Springtime adventures at Crowder Lake
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Spring semester is always an exciting time at Southwestern, especially as students complete their degree programs and make plans to participate in the convocation ceremonies held on our Sayre and Weatherford campuses.

A new venture this year has been an agreement with the State Department of Tourism for Southwestern to manage Crowder Lake State Park. As many of you may recall, the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation has used this facility in the past for instructional purposes, and through the efforts of Dr. Ken Rose, Nelson Perkins, Chad Kinder, Jim Loomis, Jim Waites, and many others the park has taken on a new life.

Our students are enjoying the ropes course that has been constructed, along with the available canoes, sailboats, fishing rods, and nature trail. A classroom facility will soon become a reality through the generosity of a private donor. Our students and staff are working with the surrounding public schools as they bring groups to the site, and the weekends are booked throughout the summer by various businesses, civic groups, and churches. In addition, the park remains open to the public.

Southwestern now offers twelve nationally accredited academic programs. The social work program was granted program candidacy status this spring, and the Chemistry Department received notification that their long-standing accreditation will be continued.

The doctorate of pharmacy program starts this summer. The School of Pharmacy is approved to accept 45 students, and we have received over 200 applications. We are also in the process of employing additional clinical faculty.

Congratulations are due to the Southwestern Forensics Team. Our students recently won the State tournament by defeating the team from the University of Oklahoma. This is Southwestern’s first state championship, and the team will compete in the national tournament in April.

The Lady Bulldogs had their “Last dance” at the NAIA National Tournament this spring. They were defeated in the first round, but leave many good memories as we move into full NCAA membership this fall.

If you are in western Oklahoma this summer, please stop by for a visit!

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University names Dill associate VP

Long-time Southwestern administrator Dr. Dan Dill has been named associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of the SWOSU Graduate School on the Weatherford campus.

Dill, who has served as dean of the SWOSU School of Arts and Sciences since 1989, will take over his new position starting July 1 of this year.

The AVPAA/Graduate School Dean position has been vacant during the 1997-98 year.

Dr. Bill Kermis served in that position until being named vice president for academic affairs on July 1, 1997.

Dill has been at Southwestern since 1968 when he joined the chemistry department faculty. He became chairman of the department in 1979 and served in that capacity until being named dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

At Southwestern, Dill has been very active in numerous projects. One of his latest endeavors is serving as site director for the Oklahoma Teacher Education Collaborative, a National Science Foundation funded program through the year 2001.

Dill is a 1963 graduate of Southwestern where he earned his bachelor of science degree in chemistry and mathematics with an additional major in physics. He earned his doctorate degree in physical inorganic chemistry in 1969 from the University of Arkansas.

He and his wife, Myrtle, who is administrative assistant in the computer services department, have four children.

Music Hall of Fame inducts Klingman

Charles Klingman, a faculty member in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Music in Weatherford, has been selected as one of this year’s inductees to the Oklahoma Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Klingman’s teaching career spans 30 years, including three years in Clinton Public Schools as vocal music teacher and assistant band director, 12 years in Muskogee Public Schools as high school vocal music instructor and the past 15 years as a member of the Southwestern faculty.

He was named Outstanding Young Educator by the Muskogee Jaycees, and has many other teaching and performing honors to his credit. Klingman has served Oklahoma Music Educators Association in many capacities, including president, vocal vice president, higher education vice president, advisor to the state collegiate OMEA. He has given 13 years of service to the executive board of OMEA.

Klingman, or Skip, as he is known by many friends and colleagues, also holds membership in American Choral Directors Association, which he also served as higher education vice president; Music Teachers National Association; and National Association of Teachers of Singing.

“No one arrives at this kind of honor solely on his own merit,” Klingman said. “The credit for any successes I’ve had belongs largely to the training and mentoring I had at Southwestern, and it is especially gratifying to be working as a colleague with my first real voice teacher and advisor, Dr. Charles Chapman.”

Klingman joined the Southwestern faculty in 1982, replacing one of his former teachers, Dr. Merle Taff. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern in 1967, and the master of education degree in 1977. He has completed course work, all but the dissertation, for his DMA in voice performance from the University of Oklahoma. He holds the rank of assistant professor in Music. Skip is married to Eleanor Jo (Ross) Klingman.

Klingman joins Chapman, and former music department chairs Dr. James Jurrens and Mary Elizabeth Griffin, as well as several other Southwestern faculty and alumni, in the OME hall of fame.
Oklahomans shop for courses by visiting higher education’s website

Oklahomans across the state can now take courses from any state college or university—including Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre—without going on the campus, and students can shop for the courses by visiting Oklahoma higher education’s website.

Oklahoma’s Electronic campus, which came online in February, makes available more than 600 undergraduate and graduate courses offered electronically by Oklahoma’s 25 state colleges and universities.

Oklahomans can access the Electronic Campus by visiting Oklahoma higher education’s website at www.okhighered.org and looking under Information for Students. On the site, students find what courses are available electronically; how courses are delivered, such as through interactive television, telecourses, video tapes or the Internet; and how much the courses cost.

Southwestern currently offers 44 courses on the Electronic Campus. Courses are in education, business, psychology, language arts, political science, history, art, sociology, chemistry, music and nursing.

“This is another way Southwestern and other higher educational institutions in Oklahoma are rising to the challenge by increasing options that students have for education services,” SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler said.

In addition, students can link directly to colleges and universities that offer courses in which they are interested. SWOSU’s website address is www.swosu.edu. Once students are linked to college or university home pages, they can get more detailed information about courses, registration and support services.

Chancellor Hans Brisch emphasized that courses delivered electronically must meet academic standards established by the State Regents.

“Students can be assured that courses available through the Electronic Campus meet high quality standards,” Brisch said. “Academic standards for courses offered electronically are the same as those for courses delivered on college and university campuses. Courses offered electronically are led by qualified faculty and provide for interaction between faculty and students and among students.”

During the implementation stage of the Oklahoma Electronic Campus, approximately 68 percent of the courses are freshman and sophomore level, while 16 percent are junior and senior level courses. Another 16 percent are graduate courses.

State Regents Chairman Robert L. McCormick said the establishment of the Electronic Campus directly addresses several recommendations made by the Citizens’ Commission on the Future of Oklahoma Higher Education, a 36-member commission appointed by the Regents to help develop a long-range plan for higher education, and Technology 2000, a study on the development and use of technology throughout the state’s system of colleges and universities.

“Demographic predictions indicate that over the next decade, Oklahoma will experience a shift in its population and an increase in the proportion of older and place-bound students,” McCormick said. “At the same time, jobs requiring associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees are projected to have the largest growth.”

SWOSU Homecoming
October 31
“The Year of the Dawg”
New women’s sport, coach to debut in fall

Scott Hume

Scott Hume, a Hydro High School graduate and former soccer coach at Clinton High School, has been named women’s soccer coach at Southwestern.

Southwestern is starting a women’s soccer program, and the university will field its first team during the upcoming 1998 fall season.

“I love soccer and appreciate the opportunity Southwestern has given me,” Hume said. “Western Oklahoma has a good talent base, and we need to tap into that source. I’d like to establish a strong foundation at SWOSU and start a tradition.”

The 24-year-old Hume will start the SWOSU program from scratch and is interested in talking to prospective players. Players can contact Hume or SWOSU Athletic Director Cecil Perkins at (580) 774-3068.

“I’m very excited and plan to give it all I’ve got,” Hume said about his new position.

Hume received his bachelor’s degree from Southwestern in 1996 with a major in recreational leadership. He is currently working on master’s degrees in early childhood education at SWOSU and in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. Hume attended and played soccer at Lambuth (TN) University before transferring to Southwestern. He was a SWOSU exchange student to Minsk, Belarus, during the 1993-94 school year.

Hume, a 1992 Hydro High School graduate, coached girls soccer at Clinton High School during the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years. He is well-known in western Oklahoma soccer circuits having played on Weatherford and Clinton soccer teams since 1985.

Hume and his wife, Lea Anne (Pratt), have one daughter, four-month-old Lexy Anne Hume.

Hume’s parents are former Hydro residents Richard and Susan Hume who now live in Ripley, Tenn.

First Campus C-Store in Oklahoma

Store convenient for campus, students

When Southwestern resident hall students in Weatherford arrived back on campus for the 1998 spring semester, they were greeted with a new convenience store.

Southwestern students can still feast in the Student Union cafeteria and snack bar, but Campus C-Stores has opened a convenience store in the old Rogers-Jefferson Hall cafeteria which allows students a third option for their campus meal plans.

Campus C-Stores has locations on campuses across the nation, but the SWOSU convenience store is its first in Oklahoma.

Store Manager Tom Flett said the SWOSU location carries items which are normally found in convenience stores. Donuts, cokes, popcorn, pretzels, hot dogs and churros—as well as non-food products—are among the many items found in the store.

Southwestern decided to try the new venture after several requests from students. Campus C-Stores operates the store and leases the area from SWOSU.

“The grab and go service is a current trend on college campuses,” said Duncan Taylor, director of auxiliary services at SWOSU. “Students are pressed for time and many times want to grab something quick.”

As always, off-campus students and residents are welcome to eat at any of the three SWOSU food spots.

“This is just another way we’re trying to meet the needs of students,” Taylor said.

Store hours are currently 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and 12 noon-8 p.m. Sundays.
Burns Flat man recommends partnership
Small industry works with higher ed system

For several years now, state of Oklahoma officials have stressed the importance of industry working with the state’s higher education system. A Burns Flat small industry owner will gladly recommend that partnership.

John F. Mullins, president of Longbow, Inc., has been working with Southwestern technology department for the past year. His company, which manufactures non-toxic frangible ammunition, needed someone to experiment with various welding processes to derive practice targets, made from hardened-steel plates.

Jim Friesen, who served until just recently as broker/agent for the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence office at Southwestern, teamed Mullins with the university’s technology department which, in turn, came up with a viable approach.

“Southwestern has access to assets that would have taken a lot of time and effort for me to locate,” Mullins said. “Their technical, practical and, most especially, informational items were most helpful. We needed research done and we brought it to them.”

As a result, Mullins expects to start building practice ranges soon. He already has several job contracts pending. That will mean more employment opportunities in the Burns Flat area. When fully-operational, he expects the company to employ around 10 people.

Mullins started Longbow in 1989 in the Piedmont area but moved a couple of years ago to Burns Flat.

He got involved in the ammunition business after 22 years in the Army special forces—the Green Berets—and another 10 years in a similar line of work. It became apparent in his work that training for combat was not real-

That’s when Southwestern became involved.

“Southwestern has been a tremendous help,” Mullins said. “Without the university, we would have hired a welder before we were really ready. It would have been an expensive process.”

In addition to making ammunition and firing ranges, his company is becoming well-known by law enforcement agencies around the United States for its training programs. The company uses its own ammunition and practice ranges.

This small company in western Oklahoma is becoming a big operation with contacts in all 50 states plus several foreign countries, including Israel, Canada and Australia, to name a few.

Mullins appreciates the help from the Oklahoma higher education system. Among those involved at Southwestern were Friesen, Dr. Don Hertzler in the chemistry department, and Gary Frey, Dr. Ric Baugher and Duwayne Graybill, all in the technology department. Mullins has also been working with Mike McKinney on the SWOSU campus at Sayre to develop future courses in conjunction with the new prison in Beckham County.

“Small manufacturers are foolish not to use what is available at our higher education institutions,” Mullins said.
Over 100 golfers play Silverhorn course

Southwestern's Alumni Association hosted its 4th annual alumni golf tournament on, Aug. 9, at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

Around 111 golfers participated in the tourney. Outback Steakhouse and alum Don Elliott provided food for the tourney.

Two teams tied for first place in the championship flight, and a scorecard playoff determined the winner. Members of the first place squad which won $400 included Bill Lindbloom, Granbury, Texas; Shane Hacker, Tuttle; Matt Hawk, Weatherford; Jason Hughes, Memphis, Texas; and Clint Thomas, Moore. The team shot a 58 which was 13 strokes below par.

Finishing second and winning $200 was the team of Gary Millspaugh and Bill Lindsey, both of Weatherford; Tom Haley, Binger; and Jay Boetchum, Enid.

Third place winners of $100 included Bobby Craft, Hobart; Dale Hensley, Elk City; Donald Wilson, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Terry Nichols, Elk City.

Right: Dr. Hibler and Don Elliott, SWOSU alum and Outback Steakhouse owner, visit during the tourney. Elliott owns several Outback franchises in Oklahoma, Nebraska and Arkansas.

Right: A lunch of steak, potatoes, beans, cole slaw and bread was served at the conclusion of play. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality shown by Don Elliott and his Outback crew.

In the handicap flight, finishing first and winning $400 with a 50.2 score was Charles and Phyllis Torbeck, John Beck and Stan Koepe, all of Oklahoma City.

Finishing second at 53.0 and winning $200 was the team of Rod Moody, Jim Rutherford, Andy Antonelli, all of Oklahoma City; and Jerry Wilson of Harrah.

Third place winners with a 53.2 score and recipients of $100 were Jimmy Taylor, Elk City; Stan Garrison, Weatherford; Steve Simmons, Foss and Mike Simmons, Elk City.

Above: Two friendly Outback employees take a breather between cooking and serving lunch.
Left: Outback Steakhouse employees served over 100 hungry golfers at the Alumni golf tourney.

Below left: This Outback Steakhouse food tent was set up on hole #18. They served ribs and chicken to the golfers.

Below: Rachel Preble-Poole, SWOSU student, concentrates on a shot as Rob Moses, Weatherford dentist, looks on.

Above: Dr. Hibler (center) poses with Kathy Brown (left) and Cindy Kersey, both of Dobson Communications. Dobson's provided all the beverages for the tournament. They have been a sponsor of the tourney for the last four years.

Above: Jason Hughes, Memphis, Texas; Clint Thomas, Moore; Shane Hacker, Tuttle; Matt Hawk, Weatherford; and Bill Lindbloom, Carrollton, Texas won the first place championship flight and $400. The team shot a 58 which was 13 strokes below par.
Graduate earns prestigious award

Gwen Davis is among the 150 recipients of the 1997 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

The Milken Family Foundation advances its mission in the areas of education and medicine. Since its establishment in 1982, the Foundation has worked with more than one thousand organizations. The Foundation is interested in stimulating creativity and productivity among educators and students of all ages.

Davis is the educational technology coordinator at the Orange unified school District in Orange, Calif. She received her degree in elementary education in 1971 from Southwestern.

As the recipient of the Milken Award, she receives public recognition and a financial award of $25,000. Criteria for the selection include exceptional educational talent and promise and distinguished achievement in developing innovative educational curricula, programs and/or teaching methods.

Building bears Campbell name

Linda and Kristi Campbell stand beside the plaque bearing the likeness of Leonard Campbell, the 14th university president. The other Campbell represented is James Campbell the first university president from 1903-1907. The Campbell Building was formerly known as the Math and Business Building.

Correction

In the fall edition of Echos From the Hill, a few names were not included in the lifetime member list. Loren Buss, Jimmy R. King and Rebecca Harder are lifetime members. A.J. and Shirley Alexander are lifetime couple members. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Southwestern Alumni directory becomes available this summer

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.

If you would like to purchase a directory, please call Harris Publishing Company customer service at 1-800-877-6554. The hard cover directory is $59.99 and the soft cover is $56.99.
University honors distinguished alumni during homecoming activities

Left: Dr. Hibler stands with distinguished alumni honorees Keith Dodson, Altus, Okla.; Dr. Henrietta Mann, Missoula, Mont.; and Dr. Richard Morris, Knotts Island, N.C. Dodson is a pharmacist, Mann is a professor of Native American Studies, and Morris is a surgeon.

Above: Doug Villines, Weatherford, and Don Elliott, Norman, received Presidential Service Awards from the Alumni Association. Villines has helped cook food for Parent's Weekend for the last three years. Elliott provided food from his Outback Steakhouse restaurants for last year's Alumni Golf Tourney.

Above: Charles D. Kelley of Clinton and Glenda Creach of Weatherford visit with Ethel Nunn of Weatherford before the homecoming luncheon. All are SWOSU graduates.

Right: Nineteen members from the 1977 Apple Bowl football team returned for their twenty-year reunion during homecoming weekend. Pictured (front) Mike Sekul, (Kneeling from left) D.P. Henry, Scott Funk, Brian Vaverka, Don Willis, and Eddy Carter. (Back from left): Gary Calip, Louis Mendoza, Fred Bangs, Glenn Stallings, Robert Burns, Bryan Powers, Joe Quinn, Dan Cocannouer, Drew Litsch, Pat Vaverka, Vance Black and Mike Brown.
Alumni News

Cloud Chief town history written by 1950 Southwestern alumnus

Doyle Fenn has a great interest in Cloud Chief, Okla., and has written a book covering the town’s history. He was born in Cloud Chief in 1927, and he also was married there in 1948. He attended school at Cloud Chief most of his life, but graduated from Dumas High School in Dumas, Texas.

After graduating from high school, Doyle enlisted in the Army Air Force where he served for two years and was discharged with the rank of sergeant. Chicago was the next stop after his discharge from the service. He attended a trade school and worked at various jobs before deciding the big city was not for him.

In 1947, he was traveling to Amarillo in search of a job, but stopped off in Oklahoma City to visit his cousins, Leon and Mart Walden. They both had graduated from Southwestern and encouraged him to go to college. Doyle didn’t think he could afford a college education and was unsure if he had the academic foundation to pursue a college degree. His cousin told him to get off the bus in Weatherford and go see Millie Alexander. Millie registered Doyle for classes and found him a place to stay. Three years later, in 1950, Doyle graduated with honors.

Doyle married Betty Simpson on November 25, 1948, in the Cloud Chief Methodist Church in a double wedding with her brother, Gene, and his fiancee, Frances Neal.

After graduation, Doyle and Betty accepted teaching positions at Meridian, a rural school, in Roger Mills county. Their first two children were born while living there. Three years later, they moved to New Deal, Texas where Doyle taught and completed his master’s degree at Texas Tech.

Betty returned to Southwestern during the summer of 1954 and completed her bachelor’s degree. After one year at New Deal, Doyle accepted the superintendent’s position at Gay Hill School. This was an oil field school in Howard county. While living there, they had two sons. The oil companies began closing the oil camps, so they relocated to Deer Park near Houston in 1959 where they remained until retirement.

After retirement, Doyle and Betty move to Manvel, a small town south of Houston. After much encouragement, Doyle ran for city mayor and was elected. He retired again after serving two terms. They both are very involved in civic, city, community and church activities.

Doyle has written three family histories in addition to his book on Cloud Chief. The book is available from Doyle Fenn, 9510 Twin Oaks Dr., Manvel, TX 77578 for $45 including postage.

Dr. Joe Phillips and Eric Mouton, both of Weatherford, and Bennie Beutler of Elk City (from left) were recently honored by Southwestern. Phillips was honored for his many years of service to the Booster Club, while Mouton was honored for winning the 1997 world bareback title at the National Finals Rodeo. Beutler was honored for being named “Stock Producer of the Year” by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. On hand for the ceremony were (fourth from left) State Representative James Covey of Custer City, SWOSU rodeo coach Don Mitchell, State Representative Randy Beutler of Elk City and State Senator Robert Kerr of Altus.
Southwestern Normal Opens Sept 15, 1903

Enrollment for the first classes offered by the Southwestern Normal began on Monday, August 10th, 1903. (1,2) Hugh Webster, from Weatherford, was the first student to enroll. (3) In order to be first in line, Webster arrived at 4:00 AM, positioned a chair in front of the door of the enrollment site, and waited until enrollment began. (4,5) He is the son of attorney George T. Webster, who as a member of the territorial legislature, played an important role in locating the Normal in Weatherford rather than the competing community of Granite. (6) His mother, Ione Webster who is also an attorney, was the first woman to pass the bar examination in Oklahoma Territory. (7)

The Normal formally opened September 15th at 9:00 AM with an assembly of students and faculty at the Weatherford Congregational Church on Custer Street. Professor Ferrell served as Chair of the Committee for Initiatory Open Exercises. The Address of Welcome was presented by Senator George T. Webster. Remarks were offered by President Campbell and faculty representatives Kendrick, Bohannon, Linville, Greenfield, and Wilber. Professor Roper contributed piano solo. Several prominent citizens from Weatherford also participated in the inspiring opening exercises.

Hugh Webster, First Student (1906 Oracle, SWN Yearbook)

The students in attendance numbered 113. The total enrollment, which had increased by September 30th to 161 (84 male, 77 female), was distributed as follows:

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This first student body, representing eighteen counties of the territory and five states, was concentrated mainly in grades eight through ten. (8,9) The total does not include the 30 students enrolled in the Teacher Education Training Department kindergarten and first grade. (10)

The student body was described by one in attendance as "...bunch of country rubes and city slickers." (11) The preponderance of students enrolled in the lower grades created problems in some of the classes. Professor Greenfield reported that in his class in English Grammar, "All sorts of students were in this

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Normal Notes

The students' reception by the faculty last Friday night was well attended and immensely enjoyed by all present. A slip of paper was handed each student. On this the names of all whom he introduced himself to were written and the party with the largest list got two dishes of ice cream while the one with the smallest list got only an empty dish and spoon. Of course, it was fun and an easy way to get acquainted.

Custer County Republican
September 24, 1903

"Most of the students are doing good work notwithstanding the crowded classes and incommo-
dious rooms."

Custer County Republican
October 1, 1903

Biographical Sketch:

Elizabeth King
Secretary and Librarian
Southwestern Normal
(1903-06)

Elizabeth King, born August 20, 1882, in Clarksville, Arkansas, moved with her family by covered wagon to the Magee community, near Stratford, Indian Territory, in 1889. (1,2) She graduated from the Central Normal School, Edmond, O.T., in 1902 with a teaching Life Certificate. (3)

She was appointed the first Secretary and Librarian for the newly established Southwestern Normal School in Weatherford in 1903. (4,5) Her initial duties consisted of student enrollment and correspondence as well as the financial accountings involving the school. During the first year of classes, she was also assigned courses in stenography and typewriting due to unexpected student demand for classes in the two-year Commercial (Business) curriculum. (6,7) Four of her students, who had transferred credits from other schools, were able to complete the program the first year. These students were awarded diplomas during Southwestern’s First Commencement Exercise in June 1904. (8,9)

During the summer of 1905, she took additional course work at the University of Chicago. (10) Later, she was assigned classes in the Training School program First, Second, and Third Grades for the 1905-06 academic year. Her librarian duties were assumed by Miss Rose Christy, the school's first full-time Library Director. (11)

She was a participant in various school sponsored scholarly lectures where she gave several readings as well as a paper on student self-government. (12,13, 14)

She married William John Cowgill, a salesman for the Oklahoma Hardware Company of Oklahoma City, June 28, 1906, in Edmond. (15) The couple lived in Edmond until 1928 when they moved to a residence on NW 16th Street in Oklahoma City. (16)

She was active in the Oklahoma State Writers Association and the Poetry Society of Oklahoma. (17) In 1949, she was a participant in the dedication exercises for the Central State Teachers College (Edmond, Oklahoma) Y-Chapel. Her eulogy honored Richard Thatcher, the first president of the college and the father of a childhood friend. (18)

She was a member of the Campbell Memorial Association, an informal group of former Southwestern Normal students and colleagues which met annually to honor James R. Campbell, the first president of the institution. (19, 20)

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course: some who had studied Latin, Old High German, and Gothic, and some who should have been in the Training Department. Consequently, the course was not a marvel of success." (12) Professor Ferrell remarked that in his Geometry course, "The classes are proportionately large and the talents very varied, hence the work is never ideal." (13) Miss Paine further noted, "The heterogeneous character of the classes, composed as they are of young men over twenty and children of twelve and fourteen, has worked an injustice to both older and younger students. It was impossible altogether to obviate this by division." (14)

Most of the younger students had very little experience in formal educational settings. (15) Professor Linville, whose Elementary United States History students ranged in age from fourteen to twenty-five, observed that "About 95% had 'been in history' before but only a very few had studied history." (16)

In contrast, Professor Wilber's advanced course in Sociology, whose eight students reflected a more homogeneous population, consisted of graduates from the following institutions; Yale University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Blackburn University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State Normal College, Kansas State Normal School, and Valparaiso Normal School of Indiana. (17)

Other problems which surfaced involved the temporary classroom accommodations offered by the former saloon buildings downtown. (18) Students sat on benches and boxes in poorly ventilated and poorly lighted surroundings. (19) Indeed, it appeared that the buildings "... of early Weatherford were constructed according to the principle that their purpose was to hide the occupants from the eyes of passers-by on the street." (20) Sounds from the "... clink of glasses, rattle of dice, and the voices of gamblers..." could be heard from the adjacent open saloons. (21) Professor Bohannon wrote that as many as five contiguous classes would be held in one 24' x 40' building and that the "... confusion arising from such a state as this made it impossible to do any laboratory work" in his course in Zoology. (22,23)

Moreover, the blackboards, purchased from Dr. Boyd at the territorial university at Norman, proved to be adequate for serving only half of the classes offered. (24)

Books were also in short supply. Professor Greenfield commented, "Work in Literature was somewhat hampered by lack of books. I have been glad to lend my own books to the students and have borrowed books for them but in some cases books were not procurable." (25)

In spite of these difficulties, the first teachers of the Southwestern Normal were "... ready to take conditions as they found them and carried on their work cheerfully and contentedly despite the handicaps encountered." (26) Professor Wilber remarked, "I'm doubtful if there ever was another community where young men and young women would be willing to endure so many inconveniences and hardships uncomplainingly while pursuing their studies." (27)

At the end of the first year, one faculty member appeared to speak for all, "... although it has taken me a whole year to, in some cases, teach the pupils that they didn't know quite everything, I feel that all of them have profited..." (28)

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Normal Football
The Normal boys have organized a football team under the leadership of John Clarence Livingston, a student from Ft. Scott, Kansas. A game with a Weatherford city team has been scheduled during the upcoming horse races at the fairgrounds October 13-15. Enough money has been raised to pay for footballs and uniforms. The boys are in daily practice during the evenings. Although enthusiasm is high, few have played the game and some have never seen a football game.

Custer County Republican
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Elizabeth King Cowgill died in Oklahoma City, November 1, 1956 and was buried in the Grace Lawn Cemetery in Edmond. (21) Her husband, who had worked for the same company since their marriage retiring in 1955, died February 19, 1958, at the age of 82. Survivors included one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren. (22)

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Hunsicker claims award

Dr. James Hunsicker, professor in the psychology department at Southwestern, received the Academic Excellence Award at a faculty banquet held in April.

The award and banquet are made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City who made a gift 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.

Hunsicker is the fifth winner of the award which consists of a $2500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and engraved pen set.

Guest speaker for the evening was the Bernhardts’ son, Bill, a former attorney who is now well-known as an author. The younger Bernhardt of Tulsa is best known for his “Justice” series of courtroom novels. He made his debut as a novelist in 1992 with Primary Justice, a best-seller that went through eight printings in its first three months. Since then, he has published six more bestselling novels which have appeared on best-seller lists across the nation.

Providing entertainment for the evening was Dr. Jim Breckenridge, professor of music at SWOSU, who performed four selections on the piano.

Hunsicker has authored and co-authored numerous publications. His latest book, the third edition of A Primer for Statistics, was published this year. The book had previous editions in 1995 and 1996.

His research interests include memory deficits which follow circadian pattern in nonhumans and humans and also visual imagery search. Hunsicker recently served as a book reviewer for Robert J. Sternberg’s book, Cognitive Psychology, which is targeted for release this fall. He also served as reviewer for the Spear, Penrod, and Baker General Psychology text for Wiley and Sons Press.

Hunsicker has been extremely active in university service. He has served as faculty senate president twice and has served on numerous committees. He was a member of the ad hoc Faculty Senate committee which worked with the Deans Council in developing the current “Policies and Procedures for Promotion/Tenure of Faculty.” Hunsicker chaired the first university Promotion and Tenure Review Committee.

Hunsicker has also been very involved with students. He is the current sponsor of the Psychology Club and continues to coordinate the psychology section of Southwestern’s annual interscholastic meet. He has also served as co-sponsor of the Student Senate.

Active in community affairs, Hunsicker is very involved in the Weatherford Soccer Association, currently serving as president. He is a member of the Behavioral Intervention Committee of the Weatherford Opportunity Workshop and served as a member of the Curriculum for the 21st Century Committee of the Weatherford Public Schools.

Hunsicker is a 1972 graduate of Bradley University where he served as an undergraduate research assistant in the physiological psychology laboratory. He completed his master’s degree in 1973 and his doctorate in 1976.

Hunsicker and his wife, Linda, a counselor in the Weatherford School system, have two boys, Chase and Philip.
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Students at Sayre campus benefit

Interbank provides scholarships

Interbank, N.A., with locations in Sayre, Elk City and Clinton recently made a $1,200 donation to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation in Weatherford. The money will be used for scholarships for students attending the SWOSU campus at Sayre. Making the donation were Vice President Troy Appling, SWOSU Foundation Director Jim Waites, Chief Executive Officer C.H. Wyatt, Jr., and Senior Vice President Terry Garner.

Southwestern Bell supports university projects

Southwestern Bell Foundation recently donated $10,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation for student and faculty support at the western Oklahoma university in Weatherford and Sayre. Making the presentation was David Arbuckle (center), area manager for Southwestern Bell. Accepting for SWOSU were Foundation Director Jim Waites and President Joe Anna Hibler.

W-W Livestock Systems gives rodeo team hay feeder

Scot Quick (left), district manager for the Weatherford division of W-W Livestock Systems, recently presented a round-bale feeder to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo teams in Weatherford. Accepting the donation on behalf of the rodeo program was SWOSU graduate assistant Jeff Beavers.

President’s Club recognizes Loretta Pollman as donor

Loretta Pollman of Weatherford was recently honored for her President’s Club donation to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation. President’s Club members, who give at least $1,000 during a year, are honored at a luncheon on the Weatherford campus. Making the presentation was SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.
Technology education student wins award

Southwestern technology education student Pamela S. Myers of Weatherford has received a prestigious award from the Foundation for Technology Education.

Myers was the nation’s winner of the 1998 undergraduate scholarship from FTE. Myers was presented the $1,000 award at the 60th annual International Technology Education Association conference held in Fort Worth.

Myers is currently treasurer of the Technology Education Collegiate Association on the SWOSU campus.

The recognition and scholarship is made nationally each year to an undergraduate student who is majoring in technology education.

The award is based on student interest in teaching, academic ability and faculty recommendations.

Among the faculty members at SWOSU who attended the awards presentation were Dr. James Griffin and Dr. Richard Baugher.

Sayre campus administrators receive praise for implementing computer program for 5th, 6th graders

Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University administrators at Sayre were recently praised by an Elk City teacher for their work with an accelerated computer program for fifth and sixth graders.

Don Roberts, dean of the Sayre campus, and Corey White, network administrator on the Sayre campus, have been helpful implementing an accelerated computer program for elementary enrichment students of Connie Butcher.

Butcher takes her students once a month to the SWOSU computer lab on the Sayre campus. White helps the students learn how to access the most current information possible. The students are encouraged to “surf with a purpose” and research current events and other educational interests. The use of the computer as a resource tool is emphasized.

“I am always searching for opportunities for the students to have hands-on experiences that challenge them,” Butcher said in a letter to SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler. “I feel this is particularly important in the area of computer technology.”

Wal-Mart and Benchwarmer Brown’s win awards as outstanding businesses

These two Weatherford businessmen were presented “Outstanding Business” awards for the 1997-98 year by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Student Government Association at Weatherford. Mike Ober (left) of Wal-Mart and Rouben Tourian of Benchwarmer Brown’s were honored at the recent SGA annual banquet for their many contributions to the SGA and SWOSU.
Job-seeking students, area employers making connection through project

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce are working on a project to facilitate a central site where job-seeking students and area employers can be connected.

Brad Berrong, chairman of the public affairs committee of the chamber of commerce, said area businesses which are needing student employees can contact the SWOSU Human Resources Department to post job openings.

“The population of western Oklahoma served by SWOSU continues to shrink so we must keep our student population strong by recruiting the Oklahoma City area and eastern Oklahoma,” Berrong said. “A major consideration for many of these students is the availability of jobs so they can support or supplement their education and living expenses.”

“A part-time job opportunity can make the difference between choosing SWOSU or another school and between completing their degree here or at another location,” Berrong added.

The SWOSU Human Resources Department, under the direction of David Misak, updates a listing of job opportunities twice each week. Misak said students are frequent visitors to his office in hopes of finding a job opportunity.

“Southwestern is the big industry in the Weatherford area, providing several hundred jobs and attracting several thousand students who contribute mightily to the area economy,” Berrong said. “These students buy their gas, groceries, essential living goods, eat out often and rent here in the Weatherford area. The students are very important to this area of the state.”

Additional information about the project is available by contacting the SWOSU Human Resources Office at (580) 774-3275 or the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce office at (580) 772-7744.

Forensic Champs!

Southwestern’s forensics team at Weatherford recently won its first-ever state forensics championship title. Southwestern dethroned five-time defending champion Oklahoma University. Members of the SWOSU state champion speech team, pictured with SWOSU Language Arts Chairman Dr. Jerry Nye (back far left) and SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler (back row third left), are: (front from left): Kelli Prescott, Channing, Texas; Sunny Craig, Moore; Tracy Byers, Oklahoma City (Putnam City); and Jessica Williams, Clinton. Back from left—Nye; SWOSU coach Jeff Gentry; Hibler; Cynthia Couvillon, Ulysses, Kan.; Jason Hough, Las Cruces, N.M.; Meggan Morgan, Elk City; Corey Hidebaugh and Sasha Blakley, both of Weatherford; Kay Behar, Fairview; Danielle Felts, Weatherford, Texas; Jill Johnson, Elk City; SWOSU coach Robin Jones; and Tasha Raines, Watonga.

Let’s stick together

Need a new SWOSU Alumni decal sticker? If yours is faded, torn or just need another one call (580) 774-3287.
Southwestern seniors Sunny Craig of Moore and Jason Hough of Las Cruces, N.M., were recently named All-American debaters for 1997-98 by the National Educational Debate Association (NEDA).

Committee Chairman Dr. Michael Bartanen of Pacific Lutheran (WA) University presented the awards at the recent NEDA National Tournament in Kankakee, Ill.

The honors—based on competitive success, scholarship, and respect for humane advocacy—was presented to nine debaters. The other seven students represented schools from Kansas, South Dakota, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

During the 1997-98 season, Craig won five debate tournaments and compiled a season record of 34 wins and 2 losses, a winning percentage of .944. In a remarkable four-year career, she compiled 13 tournament victories, including three Lincoln-Douglas national championships in three attempts. She is also chapter president of Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary speech fraternity. Craig graduates this May with a degree in communication arts.

Hough has won four debate tournaments in his two-year career. His season win-loss record was 38-10 (.792). Hough also graduates in May, earning a double-major in social work and communication arts.

Although the All-American awards were determined before the final tournament, Hough and Craig both proved their merit by closing out the final round at nationals with a co-championship.

Coach Jeff Gentry said the two SWOSU students produced an excellent record in individual events, including nine tournament championships in duo interpretation over the past two years.

This is the first time the NEDA has named an All-America team.

Franz represents state as outstanding student

Weatherford native receives scholarship award

Rachelle Franz, senior at Southwestern, received a prestigious regional award Feb. 7 in Biloxi, Miss.

Franz was honored with the Outstanding Student Award from the Southern District American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The southern district is comprised of 13 states in the southern part of the United States.

The Weatherford High School graduate, who did her student teaching assignment this spring semester in Altus, represented the state of Oklahoma in the sectional competition after earlier being named Oklahoma's outstanding student. Franz also received an undergraduate scholarship award from the Oklahoma chapter of HPERD.

Franz is very active at Southwestern. She is currently serving as president of the SWOSU chapter of the Oklahoma Education Association.

She was also one of Southwestern's recipients for the prestigious Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities honor.

Franz is the daughter of Reggie and Tony Cannon of Weatherford.
Ben and Norella Harris earned degrees in 1962 and 1963, respectively. His degree is in biology and her degree is in business education. They both work for the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

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Joe Brueggen earned degrees in accounting and business administration in 1972. He is a certified public accountant and vice president for Smith, Carney and Company, P.C. His wife, May Ann, is a medical technologist at Bethany Hospital. She earned her medical technology degree in 1975.

Melanie Croy is a professor and department head at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas. She earned degrees in psychology and physical education in 1977.

Melvena Heisch graduated in 1974 with a degree in social science. She is a historian for the Oklahoma Historical Society in Oklahoma City.

1980s

Kathy K. Carroll is an exercise physiologist for Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg, W. Va. She earned a degree in pharmacy in 1984.

Duwayne Graybill graduated in 1987 with a degree in industrial technology. He is an instructor in the technology department at Southwestern.

1990s

Amy Harmon earned a accounting degree in 1997. She lives in Carnegie, Okla., and is a staff accountant at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton.

Holly (Dawson) Resmondo has a 1994 degree in technology education and was recently selected as “Teacher of the Year” at Foley Middle School in Foley, Ala.

Chris Snow is an assistant manager for United Supermarkets in Kingfisher, Okla. He holds a 1994 degree in business administration.
Sports

Lone Star Conference names three gridsters to first team, five to second team

Three Southwestern football players have been named to the inaugural All-Lone Star Conference North Division Football Team, and Bulldog free safety Landon Curtis of Oklahoma City (Putnam City) has been voted Defensive Back of the Year.

Joining Curtis on the first team were defensive tackle Brandon Tucker of Los Angeles (University H.S.), Calif., and linebacker Mark Patterson of Tuttle. All three are seniors.

Southwestern had five players named to the second team and two players on the honorable mention list.

Named to the second team were quarterback Brad Woodard, Dewey; wide receiver Damon Willis, Houston (Reagan H.S.), Texas; tight end Charwick Reed, Cleveland, Texas; guard Jason Penny, Norman; and center Matt Etters, Norman.

Honorable mention selections were fullback Kirk Talley of Farmersville, Texas, and punter Dewayne Richardson of Watonga.

Coaches from the north division teams voted for first and second team recipients and for special individual awards.

Curtis, who was a 1996 NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, led the Bulldog defense in 1997 as Southwestern moved to NCAA Division II. Curtis led the team in tackles with 97 and interceptions with five. Curtis was the sixth-leading tackler in the entire Lone Star Conference and tied for second with his five pass interceptions. Curtis also had five tackles for loss of 12 yards, three pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. Curtis ended his SWOSU four-year career with 252 total tackles.

Tucker was a force on the Bulldogs’ defensive line this season. Tucker ended the season with 39 tackles. He had three tackles for loss of six yards and two quarterback sacks. Tucker had been an Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference honorable mention selection in 1996.

Patterson wrapped up his Bulldog career making the LSC first team. Patterson has been Southwestern’s second-leading tackler the past three seasons and ended his career with 275 total tackles. In 1997, Patterson had 96 tackles, including 13 behind the line of scrimmage for loss of 42 yards. The senior linebacker led the team in fumble recoveries with three. Patterson, who made the OIC second team last year, also had two pass breakups and one sack this season.

Southwestern ended the season with a 5-5 record and a 5-1 mark in the LSC Northern Division. The Bulldogs, coached by Paul Sharp, tied with Central Oklahoma for the LSCND title. This was Southwestern’s first year to compete in NCAA Division II and the LSC.

Bogay earns All-American honorable mention

Derrick Bogay, a 6'7" senior forward on the Southwestern men’s basketball team, was recently named NAIA Division I honorable mention All-American for the 1997-98 season.

Bogay of East St. Louis, Ill., led the Bulldogs in scoring with a 20.6 average. He became eligible during second semester play and played in only 16 of Southwestern’s 27 games. Bogay also averaged 5.6 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Bogay set a school scoring record this season when he scored 48 points against Central Oklahoma.
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Alumni office searching for yearbooks

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

If anyone would like to donate a book, please contact the Alumni Office at (580) 774-3267.

These years are needed:

1914  1951
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Web page? Yes, we've got one too!

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

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

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

DAWG DATES

JUNE
2    Summer semester begins

JULY
25   Alumni Golf Tourney—Silverhorn Golf Club—8 am
29   Summer semester ends

AUGUST
19   Fall semester begins
25   *Rock Critic Tim Riley—Fine Arts Center—7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER
19   SWOSU Parent’s Weekend
21   *Comedian George Carlin—Fine Arts Center—7:30 pm

OCTOBER
15-16 Fall break
24   Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant—Fine Arts Center—7:30 pm
31   SWOSU Homecoming weekend

*Panorama events

1998 Football Schedule

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*Parents Weekend
**Homecoming
Join the Alumni Association!

*Dues paid in 1998 extend from Jan. 1-Dec. 31.*

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

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- Yearly: $25
- Lifetime Single: $400
- Lifetime Couple: $500

☐ Check payable to *SWOSU Alumni* is enclosed
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