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Making their way
up the hill in the early morning light, pharmacy seniors Gena Eccles, Jeffrey Abeldt, and Monte Waggoner walk one of the most worn paths on campus. The sidewalk leading past Stewart Hall and the Nursing Annex is frequented by the residents of Stewart and the commuters lucky enough to find a parking space on the oval. Photo by Ellie Miranda
As the doors to the Student Union swing open, the aroma of burnt onion rings drifts through the air. William Doolittle glances at the grill and remembers the scent from 25 years ago. His memories are from the last time he attended classes at Southwestern, before he joined the Marines during the Vietnam War.

Doolittle notices a flyer announcing a three-day photo shoot for prospective graduates. He decides to have his picture taken in order to be part of the 1995 Graduate Record. He learns that in the book, all fall graduates will be in bold face, spring and summer grads will be in normal print.

After the photo, Doolittle strolls into the snack bar area, noting the bulletin board which lists the theatrical performances scheduled for the year. He contemplates attending the plays, deciding involvement will add an interesting touch to his return to the academic world.

As Doolittle takes a look around, he notices that the campus had changed in more than appearance. The number of older students attending the university has multiplied, with twice as many here as were enrolled in the late sixties.

Although the campus is still flooded with fresh, young faces, the classes are filled with a happy mixture of young and old. Another thing Doolittle observes is the different atmosphere. The place has a special touch...

A Touch of Southwestern.

Reckless
Senior Chad McCoy and junior Melinda Fleshman perform a scene from one of the most popular theatre productions of the season. Photo by Ellie Miranda
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4 People
It was a year of change and top honors. Nationally, a major political change took place when the Republicans were voted into the majority in Congress for the first time in over 40 years.

The election of Republican Frank Keating as Oklahoma's new governor added to the list of changes. The changes continued as e-mail and internet changed the way we communicated with the world as well as the rest of campus.

In the summer of 1994 the campus changed as a new deck was added to the east side of the Student Union and construction began on the new Administration building.

A sad change came in February with the death of Leonard Campbell, former Southwestern president. He began his service as president in 1975 and retired in 1990. Campbell died at the age of 61, after a struggle with cancer.

The honors started with the induction of Southwestern president, Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. Hibler was the first female university president Oklahoma had in 56 years.

The university received full accreditation until the year 2001 from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Grant activity on the campus reached an excess of over $1.9 million.

Preparations were under way in the spring for Dr. Nancy McClain, chairperson home economics, to assume the newly created position of assistant dean of arts and sciences at the beginning of the 1995 fall semester.
College credit usually came with a stack of books and hours of study time, but occasionally one came along bringing

A TOUCH OF ADVENTURE

By Jenifer Kinney

Below the surface? Sky's the limit? Both were possible for students who yearned for something more exciting than a hard desk in a cold room at 8 a.m.

At least two courses offered some adventure to students' everyday school life. Flying high with aviation education was one of these.

Eleven students enrolled in aviation education with pilot Don McMillon as their instructor.

McMillon said some students came into the class thinking the course was going to be an easy elective, but that kind of thinking is why those students bombed out during the first six weeks.

The course was more than jumping into an airplane and taking off, he noted. There were rules and precautions covered by the classwork, like weather, navigation, aviation physiology, and federal aviation regulations. After learning the rules, students could begin flying.

One aircraft was available for rental by McMillon Aviation. The students could choose where they wanted to fly. Each student had to finish 10 hours of solo cross country flight and one flight of 300 nautical miles with three different stopping points. McMillon said they usually flew to Ardmore, then to Tulsa and back home.

In the opposite direction, a course in scuba diving also enticed the curious. Scuba diving was offered year-round at the swimming pool in the gym. Instructor Nelson Perkins said 41 traditional and non-traditional students enrolled in the course during the spring semester.

Perkins said many of the older students took the course for stress relief; younger ones took it for adventure. The course offered much more to the students than a big splash, as it consisted of one hour class and one hour lab.

Learning all the rules to keep the divers from harming themselves on a dive was very important.

"We teach safety, first aid and all of the things that can happen to you on a dive," Perkins said.

Both of these courses appeared to be very rewarding and fun to the students who wanted to add a little adventure to their semester.
Photo day

was difficult for some of the faculty to make, especially those who supervised students on their practice component during their fifth year of pharmacy. They are: Front row: Nina Morris, ElGenia French, Christy Cox, Dana Reid Pierce, Penny Skaehill, Ben Welch. Back row: Lynne Young-Studier, Berry Gales, Dennis Thompson, Larry Segars, Mark Gales, Charles Nithman, and Sara Marquis. Photos by Ellie Miranda

Scuba divers

Certified scuba instructor Perry Kliever prepares Heather Posey for a dive. Posey, a sophomore psychology major from Elk City, took the course in the spring along with business management major Ronald Troglin (left), from Salina, and 40 other students.
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8 People
That small rectangle took over, simplifying our purchases, library usage, phone calls, textbooks, and even our lives as we all began

PUTTING IT ON PLASTIC

By Joshua Williams

Everybody had one. Most had two or three. Some even had a wallet full.

From Dillard cards and mug shot IDs to AT&T, the proliferation of plastic set up a scene for a virtually cash-free campus.

More than three years went by before Kathy McOsker, a senior from Fairview, ever felt the need for a credit card.

But by the time her final year rolled around, two part-time jobs just couldn't quite meet all the expenses.

Such was the case for many students, and although many of them felt a little uneasy about the newfound responsibility, credit was more often seen as a necessary evil.

"I avoided getting a credit card as long as I could, but I just got to the point where I had to make some tough decisions about my expenses," McOsker said. "My classes were getting more expensive, and my cost of living wasn't getting any cheaper. If I wanted to graduate in four years, I knew I would have to have a few debts."

Others, however, found different kinds of plastic, from long-distance phone cards to library media accounts.

All the major long distance companies sold phone cards in the bookstores. For the price of the card, which usually sold in increments of $5, $10, $20 and $50, the purchasing party was allowed to pre-pay talk time and avoid hassle of end-of-the-month bills.

On a more local level, library media accounts were introduced this year by the University as part of the student ID card. The magnetic strip on the back was swiped through the slot on a copy machine to charge copies to the student's account, which made research somewhat less complicated than in years past.

Other, less obvious uses included forking over the ID card as collateral for anything from a broom or volleyball to the promise of having a checked-in "guest" out of a dorm room by the end of visiting hours.

"I used my ID card a lot more than I thought I would," said Vinny Sitter, a junior from Seiling. "I don't make a lot of copies or eat in the cafeteria a lot, but a thin wedge of plastic can come in really handy when you need to open an old, locked door."

Regardless of the color, size or shape, plastic was found everywhere on campus. For better or worse, imaginary money became the norm for most students.

Charge it!
Grad student Bradley White is representative of most students who head into studies by way of Visa or Mastercard. Photo by Ellie Miranda.
Two sisters compete against each other for the crown, but in the Ms. SWOSU pageant, as in any pageant, there can be only one

By Lanessa Hurd and Robyn Hoffman

Gorgeous gowns, teased hair, painted nails, and lots of smiles. These are all things you expect to see at any pageant. And they were seen during the 1995 Miss Southwestern Pageant.

Palms were sweating and knees were knocking as the seven Miss Southwestern pageant contestants stood with joined hands, awaiting the judges' decision.

Among the seven contestants were two sisters from Altus, Lori and Chanda Kromer, who had been competing against each other for several years prior to the Miss Southwestern pageant.

Lori, a junior business administration major, walked away with the crown, but younger sister Chanda found her own glory by winning the Miss Altus crown a week later.

Although the two sisters had been competing against each other almost all their lives, Lori said it had become second nature to her.

"I don't really ever think about it," she said. "I don't ever remember not competing against her."

After reigning queen Teresa Biddle crowned Lori the new Miss Southwestern, Kromer received a $750 scholarship, trophy, and expenses. She also won the talent and swimsuit competitions and a trip to compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant for the fourth time.

The first runner-up, Ann Marie Perkins, a junior music education major from Nashoba, received a $500 scholarship and trophy. Amber Dawn Talbott, a junior pre-nursing major from Alva, received a $200 scholarship and trophy as second runner-up. Chanda Kromer, a freshman pre-pharmacy major, received $150 scholarship and trophy as third runner-up.

The crowd donated $86 to their favorite contestant, Kerri Jane Englund, junior music therapy major from Choctaw. Kerri also received a $100 scholarship and trophy as fourth runner-up.

Tiffany Craig, Miss Oklahoma 1994, assured Kromer as well as the other six contestants that the crown didn't...
change anything about the person wearing it.

"I would just like to let each of you know that this crown doesn't make you any different from anyone," Craig said. "But it's what's inside you that counts."

As the night ended, Kromer already had her sights set on the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, where she would again compete against her sister Chanda, keeping a family tradition intact.

Sonobe, Dr. Blake, Assoc. Prof., Chemistry
Spurgeon, Dr. Debra, Asst. Professor, Music
Stoffers, Joyce, Instructor, Language Arts
Strickler, Steve, Instructor, Language Arts
Studier, Lynn, University Nurse
Suter, Mona, Asst. Professor, Language Arts
Switzer, Dr. Laura, Professor, HPER
Taylor, Duncan, Director, Auxiliary Services
Thiessen, Susan, Admission Counselor, Pharm.
Tolley, Mattie, Instructor, Nursing
Tompkins, Dr. Gary, Associate Professor, Soc. Sci.
Torrence, Carolyn, Reference Librarian
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Vanderslice, Ronna, Instructor, Elem/Special Ed.
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White, Max, Asst. Professor, Econ./Business Adm.
Whitfield, Jeannie, Asst. Director, Financial Aid
Wilkerson, Jim, Serials Librarian
Wolff, Dr. Michael, Asst. Professor, Psych.
Wolgamott, Dr. Gary, Chair, Allied Health
Wollmann, Dr. Ronald, Asst. Prof., Physics
Woods, Dr. John, Chair, Math
The endless pursuit of entertainment required diversity to satisfy those in search of

SOMETHING TO DO

By Michael Hanks

“What do you want to do?” the co-ed asked.

“I don’t know, what do you want to do?” the roommate replied.

“I don’t know,” the co-ed echoed.

This scenario had been played out on countless campuses across the nation on countless evenings. Since there have been students attending universities, the quest for entertainment has remained a top priority.

Individual tastes drove the quest for variety in entertainment. Some seekers went to Java Rod’s, local coffeehouse. Jazz, cappuccino, chicken salad croissants and an amiable created a unique atmosphere for alternative amusement.

Brent Israel, commercial art freshman from Geary, sat during lunch sipping a cup of Irish Cream cappuccino. “Everybody comes for the bean, man, and of course, the chicken salad,” he said. “I’ve got at least twenty different kinds of coffee left to try.”

If the quest was for a quiet place to have a cool beer and enjoy a game of pool, then the 117 Lounge was the place to go. The 117 was reported to be the second or third oldest bar in Oklahoma, depending on whom you ask, according to an article in THE SOUTHWESTERN by Kyle Barney.

“There never is any trouble in here. That’s what I like,” explained John Henry, senior from Boston. “You can relax and have a beer, shoot some pool, talk to your friends or the old guys, and never have to worry about there being any trouble.”

The nightowls could be found at Jerry’s, an all-nighter restaurant, with coffee and text, the same as for countless years past.

There was always the option of grabbing a quick stick in the Student Union game room, cue stick or video joystick, that is. Amusement found time between classes, too.

The Panorama series brought the best in fine arts performances from across the nation. The theatre department produced four plays: Of Mice and Men, Agnes of God, Reckless, and Godspell. The music department gave the gift of music in all of its various forms, including the spring Jazz Festival, which celebrated its silver anniversary. It might not have been considered entertainment, exactly, but various clubs and organizations spent quality hours on worthwhile fund raisers and community improvement. Spirituality remained a main focus, and religious organizations furnished the place and the programs needed.

Sports activities, either as a spectator or as a participant, encompassed a large percentage of time for those who looked for something to do while not in class.

The most popular form of entertainment on campus involved getting caught in the net of the Internet. Cherie Chain, a senior education major from El Reno, reported in THE SOUTHWESTERN that she, like many other students on campus, had become an Internet junkie.

For many, entertainment was not an option. Family, work, study, and commuting all took spare time, and the simple things in life supplied the entertainment. New TV shows surfaced and old favorites returned. Star Trek’s “The Next Generation” series ended, and the “Voyager” episodes began.

Variety supplied the spice, diversity delivered the life, together they kept entertainment uniquely personal.

Cueing up,
Bud Langham and Jessie Quintero (right) participate in the Student Senate pool tournament. Quintera walked away with first place honors and $100, while Langham took second place and $50. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Allen, Angela, B.S. Bio. Sci., Newalla
Allen, Stacy, B.S. Bio. Sci., Mangum
Badgett, Blake, B.S. Bio. Sci., Weatherford
Baumgart, Angie, B.S. Bio. Sci., Arapaho
Begley, Eddie, Bach of Gen. Tech., Boise City
Bird, Tanya, B.S. Bio. Sci., Brownwood, Texas

Bjerke, Scott, B.S. Comp. Sci., Weatherford
Brazel, Kelli, B.A. Crim. Justice, Altus
Brezina, Jason, B.A. History, Waurika
Bromley, Laura, Bach of Comm. Art, OKC
Brown, Eric, B.S. Eng. Physics, Meeker
Brown, Paul, B.S. Eng. Tech., Oakwood

Carroll, Jennifer, B.S. Home Ec., Comanche
Chalfant, Patrick, B.A. English, Weatherford
Chandler, “Chip”, B.A. English, Amarillo, Texas
Chittum, Joseph, B.A. History, Clinton
Cleere, Keri, B.S. Bio. Sci., Gould
Cornell, Julie, B.S. Bio. Sci., OKC

Cox, Joely, B.S. Hous/Int. Des., Weatherford
Dean, J. Scott, B.S. Eng. Tech., Kingfisher
Denning, Chris, B.S. Bio. Sci., Hobart
Dew, Radford, B.S. Bio. Sci., Hammon
Doan, Jack, Bach. of Gen. Tech., Mustang
Donati, George, B.A. English, Stratford, N.J.

Dorsey, Alvin, Bach. of Rec., Hobart
Downs, De Ann, B.S. Psych., Burns Flat
Dumler, Stacy, Bach. Comm. Art, Yukon
Dunbar, Heather, Bach. of Rec., Edmond
Earles, Doyle, Bach. Gen. Tech., Weatherford
Ellis, Justin, Bach. of Rec., Yukon

Ely, Carla, Bach. of Social Work, Canute
Ely, Suzanne, Bach. of Social Work, Clinton
Eudy, Pamela, B.S. Chemistry, Hinton
Foster, Bradley, B.S. Bio. Sci., Paris, Texas
Galloway, Jennifer, B.A. History, Elk City
Garriott, Robert, B.S. Comp. Sci., Edmond

Gilstrap, Rob, B.S. Psych., OKC
Goree, Mark, B.S. Chemistry, Weatherford
Graves, Christi, Bach. Rec., El Reno
Gunter, Gary, B.S. Comp. Sci., Fairview
Harris, Laura, B.A. Sociology, Weatherford

Harvey, Jennifer, B.S. Bio. Sci., Lookaha
Haskins, Chad, B.A. History, Newcastle
Heath, Maurine, B.S. Int. Des., Weatherford
Hildinger, Brian, B.S. Bio. Sci., Fargo
Hladik, Chris, B.S. Eng. Physics, Hennessey
Hoffner, Amy, B.S. Bio. Sci., Woodward

Huddleston, Jani, B.S. Math., Mt. View
Hudgens, Tony, B.S. Chemistry, Elk City
Hutchinson, Kenny, B.S. Eng. Tech., Clinton
Horton, Karen, B.A. English, Bethany
Hughes, Heather, B.A. History, OKC
Diversity. It was one of those things college students came to expect.

Although a certain group of people may have shared the same interests, within the group tastes varied tremendously. This was the case with four bands who made Southwestern their home. Each shared the same interest in music, but personalities and tastes were unmatched.

The Washita River Boys were familiar faces on campus. All of the band's members attended school here. They were Dean Carter, guitar and lead vocals; Seth Grabeal, bass guitar; Kevin Miller, guitar; Keith Miller, drums; Bryce Conway, keyboards; and Shawn Gwartney, vocals and sound man.

The band got its name from the river the members were raised around. All were from Hammon, except for Conway, who was from Brownsville, TX.

Because of the band's popularity, it opened for two big name performers - Tracy Byrd and Gene Watson.

Conway said opening for Byrd, a country singer whose biggest hits include Watermelon Crawl, was the highlight of the band's career.

"I'll never forget what he said to me," Conway said. "He said 'Ya'll sounded pretty good.' He even signed all of our pictures 'See you in Nashville.'"

In order for the band to sound good, they had to practice often - usually two hours a week. But, Conway said that it was "not nearly enough."

The Washita River Boys did their performing in many area bars and clubs, but also traveled out of state and to the far southeast corner of Oklahoma to perform. Not only did the band perform to put extra money in their pockets, but they also performed several benefits.

"We've probably done five or six benefits," Conway said. "Our last one was for a little boy in Elk City who needed a liver transplant."

The band garnered quite a following and Conway said that was good, since they aspired to get a record deal someday.

"Right now, we're planning to record in Oklahoma City. Then send the tape to Nashville," Conway said.
But a big following also had its downside. Occasionally that problem was with groupies.

"Two of the members have a bigger problem than the rest of us," Conway said. "On Valentine’s Day, their trailer was full of stuff girls had sent."

But benefits far outweighed the headaches, and they were perfectly happy with what they were doing.

"We’ve got the best part-time jobs on campus,” Conway said. “There is no other job in this town that is better than what we’re doing for the time and money we make."

Another all student band was 10 Foot Circle. They were a contemporary Christian rock/alternative band.

Members were Casey Gerber, bass; Josh Meier, rhythm guitar; Dusty Dirickson, lead guitar; Amy Stewart, drums; and Garry Gorman, lead vocals.

The band’s name resulted from a brainstorming session.

“All five of us were sitting around a circular table, and we all had our feet on it," Gerber said. "I counted the number of feet and then suggested we call it 10 Foot Circle. The name kind of represents the five of us as a circle of friends."

The circle of friends found that it was sometimes difficult to maintain a balance between the band and school.

"It gets a little hard trying to get all of us together, but we usually make time for both, with school being our first priority,” Gerber said.

Opening Act
One of the bigger names The Washita River Boys opened for this year was MCA recording artist Tracy Byrd (center), who performed at Sayre High School in a concert sponsored by the Spanish Club. Photo by Robyn Hoffman.

The band took their music to various churches and frequently the Baptist Student Union. They wrote their own material, but played some covers.

At the other end of the hometown band spectrum was Non Sequitor Ensemble, a group of Southwestern students who

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Local Bands 15
Salisbury, Joe, B.S. Eng. Technology, Burns Flat
Snider, Stephanie, B.S. Int. Des., Weatherford
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Teater, William, Bach. Gen. Tech., Wichita
Travis, Jennifer, B.A. Speech-Theatre, Custer
Trivette, Phil, B.S. Gen. Tech., Statesville, NC

Van Hoff, Brenda, B.S. Psych., Cheyenne
Vaughn, Chad, B.S. Eng. Technology, Geary
Vines, Shane, Bach. of Gen. Tech., Goodwell
Walters, Scott, B.S. Comp. Sci., Cushing
Ward, Jon, Bach. of Music, Cordell
Warner, Stacy, B.S. Eng. Tech., Rush Springs

Wells, LaNese, B.S. Bio. Sci., Yukon
Whisenhunt, Justin, B.A. Crim. Just., Laverne
Whisler, Johnny, B.S. Psych., Watonga
Whitefield, Robert, B.S. Bio. Sci., Maud
Wiley, Steve, B.S. Computer Sci., Meeker
Wilkerson, Kari, Bach. Com. Art, Weatherford

Williams, Eddy, B.S. Psych., Granite
Williams, Gary, B.A. Crim. Justice, Newcastle
Williams, Marsha, Bach. Soc. Wk., Weatherford
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Chapman, Teri, B.S. Bus. Adm., Gage

Combest, Richard, B.S. Finance, Enid
Copeland, Michael, B.S. Acct., Altus
Darlage, Teresa, B.S. Mgt., Brownstown, Ind
Donnell, Allen, B.S. Acct., Miami
Dunham, Stephanie, B.S. Info Proc., Burns Flat
Edge, Brian, B.S. Management, Hobart

Farr, Mindi, B.S. Accounting, Hinton
Ferrell, David, B.S. Bus. Adm., Altus
Fleshman, Melinda, B.S. Finance, Elk City
Foster, Aaron, B.S. Bus. Adm., Weatherford
Frizzell, Chuck, B.S. Mgt., Weatherford
Fuentez, Alejandro, B.S. Bus. Adm., Foss

Gates, Winston, B.S. Finance, Weatherford
Glazier, Lori, B.S. Acct., Thomas
Gunning, Stephanie, B.S. Mktg., Cordell
Haan, Charles, B.S. Marketing, Bethany
Hart, Melissa, B.S. Finance, Weatherford
Hart, Tara, B.S. Management, Hydro
Band members were Wally Tarkington, bass and vocals; Dan Racer, bass guitar and keyboard; and Rob Blackburn, drummer.

They were all music majors and they found the inspiration for their name simply by attending class.

“One of our composition teachers was talking about something being non sequitur, meaning it is not related. That is how we feel our music fits into today's world,” Tarkington said.

Tarkington and his band hoped to get a record deal in the future.

“Dan and I have spent most our time dreaming about it,” he said. “But we've got to get out of Weatherford first.”

The band found gratification in each of their fans, and they listed the fans' feedback as the highlight of each performance.

“The highlight for the band has been after each gig when we thought we'd done terrible, and afterwards everybody came up and told us they really liked us,” Tarkington said.

While Non Sequitur Ensemble had a style that was more than a little out of the mainstream, The Frogmen adopted a style totally foreign to the area.

The Frogmen was made up of guitarist Terry Larsen, bass player Darin Jensen, and guitarist Dylan Butler. According to Butler, the band did not easily fit into an established format of music.

“Our music is hard to classify,” Butler said. “But we like to call it folk punk.”

Butler said the band got its name from watching a National Geographic television documentary on frogs.

Finding time for practice was a difficult task for them. Jensen held two jobs and went to school. Butler had a wife and child, worked, and was in graduate school. And Larsen lived and worked in the Oklahoma City area.

When they did get together the practice was lengthy, but Butler said that half of the time was spent “doing something else.”

“We get together to practice for about 12 hours, but actually half of that time is spent drinking,” Butler said. “We just have fun.”

Like the other bands, The Frogmen wanted a record deal. And according to Butler, they came close to getting one, once.

“One of our guys dated a girl that could have gotten us a record deal,” Butler said. “But it didn’t turn out too good between them.”

They sent material to Orlando and Seattle, however, hoping to get a record deal the traditional way.

The band played mostly in coffee shops and bars in Oklahoma City. It was there that they experienced their biggest highlight.

“It was when we all played nude at a coffee shop in the city,” Butler said.

Whether nude or fully clothed, singing folk punk or country, or being named after frogs or feet, the bands on campus exhibited total diversity in their music and their personalities.

That diversity helped distinguish them from each other, while spreading their music across campus, the state, and hopefully to stardom.
Learning to ski couldn’t have been more exciting, especially since we were earning CREDIT FOR HAVING FUN

By Lanessa Hurd

Snow, ice and extreme temperatures. This is supposed to be fun? Apparently the 34 students who signed up for the outdoor leisure education ski trip to Red River, NM, in January thought it would be.

The first day was what avid skiers call a “white-out.”

“The snow was so heavy that you couldn’t see anything,” said Aaron Gomez, a senior from Chickasha who came back home with a “bumped knee.” The next day, when the weather permitted, the students began their first day of skiing lessons.

The next two days were great skiing days with beautiful 41 degree weather and a thick blanket of fresh snow. Unfortunately, on the following two days the weather got a little warmer and the snow began to melt.

The students finally began their wintry adventure.

On the way up

Tera Ridenour, freshman from Turpin, and LaNese Wells, senior from Yukon, scope out the trees and the 32 other student skiers that they want to miss on their way down during the five day skiing trip that earned them all two hours of PE credit. Photo courtesy of LaNese Wells

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Hines, Zachary, B.S. Finance, El Reno
Husted, Shawna, B.S. Accounting, Laverne
Inman, Elissa, B.S. Mgt., Elk City
Johnson, Adam, B.S. Acct., Duncan

Johnson, Crystal, B.S. Acct., Woodward
Klaassen, Ken, B.S. Bus. Adm., Anson, Texas
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Low, Kelley, B.S. Mgt., Weatherford
Luma, Sammy, B.S. Bus. Adm., Silver Spring, Md.
Mackey, Debbie, B.S. Bus. Adm., Sayre

Miles, Mike, B.S. Bus. Adm., Weatherford
Murray, Roger, B.S. Bus. Adm., Yukon
Norman, Whitney, B.S. Acct., Valliant
Norton, Kari, B.S. Office Adm., Hinton
Penny, Rebecca, B.S. Acct., Weatherford
Peters, Deidra, B.S. Mgt., Weatherford

Pethoud, Kevin, B.S. Finance, Weatherford
Poole, David, B.S. Acct., Elk City
Prince, Orviche, B.S. Info. Proc., El Reno
Puyear, Lisa, B.S. Office Adm., Woodward
Rice, Charles, B.S. Mgt., Altus
Rose, Jaye, B.S. Acct., Kingfisher
with two skiing lessons by professionals. One was on
the blue chair, the intermediate slope, and one was
on the yellow chair, the advanced slope, explained
Mr. Nelson Perkins, intramural director/recreation instructor. Afterward, as skiers began to feel accomplished, they advanced
to the green chair on their own.

In the beginning, only 20 percent
of the students who signed up for
the class knew how to ski, but by
the end of the trip the remaining
80 percent were also missing trees.

Retired professor Dr. Charles
Hundley and Perkins went along on
the trip to help teach the students good
skiing skills. Hundley had taught
beginning skiing at Southwestern for
22 years. Expert skiers Chris Pollman,
owner of the T-Bone Steak House, Bill
Wisdom, a friend of Hundley, and
student Melissa Chishom were also
there for extra support and as
helping hands when the students
could no longer stand.

"The only misfortunes were one knee
injury and one case of chicken pox," Perkins said, "But all in all, it was a
great trip!"

All of the students received two PE credits for the
five-day trip. Except for Gomez, that is, who also
received a scar.

Enjoying the view
And riding around in the snow were just a few of the things that Jamie Ware, Turpin
sophomore, and the other 33 students did to earn PE credit. Photo courtesy LaNese Wells
Some sweated to the oldies, some pumped iron or rollerbladed, still others simply ate right, but for all it was a

FITNESS FRENZY
By Lanessa Hurd

"Feel the burn! No pain, no gain."
Everyone had heard these popular phrases used by a multitude of television personalities trying to sell their workout videos. Most of these personalities weren't necessarily physically active, but they did look good in a leotard. Everyone from Cindy Crawford to Regis Fillbin could be seen burning calories and causing what Body magazine called "a fitness boom."

This fitness boom hit Southwestern in a big way. The largest number ever of Fonda-wanna-be's enrolled in aerobics classes, woke up at 6 a.m. to go swimming in the gym pool, and learned to play tennis. Even a list of scheduled times that the treadmills were free was printed up and posted in the gym, because there was such a large number of students who wanted to exercise on them.

One student, Jeremy Smith, freshman from Tulsa, could be seen going from class to class on rollerblades, the nation's hottest new physical activity.

Other students, some still in high school, were seen speeding down the steep sidewalks of campus after classes.

"You can burn calories and have fun at the same time," Smith explained.

Numerous activities were offered outside campus. The local YMCA was a place where many students could be found getting pumped up. The "Y" offered a choice of weightlifting, basketball, racquetball, roller-skating and aerobics, all at a reduced price for Southwestern students.

"The "Y" is a great place to go and just get away from everything," said Naomi Powell, junior from OKC.

On the flip side, not everyone had free time to go to the gym or take up a new hobby. "Exercising to stay in shape consumes too much time," said Alisha Rachel, Putnam City senior. "It's hard enough just making it to class and finding time to study." Rachel said that to stay healthy she simply concentrated on eating right.

In the end, health was the number one priority for all.

Partnering
Careful to control the pattern of his arms, grad student Rene Soto spots his partner, Owasso freshman Bryce Hoisington, in a set of dumbell flies. Many took advantage of open hours in the weight room. Photo by Rob Salinas
Burch, Marilyn, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Sayre
Burns, Rachelle, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Kingfisher
Butcher, Mary, Bachelor of Music Ed., Weatherford
Butler, Rhett, B.A. Ed.-Soc. Sci., Hollis
Bymaster, Brian, B.S. Ed.-Math, Weatherford
Caldwell, Shelly, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Shattuck

Carney, Joyce, B.A. Ed.-Eng., Granite Chain, Cherie, B.A. Ed.-Eng., El Reno
Chandler, Maria, B.S. Ed.-Math, Sentinel
Collins, Brian, B.S. Ed-HPER, Thomas
Cook, Jurean, B.S. Ed.-Special Ed., Camargo
Crain-Arnold, Michelle, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Fargo

Cummins, Stacy, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Weatherford Deubler, Bonnie, B.S. Ed.-Special Ed., Altus
Dirickson, Dusty, B.A. Ed.-Art, Carnegie Dorsey, Kristen, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Binger Easter, Lydia, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Weatherford
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Ellis, Terri, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Weatherford England, Ginger, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Cordell
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Flaming, Kristie, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Clinton Flanagan, Tonna, B.S. Ed.-Voc. Home Ec., Erick
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Gilliland, Sharon, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Elk City
Graves, Paul, Bachelor of Music Ed, OKC Gunkel, Jennifer, B.A. Ed.-Eng, Eldorado Gwartney, Jeff, B.S. Ed.-Bus., Hammon
Hagen, Holly, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Sentinel
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Hoops, DeeAnn, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Yukon
Hutchison, Jennifer, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Thomas Hunter, Kim, B.S. Ed.-Bus., Clinton
Hylton, Sharon, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Elk City
Johnston, Jennifer, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Lindsay
Kauk, Shane, B.S. Ed.-HPER, Weatherford
Keeton, Diane, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Clinton Kelley, Amy, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Okeene
Kenny, Cara, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Mooreland
Kerr, Kimberly, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Lookeba
Kilhoffer, Gayla, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Elk City
Kincaid, Adrienne, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Arapaho
From the very first day of class to the very last day, we turned to various organizations in hopes of

STOPPING THE INSANITY

By Robyn Hoffman

Buried deep in her physical chemistry book, senior Pam Eudy wondered if there really was life beyond studying. On the verge of insanity, Eudy needed a break from her everyday routine. Studying got the best of her.

For Eudy, relief was nearby. She was a member of the Chemistry Club, one of the many campus organizations that allowed students the opportunity to take a break from studying.

While some organizations focused on having fun, others set their aims on more serious issues.

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing Students Association donated their time and energy to host “Run For Life,” to raise money for cancer research. They raised over $700.

“We walked from six o’clock in the evening until noon the next day,” SOSUNSA member Nicole Owens said. “As we walked, we lit candles in memory of those that have died of cancer.”

The spirit of giving also ran through the hearts of the members of the Black Student Association and the Psychology Club.

When Thanksgiving rolled around, both clubs made sure that fewer people went hungry for the holidays. BSA members made and distributed food baskets to area needy families, while the Psychology Club donated time and money to the cause.

The Psychology Club’s spirit even extended into the Christmas season as well, when they assisted with a local toy drive.

As both clubs were busy making sure children were fed, the Chemistry Club was busy feeding the curiosity of a group of local church kids.

As part of a career series sponsored by the church, club officers performed a number of chemistry experiments for the kids.

“It was a lot of fun watching the kids’ reaction and listening to them scream for us to do it again,” vice-president Rachel Fette said.

The University Media Association had a little fun
Greeting visitors
The Student Senate-sponsored Beach Blast provides a bit of work and fun for receptionists. They are junior pharmacy majors Amy Wilks, Candace Schultz and Rachel Scott and senior biology major Malaphone Marsden. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Press association convention.
Phi Beta Lambda also attended a convention of their own in Dallas, as eight members of the club were present at the PBL National Fall Leadership Conference. There, the members toured the World Trade Center.

The conventions, the community projects, and the fellowship helped to make organizations popular on campus and helped give a balance to the college experience.

For Pam Eudy, it was a welcome balance. It kept her from drowning in a sea of knowledge within the pages of a text book.
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Wedel, Greg, B.A. Ed.-Art, Cordell
White, Roger, B.S. Ed-Tech., Blair
Wickware, Bill, B.S. Ed-Tech., Watonga
Williams, Kerri, B.S. Ed.-Elem., OKC
Williams, Larry, B.S. Ed.-HPER, Binger

Wilson, Cristi, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Lookeba
Woods, Amanda, B.S. Ed.-Elem., Fairview
Wright, Donna, B.A. Ed.-Art, Reydon

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Blevins, Kristina, M.A. Ed.-Early Child, Hydro

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Kaiser, Douglas, M.S. Bus. Adm., Weatherford
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Reuter, Becky, M.A. Agr. Coun., El Reno
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Schroeder, Janet, M.A. Ed.-Elem., Okarche

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Willison, Jennifer, M.A. Ed. Music, Canadian, Texas

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Fields, Marilyn, B.S. Nursing, Sayre

Grimes, Brent, B.S. Adm. All. Health, Stratford
Grimes, Gina, B.S. Nursing, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Hammond, Michelle, B.S. Nursing, Elk City
Hicks, Andrea, B.S. Adm. All. Health, Geary
Hipp, Teri, B.S. Adm. Allied Health, Sulphur Springs, Texas
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Raising children demanded patience when frustration flourished, care when apathy abounded, time when there was none, and

A TOUCH OF DETERMINATION

By Jenifer Kinney

Getting up 30 minutes before class and walking across the street with the Oklahoma wind blowing your hair out of proportion was rough, but getting up at 5:30 to do a hundred tasks, like fixing breakfast and getting the kids up and ready for daycare or school, was roughest of all.

It might have been hard for the traditional student to imagine what this kind of lifestyle was like. Parents who went to school had to know how to manage their time, their budgets, and their emotions.

Nancy Shoeppech, a mother of three, took around 12 hours a semester, and worked 30 hours every week. She said it was "very stressful" and time consuming to go to school and raise kids. The most difficult thing for her was finding the time to get everything done.

Shoeppech said her kids were older and in high school, so she did not really have to stay at home with sick kids or worry about a babysitter so much. She said if something did happen, that she had to miss class to be with them, her professors usually understood.

The university provided some special services for people with children. The Child Development Center offered care for 20 kids, and Family Student Housing offered housing for students who attended college at least 12 hours each fall and spring semester.

Sometimes child care problems demanded creative solutions to avoid costs and maintain a tight family unit. It was not uncommon to see children on campus. More often, though, parents simply juggled class time.

Cherry and Ozell Smith raised a daughter and attended college at the same time. She took 12 hours during the spring semester and he took 14. They alternated class time so they would not have to leave their daughter at a daycare center. When one of them went to class at 8 a.m., the other was with their daughter and then at 9 a.m. they exchanged places.

“It's hard to study because she wants our attention all of the time. We can't ignore her because she needs our attention,” Cherry said.

Students who attended college while raising a family led two completely different lives. One life was full of books and hearing lectures while the other life was full of children's books and giving lectures.

Leading these two different lives was very difficult, but knowing that they would soon get their degree was enough to keep parents going.
The possibility of a name change brought a state of confusion, as no one knew whether we would soon be

**DROPPING ‘OKLAHOMA’**

By Chip Chandler

The ever-moving hand of change threatened to alter yet another standard on campus, our name. For the sixth time in 94 years, Southwestern was faced with another name-change.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors made a formal request in September to omit “Oklahoma” from the name of the school. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges supported the change. They wanted uniformity in the names of the regional universities, including Southwestern, Southeastern, Northwestern, Northeastern, East Central, and the University of Central Oklahoma. Three of the schools—NSU, ECU, and UCO—had already made the change.

Representative Bill Widener, Democrat from Weatherford, authored a bill to drop “Oklahoma” from the name. An official name change required a legislative act, but that would happen only after the individual schools and the Board of Regents agreed to it.

In a campus-wide vote, over 90 percent of those who participated voted against the change. One major concern for the students was the task of changing the name on the clothing, stationery, signs, etc. They also were worried about not being identified as being from a state they were obviously proud of.

“I don’t think [the change] would be a good idea. People wouldn’t know we’re from Oklahoma that way,” said Shawn Simpson, freshman pre-pharmacy major.

The Student Senate voiced opposition to the change, citing the expense incurred because of the move. President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler assured them that it would be inexpensive since the change would be “a very gradual thing.” She added that everything would be used until the supply ran out or wore out, regardless of the name on it. She added that Southwestern was often misidentified as a branch campus of Oklahoma State University, especially in the mail and in conferences.
Majority votes no

Using a ballot to voice his opinion on the name change, Scott Hume participates in the campus-wide vote held by the Student Senate. Hume, a junior elementary education major, was one of the 853 students who voted during the three-day election. Ninety-six percent of the vote was against the change. Photo by Chip Chandler

The Faculty Senate, too, opposed the change. Members voted 23-6 to keep Southwestern Oklahoma State University as the school’s name, but later unanimously recommended changing it to University of Southwestern Oklahoma (USWO) if a name change was unavoidable.

Southwestern was founded as the Southwestern Normal School in 1901. In 1920, the name was changed to Southwestern State Teachers College. In 1939 it became the Southwestern School of Diversified Occupations and then later in 1941 it switched to the Southwestern Institute of Technology. In 1949 the name changed to Southwestern State College and in 1974 it officially became SWOSU.

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Boettler, Carla, B.S. Pharm., Washington
Bond, Traci, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Boyd, Dena, B.S. Pharm., Wilmore, Kan.

Bynum, Angie, B.S. Pharm., El Reno
Cagle, Trleta, B.S. Pharm., Hinton
Cantrell, Angie, B.S. Pharm., OKC
Carter, Rob, B.S. Pharm., Shawnee
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Christie, Cheryl, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford

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Coyner, Paul, B.S. Pharmacy, Lakeland, Fla.
Coyner, Gretchen, B.S. Pharm., Bonham, Texas
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Davis, Johnny, B.S. Pharm., Carnegie
DeHart, Melissa, B.S. Pharm., Dallas

Dyer, Elizabeth, B.S. Pharm., McKinney, Texas
Eckert, Julie, B.S. Pharm., Slaton, Texas
Eddins, Tom, B.S. Pharm., Vinita
Ellington, Robbie, B.S. Pharm., Groom, Texas
Farrar, Vanessa, B.S. Pharm., LeMesa, KS
Under Construction

The constant grind of heavy machinery could be heard all over campus as the university's physical appearance was altered. During the summer of 1994, the new Music Building west of the Fine Arts Center was completed, and in April of 1995 the new Administration Building west of the Old Science Building is still a work in progress. Photos by Ellie Miranda

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Flint, Charlene, B.S. Pharm., Claremore
Fortson, Brent, B.S. Pharm., Hugo
Fuser, Kim, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Grubb, Amy, B.S. Pharm., Jennings
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Hayes, Jarrod, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Hensley, Lezlee, B.S. Pharm., Royse, Texas
Herring, Andy, B.S. Pharm., Escondido, Calif.
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Holmes, Jennifer, B.S. Pharm., Paris, Texas
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Hudgens, Mark, B.S. Pharm., Elk City
Hurst, Ryan, B.S. Pharm., Stillwater
Huynh, Kevin, B.S. Pharm., Arlington, Texas
Jacobson, Amy, B.S. Pharm., Commerce, Texas
Lane, Chris, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford

Lanier, Lance, B.S. Pharm., Keller, Texas
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Marion, Brent, B.S. Pharm., Neosho, Mo.
Martin, LeAnn, B.S. Pharm., Fort Gibson
McCart, Barbara, B.S. Pharm., Lawton
McWilliams, Mike, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Merrill, David, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Meyer, Terri, B.S. Pharm., Ames
Michels, Susan, B.S. Pharm., Watonga
Miller, Gloria, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
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Orr, Sherry, B.S. Pharm., Lawton
Osburg, Brad, B.S. Pharm., Wichita Falls, Texas
Perry, Greg, B.S. Pharm., Pauls Valley
Phillips, Laura, B.S. Pharm., OKC
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Ray, Machell, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Reed, Melissa, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Rice, Lance, B.S. Pharm., Mannford
Rich, Steve, B.S. Pharm., Marlow
Rowe, Diane, B.S. Pharm., Springer
Sabo, Michael, B.S. Pharm., Jenkins, Ky.
Seebeck, Darin, B.S. Pharm., Midwest City
Sherman, Lisa, B.S. Pharm., Shallowater, Texas
Simmons, Marilyn, B.S. Pharm., Dighton, Kan.
Solon, Happy, B.S. Pharm., OKC
Southern, Dawn, B.S. Pharm., OKC
Spears, Kendall, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Speck-Daughterty, Tammy, B.S. Pharm., Muskogee
Spies, Alan, B.S. Pharm., OKC

Stovall, Kelly, B.S. Pharm., Thomas
Tharp, Kayla, B.S. Pharm., Winfield, Kan.
Thornton, Paul, B.S. Pharm., Ralls, Texas
Tinsley, Darcy, B.S. Pharm., Goshen, Ind.
Tran, Christina, B.S. Pharm., Duncan
Tran, Kristie, B.S. Pharm., Duncan
Trinh, Antoine, B.S. Pharm., Amarillo, Texas
Tyler, Jason, B.S. Pharm., Wetumka
Veale, Johna, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Vogler, Brad, B.S. Pharm., Lamesa, Texas
Wallace, Mark, B.S. Pharm., OKC
Wann, Shannon, B.S. Pharm., Midwest City

Wardell, Kyle, B.S. Pharm., Weatherford
Weaver, Kelly, B.S. Pharm., Hutchins, Texas
Wilkie, Becky, B.S. Pharm., Stark City, Mo.
Wilson, Patrick, B.S. Pharm., Tulsa
Woodward, John, B.S. Pharm., Burghill, Ohio
Young, Eric, B.S. Pharm., Amarillo, Texas
The Life at Southwestern

Walking to his first class of the day, Doolittle takes a closer look, realizing that the campus is rich with life and activity which goes well beyond simple schooling.

Making his way out the front doors of the Education building, he crosses paths with 1995 Student Senate President Jace Mouse. Mouse pauses to tell Doolittle about the many different cultural events, the sports programs, theatre productions, and the 70-plus organizations on campus. He also tells Doolittle where he can pick up the student newspaper, *The Southwestern*.

Doolittle glances through the paper and discovers opportunities in the intramural sports program. He recalls the excitement of playing basketball in his earlier days and decides to sign up for a 3-on-3 tournament.

On his way to the cafeteria, he listens to the College Republicans and the Young Democrats voice their opinions on Oklahoma’s proposed concealed weapons law. He sees that students operate under a much different political climate than he remembers from the 1960’s.

He realizes that various sports, Panorama events, and organizational activities keep us going, give us a break from our classes, and most of all have...

* A Touch of Southwestern.

Having a blast
at the Student Senate Beach Blast held early in the year, Christine Kennedy and Gabrielle Ogle reach out to grab the piece of pipe symbolizing the end of their race. Kennedy, a freshman from Burns Flat, and Ogle, a freshman from Tonkawa, joined countless others at the Blast, for which 95 tons of sand were brought onto campus.
Eventful. That is the one word that described the kind of year the School of Arts and Sciences had. To many, it was a banner year for the school; to others, it meant one final goodbye.

The A&S School was made up of 12 departments. By the end of the year, it would dwindle to 11, as one department was eliminated. Following the spring semester, the home economics department would no longer be a part of the curriculum. But before that happened, it hosted events such as World Food Day. The department brought a panel of speakers to campus to talk about the world’s food crisis. According to Dr. Virginia Dick, the annual food day festivities would cease unless some other department took over the event.

The art department went through some major step-downs. Marge Donley left her post as chair and the search began for a new one. The number of art majors also took a step down. Only one person pursued a B.A. in Art, while 28 majored in commercial art, down 19 from the previous year.

The biology department continued to lend a hand to help beautify the campus. It enlisted the help of students to plant flowers and trim trees. Their work was most noticeable around the grounds of the Old Science Building, but the department also busied itself in the greenhouse, raising its own plants with the help of interested students.

The chemistry department began looking for a new face to fill the void left by Dr. Harold White, who retired after the spring semester. One new faculty member came in the fall when Dr. William Kelley was hired as assistant professor.

Computer science created an electronic bulletin board, containing a calendar of events, as well as games and files. It was manned by the Computer Club.

"This is a big asset to the department and university," Scott Bjerke, senior computer science major said of the board. "And you don't have to be a computer genius to benefit from it."

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Microbiology
Students Shannon Kunkel, senior med tech major from Garden City, Kan., and Julie Hickman, junior med tech major from Ulysses, Kan., discover different bacteria. They were enrolled in Dr. Gary Wolgamott's microbiology class, which consisted of class time plus lab. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Technology
Senior Shelley Joaquin develops a roll of film at the photography lab in the Art Building. It was her first assignment for Dr. Richard Baugher's practical photography class. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Graduate School
Interactive learning takes place between the Sayre and Weatherford campuses as Dr. Larry Godley teaches a class called "teaching in secondary schools." Students are primarily graduate students back for Monday evening classes. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Taking Temperatures
are a small part of graduate student Molly Strickler's duties as secretary to the university nurse. Strickler often helped with children, like Kolby Dougherty, from the child development lab. Photos by Ellie Miranda

All that Jazz
Senior Brad Mitchell entertains the crowd as part of the 25th annual Southwestern Jazz Festival held in early March. The festival featured alumni as well as well-known artists like Clark Terry, former Tonight Show performer.

Hard at work
Staff members Ellie Miranda of Brazil and Anne Meek of Weatherford discuss photo layouts for the next issue of The Southwestern. Meek served as advertising manager, while Miranda was photography editor.

Tucked away
in the Business Building, math classes served almost every school on campus. Here, students listen intently to math instructor Ms. Sandy Johnson in structural concepts in mathematics. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Events bring together new faces, programs and top honors

By Robyn Hoffman

Health, physical education, and recreation attracted masses of students to the intramurals program. The department offered sports such as basketball, flag football, softball, and volleyball. HPER also hosted “Jump Rope for Heart”, with participation from area grade schoolers.

The language arts department said goodbye to two long-time assistant professors, Mona Suter and Caroline Mitchell, who retired at year’s end. Three new faces had been welcomed in the fall semester. New faculty were English instructors Joyce Stoffers and Kelley Richardson, and drama instructor Rozilyn Miller. The department also celebrated the naming of Jeff Gentry as Forensics Coach of the Year for Oklahoma.

The math and technology departments each hosted their traditional annual events. The math department hosted two summer institutes for area prep-schoolers. The technology department held the Metric 500, in order for high school students to race their homemade cars.

Music busied itself with many music contests. Several students from the department presented recitals for the general public. The most exciting event for the department was the dedication of the new music building, which took place during homecoming weekend.

Congratulations were in order, as the physics department helped to produce one of the country’s most outstanding physics clubs. It was the sixteenth time in 18 years for the club to garner this achievement. “If we hadn’t won, we would probably be looked down on,” Eric Brown, club president said.

The department also hosted Physics Day for area high schools. A large prep school contingent attended to witness experiments conducted by the department.

Social sciences welcomed a temporary replacement for Dr. Michael Connelly, who took a leave of absence to join an advisory commission for prison reform. The department carried on the tradition of taking students to a Model UN and the the Oklahoma State Reformatory.

For A&S, it was a very full year.
A new curriculum established by the School of Business resulted from a revision of the school’s MBA program, and offered an interesting change for students.

Six hundred and fifty students majored in business, while 80 minored in it. Although there was a decline in students majoring in business degree fields, the school hardly bottomed out. These numbers were consistent with national trends in business school enrollment.

The spring upgrading of the school’s computer network became its biggest project. In addition to a lab with 27 computers, all faculty and administrative offices were networked with Compaq 486 computers featuring e-mail and internet, which, as Dean Jerry Kaufman said, “will enhance our capabilities.”

Student organizations continued to play an important role in the development of business majors. Phi Beta Lambda, a professional organization for business, was named outstanding chapter in Oklahoma for the second year in a row. Other student organizations sponsored a number of seminars and outside speakers directed toward student development.

Faculty continued to be active in scholarly and professional activities. The Great Plains General Business Index, a publication initiated the previous year, was well-received and distribution continued to expand in response to demand.

New faculty included Dr. Jim Jawahar in management, Dr. Ted Hammett in accounting and Annette Garcia Sehorn in marketing. These latest faces replaced long-time faculty members Albert Gabriel and Earl Raleigh.

The school made significant progress toward national accreditation. After a year of changes, its members looked forward to relocation to the third floor of the university’s new classroom building, set for the coming year.

The School’s new home was scheduled to open in the spring semester of 1996 and would house a student research area, work space for MBA grad assistants, and bigger offices for faculty and administration.

Dr. Kaufman said he didn’t foresee any major problems in the move. “Except, of course, the fact that no one likes to move,” he finished.
Chariots of Fire...
During the homecoming parade in early autumn, Alpha Kappa Psi received the honor of being named the “Best Float.” Seniors Deanna Browning, president, and J.J. Baker, vice-president of members, join with senior Jeff Brown as they all become part of the organization’s contribution to the annual march down Main Street. *Photo by Lori Watson*

Ready for Change
Business students like senior marketing major Greg Brown were scheduled to relocate to the School’s new headquarters once it was completed. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*

Keyed Up
Students work against the clock in an advanced keyboard application class, required for a computer literate generation. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*
DEMANDS FOR ACCURACY
Pressures were high for students who were part of Health Sciences, especially if plans included getting into pharmacy

By Josh Williams and Jenifer Kinney

Southwestern was the home to many students with goals set high, and one of the biggest goals was to be accepted into pharmacy school.

But the School of Health Sciences offered more to students than just pharmacy. It offered degrees in nursing, medical technology, health information management, allied health, and a physical therapy assistant program with one year spent on campus and one year at the Fort Cobb Vo-Tech school.

One thousand eighty five students enrolled in the School of Health Sciences and 156 graduated during the year. Southwestern’s percentage of graduates who passed the state board examinations stood around ninety-six. Dr. David Bergman, Dean of Health Sciences and the School of Pharmacy said that percentage of how many passed the board was not what was important but how much higher Southwestern scored above the national average. Bergman assumed the position of dean of the School of Health Sciences following the retirement of Dr. H. F. Timmons.

There were a few noticeable changes in pharmacy school during the year. It was able to add a new computer system to the pharmacy laboratory, funded in part by grants given to the school by Eli Lilly Company and Healthcare Computer Corporation.

The School of Pharmacy marketed itself once again as one of the top programs in the nation. Being at the top, however, meant much more pressure on the students. With over 350 students enrolled in the pre-professional program, only a small percentage could be accepted and only the best of the best would see their dreams become reality.

Nearly 450 students applied to the school, but only 90 were accepted.

Getting stuck
Mike Hanks, a speech-theatre senior from Calumet receives a TB skin test from Stacy Bain, nursing senior from Dumas, Texas. Photo by Gina Grimes

Pharmacy student
Jay senior Kevin Culver assists customer Meggie Porras with her prescription. Culver worked in the Wal-Mart pharmacy. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Academic Excellence
Chemistry professor Dr. Stuart Burchett is the winner of the 1995 Bernhardt Academy Excellence Award for outstanding service to students and university. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Very carefully measuring up for a quantitative analysis class is Cori Kastendick, sophomore chemistry major from Bartlesville, who was a student in Dr. Stuart Burchett's lab. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Health care delivery lab has health information management students hard at work preparing for a test. Students are (left to right) Krystal Haskell, Stephanie Shipley, Wendy Droppleman, Leona Aranda, Brandi Baird and Jami England. Photo by Ellie Miranda

SOSUNSA Southwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing Student Association members march down Main Street during the homecoming parade. They are (walking) Nicole Owens, Gina Grimes, Amber Talbott, (on float) Melissa Miller and Jennifer Unruh. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Facing-off Health information management major Retta Sadongei participates in a mock interview with Jenny Hart from Southwestern Memorial Hospital. Sadongei, along with a number of HIM students, was able to ask questions about her chosen career. Photo by Ellie Miranda
IN THE CLASSROOM

some learning consisted of more than lecture-listen

By Michael Hanks

New requirements in curriculum, faculty, and the graduate program brought new faces to the School of Education. Dr. Larry Huff joined the instructional team in education administration. Vicky Gilliland replaced Betty Geis as coordinator of field experiences and Dr. John Folks came from the Mid-Del School District to become Dean.

Education, the oldest school on campus, awarded the first baccalaureate degrees from Southwestern State Teachers College in May of 1921. Several changes in name and scope occurred during the early years, but teacher-training remained the primary focus of the institution.

In 1953 Southwestern began an advanced professional program leading to the Master of Teaching degree. Now referred to as a Master of Education, the 1995 degree program boasted 15 fields of specialization.

Approximately 350 students worked on their masters degrees this year.

Dean Folks said that a new written comprehensive test was administered to all graduate students as a master’s requirement. Roughly 150 master hopefuls receive their degree per year.

Folks said that several changes were made in curriculum as part of a constant effort to improve the program.

Undergraduate majors felt the impact of those changes, with the installation of the new computer lab and changes in the use of media in education. All student teachers took a class in instructional media and technology.

One hundred sixty-eight student teachers attended “the block” before going out to their field assignments. The block, three mandatory one-hour courses, changed due to curriculum needs also, Folks said. New courses in the block were critical issues, multi-cultural education and special populations, and classroom management.

Requirements for entrance into the School of Education remained the same. Monica Juvenal, elementary education sophomore from Geary, said that being accepted into the school was a real honor.

As she completed foundations in the spring, one of her requirements was to observe teachers in the classroom.

“It was more fun than I expected,” Juvenal said, adding that teaching has always been her first desire, since she loves children.

Debi Carnott, a science education junior from Calumet also expressed a great concern with the massive requirements. She was convinced, however, that the effort would be worth it, if not for herself, for the children she dedicated her life to teaching.

The School of Education committed itself to producing the best teachers possible. Those teachers devoted themselves to one of the most respected professions in history. They, like Carnott, felt “an obligation to teach.”
Catch Me
Senior elementary education major Susan Long nabs four-year-old Kristen Haggart on the slide at the Child Development Lab. Long worked in the lab as part of her class in student guidance of grade school children. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Bonita Sawatzky
points out some of the finer qualities of literature to a Weatherford High School English class. Sawatzky, an English education major, was one of 168 Southwestern students who made student teaching rounds this year. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Double Check
As part of pre-enrollment advisement, Dr. John Folks, Dean of Education, goes over course requirements with senior Jeff Stover and Sophomore Jason Girard. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Kathy Moore
completed her student teaching at West Elementary in Weatherford. Moore also worked full time in the math department while taking classes. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Rats and pressure
David James prepares a rat destined for a steel white chamber where it will be subjected to increased air pressure. James, a junior HPER major, was a student research assistant for health sciences professor Dr. David Coates and HPER chair Dr. Ken Rose, who enlisted the help of students each semester for research projects. Photo by Ellie Miranda.

Sitting patiently
as they wait to explain the differences between man and woman, Jonna Taylor and Sharon Wengier enjoy the moment. Both are part of RN Challenge, a weekend program for nursing students who already have their associate degree in nursing and wish to complete their B.S. in Nursing. Photo by Ellie Miranda.

Explaining
how laughter really is the best medicine, senior nursing major Melissa Miller points out the results of her research to students Cardona Santiago and Gary Hickerson. Santiago is a senior pharmacy major, Hickerson sophomore art major. Photo by Ellie Miranda.
**STUDENT RESEARCH**

was the cause of many long hours, even rats under pressure

By Robyn Hoffman

As junior David James pressurized a small white chamber, he observed the behavior of the rat inside. As junior Annette Russi talked to people about prayer in school, she questioned their beliefs. And as senior Andrew Sellon sat in front of a computer, he explained the origin of computer viruses.

James, Russi, and Sellon spent the year observing, questioning, and explaining. For them, research was an integral part of the college experience.

They, as well as other students, were often seen conducting research into the midnight hour.

Russi and Sellon presented their research at the Second Annual Student Research/Scholarly Activity Fair held in March. They were joined by some 85 students, from artists to nurses, who shared their research results with others.

The fair was “an attempt to get students from all departments involved in some kind of research,” Karen Sweeney from the office of sponsored programs said.

Russi set out to observe the behaviors of people who are forced to go against their beliefs.

She asked people their views on school prayer, then asked them to write a paper defending the view directly opposite the one they really held.

Russi’s research caused some frustration in some of the people that were under observation.

“It was really interesting,” Russi said. “Some people got really mad, because they were having to defend a view that they did not believe in.”

Sellon spent long hours researching the origin of computer viruses and how they can affect computers. The research was part of an independent study.

Although much of the research conducted on campus was for the fair, other research on campus would take on a more practical application.

James assisted in research to provide an answer for potential medical problems. The research was initiated by Dr. David Coates and Dr. Ken Rose.

Coates, Rose, and James spent many hours researching the effects of hyperbaric pressure on humans, using rats as their subjects. The pressure the rats experienced was similar to what scuba divers experience under increased pressure.

“This is especially important, because more and more older people are starting to take up scuba,” Dr. Coates said. “These older people take a lot of medication, so it is important to know what effect the drugs will have on them under increased pressure.”

Because James was able to be involved in the research, he gained more knowledge.

“I know a lot more about animal behavior now,” he said. “I really didn’t know that much about it before I started this project.”

Like James, many students gained an understanding through research. Their observing, questioning, and explaining helped to further advance the campus, country, and world.
If I had a hammer
On March 10, junior Melissa Hart (right) joins Texas seniors Andrea East and Tony Fox to help Habitat for Humanity build houses in a small Indiana town. Photo courtesy Wesley Foundation

Hard work
paid off for Wesley Foundation and Church of Christ members during a mission trip to Indiana. They took pride in building houses for the needy. Photo courtesy Wesley Foundation

It's all about love
Sophomore David Gerhart holds up the curtain for munchkins Jami Young, senior, and Lindsey Lee, freshman, during the talent show at the Bible Chair. Photo courtesy Stacy Ferrell

Lift every voice
Students sing in harmony during Black Student Fellowship. Sophomores Sharlette Miller and Rhonda Combs and senior Jennifer Travis join freshman Tranail Lucas at the piano. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Students found that Christian values didn’t have to be left behind when leaving for college... thanks to the many campus ministries. These religious organizations gave students the opportunity to play while stressing the importance of fellowship.

To work off the stress of studying, the Baptist Student Union offered students a place to play ping-pong, foos-ball, softball and other games along with their daily Noonday worship where they performed Christian skits and united their voices in song.

Students also went on two mission trips, one in Louisville, Ky., and the other in Matamoros, Mexico. In Mexico students offered their services to 97 children from ages 4-15 who lived in a children’s home.

Jim Morrison, director of BSU, also headed the Black Student Fellowship. BSF allowed African American students the opportunity to discuss important religious issues by inviting speakers to weekly meetings. Jackie Ledbetter, Miss Black Oklahoma 1986, and her husband Spencer spoke at such a meeting. As Burns Flat senior Steve Ray said, “It’s nice to have a place to fellowship with other students who share my beliefs.”

Wade Irby, second year pharmacy student who worked as a student intern at the Wesley Foundation, stressed the importance of providing spiritual growth for students and an environment free from peer pressure.

The Fall Focus, sponsored by the foundation, emphasized Habitat for Humanity. In the spring, students from both the Wesley Foundation and the Bible Chair would build houses for the less fortunate.

The Church of Christ Student Center held a talent show and fall carnival along with their traditional singing at Little Bird’s Nursing Home, the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists encouraged fellow students to integrate their faith and values into the field of pharmacy.

Craig Hickerson, vice-president of FCP, said it was his wish to be more recognized by the School of Pharmacy as a serious professional organization.

Like their sister organizations, the Catholic Student Association and Chi Alpha Gamma Delta (Assembly of God) provided a haven for students. These organizations were places students could not only mingle with friends, but also worship with them.

In addition to these religious organizations, two new ones were added to the list. Biology instructor Lisa Boggs was approached by her pastor to start the Lutheran Student Fellowship, offering a “home away from home” for students. For the Mormon students, Dr. Helen Maxson sponsored the Latter Day Saints Student Association.

As part of the Bible Belt, the campus seemed to be the buckle.

Let’s talk about it
Talking about important religious issues was one activity that students took part in during the Bible Chair activities sponsored by the Church of Christ Student Center. Junior Naomi Sigle and her friend Daniel Tate participate. Photo by Stacy Ferrell
When students heard the word Panorama, they thought about ballets, music (country, jazz, and orchestra), and speakers.

The turnout for Panorama was usually very high, depending on which other events were going on the same night and who had a test to tackle the next day. The Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra brought in a 1,000 member audience.

Speakers Bettina Gregory and Peter Burtchell brought in interested audiences of 600 each. They spoke to the university about the world of network news and environmental issues that the world is up against today.

Oklahoma’s Children’s Theatre performed Beauty and the Beast for a night of family entertainment and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre performed The Rainmaker. The Martha Graham Ensemble from New York introduced locals to modern ballet from the east.

During the summer months, a live poetry reading was held outside on a warm evening. The Lost River Band returned and held a concert outside the Al Harris Library that made the summer night even hotter.

The 25th Annual Jazz Festival helped to spread more music across the campus. The festival featured professionals, but included alumni and students. Graduates of the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s comprised the band.

- The hustle and bustle of the jazz fest even extended into area high schools, which sent students to participate with the pros.

The Fine Arts Center served as the center of all cultural activity for the campus and community as well.
Arkansas Repertory Theatre brought *The Rainmaker* to the Fine Arts Center on March 7. Photo provided

**Cousteau Society**

representative Peter Burtchell speaks to members of Southwestern's Grassroots Environmental Club. They are Cherie Chain and Zorana Popic. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Off the fat of the land is how they will live, George tells his friend Lennie in a scene from Of Mice and Men. George was played by Greg Daubenspeck of Tuttle, Lennie by Jeremy Upchurch of Anadarko. The show opened the season with a diverse cast according to director Steve Strickler.

Accepting the challenge of assistant director, student Nanisa Pereles takes notes as director Steve Strickler and Chad McCoy watch during rehearsals for Of Mice and Men. Pereles said that the job would be fun, but tough. All photos by Ellie Miranda

Agnes of God
Dr. Martha Livingstone, played by Molly Strickler, and Mother Miriam Ruth, played by Diana Heddleston, share a lighter moment of the dramatic production. The show featured an all-female cast.
HOME, HOME ON THE STAGE

where the actors and actresses roam. The theatre department entertained and amused with professional passion

By Michael Hanks

As Hollywood performer Tom Hanks won best actor for his portrayal of Forrest Gump in the movie of the same name, local entertainers performed for accolades of their own.

The actors and actresses of Southwestern may not have been competing for Oscars, but they did perform with the same enthusiasm. Best performance awards presented to the student entertainers were called Teddys, named for a 41-year-old teddy bear who had been the department mascot since 1954. Teddy had sat on the front row for every production since.

Teddy was well entertained this season. The department presented Of Mice and Men, Agnes of God, Reckless, and Godspell.

Nanisa Pereles, sophomore from Artesia, N. Mex., had been awarded the best actress Teddy last year. For Of Mice and Men, she acted as the assistant director.

"Being assistant director will be fun. It will be tough, too...I guess I'll put on my tough act and do the best I can," Pereles said in an interview with Kyle Barney for a feature article in THE SOUTHWESTERN, in the fall.

Jennifer Travis, senior from Custer City, was selected to be the first student ever to be music director. Godspell was the first musical the department had produced since 1988.

"The word that most fully describes the feeling I have is 'honor'," Travis said of being selected.

She said that she was comfortable working with her peers in the theatre department, as well as in the music department, where she was previously a major. She was concerned about other students' feelings, but was also fully aware that she was in charge. She said she wanted the students she was directing to know she was just a fellow student in there with them—it was a team effort.

"I've fallen in love with the portrayal of the story through music, acting and movement," Travis said. "What has made it so passionate for me are the things I love the most. It is more than producing a good product; it's about the first priority in my life—the scripture from the word of God, and the truth."

Godspell was a first for choreographer LeaAnne Pratt as well. The sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Weatherford was the first student to direct the dance movements in a Southwestern production.

Rozilyn Miller, instructor and director, new to Southwestern, said she was very proud to bring the musical production back to the stage, and even prouder to place students as choreographer and music director, roles traditionally filled by faculty.

She said that most people do not understand the amount of time spent in preparation, research, rehearsal, and analysis for a play, particularly a musical. Her goal was to prepare the student for the professional world.

"Once the show is in rehearsal, I treat it as a professional cast," Miller said.

"The theatre is in a crisis right now," she added. "We are in danger of losing an art form that has been around since ancient Greece, since the beginning of history. The audience is declining; funding is declining. I'm trying to keep the art alive."

Yucking it up, actress Nanisa Pereles keeps the audience in stitches with her performance of a shrink in the three-act comedy Reckless. Pereles played the part of six different psychiatrists. Photo by Ellie Miranda
And your 1994 homecoming queen is...,” the voice said as the envelope was opened to determine the winner. Tucked away inside was a piece of paper with Erin McGuire’s name on it. As reigning queen Jennifer Travis placed the crown on Erin’s head, the McGuire family began a tradition of its own. Her sister Dayna had been named queen in 1991.

“I never even thought that I would win,” McGuire said. “It’s neat that I can follow in my sister’s footsteps.” The crowning was part of a week full of activities that had become tradition for Southwestern students, alumni and community.

Homecoming activities included everything from a bonfire to a parade. The bonfire was held by Rogers and Jefferson Hall, in order to muster a little more spirit before the big game on Saturday. But the fire was extinguished as quickly as it was lit, because the unusually high southwestern Oklahoma winds made an unexpected appearance.

“I was just beginning to really have a lot of fun, and then they called it, because of high winds,” junior Shannon Birkenfeld said. “The wind was blowing pretty hard, though.”

On Saturday morning, the parade began its annual trek down Main Street, as people watched intently from the curbside. Throngs of parade watchers stretched from Bradley down Main to Seventh Street.

All eyes were on the Southwestern marching band as it made its way down the street. Then the crowd’s attention focused on the floats. When the Nursing Students Association’s float passed through the crowd, SOSUNSA member Nicole Owens had hopes of winning the float competition. But Alpha Kappa Psi crushed her hopes when the club walked away with the first place trophy. “I think we came in last place,” Owens said. “But I had a good time.”

It was not such a good time for the football team, whose hopes for a win did not materialize, either. Like Owens, the team walked away from the game winless. Fans watched as the team went down in gloomy defeat to Arkansas Tech 24-20.

The week concluded with the dedication ceremonies for the new Music Building, which had been completed just as school opened. The ceremonies marked the end of festivities, leaving some to continue building homecoming traditions, brick by brick, game by game, and queen by queen.
**Taken by surprise**

Cyril sophomore Erin McGuire carries out a family tradition by becoming the second McGuire to be crowned homecoming queen. The crown was passed on to her by 1993 queen Jennifer Travis, marking the beginning of the homecoming festivities. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*

**Best bed in town**

For the third year in a row, Jefferson Hall residents maneuver the Jefferson/Oklahoma Hall bed race entry to a first place finish. Giving the big push are freshmen Laren Hightower of Watonga and Scott Pope of Yukon. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*

**Get your kicks**

Rooting the football team on to victory, the cheerleaders and pom pon squad perform a routine before the crowning of the queen. Both squads were regulars at sporting events on campus. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*
Stuffing the run.
Senior free safety Michael Walker and sophomore All-American linebacker Yohance Brown shut down the running game during homecoming. The two played a key role in the Bulldog defense all year long. *Photo by Rob Salinas*

It's not supposed to happen
Sophomore Chris Royce of Albuquerque, N.M. takes time at halftime to deal with the loss to Arkansas Tech. The team would bounce back the following week with a conference win against Northwestern. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*

It just got worse.
Bulldog leading ground-gainer senior Sylvester Journey gets the once-over by trainer Jim Wahnee. Journey had been the leading rusher for the team for the past two years but was hobbled all season by a bad ankle. *Photo by Ellie Miranda*
A Tough Season
was not enough to break the spirits of these seniors...
By Rob Salinas

The year wasn’t what Bulldog fans hoped for. Coach Paul Sharp went into the season with high expectations, but injuries at almost every position and a lack of depth on the team made for a disappointing 2-7 record.

After anchoring the team for the last several years, the defense became vulnerable when graduation caused key losses across the front. The inability to rotate players contributed to the demise. Defensive coordinator Steve Williams was able to lean on only 13 people for each game. The scrappy defense limited opponents’ passing attack to 146 yards a game. However, their small size was exploited by bigger offensive lines as they yielded 208 rushing yards a game.

On offense Sharp rotated his quarterbacks every two series. Senior quarterback Grant Pitt and junior Todd Ritz began the rotation at the start of the season. Each would lead the offense for two downs then switch out. Pitt and Ritz were allowed one solo opportunity late in the season, but Sharp reverted to the rotation system for the finale with Langston.

The best output of the season came in a rainy home game against OIC rival Northwestern. The team shut out the Redmen with two goal line stands and generated 31 points on offense.

Individual performances marked the troubled season. Tight end Junior Lowden and linebacker Yohance Brown were named to the NAIA All-American second team. It was Lowden’s second time as an All-American, while Brown made the appearance for the first time. Excellence on and off the field earned Grant Pitt and Brad Owen their second trip to the nine-member All-American Scholar-Athlete team.

By seasons end, Pitt became the most decorated quarterback in Bulldog history, owning almost every passing record.

The conference was won by eventual National Champion Northeastern. The university announced in December that Southwestern would leave the NAIA and apply for NCAA Division II status. The move would not be completed for three years.

Just a little breather before I’m ready.
Sophomore Kevin Carey, senior Jay Buck, and freshman Jason Penny take a rest before going back on the offensive line in the homecoming game against Arkansas Tech. Photo by Ellie Miranda
THE BIG DANCE
is where both teams ended their history-making season

By Rob Salinas

For the first time in Bulldog basketball history both men's and women's squads won the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference and advanced to the national tournament.

Men's coach George Hauser added height to last year's basketball team with the addition of seniors Damion Porter, Terry Middleton, and Todd Malcolm. The trio averaged 6'-8" in height and added a dimension to the team that hadn't been present for several years.

The results were impressive as the Bulldogs, a pre-season number two, rolled over the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in the OIC title game 76-56. For the first time since 1977, the men's team made an appearance in the national tournament held in Tulsa.

But the appearance was brief as The Masters College of California knocked the Bulldogs out in the first round 86-72. Even so, the season proved to be a great success, as few people outside Weatherford expected the team to complete the season with a 21-12 record.

Coach John Loftin's powerhouse women's team won the OIC for the fifth straight year by blowing out Southeastern 73-55. The Lady Bulldogs ended their season in Jackson, Tenn., as they lost a final four match to eventual two-time defending national champion Southern Nazarene.

For the first time in the history of the NAIA national tournament, three teams from the same state reached the final four as Southwestern, Southeastern, and Southern Nazarene reached the semi-finals. The often-stated position that women's basketball in Oklahoma was the toughest in the nation became apparent to all.

For the first time in Southwestern's long basketball history, two international players were recruited to add size. Andrea Robinson was the only one of those two players to finish out the season. Robinson, a 6'-0" forward from Ottawa, Canada, joined Jennings, La., senior Shirley Harmon and University of Nevada Las Vegas transfer Vivian Johnson to lead the team's interior defense which finished first in the conference.

The perimeter game fed off point guard Yumecca White, a returning starter from last year. White was third in the conference in assists before she went down with a knee injury. The scoring threat for the team came from All-American first team guard Lisa McMullen. She would finish the season averaging 22.6 points a game.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 30-5 record.
Look out below.
Junior forward Cal Clinton finishes off his midcourt steal with a two-handed slammer, while senior Todd Malcolm trails the action. Clinton would finish the season by being named to the OIC first team. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Above the rim
Junior forward Henry Winston battles above the rim with an East Central defender. The Bulldogs would prevail in the game on their way to earning a berth in the national tournament. Photo by Ellie Miranda

To the victor go the spoils
Men's coach George Hauser walks over to receive the OIC trophy from commissioner Gary Rader while the Bulldogs celebrate. Photo courtesy Thomas Lee
SADDLE UP
Rodeo teams continued their domination of the college circuit

By Rob Salinas

The rodeo teams finished off the 1994 season with the women winning the national title and the men finishing fourth at the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana during the summer.

Dr. Don Mitchell's squad had breezed into the CNFR after walking through the Central Plains Regional meet held in Woodward. The men were returning to Bozeman as the defending two-time national champions; the women were hoping to recapture the title they had held back in 1988.

The women's team consisted of three veteran cowgirls. Tori Woodard, and sisters Shelley and Kelley Johnston represented Coach Mitchell's cowgirls with all three placing near the top of their events.

Southwestern's women were so well represented, in fact, that they had the top two finishers in the women's all-around title. Woodard edged out Shelley Johnston 360 to 295 points to capture the individual title.

The men's team had an exceptional year despite key graduation losses. Many had considered the season to be a rebuilding year for the Southwestern cowboys.

The 1995 team experienced its first crisis in November. Two horses were stolen from the rodeo stables during Thanksgiving break, but later recovered in Creede, Colorado. Karie Stalley and Anita Erhardt were forced to bear the expense of recovering their horses as they drove to Colorado to retrieve them, but both horses were reported in good condition when found.

The women's victory last summer brought the total number of national titles Southwestern has won since 1985 to five.

In April, just as this publication was going to press, the Southwestern Rodeo had just been completed. The men's team garnered first place with a score of 392.5 due to a strong showing by both timed-event and roughstock competitors.

"It's always good to win your hometown rodeo," said Wes Bailey, Southwestern bronc rider and steer wrestler. The women's team met a tougher fate, however, as they struggled with a sixth place finish.
Holdin' on
Tori Woodard rounds a barrel in the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in June. Woodard won the all-around women's title and, along with senior Shelley Johnston, led the team to the national title. Photo courtesy Dr. Don Mitchell

Mo Betta Rodeo
☆ Five national titles since 1985
☆ 24 individual national champions
☆ Men's or women's teams as defending national champions for the last three years

Get Off!
T.W. Snyder of Medicine Lodge, Kan., won the all-around men's title at the home rodeo by winning the average in steer wrestling. Photos by Ellie Miranda

Tyler Holzum, a junior from Manhattan, Mont., rides in the saddle bronc competition in the Southwestern Rodeo. He also placed second in the average of steer wrestling.
Tend to have an intramural attitude

By Rob Salinas

The Bodacious Babes were more than just another intramural team with a funny name. They were a collection of former high school athletes who came together to enjoy each other's company while competing for the women's flag football title.

"It's not actually the competition that makes me want to play intramurals," said Bodacious Babes quarterback Alissa Smylie. "It's just a way of getting together with friends and meeting new people. I say that, but once I get on the field, I get a lot more serious than I let on to be."

The intramural season was actually a collection of seasons that ran from the beginning of school in the fall until the weeks before finals. It continued to be the biggest draw for students' free time again this year. Dozens of teams competed in football, basketball, softball, bowling, and volleyball.

Almost all intramural teams had a common bond. For the Babes, the bond was that they were all friends from the Panhandle. Some of them had gone to high school together; some of them had gone to rival schools.

When they started college, Smylie said that she thought the idea of a women's flag football team would be fun. She called up her friends and the Babes were born. The team finished out the spring season by winning their second straight women's flag football title.

Aside from flag football, the team also played five-on-five and six-on-six basketball in the spring. The name had not always been the same, but the team remained intact. When they laced up their high tops for hoops, they changed their name to the Queen B's.

With activities scheduled year round, the Panhandle women were not unlike the numerous intramural squads on campus. They continued to fit games around class and work schedules. Sometimes the time constraints were hard, but they continued to play regardless.

"It's something that makes up for high school sports, I guess," Smylie said of the reasons behind the dedication.

It was the same for most of the squads who spent their spare time in the sandlot, pasture, or on the gym floor in intramural activities.

Finding a hole in the defense, Ann Wolgamott races down the sidelines past Laquetta Bennett and Angie Ferguson in an intramural flag football game.

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From behind the backboard,
Shane Garner kisses the ball off the glass in an intramural basketball game. Photo by Rob Salinas

Just one more
Coach Larry Geurkink paces weight-lifters during an afternoon workout session. Many students took advantage of open hours in the weight room and gym areas to keep their bodies toned and in shape. Photo by Ellie Miranda

Watching the line,
Jenny Ray looks for an open passing route across half court as she is defended by Melanie Baker, Kristie Legrange and Deanna Browning. Some students found intramural sports an opportunity to continue sports from high school. Photo by Rob Salinas
Spring sports continued to draw the most diverse crowd throughout campus. In one weekend in Weatherford the school hosted the 23rd annual rodeo at the Don Mitchell arena. Across town the baseball team was in a heated doubleheader with conference rival Northeastern. A few yards away the men’s and women’s tennis teams were completing their dual meet with West Texas while the golf team prepared for its home tournament in Rader Park.

There were few days on campus when one of the sports was not active.

The baseball team went into conference play with a 12-12 record. They continued to be led by a balanced offensive attack that had six players batting over .300. The team averaged just under eight runs a game.

The golf team was ranked number 16 in the first NAIA poll of the season. They had already won the Kansas-Newman Invitational Golf Tournament with Elk City freshman Cory Smith and Arapaho junior Joel Burleson winning medalist honors. As this publication went to press, they were in the middle of hosting their own tournament.

The track team had just finished their first outdoor meet at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. The 400-meter relay team of Landon Curtis, Kevin Brown, David Womack, and Reggie Jackson finished third. Mike Ottinger finished second in pole vault with a 14-foot leap.

Jami Shields captured two bronze medals for the women’s team in the shot and discus. Jode Colbert finished third in the 500 meters and Aubrey Sanders was third in the 100-meter dash.

The tennis teams had just begun their assault on the OIC with the men’s team being led by Croatian senior Chris Leben and Weatherford senior Shawn Arrington. The women’s team was anchored by French exchange student senior Vanessa Fiaud and Vernon, Texas junior Rachel Scott.

Women’s cross country was added to a growing list of sports in the fall. From the inaugural season Kendra Errington of Amarillo, Texas, and Alisha Williams of Burns Flat became the school’s first-ever representatives at the NAIA women’s national meet held in Kenosha, Wis.

President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler announced that women’s golf and women’s softball would become available in a few years. The addition of the two programs was meant to balance the scales in the number of men’s and women’s sports offered.
Limbering up
Cross country runners Kendra Errington, Alisha Williams, Jode Colbert and Joy Walker prepare for their home meet. Photo by Rob Salinas

He's thinking about it
Senior Jason Ward from Cleveland eyes second base in the game against Northeastern. Ward was the clean-up batter for the team. Photo by Rob Salinas

Cheese
Track teamers are (standing): Chad Betts, Mike Ottinger, Marshall Oliver, Landon Curtis, Jami Shields, (kneeling): Trent Stafford, David Wommack, Jode Colbert, and Kendra Errington. Photo provided
The Memories of Southwestern

From the first days on campus, whether 17 or 37, the everyday events of the student society came together to forge a unique personality.

The year has been one filled with mixed memories for Doolittle and, whether for better or worse, things would certainly be changing.

Now headed out the doors of the Student Union, resume in hand and more prepared than ever, his first post-graduate job interview waits in Oklahoma City just an hour east on I-40.

There is also a new sense of confidence and a little apprehension in the back of his mind. Whatever the feelings turn out to be, the year spent “back in school” will always be a memory worth returning to.

A touch of class, a touch of style, and a few touches from the wilder side tell the story of how time spent in a little western Oklahoma town forever touched the lives of approximately 800 who entered a new phase in 1995. Now hushed in the bindings of this book, these memories can be turned to again and again as long as there is time for...

A Touch of Southwestern.

A break on the deck
of the Student Union has been a typical student action since it was completed late in the summer. Enjoying the shade between classes are pharmacy seniors Gena Eccles, Jeffrey Abeldt and Monte Waggoner, graduate student Jo Haggerman, and HPER senior Keson Coney. Photo by Ellie Miranda

A winning touch
is added to the Southwestern women's tennis team by Vanessa Fiaud. Fiaud, a foreign exchange student from France, was one of the top players on the team. Photo by Ellie Miranda
Making the climb

up the "Hill" may have seemed impossible when we were freshmen, but as we got
closer to graduation, we began to wish it would never end. Photo by Ellie Miranda