Dear Alumni and Friends:

On Saturday, May 10, our 1997 graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas before a standing-room crowd in Milam Stadium. It was a beautiful morning with clear blue sky and bright, warm sunshine. The joy on the faces of the graduates was exceeded only by the joy (and in some cases, relief) on the faces of their parents and family! This is such a special time at Southwestern. I hope that you will take a few minutes and reflect upon that special day in your life when you received your diploma and what your experience at Southwestern has meant to you throughout the years.

This has been a difficult year on our campus because of the death of four of our student-athletes, who were killed in a car wreck. Both our football and men’s basketball teams were directly impacted. However, our entire campus community shared in the loss. We also shared a sense of joy—the joy of seeing several of our students step forward and provide the leadership that was needed to start the healing process. The memorial service that the students planned and conducted was heartwarming. The care and counseling extended by our faculty and staff was just what you would have expected. The community churches brought cookies and soft drinks to the gymnasium. Alumni and friends of Southwestern made donations to help defray funeral expenses. Our sister institutions offered their support, including four maple trees to plant on campus as a memorial. From a tragedy came many blessings, which we shared with the families of Alvin, Telly, Wheezy, and Chucky. Perhaps, the most gratifying aspect was the wonderful campus spirit that supported our football team to an NAIA national championship in December. Our students truly learned the meaning of tragedy and triumph.

As always, we use the national accreditation standards to measure the excellence of our various academic programs. On the Weatherford campus, both the School of Business and the Technology Department had successful accreditation visits this spring. Also, the radiology program on the Sayre campus received favorable reports. New programs proposed for the Sayre campus include associate degrees in criminal justice and computer science.

The number of potential students attending our Freshman Clinics has been good, so we are looking forward to a healthy enrollment for the fall. But, before that happens, we will have lots of middle and high school students attending the various camps and scholastic academies that will be held on campus this summer. Also, a large number of public school teachers are here learning to use the Internet and how to incorporate the information into their classroom instruction.

If you are in the Weatherford area this summer, come by campus for a visit!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Parker Hall closes, options under review

Southwestern officials have other plans for a longtime residence hall on the Weatherford campus which will be closed after the current 1997 spring semester.

Parker Hall, a men’s hall since 1964, will be closed due to economic reasons, but the non-air conditioned building will not remain dormant as Southwestern is already visiting with consultants about a variety of possibilities for the hall.

“We have been operating at a deficit in our residence halls for the past two years,” said Dr. Paulette Woods, vice president of student services at SWOSU. “This was not an instant decision. We have been discussing this possibility for the past three years.”

Residence halls operate as an auxiliary service at Southwestern. State allocations can not be used to subsidize auxiliary accounts. The halls—like other auxiliary services at SWOSU—must be self-supporting. The final decision was made this past December and was announced by SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.

Southwestern will continue to operate five residence halls beginning the 1997-98 academic year. Oklahoma and Stewart Halls will continue for women though the vice president does not necessarily agree with the choice. “Residence hall life is ‘easier’ living,” Woods said. “You have access to more friends and help. We have had several students move out of the halls for awhile but then move back because it is more convenient.”

Woods said the current student preference seems to be apartment life rather than residence hall living even while Rogers Hall will be converted to a men’s hall. Other men’s residence halls will include Neff and Jefferson Halls.

“We certainly don’t want an empty building on campus. We are looking to use Parker Hall for other functions.”

Dr. Joe Anna Hibler
SWOSU President

DOOMED DORM
Parker Hall is now an empty dormitory on the Southwestern campus. The dorm was closed because it had been operating at a deficit for two years. The male students who had resided in Parker Hall must relocate in the fall to Neff, Rogers, or Jefferson Hall. No final decision has been made about the future use of the dorm.
Cheyenne woman finishes book for husband, provides history for county

Glena Belle Crane’s book is titled “Cemeteries…and More” includes stories, pictures and biographical information about many of the buried in Roger Mills County.

Crane’s husband Glen started the project but had not completed it before his death in 1990. He had made a list of all the cemeteries and stored the information in his computer.

Glena Belle explains that Glen wanted to pursue this project because of a fire destroyed many of the county’s records in 1970.

Unfortunately, because Glen passed away before the book was completed, Crane shelved the book project.

That was until a close friend, Leila Evett, who lives in Midwest City, convinced Crane to reconsider and finish the book herself.

It was not an easy task for Crane to undertake. It took until 1994 for her to decide to finish the book that had been so dear to her husband.

It took two years of hard work and the help and support of Crane’s family to get the book into print.

Crane gives credit to Evett for retrieving the information from Glen’s computer. Mrs. Drinnon, from nearby Hammon, helped collect information that area of the county.

The book is a history reference that contains information about the people buried in the different cemeteries. It details the lives of some of the notable people that lived in Roger Mills such as Augusta Metcalf, a famous western artist. He is buried near Roll in the Silent Home Cemetery.

The book is available for purchase by sending $60.00 plus $5.00 shipping and handling to: Glena Belle Crane, P.O. Box 707, Cheyenne, OK 73096

Strong ties date back to “normal” school days

Glena Belle Crane’s family has a long history at Southwestern. Crane’s mother was Mary Mabry Savage, the first woman coed at the University. At the time it was called Southwestern Normal School.

Crane is one of four daughters that earned a degree from SWOSU and three brothers also attended the University.

The daughters that graduated are Crane and Lorena Males, Cheyenne, Iris Wilson (deceased) and Marge Heeney, Topeka, Kan. The sons included Eugene and Lew Savage (deceased) and Ted Savage of Ada.

Crane graduated in 1936 and her husband Glen earned his degree a year later.

Glen has several publications to his credit: “101 Schools of Roger Mills County” (1983), “Nobility I Have Know in Roger Mills County” (1986). He began working on a book about the cemeteries in Roger Mills, but did not complete it before he passed away.

Glena Belle Crane stands by the Cheyenne Cemetery with her book, “Cemeteries…and More.” Her husband Glen had been working on the book but was unable to complete it before his death in 1990. His wife, Glena Belle, finished the project as her memorial to him. Glen is buried in the Cheyenne Cemetery.

Glen Crane
Music professor, assistant chair receives Academic Excellence Award

Dr. Terry Segress, Southwestern Oklahoma State University assistant chair and professor of music, received the Academic Excellence Award.

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

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

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Edward Brandt, Jr., regents professor and director of the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. Providing special music were Dr. Charles Chapman and Dr. Charles Klingman of the SWOSU Music Department.

Segress is a longtime faculty member at Southwestern. He taught in Erick and Weatherford schools before accepting a position at SWOSU in 1971. He was hired to direct the jazz ensemble and, in that year, he established the well-known SWOSU Jazz Festival which continues today. SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler said it would be a fair assessment to call Segress “Mr. Jazz” of Southwestern.

Segress has received many prestigious awards including being inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Hall of Fame, Jazz Instructor of the Year, National Band Association Outstanding Jazz Educator Award and International Association of Jazz Educators Award.

He is a 1961 graduate of Oklahoma City University. He then received his master’s degree in 1965 and doctorate in 1979 from the University of North Texas.

Segress is very active both off and on the Southwestern campus. In 1987, he was appointed director of the SWOSU band camp and started the middle school camp the following year. In 1992, he became assistant to the chair and is in charge of summer camp programs, scheduling, public relations and recruiting for the department. He teaches tuba, piano, music theory and serves as assistant band director. Segress is active in the Oklahoma Music Educators Association and IAJE.

He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Stan Segress and Sheri Whitfield, and one granddaughter, Tori Whitfield.

Segress joins previous award winners Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett and Dr. Gary Wolgamott.

AND THE WINNER IS... Dr. Greg Moss and Coach Paul Sharp lead the standing ovation for Dr. Segress for his teaching accomplishments. Segress takes a moment to collect his thoughts before accepting his $2,500 cash award and Waterford crystal clock and pen set.

AWARD FOUNDERS
Dr. Bill and Theta Juan Bernhardt, Academic Excellence founders, pictured with the 1997 winner Dr. Terry Segress and his wife Sharon. Dr. Segress is the fourth winner of the award.

A JOB WELL DONE
Kay Brown and Representative James Covey congratulate Dr. Segress after the banquet which was held in the SWOSU Ballroom.

RETIREMENT IS GREAT! (photo at far right) Dr. Talbert Brown (center), retired chemistry professor, and wife, Carol, visit with Dr. Charles Chapman, chair of the music department, before the banquet.

Brown retired in December after 29 years of service.
Dr. Bob Brown leaves The Hill

Vice president decides to retire

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be looking for a new vice president for academic affairs as longtime educator Dr. Bob Brown recently announced he will be retiring at the end of June.

Brown, who has been an administrator in Oklahoma public schools and colleges for nearly 40 years, has served as academic vice president at Southwestern since 1990 when Dr. Joe Anna Hibler took over the university's presidency.

Before becoming vice president, Brown served as dean of men at SWOSU from 1967-70. He then left and went to the University of Oklahoma where he was associate director of advanced programs for 10 years. He also completed his doctorate in education during that time at OU.

In 1979, Brown came back to Weatherford to serve as dean of the SWOSU Graduate School. He held that position until being named vice president.

Brown is a native of the Delhi community in Beckham County. He graduated from Panhandle State University and earned his master's degree from East Central University. In addition to serving higher education for many years, Brown taught fifth grade at sulphur before going to Haywood, Pittsburg and Konawa where he was a principal/coach. He also served four years as superintendent at Davis.

School of Pharmacy names outstanding alumnus

Dr. Steven Pray, professor of pharmaceutical sciences was named the SWOSU School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus for 1997 during recent end-of-year activities on the Weatherford campus.

Pray has been a member of the SWOSU faculty since 1976 and was selected as teacher of the year in 1984, 1990 and 1995. Pray has given over 100 live presentations in 16 states and one foreign country on various pharmaceutical topics. He has written over 140 articles in pharmacy, medical and dental hygiene journals.

Pray, who graduated from Southwestern in 1972, recently signed a contract with Williams and Wilkins division of Lea & Febiger to be sole author of a 47-chapter textbook on "Recommending Nonprescription Drug Products." The textbook is projected to hit bookstores in 1999.

The Broken Arrow High School graduate has served on the NABPLEX review committee, which creates the national board examination for pharmacists nationwide, since 1987. Pray has a monthly column, "Consult Your Pharmacist," in U.S. Pharmacist, a nationwide publication reaching 103,000 pharmacists.

Pray served as national spokesman for the 1993 Vapor Therapy Educational Campaign. He crossed the nation speaking to newspaper, radio and television audiences about the health benefits of vapor therapy.

Pray's special interests are nonprescription drug products in general and fighting against medical scams.

Pray completed his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 and his doctorate in clinical pharmacy from Purdue University in 1983. His wife, Carole, is a nurse. They have two sons, Joshua and Gabriel, both students in the Weatherford Schools.

Faculty members given promotion, tenure status

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

Receiving tenure included: Dr. Vicki Hatton, health, physical education and recreation; Sherrie Sharp, language arts; Dr. Penny Skaehill, pharmacy; and Dr. Edward Wanek, pharmacy.

Promotions were also approved for eight faculty members. Promoted from associate professors to professors were Dr. Richard Baugher in technology and Dr. Dianne Busch in the health, physical education and recreation department.

Named associate professors were Dr. John Hayden, social sciences; Dr. Ann Russell, education; Dr. Skaehill; Dr. Wanek; and Dr. Ben Welch, pharmacy. Named an assistant professor was Robert Dorlac in the art department.
Faculty members retire after a combined 208 years of teaching

Nine Southwestern faculty members with a combined 208 years of service to the Weatherford campus announced their retirements during the 1996-97 academic year. They are: Dr. Talbert Brown, professor of chemistry; Dr. David W. Coates, professor in the School of Pharmacy; Marge Donley, assistant professor of art; Dr. Park Lang, assistant professor of art; Dr. Robin Montgomery, professor of political science; Dr. Charles Nithman, professor in the School of Pharmacy; Dr. Robert Reeder, professor of business administration; and Dr. Pauline Travis, assistant professor in the School of Education.

Dr. Talbert Brown said he will always have a close relationship with Southwestern having spent 34 years of his life (five as an undergraduate student and 29 on the faculty) at SWOSU. He has taught science education courses in the chemistry department and general education courses in physical sciences and physical geology. He and his wife, Carol, who recently retired from teaching, are planning to move to Colorado where he will enjoy playing golf, fishing and visiting grandchildren. He also hopes to do some consulting work in science education.

Dr. David W. Coates has been a longtime fixture at Southwestern having come to Weatherford in 1966 after receiving his doctorate from the University of Rhode Island. He served as the pharmacology department chair for 20 years and made significant contributions to the School of Pharmacy.

Marge Donley has worked 18 years in the art department at Southwestern. She has taught classes in drawing, design, sculpture, painting and art survey.

Donley plans to remain in Weatherford where she will enjoy her grandchildren, art and garden work. She also plans to travel.

Dr. Park Lang joined the faculty in 1970 and has taught 27 years at the university. The art department chairman has taught many courses in the department including art history, art survey, fundamentals of art, basic drawing, perspective, studio drawing, art of the Western world telecourse and foundations of art.

After retirement, Lang and his wife, Elsie, will be moving to an area named Bentwater which is located on Lake Conroe in Texas (approximately 50 miles north of Houston). They have two daughters and six grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild in August.

Dr. Robin Montgomery retired in August of 1996 after serving as professor of political science since 1969. Montgomery completed 26 years as a member of the faculty and two years as a member of the Troy State University European faculty while on leave from SWOSU. His publications include two books, The History of Montgomery County, Texas and Cut'n Shoot, Texas. He now lives in Texas.

Dr. Charles Nithman retired in December of 1996 after serving as a member of the School of Pharmacy faculty for 26 years. The Oklahoma City resident served as chairman of the pharmacy practice department and was a professor in the school.

Dr. Robert Reeder joined the Southwestern faculty in 1982 following teaching assignments with the University of California and the University of Maryland. The professor of business administration served as interim dean of the School of Business, director of the master of business administration program and faculty senate president. His textbook, Industrial Marketing, is used extensively in the United States and several foreign countries.

Dr. Pauline Travis worked in the School of Education for 14 years. She has taught courses in both elementary and secondary education including reading, language arts, library media, and educational tests and measurements.

Prior to employment at SWOSU, she served as a reading specialist in public schools at Raton, N.M., and Davis, Okla. She also served as a librarian in the Oklahoma City Public Schools and was employed by the government of Guam as an academic technical resource supervisor.

She and her husband, Harry Lee, will move to Colorado this summer to their retirement home. She plans to continue teaching on a part-time basis and hopes to tutor children who have reading problems. They have two children.
Music man garners outstanding award

Paul W. Fry

Weatherford resident Paul W. Fry was recently featured along with 14 other individuals in the April issue of The National Federation News as receiving outstanding music educator awards from the National Federation Interscholastic Music Association. Fry received the 1997 Outstanding Music Educator Award for Oklahoma.

The retired Southwestern Oklahoma State University music faculty member has devoted his entire professional career of 50 years to the field of music. He came to Southwestern in 1966 and retired in 1985. During his tenure, he served as instrumental coordinator and taught low brass, theory and music education courses. Fry also arranged music for the marching band and other ensembles.

After his retirement, he continued to teach theory part-time at SWOSU for eight more years until 1993. Fry started his career as band and vocal director at Waukomis Public Schools from 1947-49 and at Okkeene Public Schools from 1950-55. He then directed the band and dance band and taught music education at Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha from 1955-66. Fry also at one time served five years as assistant band leader of a United States Army band.

For many years, Fry composed the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association sight-reading music for the district instrumental contest. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Oklahoma Music Educators Hall of Fame in 1995.

Fry earned his bachelor's degree from Phillips University in Enid and his master's degree from Wichita State University. He had 30 additional graduate hours at the University of Oklahoma.

The NFIMA award is a prestigious award which recognizes high school or college band, choral or orchestral directors, supervisors and adjudicators whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs through their association.

Business professor presents paper to Society for Human Resource Management, collects honor

Southwestern Business Assistant Professor Dr. Jim Jawahar of Weatherford has landed a prestigious award from the Society for Human Resource Management.

Jawahar was recently notified that his paper entitled "The Performance Appraisal Purpose Effect" has been chosen for the 1997 SHRM Research Award. The award is one of the organization's most outstanding awards presented for research in the human resource management and organizational behavior areas.

Jawahar will be presented the award at the 49th annual SHRM conference in San Diego in June. He will also be featured in the July edition of HR News, a newsletter sent to about 80,000 members. SHRM is a researchers and has been in existence for 49 years.

The award which Jawahar will receive is presented in memory of two gurus in the human resource area—Dale Yoder and Herbert Heneman.

Well-prepared students a selling point

Wal-Mart recruiting local computer science graduates

Wal-Mart, with the world's largest privately-owned computer network, is finding Southwestern an attractive university for recruits.

Wal-Mart's Information Systems Division, with its home office in Bentonville, Ark., recently offered jobs to seven computer science students. "They are finding our students well prepared with the appropriate work ethic," said SWOSU Computer Science Department Chairman George Atkins.

"On this last visit, Wal-Mart hired 50% of the students they interviewed," Atkins said the company recently called and arranged campus interviews for the spring semester and although they are visiting other state universities, they wanted to schedule SWOSU first. He said Wal Mart has plans to expand its ISD and could be looking for 300 graduates nationwide in the near future.

Madeline Baugher, faculty members in the SWOSU Computer Science Department has been the primary point of contact between the department and Wal Mart.
Camera captures ‘96 homecoming activities

STRONG HOLD ON EDUCATION

Dr. Hibler offers congratulations to Lorena Males, 1996 distinguish alumna, during halftime of the homecoming football game. The Cheyenne resident continues taking piano lessons at SWOSU some sixty years after earning her degree in music.

THREE LUCKY WINNERS

Each year three blankets are awarded to alumni during the homecoming luncheon. The 1996 winners include (standing) Julie Terrell-Bergman, Las Cruces, N.M., most distance traveled; Ernestine Amhercrombie, Weatherford, most children who graduated from SWOSU; and Mary Bollenbach, oldest alumni, class of 1937.

FOUR MUSKETEERS

Garvin and Ellen Isaacs, Weatherford, and Marge and Bernard Savage, Topeka, Kan., visit in the student union before attending the alumni luncheon.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Dr. Hibler presents Dr. James Males with his distinguished alumnus plaque. The 1962 graduate is an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. James and Lorena are the first mother-son combination to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
TIME TO CHAT
Jewel and Ed Heilbron of Temple, Tex., catch up on old times with classmate and former senator, Ed Berrong, of Weatherford. Jewel was crowned homecoming queen in 1935.

ATHLETES HONORED
Dr. Hitler proudly stands with SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Everett Dobson, golfer, Edmond; W.A. “Bullet Bill” Thompson, football player, Midwest City; Southwestern Athletic Director Cecil Perkins; and Gary Toole, rodeo bull rider, Mangum.

SINGING BEAUTY
Ann Marie Perkins sings during the luncheon. As a former Miss Southwestern (1996), she placed as a top ten finalist in last year’s Miss Oklahoma pageant. She is a contestant in the state pageant again this year.

STUDENT LEADERS
SWOSU Student Senate Executive Council members are Mark Snowden, vice president; Karen Peters, treasurer; Courtney Robinson, secretary; Kristie Hiler, activities director and Aaron Roark, president. The senate is responsible for many of the homecoming events and activities.

PARADE ENTRY
Dr. David Bergman, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, rides in style with Dr. Hibler in a vintage car in the homecoming parade. The crowds line Main Street to see the classic cars, floats, marching bands and other parade entries.
Friends of biology grad creating memorial fund

Friends of the late Ryan Ashley Peters have set up a scholarship fund in Peters’ name at SWOSU.

Peters, 25, graduated summa cum laude with a degree in biology in 1994 from Southwestern and was stricken with cancer during his first year of medical school at the University of Oklahoma, and passed away earlier this year.

At SWOSU, Peters was active in student senate, biology club and was an anatomy lab assistant. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cashion where he was active in the men’s prayer group and volunteered as an assistant youth director.

Sue Ball, biology faculty member, said proceeds from the scholarship fund with the SWOSU Foundation will benefit a junior pre-med student.

Peters was a 1990 Woodward High School graduate and a current resident of Cashion where he and his wife, Casey, resided. They have two children, 3-year-old daughter Oakley and 2-year-old son Dace.

Ryan’s parents are Marlene Parks of Woodward and Roy and Mary Peters of Chester.

Donations for the scholarship fund can be sent to the SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford OK 73096. Additional information is available by calling (405) 774-3267.

‘77 Apple Bowl Team plans twenty-year reunion

A reunion is being planned to celebrate the trip the 1977 SWOSU football team made to the Apple Bowl in Seattle, Wash. The reunion will be held Oct. 4, 1997, which is SWOSU’s homecoming weekend.

Team member Mike D. Brown of Weatherford, along with his wife Debbie, are making the arrangements for the reunion. They are asking for help to find several addresses for members of the roster.

They do not have addresses for the following: David Armstrong, Robert Birdges, Lewis Blanton, Robert Burns, Victor Coleman, Gary Cooper, David Denning, John Edwards, Ted Fitzhugh, Daniel Ham, Dwight Jones, Sam McKee, Doug Miller, Jerome Newry, Keith Orange, Floyd Rogers, Larkin Ryal and Herbert Watson.

If you have addresses or know how to reach these former players, please contact Mike and Debbie Brown, 900 Eldorado, Weatherford, OK 73096; or (405) 772-6343 (home); Mike’s work 772-8833 or Debbie’s work 774-3063 or email Debbie at brownd@swosu.edu.

In search of...

All Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate, only to find that the last address you have in your telephone directory is 8 years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your old friends.

The new Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in June/July 1998, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of over 20,458 Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The Alumni Association has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce our directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumna/us. If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please contact the alumni office in writing as soon as possible.

The new directory will soon make finding a former student as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues of Ech-}

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Nursing student lands fellowship

Southwestern Oklahoma State University nursing student Lea Chittum of Clinton has landed a prestigious national award.

Chittum, a student on the SWOSU campus, landed a 1997 Helene Fuld Fellowship. Only one student from each of the 50 states is selected, and Chittum will be Oklahoma's representative at the International Council of Nurses' 21st Quadrennial Congress June 15-20 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Deans and directors of all state-approved schools of nursing in the United States submit one nominee for the 1997 fellowships which include round-trip airfare, housing, conference registration and stipend to the congress.

Chittum maintains a 4.0 grade point average at Southwestern. She is the daughter of Joe and Eileen Chittum. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1994 as valedictorian.

Chittum received her award from the Helene Fuld Health Trust which is the nation's largest charitable trust devoted exclusively to excellence in nursing education.

The ICN, founded in 1899, is the oldest and largest health professional organization in the health care field. The Fuld Fellows will be a part of the United States student delegation at the ICN. The fellows will attend a variety of educational programs during the conference which has a theme “Sharing the Health Challenge is Greater than Health Care.”

Debate team places third at nationals

Southwestern's debate team at Weatherford placed third at the National Educational Debate Association Tourney held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Leading the team to Southwestern's highest-ever finish at the national tourney were students Sunny Craig of Moore, Jase Humphrey of Woodward and Jason Hough of Las Cruces, N.M.

Craig and Humphrey tied for first in Lincoln-Douglas debate on the topic of whether the Central Intelligence Agency should be eliminated. Also scoring big was Hough. Although eliminated in the quarterfinals, Hough's 6-0 preliminary record led the tournament as did his all-events total of 30 points.

Southwestern compiled a tournament win-loss record of 21-3, and a season record of 69-19, a winning percentage of 78.4%.

"It's startling how consistent they were throughout the tournament," said coach Jeff Gentry, who accompanied the students to Wisconsin. "Each of them dropped only one round, which is how we placed third out of 21 teams. This is the best semifinal opponents to close out the final round. It was Craig's second national championship title in three years as well as her fourth tournament win of the season. Humphrey's victory was his first as a collegian. Craig and Humphrey both carried 5-1 records into the quarterfinals. In all events, Craig scored 25 points and Humphrey 15.

A limited number of speech events was also included but not billed as a national competition. In duet interpretation, Hough and Craig won their fourth tournament of the season. Craig also placed second and Hough fifth in prose interpretation, and Hough earned second place in persuasive speaking.

The squad is coached by Sherrie Sharp and Gentry of the Language Arts Department.
Dr. Roy Dowdell, a 1947 biology and chemistry graduate, presented a paper on cholesterol and heart disease at the 39th annual convention of The Royal College of General Practitioners in Perth, Western Australia last fall. After graduating from SWOSU, Dowdell earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree and then a M.D. from University of Oklahoma. He lives in Baytown, Texas.  

Raymond Garrison, a Hitchcock High School graduate, earned a master’s in math and science in 1949. He and wife, Lois, have two children, Twila and Stan. They live in Weatherford.  

Carroll Graham hails from Cowden High School. He holds a 1949 BS degree in physical education. He is retired, but stays busy by being the national chair of basketball for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). He and wife, Pat, live in Altus and have two children, Mickey and Randy.  

Shirley Howard earned a business certificate in 1949 from SWOSU. She is retired after working as the secretary for the superintendent of Leedey Public School. She has two children, Terry and Tonda. Shirley graduated from Custer City High School.  

Wilma Jackson is a Fort Cobb High School graduate who earned a degree in elementary education in 1940. She has worked in the printing and publishing business for over fifty years. Wilma received her fifty year pin from the Oklahoma Press Association in 1995.  

Audette Knutson graduated in 1949 with a BS in elementary education. She is an Eagle City High School graduate. She lives in Oklahoma City and has two children, Linda and Gary.  

T. Robert Martin earned a degree in business in 1940. He lives in Sun City, Ariz., after retiring from Amoco Corporation, where he was employed for 37 years. He hails from Tulsa High School.  

Don McCartor graduated from Gage High School and earned a degree in music in 1940. His wife, Charlotte, a Weatherford native, graduated in 1937 with a degree in history. He and Charlotte are retired and live in Amarillo, Texas. They have two children, Gary and Robert.  

Mary McCulley received a degree in English in 1943. She has retired from West Texas A & M University where she taught in the Music and Dance Department. She also is the organist for the Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas, and has for forty years. Wilma Jackson is a Fort Cobb High School graduate who earned a degree in elementary education in 1940. She has worked in the printing and publishing business for over fifty years. Wilma received her fifty year pin from the Oklahoma Press Association in 1995.  

Bonnie Fountain is a Weatherford High School graduate who holds a 1952 degree in science education. She retired from teaching after 24 years of service. She and husband, Clair, live in Hill City, Kan., and have two children David and Quembe.  

Claude N. Irby, Jr. holds a pharmacy degree he earned in 1955. He hails from Pawhuska High School, but now spends retirement in Tulsa. He and wife, Ruth, have two children, Lowery and Trea.  

Vesta Leis graduated from Canton High School and the earned a master’s in education in 1956. She is retired and lives in Canton.  

Gerald W. Nipp, Sr. earned a math degree in 1953. The Blair native is retired and lives in Amarillo, Texas with his wife, Jo.  

Jack A. Snavely is a graduate of Anadarko High School and graduated in 1959 with a BS in education. The retired teacher lives in Oklahoma City and has two sons, Mark and Chris.  

Kay Litsch Kalsu is a Fay High School graduate who earned a elementary education degree in 1960. Retired and living in Midwest City, she has three children, Leslie, Bryan and Bart.  

Yvonne Kauger was elected earlier this year as Oklahoma’s Supreme Court Chief Justice. She is an alumna who earned a degree in 1969. She received her juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law, where she graduated first in her class. She has one daughter, Jonna and a grandson, Jay.  

James (Tony) and Ellen McGoffin earned degrees in 1967 and 1968, respectively. They live in Tulsa where he is a marketing manager and she is a seventh grade math teacher. They have two children, Shelly and Shawn. Tony is an El Reno High School graduate and Ellen is a local Weatherford native.
Former student donates estate to university

Southwestern’s Foundation has received a $181,301 cash gift from the estate of Glenna A. Kobel, a SWOSU graduate and former Clinton resident.

Cecil Pettle, executor of the estate, recently made the check presentation to SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler. SWOSU Foundation Director Jim Waites said the gift will be used for scholarships in the name of Glenna and her parents Ralph and Jo Belle (Martin) Kobel.

“We are most appreciative of this gift which will allow us to provide scholarships to deserving students,” Dr. Hibler said. “It’s always nice when an alumnus remembers the university and offers an opportunity for others to experience the educational benefits which he or she received at Southwestern.”

Miss Kobel passed away Jan. 14, 1995 in Oklahoma City after a lengthy illness. She was born Feb. 23, 1916, at Comanche where she grew up before moving to Clinton in 1926. Kobel graduated from Clinton High School in 1933.

She later attended college at Southwestern State College in Weatherford where she graduated with a home economics degree in 1955. Soon after her graduation, she began working for OG & E in Oklahoma City and continued to work for the utility company until her retirement in 1981.

Kobel was known for her many home demonstrations for OG & E. Her main hobby was needlework. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Pioneer Club with OG & E retirees.

Berrong steps down after 19 years of service

Ed Berrong, Sr. (middle) was recently honored at a luncheon for his 19 years of service as president of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation. Berrong served in that capacity from 1977 until the beginning of 1996. Presenting a framed memento to Berrong and his wife, Winnie Ola, was Dr. John Hays, SWOSU Executive Vice President for Administration.
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Sayre native Sean Cowan receives inaugural Lester Bond Memorial Golf Scholarship

Sean Cowan (right) of Sayre was recently awarded the Lester Bond Memorial Golf Scholarship at Southwestern. Making the presentation was Weatherford’s Ila Bond, wife of the late Lester Bond, and SWOSU Athletic Director and Golf Coach Cecil Perkins.

Ila and her children set up the scholarship fund in honor of Lester, a longtime Weatherford resident, who passed away suddenly in early 1995. He served as manager of the Weatherford Farmers Co-Op Exchange for 40 years and was an avid golfer.
Morris daughter, Senea Young, is secretary for High School/College Relations Office. Their daughter, Sena Young, is also a graduate (BS 1986) of the university.

Leonard J. Schiff, Ph.D. is a Weatherford local who graduated in 1961 with a degree in biology. He earned his Ph.D. from Colorado State University and works as a manager for Regulatory Affairs in biotechnology. He and wife, Mary Anne, live in Ijamsville, Md., and have two sons, Eric and Ryan.

Dr. Robert and VaLeta Morris are Weatherford High School graduates and both earned degrees in 1961 from SWOSU. They still have strong ties to Southwestern because Robert is a professor in the math department and VaLeta is the secretary for High School/College Relations Office. Their daughter, Senea Young, is also a graduate (BS 1986) of the university.

Bob Chatigny is a U.S. Grant High School (Oklahoma City) graduate and earned a degree in industrial education in 1977. He recently retired, and he and wife, Carolyn, have two daughters, Carissa and Miranda.

Deborah Sauer Dehn is a Weatherford local and earned her degree in 1974 in medical records. She is a senior auditor for the state.

Phyllis Edelblute is a pharmacist for University Hospital in Oklahoma City. He earned a degree in 1972.

Rusty Fleming is a district manager for a real estate property management company. He holds a 1979 degree in business administration. Fleming lives in Lakewood, Colo., and has two children, Tiffany and Austin.

Kenny and Cynthia (Cynde) Holloway are high school graduates of Navajo and Altus, respectively. Both earned double majors in psychology and sociology in 1978. He is a Central Region Supervisor of Probation and Parole for the State of Oklahoma Department of Corrections. She is an account executive in marketing for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. They have one son, Jeffrey.

Neil King is an Altus High School graduate who earned a degree in office administration in 1979. He lives in Dallas and is a word processor for the law firm of Vial, Hamilton, Koch and Knox.

Maria Bryant graduated from L.D. Bell High School and earned a degree in pharmacy in 1989. She and husband, Barry, have a daughter, Jennifer, and live in Fort Worth.

Vinita F. Chapman hails from Thomas High School and graduated in 1984 with a degree in music. She is a free lance musician and homemaker. She and husband, John, live in Wallingford, Conn. with their children, James, Andrew and David. John is part owner of a waterfront consulting firm.

Tracy Edwards is from Beaver and earned a degree in 1985 in business administration. He is a training specialist for Automatic Data Processing (ADT) and lives in Cedar Hill, Texas.

Dr. Michale Ratzlaff is a Washita Heights High School graduate and earned degrees in biology and chemistry in 1987. She serves as a pediatrician at Claremore Indian Hospital. She has done research in the area of. She has completed a research project that examined the pre and post tragedy health care visits associated with the Alfred P. Murrah Building bombing. Last fall she was commissioned to the Public Health Service. She and doctor, husband, Kelton have three children, Paul, Mark and Katherine.

Melodee Vines Dietz is a Perryton, Texas native and earned a pharmacy degree in 1980. She has been named as marketing development director for new products for South Central Regional Business Group in the Merck Human Health Division. She lives in Fort Worth and has been with the company since 1982.

Paula (Everhardt) Combs earned a BS in elementary education and a MEd. in administration in 1992 and 1994, respectively. She is the elementary principal at Washita Heights in Corn. She and husband, Cody, have a new son, C.J.

Dyan Harrison is a Hammon High School graduate who has a 1991 health information management degree. She is the medical records manager for Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton, Texas. She and husband, Kevin, have a son, Kelvin.

John Holthe graduated in 1996 with a degree in English. He was a columnist for The Southwestern student newspaper for three years, and currently is writing a humorous column that runs on Wednesdays in the Altus Times newspaper.

Roger D. Johnston is a pharmacist who earned a degree 1994. He is working at a hospital in Lupkin, Texas.
Colorado alumni planning gathering

The SWOSU Alumni in Colorado is planning their second annual gathering on Sat., June 28, 1997. This year’s meeting will be held at 12 noon at the Air Force Academy High School in the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. A barbecue lunch will be catered. If you have any questions or inquiries, please call Mr. Greg Pierson, the principal at the Air Academy High School at (719) 472-1295. He is a Southwestern graduate from the class of 1971 and 1977.

This is not a fund-raising event, but it is a time for seeing old friends and making new friends that live in Colorado.

Hey, we want email!

If you are keeping up with the computer craze and have an email address, please send it to the SWOSU Alumni Association at this email address: skardaj@swosu.edu.

Take time to check out Southwestern’s website. You can find information about admissions, academics, news and events, the library and the Sayre campus.

There is a link to the Alumni Association page from the University’s main menu. However, it is still in the beginning stages, but we hope to eventually get Echoes from the Hill online. Please give us your feedback on this idea.

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Bulldogs win national championship

Paul Sharp, who led the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs to the NAIA Division I Football national championship, has been named the Rawlings-NAIA Division I Football National Coach of the Year. Sharp was selected for this honor by the members of the NAIA Football Coaches Association.

In 11 seasons with the Bulldogs, Sharp has built a 60-50-1 career record at the Weatherford Oklahoma institution. The 44-year old Arkansas native is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University AR, where he served as a graduate assistant coach. Following stints as an assistant at Central Arkansas University and Lamar University TX, Sharp was named to his first head coaching job at Southwestern Oklahoma in 1986.

The Bulldogs' 1996 appearance in the playoffs was their second under Sharp's tutelage and third all-time for the program. In 1992, Sharp was named Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year when Southwestern Oklahoma reached the championship series.

The success of Southwestern Oklahoma's 1996 season was due primarily to a stingy defense. The Bulldogs were ranked third in pass defense nationally and gave up the fewest points in Division I football during the regular season.

Sharp and his squad had a trying campaign, suffering three losses during the regular season and enduring the death of a Bulldog starter in a car accident. The Bulldogs endured, and finished the season with a 9-3 record. The Bulldogs were successful in the playoffs, defeating rival Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 17-7, in the semifinals and edging Montana Tech University, 33-31, to earn the national championship.

Sharp, who is now 2-1 in post season play, is a past president of the NAIA Football Coaches Association and is a national rater. Entering the 1996 season, he had coached 13 NAIA All-Americans.

The 1996 crown was the first national title for Southwestern Oklahoma in the history of its football program.

THE HARDWARE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

SWOSU football coaches (from left) Todd Helton, Rocky Powell, Paul Sharp, Jerry Keeling and Steve Williams proudly display the various trophies which the SWOSU program received this year for winning the NAIA national championship title. The trophies (from left) are the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award from the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame; the NAIA trophy; the Sears Trophy; and Sharp's NAIA Division I Coach of the Year award.
Gutsy play earns national title

CHAMPIONS AT LAST
Team members celebrate the hard fought victory against the Montana Tech Orediggers. The Bulldogs won by a two point margin, 33-31. This is the first NAIA National Football Championship for SWOSU. Next year, Southwestern will be a member of the Lone Star Conference and retain dual membership in both the NAIA and the NCAA Division II Conferences. The players are holding up three fingers in memory of teammate Alvin Milton.

ONE-ON-ONE
(Right) One SWOSU player matches up against an ECU Tiger during the Oklahoma Collegiate Conference (OIC) game in Ada. The Bulldogs won the game by four points, 19-15.

TRIUMPH THROUGH TRAGEDY
(Above) Keith Kizzie, starting senior tailback, holds up three fingers in memory and honor of former teammate Alvin Milton. Milton lost his life in a car accident during the season. Kizzie sheds a tear as he holds the championship banner.
WRAPPED UP
Four dogs bring down a Montana Tech player during the National Championship game at Milam Stadium. SWOSU’s defensive squad was a force to be reckoned with during the season with total team statistics of 12 fumble recoveries, 16 sacks for a loss of 186 yards and 19 passing interceptions.

HIGH FLYING TD
(Left) The offensive line blocks the defensive and allows an over-the-top high flying score. (Below) Quarterback Woodard signals the touchdown.

GO DAWGS!
SWOSU students packed the stands to cheer their team to victory over a tough Montana Tech squad.

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Denise Jones claims All-American honors

Southwestern senior post player Denise Jones of Dallas was named NAIA First Team All-American for the 1996-97 season.

Jones led the Lady Bulldogs to an impressive 28-5 record and a Final Four appearance at the NAIA Division I national tournament.

Jones, Southwestern's 13th all-time NAIA First Team All-American, averaged 18.9 points and 11.5 rebounds for John Loftin's Lady Bulldogs. She also led the team in blocked shots with 36. Jones was a three-time Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Week.

The 5-11 Jones is a 1992 graduate of Dallas F.D. Roosevelt High School.

Jones was also named to the NAIA national tourney all-tournament team. She led Southwestern to the Final Four which was the Lady Bulldogs' 10th appearance in the Final Four since 1982.

Southwestern defeated Rio Grande (OH) in the first round, 85-55, and then squeaked by future Lone Star Conference opponent Harding (AR) in the second round, 57-56. Southwestern, which was seeded seventh in the national tourney, then defeated second-seeded Simon Fraser, British Columbia, in the quarterfinals, 73-69. Southwestern's season then came to an end in the semifinals as Union University (TN) ousted the Lady Bulldogs, 68-59.

Southwestern enjoyed a successful season as the Lady Bulldogs won the OIC regular season title with a 13-1 mark. SWOSU competed at the national tourney for the eighth straight year.

Jones recently had a try out for the newly formed Women's National Basketball League (WNBA). She is waiting to find out if she made the roster.

Denise Jones

Members of the 1996-97 squad: Roslynn Dunn, Plainview, Texas; Jones; Sherry Ray, Stilwell; LaTisha Lang, Okmulgee; Kenya Matthews, Houston, Texas; Jana Hilbert, Walters; Mindi Bedford, Webbers Falls; Miriam Owiti, Nairobi, Kenya; Sendra Smith, Dallas, Texas; and Erica Hightower, Ada.

Three make OIC team, eight honorable mention

Three basketball players at Southwestern have been named to the 1996-97 Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference honor teams.

Denise Jones and Miriam Owiti, both on the highly-ranked SWOSU women's squad, and DeLancey Donley on the men's team are this year's SWOSU honorees. Jones was named to the first team, while Owiti and Donley were second team selections.

Eight other basketball players were named honorable mention including Mindi Bedford of Webbers Falls, Jana Hilbert of Walters, Joanna Kailahi of Hamilton, New Zealand, and LaTisha Lang of Okmulgee from the women's team.

Donley also had a big year for the Bulldogs. The 6'8" senior from East St. Louis averaged 18.5 points and 8.1 rebounds for the Bulldogs who have finished their season. Donley shot 59% from the field and nearly 70% at the free throw line. He only played the second half of the 1996-97 season but still led the team in blocked shots with 32.

Coca Cola Bottling Co. donates new scoreboard

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Milam Stadium on the Weatherford campus is sporting a new scoreboard thanks to Coca Cola Bottling Company of Oklahoma City.

The scoreboard, which was donated to the university was first put to use in the Bulldog's home opener on Sept. 14.
Sports

Baseball OIC announces honorees

Teasley repeats as first team selection

Two Southwestern Baseball players were named to the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference 1997 All-Conference Baseball Team, while two each were named to the second team and honorable mention list.

Sophomore outfielder Isaac Williams of Edmond (Memorial) and senior catcher Craig Teasley of Weatherford were named to the first team. Junior second baseman Bobby Wechsler of Elk City and senior pitcher Ty Hussey of Hooker were second team selections, while senior first baseman Jay Luttrell of Midwest City and senior pitcher Braun Dupy of Hennessey were honorable mention selections.

Williams had the highest batting average (.405) of the Bulldog starters. The centerfielder had a team-high 64 runs, 70 hits and 14 stolen bases during the 1997 season. Williams also tied for the team high in doubles (14) and triples (3).

Teasley is a repeat first team selection this year after being named to the OIC honor team in 1996. The catcher produced the second most RBIs on the team with 47. He also came up with 13 doubles and 4 home runs during the 1997 season. Teasley’s defensive play behind the plate as a catcher was recognized by the OIC coaches and he was named to the first team again.

Wechsler has been a three-year starter for Larry Geurkink’s Bulldogs. He hit .362 this season. Wechsler had 68 hits which was second-best on the team and he had a team-high 52 RBIs. Wechsler was named as the OIC’s utility player on the second team.

Hussey was the Bulldogs’ leading pitcher in 1997, finishing the season with an 8-3 record. Hussey had a team-high 15 starts this season, and he pitched five complete games. Hussey threw 86.1 innings and ended up striking out 62 batters. His earned run average ended up at 5.630.

Luttrell hit .319 this season and had 39 RBIs. He ended the season with 10 doubles and 4 home runs. Dupy saw action in 13 games and ended with a 5-4 record. He pitched 65 innings and had a 4.985 ERA.

The Bulldogs finished 25-27 on the year. SWOSU qualified for the four-team OIC tournament and ended up third. The Bulldogs lost 5-4 in 10 innings in the first round to eventual champion Southeastern. SWOSU then eliminated Northeastern Oklahoma 16-5 before East Central ended the Bulldogs’ season with a 16-15 decision.

Basketball officials make memorial donations

Nineteen basketball officials in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference recently contributed $1,135 to Southwestern in memory of four student-athletes who were killed last October in a car accident.

Darrel Palmer, athletic director at Northwest Claassen in Oklahoma City and an OIC official, made the presentation on Feb. 24 before the start of the SWOSU-Panhandle men’s basketball contest.

SWOSU Athletic Director Cecil Perkins said the money will be given to the SWOSU Foundation to be used for scholarships. Perkins said the university was very appreciative of the gift made by the officials.

Three of the four athletes who were killed were basketball players—Cornelius Chiles, Telly Gatewood and Chuck Gulley. Also killed in the accident was football player Alvin Milton.

OIC officials who made contributions were: Marvin Barbee, Roff; Vernon Belcher, Oklahoma City; Bob Bodin, Oklahoma City; James Booth, Oklahoma City; Fred Casteel, Yukon; K.C. Ely, Norman; Mark Frantz, Balko; Lonnie Fuller, Oklahoma City; Charles Greene, Oklahoma City.

Also Stan Guffey, Choctaw; Haywood Hill, Tulsa; Jim Jennings, Midwest City; Nelson McConnell, Ponca City; Mark Myles, Oklahoma City; Palmer; Benny Pruitt, Thomas; Leodies Robinson, Oklahoma City; Duane Smith, Oklahoma City; and Kris White, Edmond.

Cross country team wins title, second year running

Southwestern’s women’s cross country team won the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference championship title last November in Ada. It was the second straight OIC title for the team coached by Kevin Lawler.

SWOSU won the meet with 33 points. East Central was second with 44 points, while Southeastern finished third with 57 points. Northwestern (117), Langston (134) and Panhandle (147) rounded out the team scores.
Rodeo teams going to Nationals, again

Southwestern’s men’s and women’s rodeo squads clinched berths in this summer’s College National Finals Rodeo by winning titles at the Western Oklahoma State College Rodeo in Altus in May.

The SWOSU squads will head to Rapid City, S.D., in June for the CNFR. This is the first year that Rapid City has hosted the event. Bozeman, Mont., had been the previous CNFR site.

Southwestern qualified for the CNFR by finishing among the top two teams in the Central Plains Regional which is comprised of schools in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. Both SWOSU squads finished second.

Panhandle State won the CPR title with 3,065 points. SWOSU squeaked out second place by edging Ft. Scott, Kan., 2,275-2,273.3. Defending national champion Southeastern won the women’s title with 1,850 points, while SWOSU was second with 1,625.

Southwestern also had one individual champion and four reserve champions in the various events for the 1996-97 year. Shawn Minor, junior from Gordon, Neb., won the men’s all-around title and the reserve championship title in bareback riding. Corey Navarre, sophomore from Sulphur, La., won the reserve title in bull riding. Two SWOSU cowgirls—Vernon (TX) junior Shawn Wise and Newalla junior Angie West—won reserve titles in breakaway roping and barrel racing, respectively.

At Altus this past weekend, Southwestern won both the men’s and women’s titles. SWOSU and Ft. Scott (KS) were battling for the regional second place spot and SWOSU won both the rodeo and the spot by racking up 325 points. Ft. Scott was second at the rodeo with 310. SWOSU ended up beating Ft. Scott for second place by a mere one and two-thirds points.

Southwestern’s women won the Western Oklahoma State College title with 225 points. Southeastern and Northeastern A & M tied for second with 135 points.

Southwestern’s men got first-place performances by Navarre in bull riding, Minor in bronc riding and Davey Shields in bareback riding.

Don Mitchell’s SWOSU women got first-place finishes by Sonya Coy of Hammon in goat tying and West in barrel racing.

Fiaud qualifies for NAIA tennis tourney

Women’s tennis player Vanessa Fiaud of Paris, France, won two matches before losing her third at the 17th annual NAIA tennis tourney held in Tulsa.

Fiaud’s advancement to the third round was the highest-ever finish by a SWOSU tennis player.

Fiaud won her opening match at the 1997 tourney, 6-0 and 6-1, and then upset the nation’s #48-ranked player in the second round, 0-6, 6-4 and 6-2. Fiaud lost in the third round to a highly-ranked player from Georgia, 0-6 and 2-6.

Fiaud, who is a junior at SWOSU, was making her second straight appearance at the NAIA national tournament.

She qualified by winning the NAIA Southwest Regional tournament.

Mark SWOSU homecoming on your calendar

“Welcome to the Dawg Pound” is the theme for the 1997 homecoming festivities. The parade will begin downtown at 10 a.m. and the homecoming alumni luncheon and distinguished alumni recognition will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The Bulldogs will play Oachita Baptist University (Ark.) at 2 p.m. at Milam Stadium.
State leadership conference proves successful

Phi Beta Lambda chapter places high

Southwestern’s chapter of Phi Beta Lambda professional business organization won several prestigious awards and several students placed high in various contests at the state leadership conference held in Okmulgee.

SWOSU was the only chapter in the state of Oklahoma to win the Gold Seal Chapter Award, according to faculty advisors Nancy Buddy and Dr. Harry Nowka. The chapter also won second place in the Partnership with Business Project, third in Outstanding Local Chapter, fourth in Local Chapter Annual Business Report and sixth in Community Service Project. The Delta Nu chapter also won a Stay on Task award.

SWOSU business students Aaron Roark of Weatherford and Tom Reed of Sweetwater were first place winners in the competitive events which attracted participants from 52 PBL chapters from across Oklahoma. Roark won in the finance competition, while Reed took top honors in the Mr. Future Business Teacher event.

Second place winners from SWOSU included: Greg Miller, Weatherford, marketing; Saira Mohammed, Weatherford, computer programming; and Stacey Baty, Mustang, accounting II.

Roark, Reed, Miller, Mohammed and Baty will represent Oklahoma at the PBL national leadership conference in Anaheim, Calif., in July.

Third place winners at the state competition included: Stachia Day, Camargo, Ms. Future Business Executive; Amy Harmon, Hobart, Ms. Future Business Teacher; Roark, Mr. Future Business Executive; and Karen Peters, Okarche, finance.

Placing fourth from SWOSU were: Kathy Cole, Mustang, economics; and the business decision-making team of Jill Driver of Quenemo, Kan., Jason Froage of Mutual and Miller.

Fifth place winner included Kim Miller of Weatherford in job interview, while Valori Smith of Okeene placed sixth in telecommunications and marketing. Amy Towe of Weatherford placed seventh in telecommunications, and Richalle Allen of Leedey finished eighth in the category of impromptu speaking.

Ninth place winners were: Carey Lake, Woodward, public speaking; and Kim Miller, Weatherford, business principles. Placing tenth was Kari Metheny of Watonga in business communications.

Additional awards went to Day and Reagan Flowers of Meeker for being named to Who’s Who in Oklahoma PBL; and Shannon Squires, a SWOSU graduate, who was named Business Person of the Year. Day was also nominated to run for national secretary at the national conference.

A total of 25 SWOSU students participated in the state competition. Also participating in the conference were Jennifer Basler, Leedey; Clay Graham, Lone Wolf; Jayme Schacle, Cordell; and Alyson McCarty, Buffalo.

Local chapter of Society of Manufacturing Engineers collects top awards, scholarships

Competition held in Dallas

Southwestern’s student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers recently won several awards at the regional chapter officers conference held in Dallas.

Southwestern received first place for a chairman’s written report, second place for outstanding student chapter and third place for the SME’s table top display.

SME faculty advisor Duwayne Graybill said he was very pleased with the SWOSU students’ results, noting his students were in competition with comprehensive universities in both Oklahoma and Texas. Fourteen student chapters participated in the competitions.

The chairman’s written report reflected the chapter’s accomplishments during the past year. The report was written by students Tyson Hinther of Buffalo, Rita Canfield of Hinton and Mike Hewitt of Weatherford.

In addition, three students received scholarships ranging from $400 to $800. Hinther, Canfield and Jason Palmer of Weatherford were recipients.

Other SWOSU students who attended the conference included Rob Klein of Eakly, Chad Harrison of Wheeler, Texas, Jason Schoenhals of Shattuck.

Alumni office needs yearbooks

The Southwestern Alumni Office keeps at least one copy of the yearbook from each year. Unfortunately, there are a few books that we currently do not have.

If any alumnus would like to donate a missing book, please contact the alumni office at (405) 774-3267.

These years are needed: 1914 1951 1918 1974 1931
Marine Pfc. Radford Christian, a 1996 psychology graduate from Southwestern, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Christian successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Christian and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Christian spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Christian and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps’ core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Christian and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as “Marines” for the first time since boot camp began.

Christian joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is 1992 graduate of Dill City High School.

Marine Captain Gerald R. Hightower, a 1990 Southwestern graduate, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Hightower was one of nearly 3,000 Marines who departed Camp Pendleton, Calif., in October as part of the three-ship ARG.

The ARG includes the amphibious assault ship and flagship USS Essex, the amphibious transport dock USS Cleveland, and the dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry.

While deployed, the 11th MEU participated in a land exercise with Qatar soldiers which was designed to enhance interoperability and promote cooperation between U.S. and Qatar military forces.

Hightower also participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust. Scheduled routinely at 18 month intervals, the exercise trained the military staffs of both countries in the planning and execution of contingency operations in a combined effort. The exercise included carrier battle group and ARG operations, amphibious landings, live gunfire, exercises and parachute landings.

During the deployment, Hightower visited Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

The 1981 graduate of Prague High School joined the Marine Corps in 1990.

Marine Captain Randall Messer a graduated from SWOSU with a BA degree in criminal justice, recently returned from a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th MEU embarked aboard the ship of the USS Saipan ARG.

During the deployment, Messer took part in multinational training for noncombatant evacuation, and humanitarian and maritime operations. The exercise, conducted in Romania among the 24th MEU and Marines from Italy and Romania, was designed to test interoperability between NATO and partner nations’ naval forces in conducting joint peacekeeping exercises.

Messer was also involved in smaller field training exercises throughout the Mediterranean region and provided assistance to engineers building bridges in Southeastern Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The 24th MEU is trained to evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore.

Messer visited Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Romania, Spain, Turkey and the Ukraine.

The 1985 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, Tex., joined the Marine Corps in December of 1989.

Navy Ensign Jason S. Morton, a 1995 science education graduate, was recently commissioned to his present rank while serving at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The 1991 graduate of Hammon High School joined the Navy in May 1996.

Navy Ensign Steven A. Penley, a 1991 SWOSU graduate, was recently designated a Naval Flight Officer while serving with Training Squadron 86, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Presentation of the coveted “Wings of Gold” marked culmination of 18 months of flight training for Penley.

The curriculum leading to his designation includes studies in aerodynamics, engineering, navigation, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, air intercept control training, aircraft familiarization, training flights in simulators and numerous types of Navy aircraft.

The 1986 graduate of Denton High School in Denton, Texas joined the Navy in March 1995.
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