Dear Alumni,

As President of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association and a 1964 graduate, I am excited to have the opportunity to express to you my feelings about Southwestern.

I believe that Southwestern has proud traditions that should be passed on to current and future generations that attend our alma mater. One tradition that comes to mind is Homecoming and since we are in the middle of our Centennial year, I would like each alumni to make a special effort to attend our Centennial Homecoming. Last year the Alumni Association started a Homecoming Golf Tournament on Friday and everyone had a great time. Also for the first time, a Style show was held on Friday afternoon that was outstanding! Of course Southwestern beat UCO on Saturday, which was the highlight of the weekend.

But Southwestern is not just about Homecoming; it is about the spirit that is visible in each facet of the University. As an Alumni, I am proud of the academic success of Southwestern, the awards the theatre program has earned, as well as the accomplishments of the athletic teams. However, I believe that the true measure of a university is the quality of its graduates. From those of you that I have had the privilege to know, I can see that through hardwork and dedication that SWOSU graduates are making this world a better place.

If I could ask just one thing of you as a SWOSU graduate, I would ask that you promote your university in every way you can. The most obvious way is to send contributions to the SWOSU Foundation to help the scholarship program, the athletic teams, and the special programs that rely on contributions just to exist. While we appreciate the monetary donations that you have so generously donated over the years and will no doubt continue to donate, there are many other ways you can assist SWOSU, such as simply wearing a Southwestern cap or shirt, attending campus events, becoming a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, encouraging high school students you are aquainted with to consider Southwestern when making a decision about where to attend college. Some of these things seem small and insignificant; but anytime you mention Southwestern or wear a cap or a shirt with Southwestern on it, you are helping to promote our wonderful University.

I appreciate you taking the time not only to become a paid member of the Alumni Association, but also for reading Echoes and staying in touch with what is happening on campus. If you can, please come back to Southwestern and feel the excitement of being "home" at Southwestern once again.

Sincerely,

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University with campus locations in Weatherford and Sayre has a new president.

Dr. John Hays of Weatherford became the 16th president of Southwestern July 1, 2001. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges selected Hays at the April board meeting in Durant.

Hays, 57, succeeded Dr. Joe Anna Hibler who retired at the end of the 2000-2001 academic year after serving 11 years as president of Southwestern.

Hays, a 1969 accounting graduate of Southwestern, had been serving as Executive Vice President for Administration at SWOSU since 1990. He served as the chief administrative and financial officer of the university.

He started his working career at Southwestern in 1984 as the university's comptroller. He was assistant to the president from 1986-89 and was vice president for administration in 1989-90.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to continue serving Southwestern Oklahoma State University," Hays said. "Southwestern has long been a leading regional institution of higher learning, and our goal is to see that we maintain our reputation of academic excellence."

"We have an outstanding faculty and staff," Hays said. "Through them, we hope to see even greater success as we begin the new millennium."

Hays earned a Master of Education degree in business from Southwestern and completed his Doctor of Education in higher education administration from the University of Oklahoma.

He has been active in community and economic development activities in western Oklahoma. Hays has been on the ground floor of many projects such as the Center for Economic and Business Development at SWOSU and other economic development activities in the Weatherford area.
The 1994 Leadership Oklahoma graduate has been very involved in civic activities, including Leadership Weatherford, YMCA, Vision 20/20, Weatherford Arts Council, Weatherford's assisted senior citizen living center and many other projects through the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce, an organization he served as president in 1993. He is on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Community Institute and Leadership Oklahoma.

Hays has won numerous awards and received the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1999 from Wal-Mart and, in 1996, won the Outstanding Service Award from the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hays is well known for his work in professional organizations, such as the Oklahoma Association of College and University Business Officers, Oklahoma Association of College and University Personnel Administrators, Oklahoma Association of Affirmative Action Officers, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"John Hays is an experienced professional who understands the business of higher education in Oklahoma," BOROC chairperson Belva Howard said. "He knows how to cultivate community and economic development in western Oklahoma and has the vision to lead Southwestern and enhance the ability of Southwestern to provide excellent educational opportunities for the students."

"I want to thank the board for giving me this opportunity," Hays said. "I also want to thank the many people who encouraged and supported me through the selection process."

Southwestern has campus locations in Weatherford and Sayre. The university boasts enrollment of nearly 5,000 students from 73 of 77 Oklahoma counties, 36 states and 29 countries. Southwestern has 12 nationally accredited academic programs—the most of any regional university in Oklahoma.
Dr. Prabhu Selected for Leadership Oklahoma 2001-2002

Dr. Vilas Prabhu

Dr. Vilas Prabhu, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has been selected as a participant in the Leadership Oklahoma class of 2001-2002. Prabhu was one of only five individuals selected from the western half of Oklahoma.

The year long academy began August 19 and ends on May 4, 2002. This will be the 15th class of Leadership Oklahoma.

In July, Prabhu will complete 21 years at Southwestern. He was a professor and chairman in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the School of Pharmacy before being appointed to his current position in July 1998.

Prabhu, who received the inaugural Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award in 1994 at Southwestern, is a graduate of the Higher Education Leadership Academy held at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Prabhu is a member of the Board of Education for Weatherford Public Schools and is currently serving as president. He has received several honors for his leadership and community service, including the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Weatherford Rotary Club and the Citizen of the Year 2001 award from the Oklahoma chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Prabhu was among the outstanding individuals chosen for Leadership Oklahoma who have demonstrated achievement, leadership ability and commitment to improving the quality of life in their community. The selection process is highly competitive.

Dr. Becker Named Interim Provost

Dr. Bet Becker has been named interim provost at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Becker, who had been serving as interim dean of the SWOSU campus at Sayre since October 2000, will be the chief academic officer of Southwestern. She was approved for the interim provost position at the July meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Becker replaces Dr. Bill Kermis who will be on administrative leave during the 2001-02 year.

"I am excited about the opportunities and challenges presented by this appointment, primarily because my colleagues have offered their support and cooperation," Becker said. "They want the best for Southwestern as I do. We'll work together to enhance our programs and opportunities for students."

Becker is a 1972 graduate of Southwestern where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies and business education. She completed her Master of Education degree in school counseling from SWOSU in 1975. Becker earned her doctoral degree in educational administration from Kansas State University in 1992.

She served as director of assessment at Southwestern from 1991 until her appointment at Sayre. Becker served as director of publications and the university press at SWOSU from 1989-91 before becoming director of assessment.

She and her husband, Larry, have three children and seven grandchildren.
Southwestern Receives Full 10 Year Accreditation From The NCA

No Visits Again Until 2010

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre has received a full 10-year accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The NCA team visited the campus in October, 2000, and recently released its final report that was presented by then Southwestern President Joe Anna Hibler at the June meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

“We are extremely pleased, because in higher education, the quality of an institution is measured by its accrediting body,” Hibler said. “This full accreditation is certainly a tribute to the faculty, staff and students at Southwestern.”

Hibler said this is the first time in 20 years that Southwestern has received an unqualified report with no focus visits scheduled.

In the report, Southwestern was praised for the following strengths:

*Developing and implementing a five-year plan, “The Agenda for Excellence: A Vision for Southwestern,” which presents a strategic vision, goals and action plans. The plan calls attention to four areas: 1) quality, cost effectiveness and demand-oriented programs; 2) public awareness of the strengths of the University; 3) cooperative arrangements with other institutions; and 4) partnerships with other enterprises.

*The General Education program is a model of a faculty-driven and effectively assessed curriculum that delivers the knowledge, skills and values commonly embedded in a liberal education.

*The Sayre campus addresses a place-bound population whose access to higher education is limited; Sayre students experience sound education in a nurturing atmosphere that leads to satisfying employment while preparing them for further educational opportunities.

*Faculty, staff and students demonstrate commitment, dedication and loyalty to Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

*The University has enhanced its ability to attract resources through a substantially increased level of giving to its Foundation and through increased grant activity.

*The University has developed and implemented a technology plan and technological support for faculty and students that deserves commendation.

*The University’s ability to implement significant parts of the strategic plan is strengthened by the reality that the campus is essentially debt free with no outstanding long-term bonded indebtedness existing.

*The self-study report presents evidence of the bulldog determination of the SWOSU community in responding to each of the concerns of the 1990 NCA visiting team.

The team also issued five challenges for Southwestern. They are:

1. Embedded in the five goals of “The Agenda for Excellence” is a set of concerns which can only be met by sustained and committed leadership from the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and the senior administration.

2. Southwestern should continue to achieve greater salary flexibility that recognizes market factors and merit.

3. Full implementation of the spirit and substance of ADA requirements throughout both campuses requires more attention.

4. Enhancement of physical facilities to support student life activities, such as wellness, intramurals and technologically interconnected residence halls, as well as addressing the current inadequacies of the student union, should be given high priority as resources allow.

5. Enrollment declines in selected areas, and particularly in graduate education, threaten an appropriate balance of resource allocation to maintain core missions; they require continuing close attention as presented in “The Agenda for Excellence.” Southwestern’s next comprehensive visit will be in 2010-11.

Summer 2001
Dr. Joe Anna Hibler Retires After 11 Years as SWOSU President

Several friends of Joe Anna Hibler gathered at the retirement picnic for Hibler (third from the right) around the tree that was planted after her inauguration as president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1991. Among some of the donors who purchased the oak tree were (from left) Sara Chapman, H.E. Timmons, Albert Gabriel, Charles Chapman, Bill Seibert, Lin Murdock and Bet Becker. The tree is located on the west side of Stewart Hall.

SWOSU Honors Retiring Faculty Members

These six retiring faculty members at Southwestern Oklahoma State University were honored at a recent reception hosted by the SWOSU Faculty Senate on the Weatherford campus. Honorees included (from left): Duwayne Graybill, Technology; Ray Jones, Chemistry and Physics; Clarence Sturm, Language Arts; Laura Switzer, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Agbo Armoudian, Language Arts; and Les Levy, Psychology. Not pictured are David Wright in Social Sciences and SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.

Southern Academy Elects Dr. Crall President

Dr. Leslie D. Crall, professor and interim chairman of the Business Administration Department in the SWOSU School of Business in Weatherford, has been elected president of a regional attorney organization.

Crall was recently elected president of the Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business. The organization is composed of attorneys from the states of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The Academy holds an annual meeting, usually in March, which academicians are encouraged to present papers in the discipline of Legal Studies in Business. The papers may then be published in the Academy's official publication, The Southern Law Journal, or the Refereed Proceedings from the meeting.
SWOSU Baseball & Softball Players Honored

A total of 14 Southwestern Oklahoma baseball and softball players were honored with All-Conference honors.

For the softball team, fresh off of a record-setting 28-17 season which included their first-ever LSC tournament berth, four players were honored including head coach Tami Loy. Loy was named the LSC North Division "Coach of the Year" for her leadership of the Lady Bulldogs during the 2001 season. SWOSU's 28 wins last season surpassed the totals from the past four seasons combined, establishing a new record for wins in the program.

Freshmen Lauren Brown and Ida Hoffman each garnered First Team All-Conference accolades, while Brown also grabbed the "Freshman of the Year" award for her outstanding rookie campaign. Pitcher Courtney Hale and outfielder Kelly Fitzpatrick each picked up Second Team All-LSC honors for their performance this season.

In baseball, senior catcher Bart Pascher was the only Bulldog to earn First Team honors. Pascher led the team in home runs (6) and RBI's (39) in his final season with Southwestern.

The North Division Second Team was filled with SWOSU players, as six Bulldogs were named to the team. Pitchers Monty Mayfield and Wes Sparks snared two of the five spots, while Daniel Boatman was named the Second Team shortstop. Teammate Marc Williams was named as the third baseman, Jake Dillard earned an outfield spot and Corry Mazza.

Pitcher Derek DeVaughan, second baseman Alfonso Borrjas and outfielder Brady Hybsha were named LSC Honorable Mention.

The Southwestern baseball team finished the season with a 23-21 overall record and a 10-11 LSC North Division mark.

Ramirez Named Rodeo Coach

For only the second time in program history, the Southwestern Oklahoma men's and women's rodeo teams have a new head coach as former assistant, Chad Ramirez, was named to the position by director of athletics Cecil Perkins.

"Chad Ramirez had worked under (former) head coach Don Mitchell for two years and also competed for him (Mitchell) as a student," Perkins said. "We feel he is capable of carrying on the winning tradition that has been established here at Southwestern."

Ramirez will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to a storied program that boasts six combined men's and women's national titles.

In 1989, Ramirez was a member of the Odessa College national championship team before transferring to SWOSU, where he was the top steerwrestler in the Central Plains region during the '91 season.

Ramirez earned a bachelor's degree in recreational leadership from SWOSU in 1993 before serving as a graduate assistant under then head coach Mitchell. After a year stint as a GA, Ramirez spent almost three years in Paris, France as a performing cowboy at Euro Disney.

Most recently, Ramirez has served a second term as GA under Mitchell, while completing work on a master's degree in education in May of 2001.

"The more I worked with Doc (Mitchell), the more I've wanted to become a rodeo coach," Ramirez commented. "It's very exciting to be the head coach of a nationally recognized program that is well established," Ramirez added. "We have a great group of kids with lots of talent...and I'm looking forward to potentially adding some national titles to our current total."

Ramirez officially assumed the head coaching position at the beginning of the 2001 academic school year. He holds an office at the same location of former head coach Dr. Don Mitchell.
Above: Southwestern's Centennial Celebration kicked off in downtown Weatherford at the site of the old Kreager's Saloon, which was the first class rooms for the Normal School. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Pat Meyer, Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, and Thelma Dye.

Above: Dr. David Lawrence (left) Dr. Gerald East, Dr. Jill Jones, Audrey DeFrank and Anne Flett. Many of the SWOSU faculty wore their academic regalia for the Centennial.

Right: The SWOSU Cheerleaders led the crowd in a few cheers that were popular at the Normal School back in the early 1900's.
Left: The crowd from downtown, at the former site of Kreager's Saloon, marched to the Southwestern campus. It was a reenactment of what happened when the doors were opened to the Normal School's first building.

Left: A crowd gathered on the lawn between the Old Science Building and Administration buildings to have a panorama picture taken as was done in 1907. Balloons were handed out to be released. Ten of the balloons had $250 scholarship certificates in them. All ten were redeemed.

Left: At the campus wide free BBQ lunch it was anyplace you could find to sit.

Above: The ground breaking for the Alumni Centennial Plaza with a clock tower.

Right: Mrs. Jerry Nye, dressed in period clothing, shows her granddaughter pictures on the Southwestern Traveling Exhibit.

Above: Jerry Nye signs a copy of his book, "Southwestern Oklahoma State University The First 100 Years."
Chad Drake of Weatherford and Elk City's Shyla Glenn, senior psychology majors at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, were recently awarded first place in undergraduate research at the annual convention of the Southwestern Psychological Association in Houston, Texas.

Their paper, entitled "A Validation Study of the Preference for Consistency Scale," concerned personality differences in peoples' needs for psychological harmony and consistency. Dr. Paul Nail served as faculty sponsor.

Psychological theory and research have long maintained that a basic human need is the desire to see the world and oneself in coherent and consistent ways, according to Nail.

"Chad's and Shyla's research demonstrated, however, that this need is much greater in some people than in others," Nail said. "Preference for consistency is an important concept because it helps explain why some people are routinely on time, others late, why some are more rigid in their thinking and behavior, others more flexible and creative."

Bob Cialdini of Arizona State University developed the Preference for Consistency scale. Southwestern students were introduced to Cialdini's work in 1999 when he was an invited speaker in Southwestern's Panorama series. The research by Drake and Glenn is the first independent support for the scale outside Cialdini's own lab. A version of the paper is slated for publication this summer by the official journal of the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences, London, England.

SWOSU Psychology Department Chair Dr. Les Levy said this is the third time that Southwestern students from Dr. Nail's research group have won this prestigious competition. The students competed with other university students in an eight-state region. In the past 10 years, Southwestern is the only university that has had students win the competition three times.

Drake is the son of Sidney and Bonnie Drake. He graduated from Southwestern in May and recently accepted a fellowship from the University of Mississippi where he will begin Ph.D. work in clinical psychology.

Glenn was raised in Elk City and is the daughter of Skip and Becky Glenn, now of Tulsa. She graduated in May and plans to take a year off from school before pursuing graduate training in industrial/organizational psychology at the University of Tulsa.

Mark Your Calendar For the Bulldog Centennial Homecoming

"We Own The Bone"
100 Years of Bulldog Pride
October 27, 2001
Ten Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members at Weatherford were awarded promotions and eight faculty members received tenure at the April meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Receiving the title of professor from associate professor were Dr. Barry Gales and Dr. Mark Gales, both in the School of Pharmacy; Dr. Les Crall, Department of Business Administration; and Dr. Mike Kerley, Department of Biology.

Five faculty members were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor, including Dr. Stephen Burgess, Department of Psychology; Dr. Brian Campbell and Dr. Jason Johnson, both in the Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Elizabeth Ferrell, Department of Business Administration; and Dr. Nancy Buddy, Department of Accounting and Finance.

Keith Long in the Department of Language Arts was promoted to assistant professor.

Receiving tenure were: Burgess; Buddy; Ferrell; Campbell; Johnson; Dr. Gerard East, Department of Mathematics; Dr. Kelley Logan, Department of Language Arts; and Dr. Greg Moss, School of Education.

The recommendations were effective July 1.

Powell Men’s Golf Coach

A long time fixture at Southwestern Oklahoma, football coach Rocky Powell, has been named as the new men’s golf coach, following the resignation of the position by Athletic Director Cecil Perkins.

Powell is in his 15th year at Southwestern where he currently serves as the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. He began coaching in 1987, serving as a football coach, assistant basketball coach and men’s tennis coach. His duties were reduced to football and tennis only in 1990, until the men’s and women’s tennis programs were dissolved following the 1996 season.

Despite numerous years of success, Southwestern A.D. Perkins felt it was time to make a change.

“It just became too much work to keep up with,” Perkins said. “There is so much paper work involved with the position, it was too much to perform both jobs to the level I would like to.

“Rocky will do a good job and he’ll work hard,” Perkins added. “He’s coached a long time in Oklahoma and he knows a lot of the high school coaches throughout the region, so he’ll have several contacts to rely on during recruiting.”

Powell will inherit a team that struggled through the 2001 spring season, but has a solid history of success in the 90’s, including five NAIA National Tournament appearances and a pair of NCAA Regional Tournament appearances.

Men’s Soccer
Knocks Off USAO

The Southwestern Oklahoma men’s soccer team made an impressive home debut with a 1-0 victory over USAO in front of a record crowd at Milam Stadium.

Entering the game, SWOSU held a 0-2 record following a road trip to Colorado to start the season. The Bulldogs needed a home win to kick off a three-game home stand.

In the first half both teams played a balanced period, matching each other in almost every statistical category. Both teams managed seven shots and shared 23 fouls in a physical first half.

In the second frame Southwestern broke through with what proved to be the only goal of the contest when Dustin Ault (5-8, 150, So.) put a Patrick Byers (6-1, 165, Jr.) corner-kick in the back of the net at the 54:59 mark.

The Bulldog defense staved off several scoring attempts by the Drovers, including a pair of goal line saves by Evan Dresel (6-2, 190, Fr.) and Tony Orsi (5-10, 160, So.). Goalkeeper Jon Rice (6-3, 185, RS-Fr.) recorded his first career shutout victory, grabbing seven saves in the process.
Art Building Displays Metal Sculpture

Getting ready to hoist a new metal sculpture into place on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford are (from left) Art Department Chairman Joe London, Billy and Mike Karlin of Weatherford and Art Department Assistant Professor Dr. Andrew Marvick. The three-dimensional welded sculpture, "Since Creation," was created by SWOSU graduate Gary Hickerson and purchased by private donations. "Since Creation" is on display just south of the Art Building.

SWOSU Receives Grant Money

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently received confirmation of four grants and one contract with a total amount of $910,505.

Anita Blankenship, director of the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs, said the grants were from Oracle Corporation, National Science Foundation, Healthcare Computer Corporation and Southwestern Bell Corporation Foundation. The contract was with the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

The awards are:

- ***$866,375 grant from Oracle Corporation to support the acquisition of multi-user software licenses and software upgrades from the Oracle Academic Initiative Software and Support Program. This software license enables the Computer Science Department to continue offering state-of-the-art laboratory instruction. The principal investigators of the grant are Dr. Gary Bell and Madeline Baugher.
- ***$31,250 grant from the National Science Foundation to support up to 10 scholarships for underrepresented student groups enabling them to pursue associate, baccalaureate or graduate level degrees in computer science, computer technology, engineering, engineering technology or mathematics. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. William J. Kermis.
- ***$9,380 grant from Healthcare Computer Corporation to support the acquisition of a computer server which will allow multiple terminal operation in the pharmacy care labs for the purpose of prescription processing by students. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Virgil Van Dusen.
- ***$2,000 contract with the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation to support a collaborative effort between eight regional universities and the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation. This collaboration seeks to strengthen and enhance reading through individual consultations with reading teachers, classroom visitations, and modeling effective teaching practices across the state. The principal investigator of the contract is Dr. Ronna Vanderslice.
- ***$1,500 grant from Southwestern Bell Corporation Foundation to support the recruitment of minority students located in the Anadarko area through technical support for distance learning technologies for two tribal centers. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Lessley Price.
SWOSU Invites You to Share Your Memories on the Web

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has made a website available for alumni and friends to share memories of Southwestern and also interact with past friends and classmates.

The site, located on the university's website at www.swosu.edu, is part of the university's Centennial activities that are being celebrated in 2001. The kickoff date for the Centennial was March 8.

The Centennial Bulletin Board allows alumni and friends to share memories or communicate with former campus organization members. There is also a class section for messages targeted toward certain decades. Everyone is invited and encouraged to visit the site at www.swosu.edu.

Theatre Department Wins Awards

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s theatre department in Weatherford attended the recent regional Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Tyler, Texas, and several students and one faculty member came away with awards.

Winning awards included: Becky Shelton, Enid, Mehron Makeup Design Award; Terry Chance, Weatherford, alternate award in the Mehron Makeup Design competition; Charles Beatty, Mooreland, Graphic Design Award; Allison Reed, Empire, alternate award in the Graphic Design competition; John Booker, Yukon, Sound Design Award; and Jaciel Roew e, Edmond, alternate award in the Sound Design competition.

Southwestern received special recognition for having the greatest number of entries at the regional festival. Out of the 79 student entries, Southwestern entered 12. Twenty-six different colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico submitted the entries.

In the Irene Ryan acting competition, Chantry Banks of Hammon and his partner Kelli Prescott of Channing, TX and Hollie Borror of Oklahoma City (PC West) and her partner Robin Hall Smith of Fayetteville, AR were chosen to advance to the final round of the competition. They were part of the sixteen who were showcased out of the 169 entries.

Another very exciting honor was presented to SWOSU Technical Theatre Director Darryl Rodriguez. The KC/ACTF regional committee selected Rodriguez as the Region VI nominee to apply to work with highly recognized and revered scenic designer Ming Cho Lee. Each of the eight KC/ACTF regions nominates one designer for this honor. The honoree then submits an application to Ming Cho Lee who then chooses one nominee from KC/ACTF to meet with 14 other designers and five directors to spend two weeks in New York working on the collaboration between designers and directors in the design process. Ming Cho Lee, head of the scenic design program at Yale, is considered to be the father of modern scenic design.

Also receiving special recognition were: Roew e, whose 10-minute play "Who’s Wrong Now" was featured in a showcase event; the SWOSU Theatre Department for fostering the development of new plays and playwrights; and the SWOSU Theatre Department for its showcase presentation of a scene from its production of A Question Of Mercy-directed by Steve Strickler and featuring Banks, Philip Seymour of Enid and Kyle Davis of Childress, TX.

Other SWOSU students participating in the festival were Robyn Allen, Trevor Bowen, Natalie Coe, Rebecca Gaglia, and Mark Kerfoot.

Out of the three design categories won by Southwestern, Makeup Design is the only event that advances to the National Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. Shelton received an all expense paid trip to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in late April to compete for the national award.

"Obviously, Southwestern’s theatre department fared very well at the festival," Strickler said. "It was very exciting to see our department receive so much recognition at the regional festival. Our students and faculty have worked very hard this year."
Four Southwestern Oklahoma State University employees on the Weatherford campus have recently received honors from various organizations.

Dr. Elizabeth Ferrell, Dr. Nina Morris, Dr. Stephen Burwood and Bob Klaassen are the honorees.

FERRELL, assistant professor and director of the MBA program in the School of Business, was selected by the Educational Testing Service as one of 20 people to serve on a national committee, which will develop a standardized outcome assessment exam covering the areas of accounting, finance, management and marketing in MBA programs nationwide.

ETS is an organization that develops and administers most standardized tests, such as the SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE and other graduate school admissions tests.

Ferrell’s training and research has focused on survey development, response error and validation but has worked extensively in attitude measurement.

MORRIS was elected vice president of the Oklahoma chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Morris, an assistant professor in the School of Pharmacy, has been a member of ASCP since 1984.

Morris served as state chapter secretary during the 1996-97 year.

BURWOOD was inducted into Who’s Who Historical Society and will appear in the 2001 edition of International Who’s Who of Professional Educators. Burwood is a former chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at SWOSU.

Burwood enjoyed a busy year. He wrote two book reviews, presented three conference papers, wrote five encyclopedia entries for two separate encyclopedias to be published this fall by University of Syracuse Press and ABC-CLIO, and completed a chapter on work and the workplace for a four-volume social history of America in the 20th Century. He is currently working on another chapter dealing with advertising and consumerism for the same publication.

KLAASSEN received the Marshall Webb Award from the Oklahoma Association of Veterans Coordinators and Counselors.

The award was established in memory of Marshall Webb, former president of the organization. The award is given to honor those individuals having made outstanding contributions through constructive participation in veterans’ organizations and thus demonstrating a deep sense of caring for the veteran.

Klaassen, who is the university’s registrar and admissions director, has been a member of OAVCC for over 20 years and is a past president of the group.
Tolley Nominated for Red Cross Award

Ann Magnuessen Highest National Red Cross Award

Mattie Tolley, instructor in the Division of Nursing at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was recently named a nominee for the Ann Magnuessen Award from the American Red Cross.

She is the nominee from the Southwest region. The Ann Magnuessen Award is the highest national Red Cross award that can be presented to a Red Cross volunteer nurse.

Tolley was nominated for her work with Red Cross program development. At Southwestern Oklahoma State University, she has worked with a program certifying student nurses as both HIV/AIDS Red Cross educators and Red Cross disaster nurses.

Also, through the Division of Nursing, Tolley and Vicky Gilliland of the School of Education integrated the Red Cross Prevention of Bloodborne Pathogens program into the student teacher orientation program.

Tolley currently serves as chair of the Oklahoma State Red Cross Nursing Committee and Disaster Nurse Chair for the West Central chapter of the Red Cross. She's a certified disaster instructor and HIV/AIDS educator instructor/trainer.

Patti Thompson, manager of the West Central Oklahoma chapter that is headquartered in Elk City, recently presented Tolley with a certificate of nomination.

Holder Honored By School of Pharmacy
As 2001 Outstanding Alumnus

Jim Holder (right) of Alva was presented with the 2001 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Alumni Association. Dr. David Bergman, Dean of Pharmacy is handing him the plaque.

Holder was honored at the SWOSU School of Pharmacy's annual honors assembly held on the Weatherford campus.

Holder is a 1949 graduate of the Southwestern School of Pharmacy. After graduation, Holder spent a short time in Mountain View where he worked for J.A. Crabtree. He then moved to Alva in December 1949, to work at Monfort Drug.

In 1952, he purchased a store in Alva from Bill Hester.

He still owns the store-now known as Holder Drugstore. He and his wife, Mary Nell Pyeatt, are active members in the Alva community. They have three children-Susie, Sally and Todd-and six grandchildren.

Holder is chairman of the Charles Morton Share Trust and has been on the board since it was started 43 years ago. He is a past president of the Alva Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club, The Moose Lodge, Elks, The Scottish Rite, Masons and The Bowl of Hygia. Holder served as president of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association in 1992. He, along with Dr. Jess Martin, was also instrumental in the first organization of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation.
David Allen Named Dean of Sayre Campus

Dr. David F. Allen has been named dean of the Sayre campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Allen began work August 1 on the Sayre campus.

He comes to Southwestern from Young Harris College in Young Harris (GA) where he served as director of institutional research, planning and assessment since 1998. Some of his accomplishments at Young Harris College include directing and chairing the institution's self-study and developing/implementing a broad-based system to determine institutional effectiveness.

Allen received his Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology in 1974 from Wake Forest University. In 1975, he completed his Master of Education degree in counselor education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His doctoral work in higher education administration was completed at the University of Virginia.

“I believe Dr. Allen has an experience base that is well-suited to the Sayre campus,” said Dr. Bet Becker, provost and vice president for academic affairs at SWOSU. “We look forward to his arrival at Southwestern.”

Prior to his position at Young Harris, Allen was assistant professor of education and psychology at William Carey College in Hattiesburg (MS) from 1995 until 1998.

Allen served as director of institutional planning, research and assessment and was assistant professor at Angelo State University (TX) from 1990 until 1994. He served as assistant director of education/research analyst at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. from 1988-90 and special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington from 1984 to 1988.

SWOSU To Get New Fitness Center

Work on the first phase of a fitness center will begin soon at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The fitness center and several other building projects were approved at the July 20 meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

SWOSU President John Hays said the first phase of the fitness center will be a metal building containing approximately 5,000 square feet. The building will be located just west of Rankin Williams Fieldhouse and south of the tennis courts.

After the building is completed, the existing fitness area in the Rankin Williams Fieldhouse will be vacated and remodeled for the growing athletic training program.

It is hoped the two projects will be completed by the end of 2001.

Also, as part of the renovation of the Chemistry, Pharmacy and Physics Building, the university is seeking bids for heating/air, fire safety, elevator, window and electrical upgrades for the east wing of the building. This is the beginning of what is expected to be a four-year renovation project of the entire building.

Campbell To Be Inducted

The late Dr. Leonard Campbell, who served as president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford from 1975 until 1990, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame on October 16.

Campbell is one of 10 Oklahoma educators who will be inducted at the ceremony. The event will be held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Campbell was Southwestern’s 14th president. He passed away in 1995.

Other honorees this year are: Dr. Elwin Fite; Dr. Dale M. Johnson; Dr. Kenneth A. McCollom, Dr. Granville Oral Roberts, Dr. Eddie Carol Smith, Dr. Kenneth St. Clair, Dr. Clifton L. Warren, Dr. Willis J. Wheat, and the late Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher.

Banquet details will be announced soon by the Friends of the Oklahoma Museum of Higher Education in Stillwater.
Business Development Center Renamed

The Business Development Center on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is changing its name to the Center for Economic and Business Development.

Dr. Marvin Hankins, director of the CEBD, said the new name better describes the overall mission of the center. The primary mission of the center is to provide economic and business data and analysis to help improve the utilization and assistance in the expansion of community resources in the public and private sectors. The center also provides comprehensive business and regional strategies that foster economic development, job creation and diversity in the region.

Center officials have been active with regional and community-based organizations that promote business and employment opportunities.

The CEBD publishes the Great Plains General Business Index, which is designed to help community leaders better understand how the local economy functions. The index provides a comprehensive cross-section of regional economic and business cycle conditions in 13 west central and southwest Oklahoma counties.

The CEBD also houses the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence and the Small Business Development Center. The Alliance is a not-for-profit corporation that helps small and medium-sized Oklahoma manufacturers succeed in national and international markets by getting them the help they need to compete. The Small Business Development Center helps nurture the growth of small businesses in the region. The SBDC provides troubleshooting, management and technical support, and business planning.

The Center for Economic and Business Development was established in 1998 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The headquarters are located on the northeast side of the SWOSU campus at the intersection of Bradley and Davis Streets.
Athletic Training Program Receives $25,000 Grant

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s athletic training degree program has received a $25,000 grant to provide funding for the expansion and equipping of the athletic training facility on the Weatherford campus.

The $25,000 grant came from a private foundation, which wishes to remain anonymous.

The athletic training program—which is housed in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at SWOSU—is in the process of integrating equipment, facilities and personnel essential to athletic training student education.

“Students in athletic training must demonstrate knowledge in the areas of injury prevention, pathology, acute care, assessment, evaluation, and rehabilitation,” said Ron Walker, ATC/L, athletic training program director. “This funding, in conjunction with the university’s commitment, assists in the acquisition of various therapy and rehabilitation equipment and optimizes the educational environment.”

Dr. Ken Rose, chair of HPER, said successful completion of the clinical education facility benefits the educational process. The purchase of the latest equipment available provides exposure previously not obtained on campus.

Following graduation from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in athletic training and attainment of national certification and state licensure, an athletic trainer may practice in a variety of settings, including hospitals, secondary schools, colleges or universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports, fitness/wellness centers and corporate and industrial facilities.

Foundation Board Member Named to the US Joint Forces Command

Southwestern Graduate and Foundation Board member, Brigadier General Jerry W. Grizzle, Commander of the Oklahoma Army National Guard’s 45th Separate Infantry Brigade, has been named by the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, VA as the Vice Commander for the Joint Warfighting Center and Vice Director for Joint Training. The new assignment will also mean a promotion to the two-star rank of Major General for the 48 year-old Edmond, OK resident.

In his new assignment, Grizzle will serve as the principle advisor to the commander of the Joint Warfighting Center and his staff on reserve component matters and mobilization of reserve forces. He will also maintain training oversight on matters relating to Component Force Commanders, Subunified Commands, Joint Task Group Commanders.

Grizzle is a native of Oklahoma. Born in Oklahoma City, he received a bachelors of science degree in accounting from Southwestern in 1976. He has been on the SWOSU Foundation Board since 1993. He was inducted into Southwestern Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1994.

Grizzle is the Chairman Emeritus of CD Warehouse, Inc., a national chain of retail music stores. He is married to the former Shawn Pearsall of Dodge City, Kansas. The Grizzles have two children, Brittany and Matthew.
Sonic Drive-In Corp. Donates $3000 for SWOSU Scholarships

Weatherford Sonic Drive-In owner Tommy Sims (center) recently presented a check for $3,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation in Weatherford on behalf of the Sonic Corporation. The money is to be used for three $1,000 scholarships this fall. Accepting for Southwestern were then President Joe Anna Hibler and Development and Alumni Director Jim Waites.

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Alumni Association at Weatherford hosted 124 golfers at the 8th annual SWOSU Alumni and Friends Golf Classic held June 23 at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City. Winners in the University Flight were Keith Campbell of Mustang and Don Jones, Jeff Doherty and Bob Holland, all of Edmond. The winning team shot 54.

There was a tie for second place with scores of 55.Winning on a scorecard playoff was the team of Brad Barrick of Clinton and Dean McSpadden, Jim Loomis and Gary Seifried, all of Weatherford. Taking third place was Matt Jett and Buddy Burris, both of Weatherford, Scott Klingman of Lookoeba and Mike Chambless of Calumet.

Finishing in fourth place with a 56 was the team of Terry Nichols of Elk City, Dale Hensley of Sayre, Don Wilson of Hobart, Dub Cromwell of Bedford (TX) and Pete Wood of Weatherford (TX).

All winners in the alumni flight shot 63, so a scorecard playoff was used to determine the four places. Winning first place was the team of Jim Mitschke of Dallas (TX), Ron Holley of Tulsa, Gayland Adams of Oklahoma City and Leroy Neeley of Overland Park (KS).

Finishing second were Larry Knisley, Sherry Knisley, Robert Lenius, Nancy Lenius, all of Weatherford, and Robert Osmund of Midwest City. The third place winners were Chris Weeks of Edmond and Donnie Ford, Brad Hale and Karen Sizemore, all of Oklahoma City.

Finishing fourth were Ed Robinson of Yukon, John Jones of Edmond and Steve Poag of Chickasha. In the various contests, closest to the pin winners were Herschel Brewster of Weatherford, Terry Nichols of Elk City, Jerry Blevins of Hot Springs (AR) and Kem Crowell of Fort Cobb on holes 6, 8, 12 and 14, respectively.

The longest drive winners on holes 3 and 16 were Keith Campbell and E. Vann Greer Andrews, both of Edmond.

Outback Steakhouse provided the tourney food, and Dobson Communications provided beverages throughout the day. Jim Waite, director of the alumni association, said proceeds from the tourney will be used for the newly established SWOSU alumni legacy scholarship fund.
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The Tuttle High School graduate earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwestern.

...Dr. Brent Kourt has recently been hired by Integris Clinton Regional Hospital in Clinton, OK.
The Thomas graduate earned his pharmacy degree at Southwestern before going to medical school.
Brent's wife, Jennifer, is also a Southwestern graduate. She earned a degree in elementary education.

...Randy Schmidt, a 1997 SWOSU graduate has become an expert and author on 1970s pop music group, the Carpenters.
Schmidt compiled and edited "Yesterday Once More: Memories of the Carpenters and their Music." The book consists of articles, interviews, essays and reviews that help chronicle the lives and careers of Richard and Karen Carpenter.
Schmidt's book isn't the only thing that's kept him busy. He has served as a consultant for several documentaries profiling Karen and Richard Carpenter, including A&E's "Biography" and VH1's "Behind the Music." He also coordinated the Carpenters 30th anniversary celebration, an international media event that attracted fans from more than a dozen countries in 1999.

...Glen Waldo is the new Superintendent for the Darrouzett TX school district. Waldo holds a bachelor of elementary education degree from Southwestern.
Glen and his wife, Toni, have three young sons.

...Kenny Young, has been hired as head football coach at Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City, OK.
Young's teaching and coaching career spans 17 years and includes stops at Allen, TX, Carl Albert and Del City.
The Hobart native graduated from Southwestern in 1984.

...Justice Yvonne Kauger, a graduate of Southwestern, was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.
The Colony native graduated from Southwestern in 1958.
Kauger was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 1984 and was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 1997.

...Randy Brooks was named Band Director of the Year by the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association.
The SWOSU graduate begins his 9th year as Elk City Band Director in August 2001. Brooks received both bachelor's and master's degree in Music Education from Southwestern.
Brooks and his wife, Caren, who is a 3rd grade teacher in the Elk City Schools, have three children.

...Southwestern graduate Michelle Bartlow has been licensed by the State of Illinois as a licensed clinical professional counselor.
Bartlow graduated from Southwestern with a master's degree in psychology. She is employed as a therapist at Family Service Agency of Adams County.

...Barry Schwarz, was named vice president and assistant controller at the Guaranty First Bank.
Schwarz graduated from SWOSU.

...SWOSU graduate Kayce Green was promoted to Associate Editor of the Record-Democrat, a newspaper in Sayre OK.
Green was valedictorian at Sayre High School. She then earned a Communication Arts Degree with an emphasis in Journalism from SWOSU in 1999.

...Dr. June Knight has been selected as the new superintendent for the Southwest Technology Center in Altus. Knight assumed her new position July 2001 and is replacing Dr. John Martin who is retired.
Knight graduated from Granite High School. She attended Southwestern earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1972 and a master's degree in education in 1974 with an emphasis in educational administration.
She began her career as an elementary teacher in Hobart. She has been elementary and middle school principal; a superintendent of schools in both Hobart and Granite; an assistant professor in school services at SWOSU; and prior to her accepting the superintendent's position at SWTC, she operated her own educational consulting service.
Knight and her husband, Donnie, live in Hobart. They have two children and two grandsons.

...Dr. David Pittman, has been reappointed to the state commission for Rehabilitation Services. The Commission is the governing board for the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services which provides services to 87,000 Oklahomans with disabilities.
Pittman is currently pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy at SWOSU.
All alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the SWOSU web site for both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses.

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