Awards" of marijuana.

Drum Drum
Upbeat Tribal Music
Thursday, April 7th, 2005
7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center
Tickets:
$5 SWOSU students
$10 Non-SWOSU students in advance
$15 All tickets at the door

Drum Drum for the last three years has been at the forefront of contemporary Pacific music and dance in Australia. These young islanders from Papua New Guinea are bringing their music and dance spectacular to North America, including SWOSU, for an encore season.

Based in the tropical north of Australia, Drum Drum draws upon their diverse cultures and ancestry to create a style of music never heard. Drum Drum is taking the world by storm with their unique combination of traditional and western instruments.

Ancient songs and pounding tam-tam rhythms, ceremonial chants, and bamboo flutes have been used so creatively in the band, which has been captivating audiences worldwide. You'll get the chance to see this fabulous group on April 7th.
Weaving a web...

The Wellness Center takes on a web-like look as construction crews take advantage of sunny days to work on the project. The center is still on schedule to open in the fall of 2005.

New English major to be offered in Fall

By Devin Huber
Contributing Writer

Southwestern has a new English major to offer students. It is an English major with writing emphasis.

"We've been wanting to do it for a long time and we felt the demand for it," said Dr. Jill Jones, Chair of the Language Arts Department.

The courses required in this major range from Beginning Creative Writing of Poetry to Writing for Multimedia.

The new major offers courses in poetry, fiction, nonfiction, composition, linguistics, and technical writing and editing.

"We think it will appeal as an attractive and practical minor," said Dr. Jones.

To minor with a writing emphasis it requires 21 hours, there are 12 hours required, 6 hours of literature electives, which one must be a 3,000 or 4,000 level course, and 3 hours of electives.
Allied health program approved

By Public Information

Southwestern’s Health Care Administration program on the Weatherford campus was recently notified that its eight-week allied health internship program has been approved as a component for the Administrators in Training (AIT) program.

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators gave the approval.

Teri Stubbs, director of the SWOSU program, said this is good news for SWOSU health care administration students because their 320 hours of internship time may be applied towards the 560 hours required by the state board for licensure.

As a result, SWOSU students will be able to complete the required administrative experience much faster for the state and national board exams for long term care or nursing home administrators.

The SWOSU internships are performed under an approved preceptor and are coordinated by Stubbs.

Park Law Enforcement degree added for Parks and Recreation majors

By Public Information

Southwestern has received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Park Law Enforcement. The park law enforcement program will provide students knowledge and skills in the areas of park and natural resources law enforcement.

SWOSU Provost Bet Rice said in this post September 11, 2001 environment, the United States government considers security of public areas a paramount concern.

The National Park Service is responsible for many sites that attract thousands of visitors each year. National park law enforcement and security is a developing field, and SWOSU has current offerings that would complement the program.

The College of Professional and Graduate Studies program is being housed in the Park and Recreation Management Department, chaired by Dr. Chad Kinder.

“We are excited about the potential of this program for our parks and recreation majors,” Kinder said. “The potential for partnerships with area natural resource recreation management agencies will provide ample opportunities for our students.”
Students at the regional universities and the two comprehensive universities taking 30 credit hours during the year can be expected to pay the following amounts in tuition and fees:

- Cameron $3,000.00
- East Central $3,042.50
- Langston $3,004.00
- Rogers State $3,030.00
- Northeastern State $3,000.00
- Northwestern $2,985.00
- Oklahoma State University $4,071.30
- Panhandle State $2,731.50
- Southeastern $3,122.50
- Southwestern $3,000.00
- Central Oklahoma $3,011.50
- University of Oklahoma $4,140.00
- Science & Arts of OK $3,180.00

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved tuition and mandatory fee increases for all universities and colleges - including Southwestern Oklahoma State University - at the Regents’ regularly scheduled meeting in June.

SWOSU also received approval of its allocation of state appropriated funds for the 2004-05 year.

SWOSU’s undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees for the 2004-05 year will be $100 per hour, which is an 8.5% increase from the 2003-04 year. Across the state, the average increase was 9.2 percent.

SWOSU’s state appropriation will be $19.5 million, which is a 2.4% increase from 2003-04. State appropriations have remained stagnant during the past five years. SWOSU’s allocation in 1999 was also $19.5 million.

“It’s unfortunate that we have to raise tuition and fees,” SWOSU President John Hays said. “But, to maintain our operation and remain competitive in retaining students, faculty and staff, we have to have adequate funding.”
Leedey native to lead state regents

A Leedey rancher and banker will be leading the state’s coordinating board for Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities during the next year.

During their regularly scheduled meeting recently, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education named James D. “Jimmy” Harrel as board chairman. He will lead the nine-member State Regents throughout the 2004-05 fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2005.

Harrel was appointed to the State Regents in 1999. He is chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Western Oklahoma in Elk City and Vici. Previously, he served as high school principal, vocational agriculture instructor and basketball coach at Taloga Public Schools. He serves as a member of the Lieutenant Governor’s Business Advisory Council and has served on the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma A&M Colleges.

Additionally, he is active in many civic and community organizations, including the Masonic lodges and chambers of commerce of both

Hibler installed as Regent

Joe Anna Hibler of Weatherford was recently installed as a regent on the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges by Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger. Assisting in the ceremony held in Edmond was SWOSU President John Hays. Hibler, who was president at SWOSU from 1990-2001, is the first former president to serve as a regent on the BOROC. Both Hibler and Kauger are members of the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Hibler, along with the other BOROC regents, governs the affairs of SWOSU, East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southcentral Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Sharp resigns as football coach

Southwestern’s Paul Sharp submitted his resignation as head football coach, the university announced in November.

SWOSU athletic director Cecil Perkins said Sharp’s decision to step down is effective immediately.

“Coach Sharp has been a true pleasure to have on our athletic staff,” Perkins said in a statement released Tuesday afternoon. “He has taught his players life lessons about respect, responsibility and how to win and lose games with class. His emphasis was on recruiting kids that were quality people and good students. For us everything is not measured by wins and losses on the scoreboard.”

Perkins said the search for Sharp’s successor would begin immediately. He expects to have a new coach in place sometime in December so they will have time to work the upcoming recruiting season. The three full-time football assistants – offensive coordinator Brett Hauser, defensive coordinator Rocky Powell and defensive line coach Todd Helton – will remain in their current positions.

Sharp said although he was disappointed in the team’s performance this year, he will carry many pleasant memories of the place he coached for 19 years.

“I want to see this program succeed and get rolling again,” he said. “Sure I wish we had been more successful and won more games. But there was never a day I didn’t enjoy coaching here at Southwestern. I am especially grateful to the Southwestern family, coaches, players, former players and fans for so many fond memories.”
Spring numbers rise again

By Krystal Jepsen
Contributing Writer

The parking lots and classrooms felt a little more crowded last semester because of Southwestern's enrollment increase.

According to Bob Klaassen of the Registrar’s Office enrollment is up 3 percent from since last spring. One reason for the increase may be the lack of job openings in the area that would send potential students to enroll at Southwestern.

“I think we’re in an upward trend and that allows us to retain our students,” said Klaassen.

The statistics support Klaassen’s belief by showing a 3-percent increase in enrollment.

This puts Southwestern’s numbers at 4,945 overall. 500 of those students attend classes at the Sayre campus. The numbers for Spring 2003 were 4,836 students.

Web learning center opens will help students in information technology

A Center for Telemedicine and Web-based Distance Learning is now operating at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Dr. Harpal Dhillon is director of the center, which allows SWOSU to participate in selected high technology projects.

SWOSU President John Hays said the center is stimulated by the need for SWOSU to create an infrastructure that facilitates the acquisition of research and development projects. The center also provides opportunities for SWOSU students to work with technologies that are part of the current economic growth in the United States.

Hays said the CTWDL will help prepare SWOSU graduates for employment in two very attractive information technology driven service areas, namely telemedicine and Internet-based distance learning.

The CTWDL is housed in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at SWOSU. Dr. Ken Rose, dean of the college, said the center was formed based on activities the past 12 months with INTEGRIS Health Systems.

A joint INTEGRIS-SWOSU telemedicine project is underway at two sites of the SWOSU Youth Adventure Program. Two joint INTEGRIS-SWOSU proposals for research and development grants have been submitted so far.

“Faculty members with expertise in telemedicine, robotics and web-based learning are working here, and it is just logical for SWOSU to give them the support for undertaking academic programs and research/development activities,” Rose said.

SWOSU Provost Bet Rice said the center is a natural progression.

“Southwestern has operated a distance learning program based on technology that is suitable for our constituents in rural Oklahoma,” Rice said. “SWOSU now plans to make its academic programs available anytime-anywhere by offering them on-line through the Internet.”

Rice is enthusiastic about the telemedicine program. SWOSU’s School of Nursing and School of Allied Health, both with good academic reputations, will work with a progressive School of Computer Science and Technology to become a center of excellence in telemedicine.

Additional information about the center and its activities is available by calling Dhillon at (580) 774-3201.
Peter Grant wins Bernhardt Award

Dr. Peter Grant won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award in April.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

For winning the award, Grant received a $2,500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and engraved pen set.

Grant, chairman of the Biology Department, grew up in Erie (PA) and attended the Behrend College Campus of Pennsylvania State University in Erie where he majored in biology. Grant graduated from Penn State in 1975.

During 1976, Grant made two life-changing decisions, first to attend graduate school in biology at the University of North Texas and, secondly, to propose to Marcia Lu McCord, a local farmer’s daughter. They were married August 1976 and two weeks later moved to Denton, Texas. Grant received his Masters degree in 1978.

From Texas, the Grants went to Tallahassee (FL) to start his doctoral work at Florida State University. While in Tallahassee, the Grants started their family, with daughter Emily and son Nicholas, who was born in 1985, a few hours before Grant defended his dissertation.

He then accepted a position teaching biology at Morris College in Sumter (SC). From Sumter, the family made their final move to Weatherford in 1988. Grant’s teaching duties typically involve Biological Concepts, Zoology, Biological Orientation, Entomology, Ecology, and Senior Seminar, with an occasional foray in Genetics.

Grant served five years as a faculty senator, including one year as president of the Faculty Senate. He served as sponsor/co-sponsor of the Biology Club, Pre-Vet Club, and Grassroots Environmental Club, assisting students with the formation of the latter two. During January 2002, he became interim chair of the Biology Department and permanent chair during spring 2003.

Grant has been an active leader in the Boy Scouts organization since 1992. He and his son are both Eagle Scouts.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray and Dr. Les Crall.
Theatre professor chosen to represent five-state region

By Arianna Bedell/Contributing Writer

In January, theatre professor Steve Strickler was selected to represent a five-state region from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

He has spent many years in leadership positions in the KCACTF, including three years as vice chair and three years as state chairman. "It is a huge honor to be chosen by my peers from people that know the craft," Strickler said.

As part of this honor, Strickler attended a directors symposium at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. He concluded the week by directing a 10 minute play.

Along with Strickler, the Theatre Department has also had a lot of accomplishments this year at the state festival.

The play "Blood Knot" received the Directors Choice Award. Five students were nominated for the Irene Ryan Award: Bersalle Fallon, Shane Farmer, Heather King, Ashleigh Edwards and Randi Wallace. Trevor Bowen received the costume design award. Jessica Salmans and Darryl Rodriguez both received the scenic design award. The lighting design went to Eddie Gonzales. Jason Henderson received the graphic design award.

Excellence in property design went to Kenneth Tomlinson.

Strickler received Excellence in directing, and the theatre department received an ensemble acting award for "Anton In Show Business".

Promotions, tenure awarded

Six Southwestern faculty members on the Weatherford campus were awarded promotions, and one faculty member received tenure at a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Joel Kendall, assistant professor in the Department of Language Arts, was granted tenure effective with the 2004-05 academic year. Four were promoted to professor from associate professor, including Dr. John Hayden, Department of Social Sciences; Dr. William Kelly, Department of Chemistry/Physics; Dr. Ann Russell, School of Behavioral Sciences and Education; and Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, College of Pharmacy.

Two faculty members were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor. They are: Dr. Gerard East, Department of Mathematics; and Dr. Karen Travis, School of Behavioral Sciences and Education.
These three Southwestern students will be leading the Student Government Association during the 2004-05 year. Officers include (from left): Tyler Long, Coweta, vice president; Emily Henry, Hammon, treasurer; and Justin Ohl, Gore, president.

Pope takes over OSGA

Promise: ‘I plan to keep the peace’

BY SARAH KREMEIER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Senior Clay Pope, a management information systems major from Mountain View-Gotebo, was recently elected president of the Oklahoma Student Government Association.

“The OSGA is a state wide association that represents the student body to both the state regents for higher education and the state legislature,” Pope said.

The OSGA was established in the late 1970s as a forum to bring student concerns to the state regents.

As president, Pope will preside over board of directors meetings. He will also represent students in meetings with state regents. “I ran for the presidency to continue my work on the issues that impact the students of Oklahoma,” says Pope. “I plan to keep the peace.”

He will graduate in December 2004 and attend law school.

Sophomore interns in White House

BY DONNA DRINNON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Megan Huey, a sophomore English major at Southwestern, is serving an internship at the White House, in Washington D.C.

Huey wrote an essay on why she would like to be an intern and won out of over a thousand applicants. Only 90 students were chosen.

She hasn’t had the chance to shake the president’s hand yet, but she has been close to him.

“He is human just like the rest of us, he gets tired, but he always has a smile on his face,” Huey said.

Megan has been the assistant to Laura Bush’s photographer. “(It’s) quite a circus.”

Huey has helped at several events, including a black tie affair where several celebrities were present, such as David Spade, Kelsey Grammer, Jessica Simpson, and Brad Paisley and his wife. Huey works in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

“We are working with the most intelligent and interesting people in the world. Walking past Donald Rumsfield in the hall and stepping out of the elevator to see Scooter Libby is thrilling,” Megan said.

“While standing in the West Wing I have a great deal of respect for the current president and past presidents and the office.”
Alexander wins pageant title

Megan Alexander of Perkins is the new Miss Southwestern and will represent Southwestern at next summer's Miss Oklahoma Pageant. Alexander won the title among 12 contestants at the Oct. 16 pageant. Alexander is a junior majoring in music therapy. She sang "I Left You There" for the talent portion of the contest, and her platform issue is "Heart of Hope." Caitlin Hicks of Weatherford finished as first runnerup. Hicks won a $1,100 scholarship. The sophomore also won the Talent Award for her vocal solo and the Peer Leadership Award, which is voted on by the contestants. Other top finishers were: Lauren Johnson, Yukon junior, second runnerup, $700 scholarship; Holly Bullington, Gould freshman, third runnerup, $600 scholarship; and Ranee Young, Sentinel sophomore, fourth runnerup and physical fitness/swimsuit competition winner, $500 scholarship. Brittany Moody of Oklahoma City (PC North) won the "Most Tickets Sold" Award and Bullington won the "Most Ads Sold" Award. All of the non-finalists each won $150 scholarships.

Student newspaper wins top award

For the second time in three years, Southwestern's student newspaper, The Southwestern, won the Award of Excellence at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association annual conference in Stillwater.

The Award of Excellence is the top overall award handed out by the OCPA. Typically, one or two student newspapers win the award each year. The Southwestern competed against 21 other newspapers statewide for the award.

The 2003 Graduate Record, Southwestern's yearbook given to graduating seniors, received an honorable mention in overall excellence. It won the Award of Excellence in photography, Award of Merit in layout and design and honorable mentions in theme and writing.

Individually, former editor Alanna Bradley received third place for her investigative report on Title IX's tenth anniversary. Receiving honorable mentions for their entries were Lacey Johnson (investigative reporting), Wendy Grunau (news writing), Nina Kelso (yearbook photography) and Craig Moore (yearbook sports writing).
A letter from Coach Teasley

It is almost time to start up another great year of Bulldog baseball. I am happy to have the honor of coaching the Dawgs through another challenging season. Southwestern has been participating in the NCAA Division II Lone-Star Conference, and with your help, we would love to compete for that conference title and ultimately a national championship.

Last season we finished with a record of 23 wins and 21 losses. This season we are looking forward to improving on that record. The team will be practicing and scrimmaging to help prepare for the upcoming season. You can see what we have accomplished at our first home game, which will take place on February 17 at 1:00. I urge you to come and watch this exciting season.

What makes this season so special? In case you haven't heard, the Dawgs will be playing their home games at the new sports complex north of campus on Caddo Street. For more information on the location please contact the university. This will be an exciting new beginning for our program.

We are enthused to have a new baseball field, but we have also gone through a series of financial cuts to the program. That is why I am asking you for your support. With a donation of $100 to the program, you could become a member of the Dugout Club. As a member you will receive a newsletter at the end of the fall which includes a roster, schedule, and progress report of the team. Your name will also appear on the back of our dugout, or if you donated last year a star will be placed by your name to show your loyal support. I assure you this will be a wise investment.

So I invite you to come out this spring and take in a game. Show up and make some noise watching your investment at work.

If you played baseball at Southwestern, please list the years played.

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Thank you for your support,
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Southwestern Oklahoma State University right handed pitcher Johnny Dillard was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the recent baseball draft.

Dillard, a native of Iowa Park, TX was drafted in the 26th round and was the 768th pick overall. Dillard recorded a 4.87 earned run average and a 1-2 record with 11 appearances.

Dillard accumulated 27.1 innings with 20 strikeouts and 24 walks with a .243 opposing batting average.

A related project to the new basketball locker room is contacting former Southwestern lettermen and getting them introduced to the new coaching staff. Former lettermen have purchased plaques, which have been mounted in the locker room.
Southwestern’s assistant athletic director, compliance coordinator and former basketball player Kelli Litsch was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

Litsch was a four-time All-American in the 1980s and led the Bulldogs to have an outstanding 129-5 record and win three national titles. Litsch also earned NAIA player of the year honors three times, NAIA tournament MVP three times and Academic All-American twice.

“This is just unbelievable, kind of like a dream come true for me,” Litsch said. “Playing high school basketball in Oklahoma and college basketball in Oklahoma, this is the ultimate.”

Others selected for the Hall of Fame were Jim Lookabaugh, former Oklahoma State football coach and Don Chandler, a former NFL player.

Kelli Litsch
NAIA Player of the Year -- 3 times
NAIA Tournament MVP -- 3 times
Academic All-American -- 2 times
NAIA National Champions -- 3 times
Record: 129-5

Tinder leads sports

Justin Tinder is the new Sports Information Director at Southwestern.

Tinder has worked 14 years in the field of sports information, most recently with the Oklahoma RedHawks minor league baseball club as Director of Media/Community Relations. With the RedHawks, Tinder was in charge of the publicity efforts for the Triple-A baseball team’s 144-game Pacific Coast League schedule and special events at the SBC Bricktown Ballpark.

Prior to that, Tinder was in charge of the media relations efforts for the Lone Star Conference in Dallas, Texas for four years (1999-2003). At the LSC office, he assisted in the administration as well as the statistical compliance of 15 NCAA Division II schools.

Before joining the Lone Star Conference office, Tinder served as SID at East Central for four years (1995-99) and aided in their transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II. He was also SID at Northwestern from 1990 until 1995.

Tinder, 35, is a native of Crescent. He and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Ryan, who is 18 months old.
Volleyball added to varsity sports

Southwestern has added women's volleyball to its list of NCAA Division II teams. The new addition will give Southwestern ten intercollegiate sports. The Lady Bulldogs inaugural season will begin in the fall 2005. Southwestern will compete in the Lone Star Conference North Division and become the 13th LSC institution to play volleyball. Oklahoma teams in the conference include Central Oklahoma, Cameron, and Southeastern.

The NCAA allows schools to have 28 dates of competition during the regular fall season. The season opens the first week of September. Volleyball matches are determined by playing the best two out of three games. The games use a rallying format to 30.

Southwestern is currently interviewing for a head coach.

Familiar name joins fall coaching staff

Southwestern has announced the hiring of Weatherford native Brett Hauser as its newest assistant football coach. Hauser, an assistant most recently at Stony Point High School in Round Rock, Texas, will be in charge of offensive backs as well as coordinate the offense. He replaces Jerry Keeling who retired earlier this summer.

A 1980 graduate of Weatherford High, Hauser was a three-sport standout who played on state-qualifying football, basketball and baseball teams. His father, George, retired from SWOSU in 2003 after coaching the men's basketball team for 27 years. The 42-year-old Hauser has spent 16 years as an assistant football coach with the majority at his alma mater, the University of Central Oklahoma. Hauser coached 12 years at UCO where he oversaw the running backs position.

Hauser and his wife, Alysia, have five children: Bryan (17), Brett (15), Joe (10), Carly (7) and Houston (6).

Dispatches

Six Bulldogs earned postseason Lone Star Conference honors in baseball. The awards are voted upon by the league coaches. Jason Looper, a senior third baseman from Sentinel, earned first team All-LSC honors. Looper batted .393 with 53 hits, 11 doubles, three triples, two homeruns and 35 runs batted in. Ryan Kauk, a senior pitcher from Granite, Randall Gall, a senior shortstop from Edmond, Cory Givens, a senior outfielder from Moore and Dan Dody, a senior designated hitter from Greeley, Colo., all earned second-team All-LSC honors. Gunner Poff, a junior from Sayre, earned All-LSC Honorable Mention honors.

Southwestern's Ida Hoffman was chosen by conference coaches as the Lone Star Conference Co-Player of the Year for the 2004 season. Hoffman played senior second from Adair, and led the team in batting average with .382. Hoffman also led the team in hits with 35, doubles with 16, triples with five, and runs batted in with 31. Hoffman shares the honor with Brandi Tynes of Midwestern State.

The Southwestern softball team had three players earn first team All-LSC honors, two players earn second team All-LSC honors and one earn honorable mention honors. Earning first team honors were Ida Hoffman, Lauren Brown, and Abbra Shivers. Earning second team honors were Shandi McDonough and Candace Brown. Shanna Hand, a senior first baseman from Mustang, earned honorable mention honors.

Southwestern Oklahoma State men's basketball head coach, Scott Reed, has announced the signing of five players for the 2004-05 campaign. The new Bulldog class include: Lonnie Cooks (5'10, G, Ft. Worth, TX), Davy Easterling (6'9, C, Chicago, IL), Jon Gunn (6'5, F, Parker, CO), Justin Parker (6'2, G, Chickasha, OK), and Alex Robles (6'2, G, La Hoya, TX).

Southwestern announced some changes in the athletic department. Rocky Powell, head men's golf coach and assistant football coach, will devote full responsibility to the football program as defensive coordinator. Michael Bond, the sports information director the past two years will take over as head men's and women's golf coach.
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Dad and I were driving home from a fishing trip on an otherwise nondescript evening in my childhood. I’m guessing I must have been 10 or 11 years old. The sun had already dipped behind the thumbnail that is Mount Scott on Marlow’s western horizon. The Old Willy’s puddle jumper lurched and crept along a section line.

There were probably several fish flopping around in the back. I don’t remember coming home empty-handed very often in those days. Dad was a meat fisherman. I, on the other hand, have grown up a sport fisherman.

Even if I catch a nice stringer, I’m prone to turn them back. It’s cheaper to buy fish at the store than pay for all the gauze that’s prompted by one of my cleaning efforts, not to mention the stitches and emergency room.

This evening sticks out in my mind not because of any of the above, but because, all of sudden, my dad broke out in song.

Now, he may whip me yet for this, but Dad is not much of a singer. Not in front of his children, anyway. He probably fears his credibility would be damaged. He may be right.

But on this evening he sang. The words, “Everybody loves somebody, sometime” came out in a deep, husky tone, drowning out the clanking of the puddle jumper’s four-cylinder engine, the ping of gravel against the fenders, and even the flopping of the fish in the back.

I had heard those very words just the night before on the Dean Martin show as Dean was surrounded by wine, cigars and Gold Diggers. I had also heard that very same deep, husky tone.

“Wow!” I said. “Dean Martin sounds just like you.”

Dad chuckled but didn’t correct me. Of course, it was Dad who sounded like Dean Martin.

But I was a 10-year-old kid, and to me the world revolved around my dad. Still does, by the way. I figured Dean had picked it up from Dad.

If Dad could toss out a mean Dean Martin impersonation after a successful fishing trip, there were plenty of other things he was the best at as well.

He hummed a fastball with the same accuracy as Don Drysdale, he kicked field goals as far as Lou Groza, he hit home runs with the same tenacity as Roger Maris, and he shot free throws way, way better than Wilt Chamberlain.

As I watched those superstars of the Sixties on television, and listened to the awe in the voices of my dad, granddads, and uncles, I was duly impressed, but I knew that out in the backyard my dad was just as awesome.

Maybe Dad was aware of the huge sweeps he was making on my life’s canvas, and maybe he wasn’t. But sweep he did.

I watched his every move and have spent my life imitating him.

To wit:

These days, I disarm a hostile situation with humor and a handshake.

If I know my child is doing his best, I back off and let him find his way.

If I suspect my child is settling for his second best effort, I find a way to illustrate his error on the creek bank or in the dove field or at the computer screen or during a game of Farkle.

I look people square in the eye.

I know that emotional pain is temporary, and that tomorrow will be a better day.

When I notice that things have piled up on Anna, I try to find a dish towel or a broom and help out.

And Parker, for his part, is watching all this.

So far, he hasn’t compared me to Placido Domingo or Willie Nelson or even Bob Dylan. In fact, when I reach for a hymn book in church, he usually takes a step to the left. My credibility is probably at stake.

But I’m aware of his life’s canvas. I’m aware that in this day and age, the paint must be applied in large, swooping strokes. I know his world revolves around a tight, little circle and that I’m in the middle of it.

Today is “dress like your favorite teacher” day at Parker’s middle school. Last night, Parker said he wasn’t going to participate because he would have imitate one of the middle school’s teachers.

“I’ll just tell them that you’re my favorite teacher,” he declared last night.

So, in the meantime, I’ll teach as best I can.

Will the above lessons serve him well?

Of course. After all, they’re straight from his granddad.