Dear Alumni and Friends:

What should be happening at Southwestern in 2004? That is the question that over 500 internal and external stakeholders have been studying this year as part of a strategic visioning project.

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As a result of this collaborative effort, we have identified four major areas: (1) recruitment and retention of students; (2) marketing the University; (3) resource allocation; and (4) cooperative agreements with other institutions. Our consultant, Dr. Ed Penson, said, “Minimal goals are not the focus; major directional change is.” He challenged us to develop a plan that is “...institution-flexible and cultural-sensitive.” He also told us at our last meeting that we had done enough studying and discussing and were ready to form action teams and get to work!

As an alumnus, there are traditions and memories of Southwestern that are invaluable to you. Likewise, I know that you want your alma mater to stay in the lead as we move into the next millennium. If you have suggestions, please share. We are much stronger together!

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LOOMIS NAMED SWOSU'S FIRST MEN'S SOCCER COACH

Jim Loomis, who coached Weatherford High School soccer for 12 years, has been named men's soccer coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Southwestern is starting a men's soccer program during the 1999 fall season. SWOSU started its women's soccer program in 1998.

"I'm real excited to have the opportunity to build this program," said Loomis, who compiled an 88-51-4 record at WHS. "There is a vast amount of talent in Oklahoma, and I look forward to molding that talent into a successful program."

Loomis is already recruiting. He is visiting with area high school coaches and several SWOSU students have indicated they plan to play this fall. Several students from other colleges are also planning to transfer to Southwestern.

Loomis welcomes calls from interested players. He can be reached by calling (580) 774-3100.

Loomis, who will continue his duties as physical plant director at SWOSU, has been involved in coaching soccer for 20 years, beginning with youth teams and then at Weatherford High School where he coached through 1998. At WHS, his teams won five district championships and the Eagles qualified for eight state tournaments.

The Southwestern graduate coached 17 Oklahoma All-Staters. He was selected as All-State head coach in 1993 and served as an assistant two other years. Loomis was named District Coach of the Year five times and served two terms on the soccer advisory council for the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association.

At one time, Loomis was a coach and teacher in the Enid and Owasso Public Schools. He and his wife, Jeanne, have been residents of Weatherford since 1972. They have one son, Michael, and his wife, Cori, and two grandchildren, Austin and Carter.

B-BALL FANS GET A NEW VIEW

BancFirst donates four-sided scoreboard to SWOSU

BancFirst recently donated a new scoreboard which now adorns Rankin Williams Fieldhouse at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. SWOSU physical plant workers, under the guidance of Jim Loomis, recently installed the $20,000 scoreboard which was donated to the SWOSU Foundation. The new scoreboard compliments a new gym floor and two new goals which were installed this past summer.
DR. PRAY AUTHORS NEW PHARMACY TEXTBOOK

Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Professor Dr. Steve Pray of Weatherford has authored a new and impressive textbook for pharmacy students and practitioners.

*Nonprescription Product Therapeutics* is an 816-page textbook recently published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins of Baltimore, Maryland.

"When it comes to helping customers make wiser and safer choices in their use of over-the-counter treatments, the practicing pharmacist is the best source of information," Pray said. "This new text emphasizes the pharmacist's role in assessing the best nonprescription medicines for the client and knowing when medical conditions warrant a referral to another health professional."

Organized by condition rather than by drug, the text is easy to consult and complements a disease-based approach to therapeutics. Algorithms lead students through complex therapeutic decisions, and case studies hone their problem-solving skills, preparing them for their future.

The major sections of the book are: The Pharmacist and Nonprescription Drug Products; Oral and Gastrointestinal Conditions; Respiratory Conditions; Pain Conditions; Miscellaneous Internal Conditions; Ophthalmic/Otic Conditions; Dermatological Conditions; Miscellaneous Medical Conditions and Situations; and Topics Related to Self-Care Therapeutics.

Pray has been a faculty member at Southwestern since 1976. He has spent nearly four and one-half years on this book which is now one of only two textbooks available to schools of pharmacy across the nation.

The award-winning professor and researcher with over 20 years experience in retail community pharmacy has presented over 50 papers/seminars across the nation and published over 170 articles in various journals.

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DR. CRALL ELECTED TO SALSB POSITION

Dr. Leslie D. Crall, associate professor in the School of Business at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was recently elected secretary/treasurer of the Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

The academy is an organization for attorneys from the states of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The group annually holds a March meeting in which academicians are encouraged to present papers in the discipline of "legal studies in business."

Crall, who in addition to being an attorney is a certified public accountant, was elected at the 1999 meeting in Houston, Texas. Next year's annual meeting is scheduled for San Antonio, Texas.
STUDENTS GET SCHOLARSHIPS

AREA SHRINERS MAKE PRESENTATION

Jeremy Moore, a Thomas junior at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, recently received a $500 scholarship from the Heartland Shriners Club of Custer and Washita Counties. Making the presentation to Moore were (from left) club noble Jim Ames and his wife Eileen Ames, both of Thomas and grandparents of Moore; club president Gale Palmer of Weatherford; and club scribe Ken Shroyer of Weatherford. Moore is majoring in general business at SWOSU.

WEATHERFORD DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS DONATE $800

Steven Thompson, a Southwestern Oklahoma State University sophomore from Arapaho, won the $800 tuition scholarship which was given away at the 1998 Parent’s Day activities on the Weatherford campus. Thompson, the son of Roger and Tricia Thompson of Arapaho, is majoring in accounting at SWOSU. The scholarship was sponsored by Weatherford merchants, and Thompson’s name was announced at halftime of Southwestern’s football game. His winning ballot came from the Dusty Rose in downtown Weatherford.

SWOSU ENROLLMENT UP FOR 1998-99

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s official enrollment numbers for the 1999 spring semester were indeed positive for the campuses at Weatherford and Sayre.

Southwestern’s head count was 4,801 students, up 3.0% from the 1998 spring semester count of 4,660, according to SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.

On individual campuses, Weatherford had 4,308 students this spring semester compared to 4,199 in 1998, while Sayre had 493 students compared to 461 one year ago.

The increase was even bigger in the full-time equivalency enrollment number which determines state funding. Southwestern was up 3.2% or 109 students in FTE numbers compared to the 1998 spring semester.
FORENSICS TEAM MEMBERS WIN AWARDS AT FINAL TOURNAMENT

Four Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford won multiple awards at the final forensics tournament of the 1998-99 school year.

Seniors Rhonda Combs of Burns Flat, Sasha Blakley of Weatherford, Jase Humphrey of Woodward and Sendra Smith of Mesquite TX won awards at the Great Plains Forensics Conference tourney held March 19-20 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan.

The quartet of seniors ended up with 35 awards this season, according to coach Jeff Gentry of the SWOSU Language Arts Department.

Several SWOSU underclassmen also performed well at the tourney, including Chantry Banks of Hammon, Andrea Ward of Oklahoma City (Putnam City West), Jarri Patterson of Anadarko and Charlene Curtis of Blair.

Combs placed first in dramatic interpretation which was her seventh event championship of the season. She also took fourth place in poetry. Blakley placed second in prose interpretation and fifth in both persuasive speaking and children's literature.

Humphrey placed fifth in impromptu speaking and third in children's literature. He also scored for the team in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Smith also placed in two categories, winning third in poetry interpretation and sixth in prose.

Banks, only a freshman, placed in his second consecutive tourney with a third place showing in dramatic interpretation. Ward, also a freshman, scored in Lincoln-Douglas debate, while newcomers Patterson and Curtis placed fourth in novice team debate.

FOUR BASKETBALL PLAYERS NAMED ALL-CONFERENCE

Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University women's basketball players and two men's players have been named to the 1999 Lone Star Conference All-Conference teams.

Cristi Sanchez of Delhi, Calif., was named to the women's first team, while Kristi Dickerson of Colony was honored on the second team. Anthony Lumpkin of Vicksburg, Miss., was named to the men's second team, while Corey Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., was named honorable mention.

Sanchez was named LSC Player of the Week three different times this season. She averaged 11.1 points and 8.8 rebounds per game this season for the Lady Bulldogs who finished 15-12 overall. Sanchez, a junior, led the team in steals (49) and blocks (52).

Dickerson was honored as LSC Player of the Week on two different occasions this season. The Colony junior led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with a 12.0 average. She also had the team's best field goal percentage at 53.5%.

Lumpkin and Johnson were two high-scoring guards for the Bulldogs. Lumpkin averaged 15.4 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. The junior also led the team in assists with a 3.3 average.

Johnson was the team's leading scorer with a 17.3 average. He led the Bulldogs in steals with 28.

Moving?

If you have just moved or are planning to move, please let the Alumni Association know your new address.

We want to be able to send you alumni information and event dates.

Just call us at (580) 774-3267, drop us a note at the SWOSU Alumni Office, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 or email it to: wilkerk@swosu.edu.
Thirty-four teams participated in Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 5th annual alumni golf classic held July 25 at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

A record 144 golfers participated in the tourney which featured two flights and various other prizes. Catering the event was Don Elliott and Outback Steakhouse.

All three winning teams in the championship flight shot 56s, 15 under par. A scorecard playoff was used to break the tie. Winning first place and $500 in gift certificates was the team of Larry O’Neal, Jason O’Neal and Scott Keith, all of Weatherford, and Brad Fulton, Norman.

Finishing second in the championship flight and winning $350 in gift certificates were Richard Hasley, Oklahoma City; Ron Polston and Ray Kuykendall, both of Dallas, Texas; Bill Crockett, Reydon; and Delbert Mahan, Wichita Falls, Texas. The third place team was comprised of Gary Millspaugh, Bill Lindsay and Jay Boetchum, all of Weatherford; and Tom Haley, Binger. They won $200 in gift certificates.

In the handicap flight, first place and $500 in gift certificates went to the team of Patrick Cowan and Jim Cowan, both of Edmond; Sean Cowan, Sayre; and Greg Bond, Bethany. Winning second place and $350 was Rouben Tourian and Dikran Tourian, both of Weatherford; Doug Kaiser, Enid; and Shane Hyman, Oklahoma City. Third place winners were Clint Thomas, Moore; Matt Hawk, Weatherford; and Fred Hacker and Shane Hacker, both of Tuttle. They won $200 in gift certificates.

In the various contests, Bruce Grummer of Oklahoma City won the Closest to the Pin on Hole #14 award and won a putter, while Bruce Vaverka of Woodward won the longest drive contest on hole #10 and won a driver. Wayne Sparks of Oklahoma City had the longest drive on hole #3 and won a $150 gift certificate from BC Clark.
ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Above: The golfers eat and drink in the cool comfort of the club house during the heat of the afternoon.

Below: Dr. Joe Anna Hibler visits with Jerry Jameson during the golf classic.

Above: The winners of the championship flight: Brad Fulton, Jason O’Neal, Larry O’Neal, and Scott Keith

Above: Four of the hard working Outback Steak House employees take a break.

Left: Dr. Hibler poses with the handicap flight winners: Sean Cowan, Jim Cowan, Greg Bond, and Patrick Cowan.
SOUTHWESTERN HONORS RUSSI & RHYMER AT HOMECOMING

Above: Dr. James Rhymer of Clinton was inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at Southwestern Oklahoma State University homecoming activities. He serves as team doctor for the SWOSU football team, so he posed for his picture with SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler after the football game which was played in the rain. Rhymer also rode in the homecoming parade and was honored at a luncheon.

Below: Winners of Southwestern Oklahoma State University blankets at the 1998 alumni and friends luncheon were (from left) Grace Burcham of Weatherford, Dr. Gary Russi of Rochester, Mich., and Lura Hansen of Weatherford. Burcham was the oldest Southwestern graduate present at the luncheon, while Russi traveled the furthest distance. Hansen had the most children who graduated from SWOSU.

Left: Dr. Gary Russi of Rochester, Mich., was a busy man at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University homecoming activities. Russi, who is president of Oakland University, was one of two Southwestern alumni inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on the Weatherford campus. Russi rode in the homecoming parade and was honored at a luncheon and at halftime of the SWOSU football game. Presenting Russi with a plaque is SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.

Right: Three western Oklahoma residents were recently honored for their service and support of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University music department.

George Wilkinson and Weldon Collier, both of Weatherford, and Lorena Males of Cheyenne were honored during SWOSU homecoming activities on the Weatherford campus. The trio was recognized at a luncheon hosted by the music department.

Wilkinson was honored for his many years of support to the SWOSU Jazz Festival, while Collier is celebrating his 50th year as an instrument repairman for the music department. Males, who is a member of the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, is a staunch supporter of the keyboard division.

This was the first year for the awards which were presented on behalf of SWOSU music students and faculty. The trio's names will be placed on a plaque which will be located in the Fine Arts Center. The awards will be annually presented to people who have been supportive of the music program at SWOSU.

Below: Three Southwestern Oklahoma State University alumni were presented with Service Awards by the SWOSU Alumni Association at the 1998 alumni and friends luncheon held in conjunction with homecoming. Award winners were (from left): Ronnie Oldfield, Canton, Texas; Richard Hasley, Oklahoma City; and Alan Spies, Norman. Jim Waites, executive director of the alumni association, said Oldfield sponsored a block party for high school students, Hasley sponsors the annual Metro Night in Oklahoma City for high school students, and Spies has been working on alumni membership cards for the association.

Danielle Felts of Weatherford, Texas, and Steve McLemore of Rush Springs were named 1998 homecoming queen and king at Southwestern Oklahoma State University homecoming activities concluding Nov. 1 on the Weatherford campus. Both Felts and McLemore are seniors majoring in communication arts. Other finalists not pictured were Porfirio Ramirez, Olustee; Mika Benway, Watonga; Bonnie Blakley, Weatherford; and Omar Rosales, Beaver.
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IS ESTABLISHED

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS AWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education awarded an economic development grant of $125,000 to the School of Business for the establishment of a Business Development Center.

Dr. Jerry Kaufman, Dean of the School of Business, Dr. John Hays, executive vice-president, and Dr. Marvin Hankins, associate professor of economics, were the principal writers of the grant.

The Business Development Center will serve as a comprehensive center for economic development and business assistance for thirteen counties in west-central and southwest Oklahoma (Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Tillman, and Washita).

The primary objectives of the center will:

1.) Provide valuable economic and business data and analysis that will improve the utilization and assist in the expansion of community resources in the public and private sectors.

2.) Provide comprehensive business/regional strategies that foster economic development, job creation, and diversity in the region.

3.) Provide an interactive role with regional and community-based organizations, which promote business and employment opportunities.

4.) Provide a forum to disseminate information and provide programs that promote the development of entrepreneurial skills.

5.) Assist faculty in securing funding and consulting opportunities for applied research and market analysists.

The school currently publishes the Great Plains General Business Index on a quarterly basis and it will now come under the auspices of the Business Development Center. The index monitors numerous economic and business data series which help explain and determine economic activity in the region. It is designed to provide a statistically reliable account of present and future economic activity and help to explain the interrelations and impact that economic activity has on the various economic sectors.

The Business Development Center also houses the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence and the Small Business Development Center. The Alliance is committed to improving Oklahoma manufacturing by leading the movement toward modernization through implementing change in technology, marketing, human resources, financing, and inter-firm collaboration. The small Business Development Center is primarily designed to nurture the growth of small businesses through business planning, marketing research, cash flow analysis, and general management.

If you have any questions concerning the Business Development Center, please contact Dr. Marvin Hankins at (580) 774-3750.

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SOUTHWESTERN ALL-SPORTS REUNION
October 1ST & 2ND
SWOSU MANAGES GHOST MOUND

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford took over management of the Ghost Mound Youth Center for at-risk youth on March 1.

The facility, located eight miles south of Hydro on Highway 58, is a joint project between Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. The center is known as the SWOSU Adventure Program at Ghost Mound.

The endeavor is not a new one for both the university and OJA, a state government agency devoted to the reduction of youthful delinquency. The university has operated a similar facility, Foss Lake Adventure Program, for OJA since 1995. According to Dr. Ken Rose, chairman of the SWOSU health, physical education and recreation department and program director, Southwestern is the only university in the United States to be operating such facilities.

“We’re pleased that OJA recognized the good work that has been going on at the Foss Lake Adventure Program,” said SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler. “We’re excited to have a similar opportunity with the Ghost Mound project.”

Debbi McFarlin, who is program administrator at FLAP, oversees the project at Ghost Mound which is expected to bring nearly $700,000 per year to the western Oklahoma economy. The facility houses boys, ages 16 to 18, who have been identified by the court system as at-risk teenagers. The year-round program has active supervision on a 24-hour basis.

McFarlin said Southwestern will operate Ghost Mound similar to FLAP but will continue the state vo-tech skills center already in place at Ghost Mound. The site employs around 20 people.

There are three main components of the Southwestern plan. One is to build self-esteem and self-worth in the youngsters plus develop their communication skills. Another is to improve academic skills, while the final component is consultation with parents. The university will also add a wilderness component at Ghost Mound, designed to build decision-making and teamwork among the boys through various activities such as a ropes course, sailing, canoeing, mountain climbing and scuba diving.

Southwestern students and faculty are expected to benefit from the new site, including opportunities in student employment, student practicums, faculty research and cutting-edge treatment methodologies in such areas as wilderness programming, social work, psychology and education.

The primary mission is to help at-risk youth, but it is going to be a good learning laboratory for SWOSU students as well as have an economic impact on this area of western Oklahoma,” Hibler said.

Maximum occupancy rate for Ghost Mound will be 12 with boys staying seven to 12 months. After leaving the program, the boys will be monitored for one year by a state juvenile worker.

Negotiations for the Ghost Mound project have involved the SWOSU administration as well as OJA officials, including director Jerry Regier, deputy director David Dennis, western zone division administrator James Johnson and western zone coordinator Peggy Wibener. The SWOSU academic endeavor was under the direction of Rose, McFarlin, Dr. Bill Kermis, Dr. John Hays and Dr. Vilas Prabhu.
1999 BERNHARDT AWARDS
“A NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE”

Dr. Jill Tedford Jones, professor in the language arts department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, recently received the prestigious Academic Excellence Award at a faculty banquet on the Weatherford campus.

Jones received a $2,500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and an engraved pen set for being honored as an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

The award and banquet are made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City who established the event through the SWOSU Foundation. Guest speaker for the evening was Gordon H. Deckert, a David Ross Boyd professor emeritus of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Jill Jones (second from right) is the most recent recipient of the Bernhardt Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The award is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City. With the Bernhards and Jones is SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler (left).

Jones, who is the sixth winner of the award, has spent the last nine years of her 29-year teaching career at Southwestern. She came to Weatherford in 1990. She has taught 14 different courses, ranging from remedial English to graduate level literature. The practice and resident teacher programs have enabled her to help seniors and graduates as they prepare for their careers. She currently serves as SWOSU Director of Freshman Composition.

Jones graduated cum laude with a B.A. from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS in 1969. She completed her M.A. in English in 1973 at Auburn University with the help of an NDEA Fellowship. In 1984, Dr. Jones completed her doctoral work at the University of Mississippi.

Immediately prior to coming to Southwestern in 1990, Jones taught at Louisiana Tech in Ruston and Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Other higher education teaching experience includes teaching at Bishop State (AL) Junior College and at several Houston area colleges and universities.

Since joining the faculty at Southwestern, Jones has actively participated in many statewide, university, and departmental committees. Most recently she has served on the Regent’s Transfer Curriculum Committee, SWOSU’s Strategic Visioning Council, the Academic Advisory and Scholarship Committee, and the Communications Committee. She received the President’s Meritorious Award for 1998-99. She has been on Faculty Senate for six years, serving as president and secretary-treasurer.

While teaching and being actively involved on campus, Jones has maintained her scholarly research. She attends annual meetings, presents papers, and chairs sessions in three professional organizations: the South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA), the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English (OCTE), and the Popular Culture Association (PCA).

She served as chair of the Women’s Caucus at SCMLC in 1996. She chaired the Autobiography/Biography special session for two years, which was incorporated as a regular session of the conference in 1999.

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Southwestern Normal Holds First Commencement

The Southwestern Normal held its first annual commencement the week of May 29 through June 1, 1904. On Friday morning, May 27, the closing exercises of the Training School Kindergarten were held for the parents of 23 children. The program included the singing of motion songs, reciting, and the performing of several plays. Each child was presented a packet of their year’s work by their teacher, Miss Daisy Ferguson.

The commencement week was organized as follows:

Sunday AM, May 29
Baccalaureate Services

Monday PM, May 30
Essay Contest (Silver Medal awarded by the Probieren Club)

Tuesday AM, May 31
Oratorical Contest (Gold Medal awarded by Dr. J.J. Williams and R.C. Everts)

Tuesday PM, May 31
Declamation Contest (Gold Medal awarded by O.B. Kee)

Wednesday AM, June 1
Commencement

Wednesday PM, June 1
Literary Society Contest (Silver Cup awarded by the Normal Faculty)

There were no regular Normal course of study graduates as no students had transferred sufficient credits in order to complete the program during the first year. However, the following four students

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Campus Beautification

The following trees, ordered from Kingfisher, were planted on the Normal grounds during spring 1904:

1400 Elm (5-7 ft)
100 Elm (4-5 ft)
200 Box Elder (5-7 ft)
700 Soft Maple (5-7 ft)
25 Sycamore (5-7 ft)

In addition, 700 feet of Chandler brick walkways were laid and grounds for an athletic field (football and track), tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and a basketball court were marked. The grounds near the building were filled, graded, and sowed with grass seed. When completed “... and the flowers in bloom, there (will) be no prettier lawn in town.”

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Biographical Sketch:

Guy William Bohannan
Southwestern Normal
(1903-1914)

Professor Guy Bohannan was a native of Chesterville, Illinois, where he was born August 13, 1870. (1) He began his teaching career in the rural schools of Illinois in 1891. After two years of teaching, he enrolled in the Western Normal College (Bushnell, Illinois) where he graduated with the B.S. degree in 1899. (2) He also completed coursework at Blackburn University (Carlinville, Illinois) and Eastern State (Illinois) Normal School at Charleston. (3,4,5)

Bohannan came to Lincoln County, O.T., in 1901 where he taught in the rural school system. (6,7) In 1902, he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Newkirk, O.T., Public Schools. (8) The following year, he was appointed a member of the newly established Southwestern Normal School in Weatherford, O.T., as Chair of the Department of Science. (9)

Bohannan offered the following classes in science during the Southwestern's first academic year (1903-04):

- Fall Quarter
  - Zoology (5 students)

- Winter Quarter
  - Botany (5 students)

- Spring Quarter
  - Botany (5 students)
  - Physiology (23 students)
  - Physics (7 students)

In addition, he taught courses in mathematics, commercial law, and penmanship. (10)

In general, his students were able to accomplish much in spite of the downtown Weatherford classroom accommodations except for the class in physiology where he observed that some of the students were ". . . rather immature for the grade of work required and will need a more thorough review." (11) A student impression of Professor Bohannan was stated, "One characteristic of Mr. Bohannan is this; he always closes his speech when the bell rings. Even if he has spoken the first syllable of a word, he stops, and we won't hear the last syllable until next time." (12)

During December of that first year at Southwestern, Bohannan married Callie Washburn of Newkirk. (13) Following the 1904 commencement exercises, the Bohannans visited the St. Louis World's Fair for a well deserved vacation. (14) Upon their return, Bohannan left for Comanche County, I.T., where he conducted a teacher's institute. (15)

Bohannan continued as Science Department Chair through the 1904-05 academic year. The following year, the department

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with transfer credits were able to complete the requirements for the two year Commercial (Business) Program Diploma (5,6):

Ray Vivienna Campbell
Ora Maude McQuown
Elizabeth Columbia Owens
Alma Collins Roland

All of the graduates were from Weatherford with the exception of Miss Owens who was from Boone, Colorado. (7) Mrs. Roland's work in the Fall Quarter Stenography class was of such quality that she was asked to team teach the course with Miss King during the Winter Quarter. (8)

With the completion of the first commencement "... the people of the town and surrounding country realize more fully what it means to have secured (this) institution of higher learning." (9)

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Normal Notes

"President Campbell of the Southwestern Normal is on a tour in company with the presidents of the other Normal Schools inspecting the schools of Kansas, Iowa, and other states."

Custer County Republican
May 12, 1904

"The opera chairs for the chapel and the other necessary furniture to fit the building arrived from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and (is) being rapidly put into place."

Custer County Republican
May 5, 1904

The following papers were presented at the April 1904 Custer County Teachers' Association by Southwestern Normal faculty and students:

Austin E. Wilber
"The Place of Industrial Training in our Educational System"

Daisy D. Ferguson
"The Training Department of the Southwestern Normal"

Berlin B. Bone
"Consolidation of Rural Schools"

Custer County Republican
April 7, 1904

Art Exhibition

In keeping with President Campbell's goal to enrich the cultural experiences of the Normal students, he has arranged the loan of Edison's Art Exhibit of carbon photographs, photogravures, and engravings of 190 masterpieces from European galleries. The exhibit also includes Greek sculpture, Egyptian art, and American historical works.

The collection will be displayed for public view February 23-26, 1904, in the vacated Main Street classroom buildings.

Custer County Republican
February 18, 1904

An elocutionary and musical recital of Tennyson's Enoch Arden was presented by Normal faculty members Belle Barker and Roxie Seevers in both Weatherford and El Reno.

Weatherford Democrat
May 5, 1904

Custer County Republican
May 19, 1904

Professor Alvin Roper recently presented his original piano composition entitled "The Dying Year" in El Reno.

Custer County Republican
May 19, 1904
In 1911, further realignments involving the school's departmental structure resulted in a new assignment as Chair of Agriculture and Geography. (27) New surroundings also came with the appointment as the department was allocated space in the new Science Hall completed in 1910. (28,29)

This was Bohannan's last position at Southwestern. He offered his resignation in May 1914 effective the end of the summer term. (30, 31) He was the last remaining faculty member from the school's first year. (32) One of his last service contributions was the commencement address delivered at Olustee, Oklahoma. (33) He was present for the first South-western Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) established by President Ulysses S. Griffith and held April 17-18, 1914. (34,35)

Following the conclusion of the 1914 summer session, the Bohannans left Oklahoma for Washington state where he had accepted the position of Principal of the Steven's School in Wenatchee. (36) The next year, he was named Superintendent. He held this position until 1919 when he left the teaching profession for a position with the Rex Spray Company, a Wenatchee chemical business specializing in insecticides for the local apple industry. (37,38) He retired in 1940 and died in Wenatchee, December 24, 1945. He was survived by his wife and son, John. (39,40)

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In OCTE she has served on the State Executive Committee as chair of the college section. In PCA she read papers in 1997 and 1999. Her paper “The Delight of Words: The Elizabethan Sonneteers and American Country Music Lyricists” has been accepted for the international meeting of the group in Cambridge, England, in August 1999.

Her publications relate to the following British writers of the 1890s and early 1900s: Netta Syrett, Max Beerbohm, Henry Handel Richardson and Charlotte Mew. Articles appear in standard biographical reference works such as the Dictionary of Literary Biography; The 1890s: An Encyclopedia of British Literature, Art, and Culture; and the Encyclopedia of British Humorists.

Her essays and book reviews have appeared in Studies in English, Bulletin of Bibliography, Publications of the Mississippi Philological Association, the Henry James Review, and English Literature in Transition. One essay was selected for reprint in the reference book, Short Story Criticism. She has read 30 papers at various conferences over the years. She received grants from the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities to direct two “Let’s Talk about It, Oklahoma: Myth and Literature” and “Private Investigations” and was scholar/presenter in three other series.

On the local level, she is currently president of the AAUW chapter. She is an active member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, serving on the Vestry (Senior Warden 1995), Altar Guild, and ECW. She is also involved in the Weatherford Arts Council and Creative Homemakers.

She married Dr. Ray Jones in 1997. She has one son and five step-children.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt award include Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress and Dr. James Hunsicker.

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**FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVE GRANTS/APPOINTMENTS**

.....Dr. Richard Bryant and Dr. Faye Neathery, both in the chemistry department, received a $14,272 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to support a summer academy program to encourage talented high school juniors and seniors to pursue careers in mathematics and science teaching. This academy will combine resources with the Oklahoma Teacher Education Collaborative to introduce students to the rewards and challenges of a teaching career.

.....Dr. David Bergman and Dr. Ken Lyon, both in the School of Pharmacy, received a $2,000 grant from the Pfizer Corporation to support the acquisition of DrugDex software. The software will be used to support the clinical pharmacy practicum for students in the professional pharmacy program at the Muskogee Veterans Administration Medical Center.

.....Dr. Ed Neparko, professor emeritus in chemistry at SWOSU, was recently re-elected as secretary of the Oklahoma Section of the American Chemical Society. Neparko has served as section secretary for over 10 years.

.....Dr. Peter Grant of the biology department serves as editor of the Mayfly Newsletter. The newsletter is published twice each year to facilitate communication among ephemeropterists. The latest edition was mailed to 367 people in 41 countries.

.....Dr. Phil Holley of the social sciences department recently presented a paper, “Unassisted Home Birth and Related Emerging Values and Beliefs: A Description of a Re-Invented Family,” at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association.

.....Dr. Mark Gales and Dr. Barry Gales, both of the School of Pharmacy, recently published a paper, “Response Rates from Poster Presenters,” in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy.

.....Dr. Dennis Thompson and Dr. Dana Reid-Pierce, both in the School of Pharmacy, recently published a paper, “Drug-Induced Nightmares,” in The Annals of Pharmacotherapy.

.....Dr. Stephen Burgess of the psychology department received the 1999 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the International Reading Association.
RECORD LEVEL OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE IN OKLAHOMA

A record level of financial aid was available to Oklahoma college and university students and the largest percentage ever of Oklahoma college and university students received aid in 1997-98, according to a recent study completed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

At Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre, a total of 3,702 students received financial aid of $15.4 million in 1997-98. Thomas Ratliff, director of student financial services at SWOSU, said these totals are also records at Southwestern.

"Southwestern continues to look for ways to help our students achieve their educational goals regardless of their financial situations," Ratliff said.

According to the OSRHE report, state colleges and universities distributed 250,970 financial aid awards and loans valued at more than $487.4 million to 106,225 students in 1997-98.

The total amount awarded is more than double what it was at the turn of the decade when 175,776 awards totaling $241.3 million was distributed to 78,631 students. At Southwestern in 1989-90, a total of $9.1 million was distributed to 3,280 students.

In addition, more than half of all Oklahoma college and university students received some type of financial aid in the 1997-98 school year, compared to slightly more than one-third of the student body in 1989-90. Ratliff said approximately 67 percent of the SWOSU student body received some sort of financial aid during the 1997-98 year.

A record $229.8 million in free financial aid (money that does not have to be repaid) was available to students in the form of grants and scholarships and through student employment on college and university campuses in 1997-98.

Of the total amount of free financial aid awarded, grants comprised $150.4 million, up 66 percent from $90.7 million in 1989-90; scholarships totaled $35.9 million last year, an increase of 95 percent from $18.4 million in 1989-90; and student employment on campus provided $43.5 million in 1997-98, a 34 percent increase from $32.4 million in 1989-90.

Southwestern's figures for 1997-98 included grants totaling $5.60 million, up 38 percent from 1989-90; scholarships $1.88 million, an increase of 130 percent since the turn of the decade; and student employment $1.1 million, an increase of 72 percent.

"Oklahoma colleges and universities have some of the lowest tuition rates in the nation. However, Oklahoma higher education is sensitive to the pressure that college costs may place on some students and their families and have made more financial aid available than ever before," said Chancellor Hans Brisch, noting increases in financial aid have far exceeded increases in tuition and inflation.

Since the turn of the decade, tuition has increased 27 percent at Oklahoma two-year colleges and 33 percent at four-year universities. During the same time, inflation increased 32 percent.

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SWOSU FACULTY PROMOTIONS/TENURES

Five Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members at Weatherford received promotions and eight faculty members earned tenure as the result of recommendations at the April meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Promoted from associate professor to professor was Dr. Helen Maxson in the language arts department. Four faculty members were promoted to associate professors including Dr. Gary Bell in technology, Dr. Viki Craig in language arts, Dr. Cynthia Foust in nursing and Dr. Ronna Vanderslice in the school services program in the School of Education.

Receiving tenure were Bob Dorlac, art; Dr. Sylvia Esjornson, chemistry; Foust; Dr. Valerie Reimers and Joyce Stoffers, both in language arts; Dr. James South and Dr. Alan Spurgeon, both in music; and Vanderslice.

The recommendations, which were made at the meeting held in Durant, are effective beginning July 1 which starts the 1999-2000 academic year.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Foundation is kicking off a $2 million fund-raising campaign in conjunction with the university's Centennial celebration which is coming up in the year 2001.

Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Foundation, said the campaign will provide an opportunity for the many SWOSU friends and alumni to demonstrate their loyalty and support of the university which has campus locations in Weatherford and Sayre.

Several prominent SWOSU alumni and friends are volunteering to serve on the campaign’s executive leadership council. Jerry Grizzle of Edmond is chairman, while honorary chairpersons include Everett Dobson, Edmond; Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, Alexandria, Va.; Don Weeks, London, England; Gary and Edie Akin, Shawnee; Dr. William Bernhardt, Midwest City; Paul Flick, Clinton; Homer Ryan, Frederick; and Eddie Tom Lakey, president of the SWOSU Foundation from Sayre.

Funds raised through the Centennial drive will be targeted to four areas, according to Waites. Student scholarships; endowments for academic chairs, professorships and lectureships; construction of a wellness center; and campus beautification are projects which Southwestern officials would like to highlight.

Waites said there are four phases to the Centennial drive, including select friends of SWOSU, faculty and staff, alumni, and foundations. Dr. Charles Torbeck of Oklahoma City is serving as chairman of the select friends phase.

The base goal of the drive is $1.5 million with the challenge goal being $2 million.

Southwestern’s origins trace back to 1901 when it was created by an act of the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature as a teacher’s college. The first classes started in 1903. Over the years, Southwestern has expanded its offerings and today offers over 100 areas of study.

Under the leadership of SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, the university continues to maintain a reputation for excellence in academics and extracurricular opportunities which makes it one of the top universities in the state of Oklahoma.

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For more information about how you can be involved in the “Foundations for Life” program please contact Jerry Kinzer, The Kinzer Company, at (405) 946-9899 or Jim Waites, SWOSU Foundation Director, at (580) 774-3267.
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MISS SOUTHWESTERN 1999

Left: Kara King (center) of Altus won the most recent title of Miss Southwestern. King, a junior majoring in vocal music education, will now represent Southwestern Oklahoma State University at the 1999 Miss Oklahoma Pageant. Pictured with King are (left) first runnerup Jodi Forgay of Clinton and (right) second runnerup Tisha Penner of Weatherford. King also won the talent competition, while Penner won the swimsuit event.

MISS SOUTHWESTERN REUNION

Right: Prior winners of the Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant were reunited at a brunch during festivities of the annual Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant held this past October. Those attending were (seated from left): Kerri Fisher-Williams, Norman, 1978 Miss Southwestern; and Tascha Lawless, Rattan, 1998. Back from left—Pam Franklin-Deck, Thomas, 1976; Lacey Legnon, Tulsa, 1997; Tamara Walker-Dumas, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1990; and Carol Cates-Brown, Weatherford, the very first Miss Southwestern in 1958. Others, not pictured, who attended various events, included Sue Lynn Jenkinson-Diel, Burlington, 1971; and Stephanie Gunning, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1992.

PETE RSON’S PAPER MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

Southwestern Oklahoma State University social sciences assistant professor Dr. Geoffrey Peterson and his wife, Julie, of Weatherford have been making national news recently with their research efforts.

The couple’s research on the classification system of how government authority figures are portrayed on television was the focus of a Washington Post article on Sunday, Oct. 18, and an ABC Radio interview on Oct. 20.

Their research has involved reading and watching descriptions of more than 10,000 shows. Generally, the Petersons have found that television’s views of government mirror societal beliefs.

“I think you have to have your head in the sand not to realize the impact television has on people’s political perceptions,” Peterson said. “When millions see shows featuring conspiracy theories and black helicopters, that has an impact on what people believe about their government.”

The interest in the Petersons’ effort started about two years ago when Geoff presented a paper at the Midwestern Political Science Association’s annual meeting in Chicago. The room was packed as he talked about the couple’s paper, “The Dukes of Hazzard to X-Files: How is Government Authority Portrayed on Television.”

The Petersons are now working on a book expected to be finished sometime in 1999.
MORRIS PROMOTED

Eastman Chemical Company has named Dr. Don L. Morris senior research associate. The new appointment was effective December 1.

Morris is a native of Weatherford, Oklahoma. He earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and math from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1966, and a doctorate in organic chemistry from Kansas State University.

A 25-year employee with Eastman, Morris most recently served as manager, Development, PEBOC Division of ECUK Ltd., Anglesey, Wales.

Morris and his wife, Alice, relocated to Kingsport in November. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Sigma.

MR. STAS ELECTED TO BOARD

Raymond D. Stas, a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a retired executive of Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville after 35 years, was elected to a four-year term on the board of directors of The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma.

Since retirement from Phillips, Stas served as assistant vice president of information systems and services at Oklahoma Baptist University. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in math and physics.

Stas has been on the board of a distinguished IBM worldwide computer group and served as its vice president and treasurer.

He and his wife, Darla, are members of Bartlesville, First Baptist where he is chairman of deacons. The Stas’ co-chair the Centennial Celebration Committee for the church. He has served on various search teams and has been Sunday School department director for numerous age groups. They have two children.

In his first year on the board, Stas will serve on the Investment and Foundation Loan Services and Real Estate Committees.

The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma is the trust agency of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma offering a means for Oklahoma Baptist to provide perpetual support for its institutions and agencies.

The board of directors is comprised of 20 Christian business and professional men and women elected by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma to serve four-year terms. In addition, the Foundation president makes annual appointments of up to six advisors to the board. Directors and advisors are chosen for their professional skills and ability in financial affairs and also because of their personal integrity and spiritual commitment.

The Foundation is the largest religious foundation in Oklahoma with assets of $178 million and an average annual distribution to Baptist charities approaching $6 million. Offices are located in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.
Mike Ferguson has been awarded the Polk County Baseball Coach of the Year award. Ferguson is currently the Athletic Director and Baseball Coach at Santa Fe Catholic High School in Lakeland, Florida.

He graduated from SWOSU in 1988 and coached five years at the University of Miami as the Hitting Coach. Ferguson also played high school baseball at Yukon under new Southwestern Head Coach Charles Teasley.

1965 SWOSU graduate, Foster “Sonny” Mayer, Jr. is the new president of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). SETAC is dedicated to furthering scientific knowledge and disseminating information, including the application of sciences to risk assessment.

Mayer graduated from Southwestern with a BS in biology and chemistry and received an MS (aquatic ecology) and a PhD (toxicology) from Utah State University in 1967 and 1970, respectively.

Dr. Mayer has been very active in aquatic containment research. He has received 15 awards, authored over 120 scientific papers, and has participated in international projects in Sweden and Russia. He was awarded a bronze medal for promotion of women and minorities in environmental sciences. Mayer is also listed in American Men and Women of Science.

Albert D. Gray was given an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities Degree by Southern Nazarene University. The degree was given in recognition of Gray's excellence in health care leadership, his commitment to children with disabilities and his long-standing contributions to the state.

Gray began as the administrator of The Children's Center in Bethany in 1978. He was given the directive to liquidate all assets and close the center. However, he found a way to keep the center open and make it fiscally sound.

The non-profit facility provides not only 24-hour medical care to critically ill children with multiple disabilities but is an important level of care between the hospital and home.

Gray's administration recently completed the new 100-bed Donald W. Reynolds Children's Center. The Center was paid for by a capital and endowment campaign that will also pay for the upkeep.

Southwestern graduate Connie Claborn was named the new principal at Sterling Elementary School last September.

The Cyril High School graduate, received her bachelor's in education from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha.

Claborn earned a master's degree from Southwestern in elementary education in 1984. She received her second master’s degree in administration at Southwestern in 1994, and was certified in elementary administration the same year.

Southwestern Alumnus, Dr. Roy Wesley Dowdell of Baytown, Texas has received the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing 85,000 family physicians, residents in family practice and medical students. The degree was awarded to approximately 1000 family physicians on September 18, 1998, in conjunction with the AAFP's 50th Annual Scientific Assembly in San Francisco, California.

Established in 1971, the AAFP degree of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues and in their communities through service to family medicine and professional development.

The 70-year old Elk City native received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from SWOSU at the 1998 graduation ceremony. Dowdell had started classes at Southwestern in 1948 and attended one year before deciding to attend classes at Carver Chiropractic School in Oklahoma City where he graduated in 1952.

Dowdell then moved to Hydro where he was a chiropractor until 1957 when he decided to return to college. He decided to major in premedicine at Southwestern. Dowdell was then accepted into the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1959, one year short of completing his bachelor's degree at Southwestern.

Dowdell's recent recognition at Southwestern is the result of a state regent's policy which allows individuals who have professional degrees to be awarded bachelor's degrees.
Bobby Hoffman, R.Ph., who has spent over 38 years as a career pharmacist at Integris Clinton Regional Hospital, retired in December of 1998. He was the director of Pharmacy services at the hospital for 35 years.

The Clinton High School graduate earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in pharmacy from Southwestern in 1965. He then became the first pharmacist ever employed by Oklahoma General Hospital.

Southwestern graduate, Barbara Manor has been appointed the director of Health Information Management at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

The Elk City native received her bachelor's degree in medical records administration from Southwestern and a master's degree in health care administration from Webster University in Aurora, Colorado.

Manor is president of the Colorado Health Information Management Association and serves on the adjunct faculty for Regis University, teaching a weekend healthcare class.

Seiling native and Southwestern graduate, Ramona Cummings has been named Alva Teacher of the Year. She was selected by the other teachers in the school district and honored at an Alva chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The music teacher has taught in the Alva School District for the last 17 years. Her achievements include: Outstanding Achievement Music Director's Awards since 1989; Director of Distinction of Western Oklahoma 1992-93; and All-State Chorus Chairman 1996-97.

Several pieces of artwork were recently donated to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Ken Watson, a SWOSU alumnus and former art instructor, donated three of his paintings, and one of the pieces was given in honor of Gottlieb Kempf, a long-time friend of Watson's and custodian in the Administration Building.

Weatherford dentist Dr. Joe Phillips also gave the university a piece of sculpture in memory of the late Dr. Leonard Campbell, former president of SWOSU. The art pieces will be located in the SWOSU President’s Conference Room.
Glorine Godfrey lives in Port Orford, OR. She earned a pharmacy degree in 1947 from Southwestern. She retired from St. Francis Hospital, where she worked as a Med Tech.

L.G. Patrick graduated from Southwestern in 1949. He earned a pharmacy degree. L.G. has retired from pharmacy and now lives in Bella Vista, AR. with his wife, “Burt”. She graduated from Southwestern in 1950 with a degree in elementary education. She is now retired also.

Bill R. Williams, earned degrees from Southwestern in both history and physical education in 1947. He is now retired and lives in Napa, CA.

John and Francis Patterson live in Tecumseh, OK. They both earned degrees from Southwestern. He graduated in 1952 with a pharmacy degree and she received a degree in education in 1950. John is a relief pharmacist and Francis has retired from teaching.

Bill and Sue Schumpert both graduated from Southwestern. He earned a biology degree in 1954 and she received a B. A. in elementary education and music education in 1955. He is a retired school administrator and she has retired from teaching. They live in Chattanooga, OK.

Bill Stinson is retired and lives in Oceanside, CA. He received a B.S. in political science in 1954.

Deanna Barney earned a B.S. in math and business in 1961. She has retired from teaching and lives in Seiling, OK.

R.A. “Pete” Wood, Jr is a 1965 graduate who has a degree in Dentistry. He has his own practice in Weatherford, TX.

Richard Spies earned a math degree in 1960. He retired from Honeywell, where he was an engineer. Spies lives in Oklahoma City, OK.

Ron W. Pittman is the Superintendent at Okeene Public Schools in Okeene, OK. He earned a B.S. in elementary education from Southwestern in 1975.

Alicia Ramming Emerson earned a B.A. in political science in 1976. She is a Senior Policy Analyst in the House of Representatives in Oklahoma City, OK. Emerson currently lives in Edmond.

Hugh R. Williamson graduated from Southwestern in 1973 with a degree in business education. He earned a Masters of Education in 1976 and received his MBA in 1985. He is a social worker for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in Clinton, OK.

Von and Cheryl (Adler) Nix both graduated from Southwestern. Von earned a business administration degree in 1982. Cheryl got a B.S. in Business Management in 1984. They now live in Edmond, OK and both work for Allstate Insurance. He is an agent and she is in sales.

Kent Davis is a mechanical engineer at Duke Energy. He earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Southwestern in 1984. He is living in Charlotte, NC.

Southwestern graduate, Kevin Rich is a pharmacist at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. He earned a pharmacy degree in 1985.

Kenna Harrison earned a pharmacy degree in 1992. She is a pharmacist at Eckerd Drug in North Richland, TX.

In 1991, Kelli Kinzer earned a pharmacy degree from SWOSU. She lives in Carl Junction, MO and is a pharmacist at Dillon’s Pharmacy in Joplin, MO.

Cheryl Lockstone is the Secretary of the Southwestern Alumni Board of Directors and earned a recreation degree in 1991. Cheryl and her husband, Marty, own Lockstone Funeral Home in Weatherford, OK. They have two children, Audrey and Adam.
ED BERRONG, SR. 1915-1998

Ed Berrong, Sr, 83, Southwestern Alumnus, passed away October 16, 1998 at Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Berrong graduated from Hinton High School in 1933 and from Southwestern in 1937. He attended the University of Oklahoma and then Oklahoma City University Law School.

Berrong did many things for his country, the State of Oklahoma, and the town of Weatherford. However, he will also be remembered "on the hill" for the things he accomplished as the President of the SWOSU Foundation Board of Directors and as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Ed Berrong, Sr. served as Foundation President for 19 years. During this time one of the goals was to increase educational endowments. The plan was to raise funds so that the Foundation could offer more scholarships, establish more endowed chairs, and increase general endowments. The goal was achieved and is the basis for the work that the Foundation does now in providing scholarships.

You only have to walk upstairs in the Administration Building to see the generosity of Ed Berrong and his wife Winnie Ola. A painting that they donated is hanging for all to enjoy. Berrong set up an endowment and a scholarship account at the Foundation. He wanted everyone to have the opportunity to obtain a college education and be able to enhance their future.

Ed Berrong had three sons-Ed, Jr., Mark, and Brad-eleven grandchildren-and seven great-grandchildren.

TRUMAN W. SMITH 1933-1999

Truman Smith, 65, the first All-American football player at Southwestern, passed away March 6, 1999, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He played both offensive and defensive tackle on the 1952, 1953 and 1954 football teams and was all-conference all three years.

Smith graduated from Hollis High School in 1951 and from Southwestern in 1955, where he had a double major in physical education and social studies.

Smith is well remembered at Southwestern for his support of the "dawgs" and of the SWOSU Foundation. He set up two football scholarship endowments at Southwestern, one each in the names of Joe Bailey Metcalf and Gordon "Cake" Gore. Truman was also a member of the SWOSU Foundation President’s Club.

Smith had four children-Joe Bruce, Danna, Lee "Tuffy" and Laurie and two grandchildren.

Truman Smith and Dr. Joe Anna Hibler in 1994

At the time of his death, Smith was president of Truco Properties, Inc., a position he held for 35 years.
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Alumni office searching for yearbooks

The Southwestern Alumni Office keeps at least one copy of yearbooks from each year. Unfortunately, there are a few books that we do not have. If anyone would like to donate a book, please contact the Alumni Office at (580) 774-3267.

These years are needed:

- 1914
- 1918
- 1931
- 1951
- 1974

Web page? Yes, we've got one too!

All alumni and friends with Internet access are encouraged to visit the SWOSU web site for both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses.

The address is: http://www.swosu.edu

The site has been up and running for about two years. Many aspects of the university are featured, so all alumni and friends are encouraged to “look in” at Southwestern and see what is happening on “The Hill!”

Dawg Dates

June
- 2 Summer semester begins
- 12 Alumni Golf Tourney—Silverhorn Golf Club—8 am

July
- 29 Summer semester ends

August
- 25 Fall semester begins

September
- 4 SWOSU vs. Adams State—Milam Stadium—7 pm
- 18 Parent’s Weekend—BBQ—South of stadium—5 pm
- SWOSU vs. West TX A&M—Milam Stadium—7 pm
- Scholarship registration—downtown merchants—9 am—5 pm

October
- 1 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
- 2 SWOSU Homecoming

Football Schedule

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*Parents Weekend
**Homecoming
***Tailgate Party
Join the Alumni Association!

Dues paid in 1999 extend from Jan. 1-Dec. 31.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association needs your help and support. We are more active and promoting more activities for the good of Southwestern. We have a progressive group of officers and Board of Directors. The Alumni Association helps promote and assist university academic projects, aids in student recruitment, sponsors homecoming events, parents’ weekend, tailgate parties and alumni golf tournaments, in addition to many more endeavors. In the future, our goal envisions establishing alumni chapters, implementing a placement service and establishing an alumni center.

1999 SWOSU Alumni Membership Card

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Membership Options:
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