General Thomas P. Stafford Center

The General Thomas P. Stafford Center dedication was held February 16, 1996. The building has 64,886 square feet and houses 13 classrooms, six computer labs, four conference/seminar rooms and office space for the School of Business, Computer Sciences Department, computer services. Also, several functions of student services are in the Stafford Center.
Dear Alumni and Friends:

As I prepare this letter, graduation is only a month away, and the legislature has only six weeks to decide funding for higher education for next year. With over $260 million new dollars available in the State coffer, hopefully legislators will address some of our needs in higher education. We are operating with fewer dollars than five years ago, although our mandatory costs have continued to increase. More importantly, it is difficult to maintain up-to-date academic programs with fewer dollars, and adding new programs is almost an impossibility. But, with a dedicated faculty and staff, we continue to make some progress.

Our pharmacy program will undergo a major change in the summer of 1998. The curriculum will be modified to offer the doctorate of pharmacy degree, which will meet the licensing requirement that the profession expects to have in place by the turn of the century. This is a sweet victory, since the University has been trying to get approval for this program modification for the past 15 years.

The Stafford Center was dedicated in February, and the facility is in full use, including the six rooms that house 200 state-of-the-art computers. The largest laboratory is open until midnight during the week, and the students are making good use of the opportunity. Also, we are renovating the Administration Building, which has not had a face-lift in 20 years. Work on this project should be completed by early June, so that our workers can move to the Math and Business Building, which is next in line for renovation.

Accreditation is the hallmark of quality, and our programs continue to excel. The School of Education received a “clean bill of health” from NCATE, with no recommendations for improvement. The nursing program also received full accreditation as did the medical laboratory technician program on our Sayre Campus. The engineering technology program is preparing for an accreditation visit this coming fall.

A special thanks to those of you who responded to my last letter. The Y-Chapel has been renovated with private dollars, and there is an interesting exhibit on display that highlights the early days when Southwestern was a normal school. Dr. Michael Kerley, chair of the Biology Department, has done an excellent job with this project. The museum is open Fridays from 1-3 p.m., or any day by arrangement. If you are on campus, stop by and browse.

In an attempt to recruit students from the Oklahoma City area, we hosted a Metro Night this spring. Several of our alumni either brought prospective students or came to help serve pizza to the students and their parents. We really appreciate the help. You are our best recruiters, because you can share your own experiences at Southwestern. We are planning another evening for this fall, so if you want to help, please let us know.

Come back to The Hill,

Joe Anna Hibler
President
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One More View
The Stafford Center houses the School of Business, Financial Services, High School/College Relations, Dean of Students, Director of Housing, Computer Services, and Computer Science Department, along with six computer labs and two conference rooms. Business and computer classes are taught in the new building and the Bernhardt Lecture Hall will seat up to 200 students.

Stamp of Approval
Scott Hume of Hydro presents Stafford with a framed series of stamps that he collected when he lived in Belarus, Russia. Hume, a SWOSU graduate student, lived in Russia for a year as an exchange student where he recognized that the stamps featured a Weatherford native, Thomas P. Stafford. The stamps have various designs including space shuttle lift-offs, his five member shuttle crew and the space shuttle orbit. The stamps are displayed in the lobby of the Stafford Center.

A Work of Heart
This concrete mosaic entitled “Walk on the Heartland” was created by Gene Richardson, a Weatherford artist and former faculty member. The mosaic is located outside the south entrance of the Stafford Center.

Words of Welcome
Fred McCann, chairman of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, makes opening comments as President Joe Anna Hibler and Regent Michael Brown listen.
for the Stafford Center dedication ceremony

In Command
General Thomas P. Stafford addresses the audience at the building dedication as President Hibler and Regent Michael Brown listen to the speech.

State of the Art
This is one of the six computer labs in the new building. The major funding for the equipment came from the student technology fee. Currently there are 200 computers in use.

Two Travelers
Igor Strelkov, a foreign exchange student from Belarus, visits with General Stafford at the dedication.

Packed House
The Bernhardt Lecture Hall was filled to capacity for the dedication. The diverse crowd was composed of Southwestern faculty, staff, administration, and students. Also in attendance were Southwestern alumni, Weatherford residents, former classmates of General Stafford and many others.
Technology department awarded grants
SME issued more than $79,000

Southwestern’s technology department recently received a total of $79,353 in grants from the Education Foundation of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Principal investigator of the grants was SWOSU faculty member Dr. James Jent. The SME Education Foundation grants are awarded each year to spur new developments in manufacturing technology and productivity and to further manufacturing engineering as an educational discipline.

The Southwestern grants were part of $481,533 in cash and $12,996,566 for in-kind equipment and software grants that were awarded to 121 universities and technical institutions in 1995. SME is headquartered in Dearborn, Mich.

Southwestern received the following capital equipment: one Algor EduPak software gift valued at $19,895 sponsored by Algor, Inc.; one Autodesk AutoCAD Designer and one Autodesk Autosurf, valued at $3,000 sponsored by Autodesk, Inc.; one CADKEY software gift valued at $1,290 sponsored by Cadkey, Inc.; one CAM software Logic Tree gift award valued at $4,995 sponsored by CAM Software, Inc.; two Carr Lane Tool Designer’s Assistant software gifts valued at $1193 sponsored by Carr Lane Manufacturing Company.

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Occupational therapist degree offered in fall

Southwestern has received approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to offer an associate degree in applied science in occupational therapist assistant as part of a cooperative agreement with Caddo-Kiowa Area Vocational Technical Center in Ft. Cobb.

The approval was given at the January 26 meeting of the state regents.

Occupational therapy assistant faculty hold joint appointments to SWOSU and Caddo-Kiowa. The faculty will consist of a full-time licensed occupational therapist assistant. These faculty members will teach all courses in the technical occupational specialty area, including the clinical. All science support courses and all general education courses will be available on one of Southwestern’s campuses.

The proposed degree program, according to SWOSU Academic Affairs Vice President Bob Brown, consists of 18 credit hours of general education requirements, 17 hours in technical support courses, 24 hours in degree program specialty courses and 12 hours in clinical field work.

The program will enroll 15 students in the first class starting in fall 1996. The program will prepare graduates for employment and advancement in the field of occupational therapy, which helps victims of strokes, amputees, arthritis patients, the disabled and the mentally retarded. A survey of potential employers indicated employment for graduates with starting yearly salaries in the range of $23,000 to $30,000.

Southwestern’s coordinator of the new program is Dr. Gary Wolgamott, associate dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Former alumni hold public service jobs

Several area legislators were guests of Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler (left) and SWOSU during recent Higher Education Day activities at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Among the legislators attending a luncheon were (from left): Rep. Randy Beutler of Elk City, Rep. Debbie Blackburn of Oklahoma City and Rep. Jack Bonny of Burns Flat.

All three legislators are SWOSU graduates. The day’s events were sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma.
Electronic processing system installed

Southwestern students seeking financial aid have the opportunity to benefit from a new electronic processing system recently installed on the Weatherford campus.

Thomas Ratliff, director of student financial services at SWOSU, said students can save up to five weeks of process time on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The form is used to determine students' eligibility for all forms of federal financial aid and most state programs including Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) and Pell Grant, for example.

A new computer room is now active in the Office of Student Financial Services located in Room 224 of the new Gen. Thomas P. Stafford Center on the SWOSU campus. The room allows SWOSU students to electronically complete the FAFSA or federal renewal application form using 1995 tax information. Students enter information on one of the designated computers with SWOSU staff members spot checking the data for accuracy before sending the information electronically to the federal processor in Cahokia, Illinois. Ratliff said confirmation is expected back in one week rather than the six to eight weeks usually required when mailing an application.

"This helps the applicant get ahead of other students statewide for limited funds," Ratliff said. "It doesn't guarantee aid, but it does give more opportunities to SWOSU aid applicants."

Ratliff used an example on how the electronic system will be very helpful to SWOSU students. Last year, 622 aid applicants at SWOSU were eligible for the first come, first-serve OTAG funds but missed out because they applied too late. Only students from around the state who got their applications to the federal processor by March 24 received funding.

"This meant that our students missed out on $500,000 because they were too late in applying," Ratliff said.

The first-year SWOSU student financial services director encourages Southwestern students to visit his office and complete the process as soon as possible. Around 3,500 Southwestern students fill out the FAFSA each year. He said February and early March are key months to file as students start preparing for the 1996-97 academic year.

"It's a state-wide race for OTAG funds and eligible students who complete their application first will get the rewards," Ratliff added. "It's my intent to get SWOSU students a bigger portion of the OTAG pie."

Southwestern is one of very few higher educational institutions in the state of Oklahoma offering this electronic service for its students.

In other financial aid news, Southwestern now has access to a scholarship search service, FastWEB, through the Internet. The program, which was started in 1995, is a massive program involving over 180,000 funding sources of scholarships. Students can now view the program in the A.1 Harris Library. Ratliff said FastWEB is larger than the Peterson's Scholarship Search Program which is also available right now in the library.

Ratliff also reminds area high school seniors who are planning to take classes this summer at Southwestern that they are eligible to apply for financial aid. They should complete the 1995-96 FAFSA form. The summer's financial aid will not jeopardize or reduce eligibility for the 1996-97 academic year.

Hot News

There will be a meeting of all Colorado SWOSU alumni to plan a reunion of alumni living in that state. The meeting will be a buffet luncheon held at the downtown Holiday Inn in Boulder, Colo., on Mon., Aug. 5, 1996 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. A mailing should be arriving at your address during May.

Mary Berrong is the coordinator of the meeting and the reunion. Please contact her at (303) 494-8942 for more information.
Graduate school dean, consultant-evaluator for 1995-96 academic year

Dr. William Kermis, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the graduate school has been chosen to serve as a consultant-evaluator for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

North Central, founded in 1895, is a voluntary membership organization of elementary, secondary and post secondary institutions devoted to the improvement of education through evaluation and accreditation. North Central provides institutional accreditation to educational institutions in a 19-state region that includes Oklahoma. The commission which Kermis was appointed accredits post secondary institutions.

The work of the consultant-evaluator is at the heart of the commission’s accreditation process, which is based on peer review. C-Es make up the visiting teams that obtain the information upon which the evaluation is based and provide the initial recommendations for accreditation actions.

Kermis said participation as a C-E will benefit Southwestern as well as the institutions he visits. Through his work with the commission, he will have the opportunity to broaden his experience and gain new ideas and points of view.

Kermis will serve on his first evaluation team during the current 1995-96 academic year.

The Southwestern administrator was also recently appointed by the executive committee of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools to a three-year term on the auditing committee. Kermis also will complete his third year of service on the standards committee during this current academic year.

Trees planted by student government

Biology professor helps

Campus Improvement
Southwestern Oklahoma State University Student Senate members recently planted five trees around the Weatherford campus with the help of biology professor Dr. Bill Seibert. Each year the Student Senate spends a portion of their budget on campus improvement and decided to plant the trees—two bur oaks, two redbuds and one Chinese pistache—as one of their projects for the year.

Outstanding alumni workers honored at last homecoming

Alumni Director Jim Waites (left) made service award presentations to three individuals during the last homecoming luncheon. Winners of the award for outstanding work with the Alumni Association were (from left) Cindy Kersey of Edmond, Linda Redinger of Weatherford and Lori Scott of Emporia, Kan.
Tailgate party a blowout at West Texas

Proud Parents and President
President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler visits with parents of a Southwestern Bulldog football player. Approximately eighty people turned out for the tailgate party held Sept. 23 in Canyon, Texas. The Bulldogs were playing West Texas A & M. The SWOSU Alumni Association sponsored the event.

Fun, Fellowship and FOOD!
Dr. Bill Kermis, (Top photo) dean of the SWOSU Graduate School, David Misak, human resources director and Tamra Romines, assistant director of high school/college relations cook hot dogs at the tailgate party while the pep band is playing in the background.

The Nye's Have It
Dr. Jerry Nye, chairman of language arts, his daughter-in-law Erica, wife Juanita, and son Chad enjoy their hot dogs and cokes before the kickoff.

Southwestern Glamour Girl entertains at games

Area residents and students saw a "live" Brandy Bulldog mascot on the field at Milam Stadium last fall.

Greg and Dawn Ditch recently moved to Weatherford from Texas to attend SWOSU and they brought along their bulldog, Gracie, who appears at home football games and other various outdoor events around campus.

Gracie has already been quite busy getting ready for upcoming school events. She has been training to run around the football field and she was also an invited guest for dinner at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. Gracie also rode in the annual homecoming parade last fall.

Greg said he purchased Gracie from Roll-n-Paws Bulldogs in Arlington, Texas. The dog is out of a Marinebull line with her AKC registered name being Southwestern Glamour Girl.
Southwestern football team at Weatherford had five players named to the first team and four to the second team of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference honor teams.

Named to the first team were linebacker Yohance Brown of Altus; noseguard Chuck Felts of Millsap, Texas; tight end Junior Lowden of Tecumseh; wide receiver Alvin Milton of Lubbock, Texas; and offensive guard Scott Williams of Perryton, Texas.

Players selected to the OIC second team were offensive guard Kevin Carey of Dewey; running back Keith Kizzie of Willis, Texas; defensive end Robert Newberg of Enid; and quarterback Todd Ritz of Weatherford.

Honorable mention selections included defensive tackle Jeff Frazier, Chandler; defensive end Shane Garner, Mustang; wide receiver Reggie Jackson, Compton, Calif.; cornerback Jake Jensen, Oklahoma City (PC North); fullback Donnie Kerr, Columbia, N.J.; and strong safety Marshall Oliver, Tecumseh.

Brown, a junior, was named to the OIC first team for the third straight year. Once again the Altus product was the Bulldogs' leading tackler with 124 stops with 71 of them being solo tackles. Brown was an NAIA Second Team All-American last season.

Felts was the fourth-leading tackler on the team with 65 tackles including 7 stops for losses of 32 yards. He also had 2 quarterback sacks, 4 fumble recoveries and 3 pass breakups.

Lowden made the OIC 1st team for the third time. Lowden, who also was an NAIA Second Team All-American last season, was the Bulldogs' second-leading receiver catching 33 passes for 385 yards and 3 touchdowns this season.

Milton was the leading receiver grabbing 8 touchdown passes. The Lubbock Coronado High School graduate caught 37 passes this season for 608 yards. His 8 touchdown receptions this season tied a school record. The other first-teamer was Williams who was the leader on the Bulldogs offensive line.

Felts, Lowden and Williams are all seniors while Milton is a junior. Carey, Kizzie and Newberg are all juniors making the second team, while Ritz is a senior.

Like Williams, Carey was a leader on the Bulldog offensive line which helped the Bulldogs pass for a school record 2,029 yards this season. Kizzie was the Bulldogs' leading rusher gaining 785 yards on 170 carries for a 4.6 average. He was the team's second-leading scorer next to Milton with 7 TDs. Kizzie also had 10 pass receptions for 63 yards.

Newberg had 56 tackles this season including a team-high 15 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. The Kremlin-Hillsdale High School product also led the team in quarterback sacks with 6, for losses of 33 yards. Ritz had a record-setting year throwing for a school record 2,006 yards. He completed 143 passes out of 305 passes, both school records, and threw for a school record 17 touchdown passes.

Southwestern finished the 1995 season with a 5-5 record.

Ethel Nunn honored at basketball classic in December

Alumnae Ethel Nunn (center) was honored in December at the basketball tournament that bears her name, the Ethel Nunn Classic. Nunn has long been a supporter of Lady Bulldog basketball and Coach John Loftin (left) presents her with a framed photograph and biography in appreciation. These items will be displayed in a trophy case inside Rankin Williams Field House. Also pictured are two family members and Jim Waites (right), director of Development and Alumni.
Southwestern faculty member Dr. Laura Switzer of Weatherford received the Honor Award at the recent state convention of the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance held in Edmond.

The award is the highest honor given by the association in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the profession and association.

Switzer was one of three honorees receiving the award. The other two recipients—Nancy Kabriel, chairman of the physical education department, at Oral Roberts University and Vicki Cluck Hudson of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University physical education department—are both Southwestern graduates. Hudson was a student worker for Dr. Switzer.

Switzer has been active in state, district and national HPERD associations and has been a consistent participant in Oklahoma, southern district and national conventions.

She began her university teaching and coaching career at Southwestern in 1965. Her undergraduate degree is from Wayland Baptist (TX) University where she was a three-time All-American in basketball and played on the American basketball team that won the gold medal at the Pan American games in 1963. Switzer earned her master’s degree from Southwestern and her doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

It was noted at the convention that the history of women’s athletics is closely tied to the field of health and physical education. It was the women physical educators who began athletic programs for women students and who nurtured the programs for many years.

Switzer was recognized as one of those educator/coaches who forged the future for women’s athletic programs. In 1994, the National Association for Girls and Women’s Sports, an organization of the AAHPERD, presented Switzer with the national Pathfinder Award.

Also at the convention, SWOSU student Thomas Green of Arapaho was one of two scholarship recipients from OAHPERD.

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Wolgamott honored as outstanding educator

Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Southwestern microbiology professor and associate dean of the School of Health Sciences, was the winner of the Academic Excellence Award presented recently at a banquet on the Weatherford campus.

Wolgamott is the third winner of the award which is sponsored by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City. Wolgamott received a $2,500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and engraved pen set.

The award and banquet are the result of a gift to the SWOSU Foundation by the Bernhardts who are both alumni of Southwestern. The couple established the annual event to honor an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Guest speaker for the evening was Paul Barby, regent for the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

While at Southwestern, Wolgamott has taught microbiology, pathogenic microbiology, virology, immunology, epidemiology and hominology. He advises students in health careers, primarily medical technology, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants. To facilitate medical technology education in Oklahoma, he helped organize the Oklahoma Society for Medical Technology Educators and served as vice president for seven years.

Wolgamott, who started teaching at Southwestern in 1968, has been very active in Southwestern's biology club and Beta Beta Beta, a national biological honor society. He served as Tri Beta national vice president in 1986 and he helped develop and continues to chair the Tri Beta Research Scholarship Foundation, which annually reviews and awards undergraduate biology student research grants.

He also helped SWOSU medical technology students develop a chapter of Lambda Tau, a national society. Wolgamott remains very active with this organization and is currently serving as national secretary-treasurer.

In 1971, Wolgamott received a National Science Foundation Post Doctoral Fellowship for summer research from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. An NSF Research Extension Grant was awarded to continue this research at SWOSU. In 1974-75, Wolgamott received NASA Post Doctoral Research Fellowships for study and research at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. He was a biomedical team member of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project.

Wolgamott has been active with many other organizations at Southwestern. Since 1984, he has been involved in AIDS education in universities and public schools. He helped organize the Western Oklahoma AIDS Network, a regional support group for persons with AIDS, and continues to be involved with the organization.

He and his wife, Sandy, a 5th grade teacher in Weatherford, have two married children, Thad of Texarkana and Dotti of San Marcos, Texas. Gary is a Hardtner (KS) High School graduate, and he received his bachelor's degree in 1963 from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and doctorate in 1968 from Oklahoma State University.
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John DeSotel
George and Appie Dickey
Walter and Virginia Dickson
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Bessie Elder
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Harriett Friesen
Betty Gibson
Shirley Haines
Earl and Mabel Hamburger
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Lola Little Bird
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Barbara Matthews
Johnny and Lola McClellan
Suzanne McKnight
D.A. and Barbara Messmer
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Vernon Musselman
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Don, Debby, Lane and Jeff Schollenbarger
Burl and Darlene Schollenbarger
Terry and Joyce Schones
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Ken and Sue Watkins
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Mike and Peggy Whaley
William and Beverly Wheeler
V.D. and Mary Widney
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InterBank of Clinton and the First National Bank of Sayre recently made a donation to provide scholarships for students in the Sayre area who are attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre. Making the recent presentation were (left) Senior Vice President and cashier Darla Hoffman and (right) President and Chief Executive Officer C.H. Wyatt, Jr. Accepting for SWOSU were SWOSU Development and Alumni Director Jim Waites and SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.

Kenneth and Linda Williams (right) of Perryton, Texas, were recently honored for their President's Club donation to the SWOSU Foundation. President's Club members, who give at least $1,000 during a fiscal year, were honored at a luncheon on the Weatherford campus. Making the presentation were (from left) SWOSU football coaches Paul Sharp and Todd Helton and Joe Anna Hibler. The Williams' gift was instrumental in a remodeling project of the SWOSU weight room. The Williams' son, Scott, is a member of the SWOSU football team.

Sayre resident Brad Whinery, representing Rose Chapel Funeral Service, recently provided funds to award four scholarships to students attending the Sayre campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Accepting the donation from Whinery was Joe Anna Hibler. Rose Chapel Funeral Service has been providing scholarships for western Oklahoma students for the past several years. Not pictured are RCFS co-owners Glenda Whinery and Carl and Terry Billey.

Tom Kiesau (third from left) of Clinton recently handed over papers for a Hunter 22 sailboat which is being used by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at Weatherford and the Foss Lake Youth Project. Accepting for SWOSU were (from left): SWOSU HPER Department Chairman Dr. Ken Rose, Joe Anna Hibler and Jim Waites.

Homecoming & Athletic Hall of Fame
Oct. 4-5, 1996
George L. Hoffman was raised near Thomas and received a BA in 1939 from Southwestern. He is now retired from teaching and is pursing many hobbies which including writing. He compiled a book entitled "Rude Rhymes and Red Earth Verse from Oklahoma and Other Places". He lives in Clackamas, Ore., a suburb of Portland.

Dennis Norman is a Weatherford High School graduate and earned a BS in 1935 in math and science. Marjorie, his wife, is a Wilson High School graduate and holds a 1936 BA in music. They are both retired teachers who live in Amarillo, Texas.

William Stovall graduated from Hext High School and from Southwestern in 1937 with a BS in science and history. He and June, his wife, live in Golden, Colo., and have three children, Bill, Julian and Shirley.

Freda I. Winsett is a Capitol Hill graduate and has a 1937 BA in music. She and her husband Wayne are retired and live in Altus. They have two children, Gary and Ann.

Charles Gatlin is a Lone Wolf High School graduate and holds a 1945 BS in education. He retired after teaching 36 years and now is involved in real estate and management. He has two sons, John and Larry.

D.W. (Dub) Leathers is a Ron High School graduate and earned a BS in math, history and physical education in 1949. He and his wife June are both retired and live in Crescent. They have one grown son, Steve.

Nadene Marquis is an Arapaho High School graduate and obtained her 1945 BS in business from SWOSU. She and her husband, Doyle, live in Custer City and have a farming operation.

Mary Sanders graduated from Camargo High School and received a BS degree in education in 1947. She and Noble, her husband, are both retired from teaching and American Airlines, respectively. They live in Tulsa and have three children, Marilyn Fergus, Charles and Philip.

Jane Jacobs graduated from Canton High School and earned a BA in 1943 in music. She taught for 37 years before retiring. She lives in Canton and is active in the Blaine County Retired Educators Association, and is a newspaper reporter for Past Matrons and Zinna Garden Clubs, and is the substitute organist for the Canton United Methodist Church.

Buel Garvin graduated from Altus High School and from SWOSU in 1941 with a BS in biology. Dorothy, his wife, hails from Canute High School and holds a 1946 BA in English. They are both retired teachers who live in Altus. They have four children, Sue, James, Harold and Jo Ann.

Ted Altman, a Beaver High School graduate, earned a BA degree in 1955. He also holds a master's and doctorate degree in education. He has been named the new athletic director at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. For the last seven years he has held the post of the assistant athletic director.

Bob and Nancy Gallop are graduates of Gould and Weatherford, respectively. They both earned BS degrees in 1958. Bob's in business administration and Nancy's in education. He is a realtor and she is a retired guidance counselor. They live in Edmond and have two children, Dennis and Susan.

Pauline S. Jones is a Mountain Park High School graduate and earned a BS in elementary education in 1958. She lives in Weatherford and is retired from the Department of Human Services. She has a daughter Kathy Tolbert.

Warren Nell graduated from Ron High School and holds a 1955 BA in education. His wife Shirley is a Weatherford High School graduate and earned a BS in elementary education in 1956. He retired as Artesia (New Mexico) superintendent in 1985 and executive vice president of Western Bank in 1995. She retired from education in 1986. They have two children, Lisa and Charles.
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Former Southwestern Graduates

1950s

Geraldine Pinkerton is a Watonga High School graduate and has a 1952 BS degree in elementary education. She resides in Watonga and has a daughter, Ruth Ann.

Eddie and Helen Seyler graduated from Southwestern in 1956, both with degrees in education. His degree in industrial arts and physical education and her degree in elementary education. Eddie retired after 33 years as budget officer for Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Helen retired after 32 years as an elementary teacher for Wichita Falls ISD. She now supervises student teachers at Midwestern State University. They live in Wichita Falls and have a son, Shaun.

Robert (Bob) L. Walton graduated from Weatherford High School and then from SWOSU in 1951 with a BS in math. He was employed by AT&T and was the department chief in development and manufacturing of the first electronic switching systems for telephone switching. He retired in 1989 and he and wife Margaret moved to Gainesville, Texas in 1990.

Geraldine Pinkerton is a Watonga High School graduate and has a 1952 BS degree in elementary education. She resides in Watonga and has a daughter, Ruth Ann.

1960s

Glen M. Balch, Jr. earned a BS in 1962 from Southwestern. He has recently been appointed President of Westmar University in Le Mars, Iowa.

Thomas Bolerjack graduated from Perryton (Texas) High School and holds a 1968 BS in pharmacy from Southwestern. He is a United States Air Force military pharmacist in Las Vegas. His wife is a military physical therapist and they have one son, Tommy.

David Bridges is an Arnett High School graduate and holds a 1963 BS in pharmacy. He is a pharmacist for John Hasley Pharmacy. He and Judith, his wife, live in Lubbock, Texas and have one grown daughter, Janet.

Barbara Brinkman hails from Ron High School and received her BA in English in 1961. She is in her third year of retirement after teaching for 30 years. She and husband Bill live in Altus and they have two children, Wade and Kerrie.

J. Gid Bryan, a native of Hobart, earned a BS in pharmacy in 1961. He continued his education by obtaining a graduate degree in business administration and then a degree in law. He was recently appointed a Municipal Court Judge by the Oklahoma City Council. He currently lives in Oklahoma City and has three children, Jay, Bob and Mikala.

George Fencik earned his BS in accounting in 1968. He and his wife Michele live in Orlando, Fla., where he is an advance sales associate for Disney Vacation Club.

William L. Garrison comes from Hinton High School and graduated from SWOSU with a BS in speech and sociology in 1966. His wife Kaye graduated from Hobart High School and has a 1966 BS in business education. Bill retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons and is now doing consultant work and Kaye is a homemaker. They have two children, Timothy and Tobin.

Dr. Ronald Hiebert, a Corn Bible Academy graduate, received a BS in biology in 1968. Later he went on to earn a master's and doctorate in botany. Since 1981 he has worked for the National Park Service as the regional chief scientist in the Midwest Region. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior. He and wife, Diane, live in Omaha, Neb., and have four daughters, Lisa, Renee, Lindsey and Cassie.

Larry Knisley, a Watonga native, earned a BA in 1969 from Southwestern. Recently he was honored by Reserve National Insurance Company for being the top agent for December in two categories, household sales and automatic bank draft premium collections. He set a new company record with 34 bank draft plans.

Dr. Anthony Lenz is a Laverne High School graduate and earned BS degrees in chemistry and biology in 1968. He is a medical doctor and lives in Prague with his wife Shirlene and three children, Shyla, Cory and Ariel.

Gary Lumpkin, a Weatherford High School graduate, holds a BS in business administration in 1968. He earned his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 and was appointed judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, District 3, in 1994. He is also a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves. He and wife Barbara, have one son, Richard.
Betty Lyle graduated from Corn Bible Academy and obtained a BS in 1964 in business education. She retired from the employment security commission and is currently the office manager for Health Watch. She and her husband reside in Weatherford and have two sons, Kelley and Kerry.

Margaret A. Wrucha is a Weatherford High School graduate and earned a BA in sociology in 1965. She is a homemaker and her husband is an assistant vice commander in the U.S. Air Force. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Austin and have two grown children, James and Jenifer.

Connie Barnes graduated from Lahoma High School and holds a 1972 BS in health, physical education and recreation. She and her husband Gene live in Hennessey and they both teach in the Hennessey school system. They have two children, Brady and Brett.

Don L. Campbell is a Canton High School graduate and earned a BS in 1970 and M.Ed. two years later in natural sciences. He and his wife Jean live in Altus where he teaches biology at the high school. They have six children, Pat, Wendy, Chris, Leah, Tammy and Diana.

Edmund Cotton, a Weatherford High School graduate, obtained a degree in 1979. Upon completion of the ROTC program at Southwestern, he was commissioned as lieutenant and attended officer basic training. He also is a graduate of the Command General Staff College. Recently he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serves as observer/Controller for the Battle Command Training Program based in Fort Leavenworth. His wife, Nikki, is also a graduate of SWOSU, earning her degree in 1981. The Cottons have two children, Robert and Megan.

Doug Dickerson hails from Enid High School and earned a 1974 BA in social science from Southwestern. He is a branch manager for Commercial Federal Bank, and he and wife, Sandra, live in Enid.

Danny and Ann Frame are graduates from Checotah and Rush Springs High Schools, respectively. They both hold BS degrees in pharmacy. Danny graduated in 1975 and Ann in 1979. He is a pharmacy director for Southern Oklahoma Resource Center and she is a staff pharmacist for Pauls Valley General Hospital. They live in Checotah with their children, Laura and Adam.

James (Jim) and Pam Hargis both are 1978 SWOSU graduates. He graduated high school from Cascia Hall in Tulsa and she graduated from Midwest City. Jim holds a pharmacy degree and Pam has a BS in accounting. He is a pharmaceutical sales representative and managed care specialist for Eli Lilly & Company and Pam is a homemaker. They have two children, Mitch and Nicholas.

Dr. Dean Hinz, a Washita Heights High School graduate, earned a BS in 1975 in pharmacy. He went on to receive a medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He practiced ambulatory medicine with the Central Oklahoma Medical Group before joining the medical staff of Oklahoma City Clinic. The Clinic is the largest multi-specialty physician group in the state. He and his wife, Kay, live in Edmond with their two children, Kelli, 13, and Christopher, 10.

Ronnie Keith graduated from Moore High School and from Southwestern in 1970 with a BS in pharmacy. He currently lives in Oklahoma City and is a general surgeon and a clinical assistant professor of surgery at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine/Surgery.

Peggy A. Myers, a Lawton High School graduate, earned a master's degree in education in 1975. She recently retired from teaching music at Tomlinson Junior High school in Lawton. She began her career as a principal trumpet player with the Wichita Falls Symphony and later began her tenure in teaching. During her successful career she was named the 1990 Band Director of the Year and was inducted into the 30th Annual Oklahoma Band Masters Association State Convention in 1995.

R. Scott Vincent is an Arnett High school graduate and obtained a 1975 BS in business administration and minor in chemistry. He and wife Nancy live in Arnett and have two children, Kristi and Sage. They own Scotty's Conoco and S & N car wash in addition to farming and ranching.

Luther R. Winkler is a Turpin High School graduate and holds a 1973 BS in physics. He owns and operates Southwest Avionics, Inc., which sells and services aircraft communication and navigation equipment. He and wife Loretta live in Liberal, Kan.
Edward Andes is a graduate of Weatherford High School and obtained a 1982 BA in physics. He and wife Kimberly live in Broken Arrow and he is a senior software engineer for United Video, a satellite communication company. They have one son, Justin. 

Jeff and Tonya Arnold are both Wood­ward High School graduates and earned BS degrees in 1987 and 1988 respectively. Jeff's in physical education and Tonya's in nursing. He is a special edu­cation teacher in League City, Texas, and she is a staff nurse at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. They live in Dickinson with their two children, Tyson and Trista. 

Gary Beach is a graduate of Southside High School in Elmer and earned a BS in finance in 1986. He has eight years of banking experience and has been promoted to the position of vice presi­dent and office manager of MidFirst Bank in Altus. 

Randy L. Beutler is a Canute High School graduate and holds a 1983 BA in education. He is a State Representa­tive for District 60 and is also a rancher. He makes his home in Elk City. 

Philip K. Beyer graduated from Yukon High School then earned a BS degree in biology in 1987. He currently lives in Norman where he is a dentist. 

Travis E. Brown is a Weatherford High School graduate and received a 1985 BS in business administration. He is a surety manager for USF&G Insurance in Edmond. He and wife Heidi have one child, Kylie. 

Stanley L. Chapman was raised in Geary and earned a BS in 1989 in indus­trial technology with manufacturing specialization and obtained a Certified Manufacturing Technologist certification from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He has been appointed human resource manager for Carlisle FoodService products. This company manufactures plastic products in Okla­homa City for the food service industry. He and his wife Joyce live in Moore. 

Melinda Fisher hails from Hinton High School and holds a 1986 BS in pharmacy. She is a pharmacist for Wal­Mart in Mustang. She and husband Tom live in El Reno with their two children, Colby and Tanner. 

Patti Harper graduated from Buffalo High School and has a 1985 BS and 1989 Master of Business Administra­tion. She lives in Weatherford and is the director of pharmacy continuing education for Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation and has been an adjunct instructor for the SWOSU School of Business since 1993. 

Lee Killman received his BS in ac­counting in 1987. He currently is a sen­ior analyst in upstream accounting with Conoco. He and wife Ruth have two sons, David and Scott and they live in Ponca City. 

James C. Leonard is a Buffalo High School graduate who obtained a 1982 BS in English. He lives in Buffalo and is a powerline foreman for R.E.C. He has three children, Ori-Aunna, Kinzi Shayne and Kadi Layne. 

Lawana Murphy is an Arapaho High School graduate and a 1981 Southwestern graduate. She earned her BS degree in business administration and cur­rently is a hotel general manager of Inn Home America. She and husband Pat have a daughter, Amanda, and live in Austin, Texas. 

Tami Rogers is a Shamrock (Texas) High School graduate and received her BS in accounting in 1986. She is an attorney for the Texas Department of Transportation. She and David, her husband, live in Austin. 

Steven Troyer graduated from Shattuck High School and then from SWOSU in 1986. He has a BS degree in engineering physics and is a nuclear criticality safety engineer. He currently lives in Amarillo, Texas and has one daughter, Michelle. 

Tamara Ally is a graduate of Sayre High School and a 1993 Southwestern graduate who earned a BS in pharmacy. She is a pharmacist with Eckerd Drug and lives in Forth Worth. 

Terri Bockelman, a former resident of Clinton and Weatherford, graduated cum laude in 1991 with a BS degree in accounting. Recently she passed the Certified Public Accountant exam. She is a senior accountant with the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority. She and her husband Chris live in Edmond. 

Jerry C. Burch is a graduate of Sayre High School and earned a M.Ed. in 1991. He currently is the superintendent of U.S.D. #494 in Syracuse, Kan. He has two children, Todd and Brooke. 

Nancy Burchett earned a BS in nurs­ing at Southwestern in 1990. She has worked for the Oklahoma State Depart­ment of Health for five and one half years and currently is based out of the
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Custer County Health Department. But, she now will work two days a week in Beckham County. She lives in Weatherford.

Sally Dennehy graduated from Putnam City High School and obtained a BS in marketing in 1991. She resides in Oklahoma City and is employed as a senior sales representative for Brown and Benchmark Publishers.

Andy Eckstein graduated from Enid High School and from SWOSU. He earned management and recreational leadership degrees in 1993. He lives in Tulsa and is the director of ticket sales for the Tulsa Oilers hockey team of the Central Hockey League.

Yvonne Harris is a graduate of Carlsbad Senior High in New Mexico and received a BS in pharmacy in 1991. She and her husband Jody live in Artesia, New Mexico where she is a pharmacist for K-Mart.

Mike Jinkens, a Canton High School graduate, graduated from SWOSU with a BS in 1991. He has taught and coached at Boise City for five years. He has been chosen as the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Co-Track Coach of the Year of 1995.

Michael Krohmer graduated from Little Axe High School in Norman and earned his BS in 1994 from Southwestern. The Marine 2nd lieutenant recently graduated from The Basic School in Quantico, Va. He is preparing for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Gale Minser, a high school graduate of Minneapolis, Minn., is originally from the Clinton area. She earned a master's degree in agency counseling in 1995 and was named the director for the Phoenix Program in December. This is a day treatment medical facility in Woodward.

Shannon Moser graduated from Woodward High School and from Southwestern in 1992 with a BS in biology. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine last summer with a bachelor of science physicians associate degree. She is employed by Woodward Hospital and Health Center.

Monte Mouse is a Weatherford High School graduate and earned a BS in general industry in 1990. He lives in Elk City and is employed by Schlumberger Dowell.

Ted and DeAnn (Curtis) Ogilvie graduated from Clovis High School and Farwell High School, respectively. Ted obtained a Master of Business Administration degree and DeAnn holds a BS in pharmacy; both graduated in 1991. He is a health care administrator and she is a pharmacy manager living in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mickey D. Quoetone is a Mountain View High School graduate and received an 1991 BS in general industry. He lives in Woodbury, Min. and works for 3M Corporation as a training and organizational development specialist. Mickey has two children, Teri and Keri.

Wycoff named outstanding pharmacy alumnus

Smith Wycoff, owner of Wycoff Drug in Weatherford, was named the Southwestern School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus for 1996 during the annual senior awards banquet.

A native of Weatherford, Wycoff graduated from the SWOSU School of Pharmacy in 1967. He became very active in the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association and within five years was president of the OPA.

Wycoff has been an active community member in Weatherford. He has served on numerous committees and was president of the chamber of commerce in 1976. Wycoff has been a member of the Weatherford Hospital Authority board since 1983 and has served as president.

An active supporter of the School of Pharmacy, Wycoff is a member of the Southwestern Pharmacy Association board of directors and serves as a preceptor in the school's pharmacy internship program.

Wycoff is a Weatherford High School graduate and holds an undergraduate degree from OSU.

Last call for yearbooks, memories from the 70s, 80s, 90s remain

Wondering where your memories are? Try looking in your college yearbook. WHAT!? You were too broke to get one when you bought your cap and gown? Lucky you, SWOSU yearbooks are still available!

Books may purchased by sending a check or money order for $12 (per book). Please make it payable to Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The following years are available:

1976 1978 1980
1986 1987 1990
Doctor of pharmacy degree approved

Southwestern has received approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to change the bachelor of science degree in pharmacy to a doctor of pharmacy degree beginning in the summer of 1998.

The change is contingent on the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education approving and implementing its revised accreditation policy in which it would no longer accredit baccalaureate degree programs. Thus, if ACPE approves its revised policy in 1997, SWOSU may offer the doctor of pharmacy in summer 1998.

The state regents gave the approval at their Jan. 26 meeting held in Edmond. SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler, Academic Affairs Vice President Bob Brown and School of Pharmacy Dean H. David Bergman attended the meeting.

"This has been a long-term goal for Southwestern Oklahoma State University," Hibler said. "The regents' approval recognizes the quality of education that Southwestern offers and the fine work that our faculty does in delivering a modern pharmaceutical education."

The proposed modification of the pharmacy degree program will increase the length of the professional program at SWOSU from three years to four. The bachelor of science in pharmacy is a three-year professional degree that is preceded by two years of prescribed pre-professional courses.

"Requests for doctoral entry-level degrees in pharmacy reflect the response of pharmaceutical education to changing demands from the profession, the health care system and society," Brown said. "The delivery of pharmaceutical care goes well beyond the traditional dispensing activities that have been the mainstay of pharmacy practice for years. Pharmacists are now assuming greater responsibility for the management of drug therapies."

Approximately four additional faculty will be required for the new program at SWOSU at the cost of $250,000. State regents also approved a "doctor of pharmacy program fee" which will provide the financial support for these positions. This fee will be a credit hour fee that will be equal to the general university fees per credit hour for each credit hour enrolled in the pharmacy courses in the professional program. For example, if the university fees are $52 per credit hour, then the "doctor of pharmacy program fee" will be $52 per credit hour. The cost to the student for the course would be $104 per credit hour.

Bergman said the current three-year pharmacy program at Southwestern enrolls 335 students, admitting 110 students per year from an application pool of more than 350 qualified candidates. Graduates of the program achieve a 96 percent pass rate on the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Licensure Examination, and 100 percent of the graduates are employed with current starting salaries in excess of $40,000.

Southwestern's pre-professional program enrolls about 250 students. The proposed Pharm.D. program will enroll approximately 320 students in the four-year professional program, admitting approximately 80 students per year.

It is anticipated the ACPE will vote on the adoption of the revised accreditation standards and criteria at its June 1997 meeting.

School of Pharmacy awarded grant

School of Pharmacy at Weatherford has received a three-year, $580,000 grant from the Veterans Administration to develop and implement a clinical pharmacy ambulatory care teaching/research site at a new facility at Fort Sill in Lawton.

The project will be conducted in conjunction with the Veterans Administration Medical Center and its Department of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City.

Dr. H. David Bergman, dean of the School of Pharmacy and School of Health Sciences, and Dr. Dennis Thompson, assistant dean for clinical pharmacy programs and chair of the SWOSU Department of Pharmacy Practice, are the principal investigators for the project.

"This is a significant project that will benefit the VA as well as Southwestern and the School of Pharmacy," Bergman said. "This will be an excellent teaching site and source for our faculty members to develop projects that will be beneficial for the VA and our programs."

The project will employ two registered pharmacists and one pharmacy technician at the Fort Sill facility. The pharmacists will provide pharmacy services as well as instruction to fifth-year professional students in the SWOSU School of Pharmacy. In addition, there will be a shared pharmacy faculty member who will be responsible primarily for clinical pharmacy clerkship teaching and the implementation of the clinical pharmacy services and research components associated with the project.

Bergman said the School of Pharmacy has been working with the VA for about eight months to plan and develop the project. He also credits the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs for guidance on the grant proposal.
Leadership, service noticed nationally

Dr. Edward Fisher, faculty member in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy has been named Rho Chi Society National Faculty Advisor of the Year for 1996. Fisher was recently notified by the national selection committee. He was nominated for the award by Dr. H. H. David Bergman, dean of the School of Pharmacy. Rho Chi is an honorary society of upperclassmen in pharmacy.

Fisher has served as advisor for the Beta Upsilon chapter of Rho Chi at Southwestern for the past three years. According to Bergman, Fisher has shown great leadership and has made the Rho Chi society much more visible in the School of Pharmacy as well on the university campus.

Some of the accomplishments coming under Fisher’s tenure include:

* having the students establish a tutoring service for the School of Pharmacy. By providing the service of instructing other students, Fisher said the student members feel their leadership in academics is being recognized. Monies earned from the services as well as from student dues are used to award a scholarship.

* having the students make a Rho Chi picture board so the students’ pictures are prominently displayed as are those of the professional fraternities.

* encouraging Rho Chi students to further their education through medical school, graduate programs and undergraduate research, for example. The research effort resulted in several students presenting papers and/or poster sessions at national meetings.

Faculty received promotion, tenure at Board of Regent meeting

Several faculty members received tenure and promotion recommendations at the April 19 meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Receiving tenure included: Fred Alsberg, language arts; Dr. Leslie Crall, business; Tommye Davis, Sayre campus; Dr. Mark Gales, pharmacy; Dr. Ann Russell, education; Dr. John Hayden, social sciences; Dr. Samuel Hsieh, computer science; Dr. David Lawrence, mathematics; Dr. Karen McGurk, chemistry; Dr. Dennis Thompson, pharmacy; Dr. E. Ben Welch, pharmacy; Dr. Donald Wilson, education; and Dr. Michael Wolff, psychology.

Promotions were also approved for 13 faculty members. Promoted to professors were Dr. Michael Cassity, music; Dr. Philip Holley, social sciences; Dr. Ken Rose, health, physical education and recreation; and Thompson.

Named as associate professors were Crall; Gales; Hsieh; Dr. Marvin Hankins, business; Lawrence; Dr. Alan Spurgeon, music; and Dr. Michael Wheeler, social sciences.

Promoted to assistant professors are Sandra Johnson in mathematics and Sherrie Sharp in language arts.

Professor honored for family relations work

Dr. Judy Winchester, a professor in the School of Education, was named “Professional of the Year” for 1996 by the Oklahoma Council on Family Relations.

Winchester was honored at the OCFR state meeting held in Edmond. She has been at Southwestern 16 years and has taught many courses in the areas of family relations, child development and early childhood. She also serves as the director of the Child Development Laboratory.

OCFR and its national organization, the National Council on Family Relations, provides a forum for family researchers, educators and practitioners to share in the development and dissemination of knowledge about families and family relationships, professional standards and family well-being.

President and secretary named

Evans, Allen elected to fill roles in OSGA

Two Southwestern students have landed top positions of the Oklahoma Student Government Association.

Bryan Evans, sophomore from Weatherford, and Michael Allen, freshman from Butler, were recently elected OSGA president and secretary, respectively, for the 1996-97 year.

Evans said his goals and activities for the upcoming year include visiting all active student government association in Oklahoma, starting monthly school reports, lobbying state and national legislators on education issues, continuing involvement with various higher education forums and the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma.

Evans also served this past year as OSGA secretary.
Sports

Softball revived, season begins in fall

Southwestern is reviving its women's softball program.

SWOSU Athletic Director Cecil Perkins said the program will be starting during the upcoming 1996 fall semester. Southwestern once had a women's softball program but it was discontinued in the mid-1980's.

Steve Williams, current assistant football coach at SWOSU, will be head coach of the women's softball team but he will continue his duties with the football program. Williams is currently recruiting players and can be contacted by calling (405) 774-3226.

Southwestern is a dual member of NAIA Division I and NCAA Division II. The Bulldogs will play their games at the softball complex at Rader Park in northeast Weatherford. A schedule for the 1996-97 season will be announced at a later date.

Perkins said Southwestern is starting the women's softball program because interest has been expressed many times during the past few years. Southwestern will be dropping its men's and women's track programs after the current 1995-96 season. Interest and student participation has dwindled in recent years and Southwestern does not maintain a track.

Lady Bulldogs post a 21-9 record, lose one senior

The Southwestern women's basketball squad advanced to the NAIA national tournament in Jackson, Tenn., for the seventh straight year during the 1995-96 season.

The Lady Bulldogs were unseeded for the first-time ever and ended up losing in overtime to #13-seeded Western New Mexico, 69-68. Western New Mexico got a controversial bucket at the buzzer in nipping the Lady Bulldogs who finished the season with a 21-0 overall record.

Southwestern finished third in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference standings behind powerhouses South-

eastern (#1 in the nation most of the season) and East Central (ranked #5 nationally).

The team started the season with six straight victories before losing their first game to host Wayland Baptist at the prestigious Queen's Classic in Plainview, Texas. SWOSU ended up first semester play with a 10-2 record.

OIC action started up in January and the Lady Bulldogs defeated all OIC opponents except highly rated Southeastern and East Central squads. The ladies advanced to the OIC playoffs defeating Panhandle State, 73-48, in the first round. SWOSU then had to travel to Ada to meet East Central where they lost 69-61, in the semifinals. Southwestern did continue their season by receiving an at-large berth to the national tournament.

Leading scorers for the Lady Bulldogs were junior Joanna Kailahi (10.6), freshman Kristi Dickerson (9.7), junior Tammy Gooch (9.3) and freshman Miriam Owiti (8.6). Leading rebounders were Kailahi (6.4) and Owiti (4.8).

Southwestern's only senior on the squad was Tangie Hollin, so the Lady Bulldogs will return many players to next year's squad.

Men tie for second in OIC

Bulldogs win last 5 of 7 road games

Southwestern men's basketball team came close to a return visit to the NAIA tournament, but the Bulldogs saw their season come to a close in the semifinals of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Post-season tournament.

The Bulldogs lost 76-67 to eventual OIC champion Southeastern to end the season with a 16-15 overall record. The Bulldogs had won their first-round contest over Panhandle State to advance to the semifinals.

Southwestern ended up tying for second place in the OIC regular season standings with a 9-5 record. The Bulldogs had started second semester play with a 4-7 overall record but the Bulldogs finished strong by winning 12 of their final 20 games. Southwestern was impressive on the road winning five of their seven OIC away contests.

Leading scorers this season were DeLancey Donley (13.6), Cal Clinton (12.4), Corey Harbert (12.0) and Jo Jo Daniels (11.0). Donley led the team in rebounds with an 8.2 average. Clinton was named to the OIC second team, while Daniels, Donley, Harbert and Barry Schwarz were named OIC honorable mention. Schwarz was also named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Southwestern only had two seniors, Clinton and Schwarz, on the 1995-96 squad so the Bulldogs should be strong during the 1996-97 season.
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Drawing donated by former "fix it" man

Retired long-time Southwestern industrial education instructor and print shop employee Grant Hendrix and his wife Alma of Weatherford recently donated a framed watercolor painting, done in 1958, of the Southwestern State College campus to SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler. Former SWOSU faculty member Ken Watson was the artist of the picture while the frame was built by Mr. Hendrix, who for years was known as the "fix it" man across campus. The picture is now hanging in the reception area of President Hibler's office.

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