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Who's that? Brandy the Bulldog, aka Maurisa Mahan, the school mascot, supported the Dawgs at all football games. The Bulldogs had a good year both on and off the field.
Tara Mahan takes advantage of quiet time in the library to study and make the grade. Students spent many hours studying in the library, labs, Jerry's Restaurant and any other convenient place available.

Who?.....Southwestern enrolled 4,984 students in the fall and 4,612 students in the spring. They came from places as close as Hydro and as far away as Brazil.

What?.....Five schools offered degrees: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, School of Health Sciences and Graduate School.

When?.....It was 1996-1997, the year Bill Clinton defeated Bob Dole in the presidential election, the Bulldogs won the NAIA football championship and Davis Road was constructed into four lanes to make traffic less congested.

Where?.....Weatherford, the small city of 10,462 people in west central Oklahoma, where the weather could change from 40 degrees one day to 80 degrees the next.

Why?.....To get a real job. Southwestern graduated 717 bachelor's degrees and 66 master's degrees, by best April estimation.

How?.....Perserverance, hard work, determination and a little money. Upper level courses at Southwestern cost $53.50 per hour. Graduate courses cost $62.50 per hour.
Jake Jensen helps a child from the Child Development Lab try on the football equipment. Jensen visited the lab to show the children his football gear and answer questions about the sport.
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University President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler rides in the annual homecoming parade in support of the Bulldogs.

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Recognizing education excellence

Three stitches were required to close a gash on his lip after he started his musical career by falling off the piano bench at age three. His mother was his first piano teacher at age five. By 1997, his career had earned him the reputation of a superior musician and educator.

The campus declared publicly that Dr. Terry Segress had made a mark on the world of music education when he was named winner of the annual Bernhardt Award for Academic Excellence. Segress was presented the award at the banquet in early April.

Dr. Segress’ autobiography indicated that by age 10 he began to study piano formally, and by the time he was a sophomore in high school, he had decided he wanted to be a band director. He graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1961, earned his master's degree from the University of North Texas in 1965, and returned there for his Ph.D., granted in 1979.

From 1961 to 1970, Professor Segress taught at Erick and Weatherford High Schools, where his bands gained superior reputations and his students became quite prominent. He joined the faculty at Southwestern in the fall of 1970.

Segress, the assistant chair of the music department, founded the SWOSU Jazz Festival, which brings together musicians and music lovers from miles away for a week of sheer entertainment each winter. He gained a reputation as the director of the band camps on campus, and for directing the popular campus jazz ensembles.

In 1997, Dr. Segress was inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmaster Hall of Fame, adding one more honor to an already long list.

‘The highlight of my musical career took place in September, 1994, when I performed George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” with the Oklahoma Philharmonic on a Panorama program at Southwestern.’

-Dr. Terry Segress

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Vice presidents Dr. John Hays and Dr. Bob Brown flip pancakes at the local Kiwanis breakfast. Dr. Brown retired at the end of this year, following 29 years of service to Southwestern.
Whether students lived in Weatherford or out of town, one thing’s for sure, there was fun everywhere.

The first week of school was “information overload” as students had the opportunity to visit the 74 booths at the O-Fair.

This year was full of fundraisers as many clubs and organizations planned trips to places as close as Oklahoma City and as far away as Peru.

Students didn’t just go home for spring break. They tanned on the sunny beaches of Florida and skied the slippery slopes of Colorado.

Southwestern was, without question, a fun place to be.
Sophomore HPER major Trinity Johnson, freshman pre-nursing major Trish Bass and sophomore undecided major Heather Snowder get to know one another at Play Fair activities.

The “meet and greet” session held at the football field finds Heather Largent and new-found friends doing just that. The activities were part of the Play Fair during Howdy Week.
Howdy...AND WELCOME
going to know you

Howdy Week kicked off with a bang. A dance, an Organizational Fair, picnic dinner, volleyball tournament and Play Fair were just some of the events to encourage students to meet one another.

The Play Fair, sponsored by the Student Government Association, was designed to ease students' anxieties about college life. It introduced many new students to each other so freshman had familiar faces on campus. With a variety of activities, the students were divided into teams (core groups) and participated in the events. In one of the events, called "Incorporate," the students, as quickly as possible, had to get into groups of two, then five, then ten, and so on.

"I made a lot of friends out of the core groups," said Chanda Kroemer, senior general business major.

The "Reverse Dancing" event had students dancing back-to-back, arms locked.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Kay Robinson, sophomore biology major. "You couldn't help but meet people even if you were not trying. It's the most exciting thing I've done."

Ahead of all the 15 teams participating, Summertime won the Howdy Week volleyball tournament.

"It was a real positive experience. I met a lot of new friends," said Amanda Cunningham, freshman marketing major, who was part of the Summertime volleyball team.

The band Destination Heaven played at the picnic dinner held on the lawn south of the Student Union.

The picnic, the volleyball tournament and dance were all sponsored by the Resident Housing Association. Kirk Hoffman, director of housing, said they were "a great success!"

-Jay Thompson

INSET:
Junior communication arts major Amber Topphah returns a serve at the coed volleyball tournament during Howdy Week festivities.

Students browse around the SGA sponsored O-Fair during Howdy Week. The dance, volleyball tournament and outdoor movie all drew more participants than the previous year.

Who was there?
More than 40 organizations, 33 businesses and five special interest groups participated.

Averhoff, Kevin, Hico, TX, BS Pharmacy
Ayers, Kari, Collinsville, BS Education
Baden, Kale, Lawton, BS Pharmacy
Badley, Charles, Vici, Bachelor of Science
Bain, Rita, Arlington, TX, BS Pharmacy
Baird, Jason, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy

Baker, Darby, Woodward, Bachelor of Science
Baker, Lori, Yukon, Bachelor of Science
Baker, Shelly, Blackwell, BS Education
Barnett, Jennifer Wyand, BS Pharmacy
Barney, Michelle, Woodward, Bachelor of Music Education
Barr, Marcia, Crawford, Master of Education

Welcome to SWOSU 9
For Lacey Legnon and Nicole Breaux, winning campus titles put them just one step away from the state scholarship pageants.

Legnon took the title of Miss Southwestern in October's pageant. The sophomore pharmacy major would advance to the Miss Oklahoma pageant in the summer. A native of Tulsa, Legnon tap danced to "Endangered" for her talent portion of the competition.

Legnon believed the unique quality of her tap routine was what pushed her into the final judges' spotlight. "My dance was different and new," she said. "It is something that today's judges are looking for."

For her win, Legnon received both a scholarship from the university and prizes from local merchants.

Altus native Chanda Kromer took first runner-up honors, while Clinton native Jodi Forgay followed with second runner-up. Kromer sang out "Almost Over You" and Forgay belted out "Crazy" for their respective talents.

Miss Black Southwestern, in its second year of existence, crowned Nicole Breaux in March. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Association.

Breaux, a junior elementary education major from Weatherford, also won the title of Miss Congeniality for the pageant.

Breaux received a $300 scholarship, $150 in cash and the opportunity to represent the university at the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant in the summer.

First runner-up Angela Miller of Oklahoma City was named Miss Photogenic by Blunck Studios.

The second place winner was freshman criminal justice/psychology major Julie Roundtree of Hobart.

Contestants are Misty Miller; Julia Roundtree, second runner-up; Nicole Breaux, Miss Black Southwestern 1997; Angela Miller, first runner-up; and Sarah Scott.

Lacey Legnon gives a relaxed and conversational answer to the 1996 Miss Southwestern Ann Marie Perkins, in her interview to help secure the crown.
Contestants for the 1996-97 Miss Southwestern pageant were Jodi Forgay, second runner-up; Amanda Cunningham; Angela Gee; Lacey Legnon, Miss Southwestern 1996-97; Chanda Kromer, first runner-up; Angela Vesta and Christianne Francis.

Miss Southwestern Lacey Legnon is joined by second runner-up Jodi Forgay (left) and first runner-up Chanda Kromer. Below, Nicole Breaux is named the 1997 Miss Black Southwestern. Breaux performed a dramatic interpretation.

Bennett, Tina, Weatherford, BS Education
Bergin, Jerry, Oklahoma City, BA Education
Bevers, Jeff, Weatherford, BS Education
Bhakta, Mita, Muleshoe, TX, BS Pharmacy
Bickford, Kimberly, Lawton, BS Pharmacy
Bilbrey, Keith, Montague, TX, Bachelor of Science
Birdsell, Jill, Pampa, TX, BS Pharmacy
Blackman, Monica, Spearman, TX, BS Pharmacy
Blanchard, Vicki, Hammon, BS Education
Blum, Billie, Versailles, MO, Bachelor of Science
Boiling, Branchy, Hydro, BS Education
Boone, Staci, Weatherford, Bachelor of Social Work
Bulldog cheerleader Natalie Ledford gives the football players support in the game against Panhandle State. Southwestern won 29-10.

Alpha Kappa Psi won second place in the parade's float competition with their "kicking" wheel.

1995 Homecoming Queen Sunny Craig congratulates her successor, freshman Kay Robinson. More than 600 students voted in the election.

Boucher, Maegan, Woodward, Bachelor of Science
Boyd, Jay, Mineral Wells, TX, BS Pharmacy
Brewster, Dennis, Elk City, Bachelor of Arts
Bristow, Jill, Vernon, TX, BS Pharmacy
Brooks, Kevin, Tulsa, BS Pharmacy
Brown, Angie Epperson, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science

Brown, Danny, Lamar Co, BS Pharmacy
Brown, Justin, Hooker, BS Education
Buhlen, Latasha, Weatherford, BS Education
Buckler, Michael, Weatherford, BS Education
Burkart, Jana, Hydro, BS Education
Burrell, Tina, Fairview, BS Education
A week of friendly rivalry between queen candidates, dorm residents and football team members led to a weekend of winners during homecoming festivities held the first weekend of October.

Altus native Kay Robinson was crowned homecoming queen by 1995's honoree, Sunny Craig, at a campus-wide assembly Oct. 3.

The freshman was sponsored by Oklahoma Hall and vied against four other women for the title.

More than 600 students voted in the election.

Bulldogs kicked in '96 as the football team sent the Panhandle State Aggies crawling home after a 29-10 spanking.

Senior tailback Willie Brown was hailed by his fellow teammates for having accumulated 182 all-purpose yards. That number topped the Aggies' total yards by 12.

Earlier in the day, floats and bands from across the state marched down Weatherford's Main Street in the annual homecoming parade. Makeshift racing mattresses on wheels flew down the street at the parade's grand finale, the bed race.

All residence halls faced off in the competition, with Jefferson Hall seeking revenge from Parker Hall for upsetting their five-year winning streak in 1995.

Parker prevailed again. In float competition, Alpha Kappa Psi placed second with a footwear float, keeping with the theme of Bulldogs Kick in '96.

-Parker Hall bed pushers show off their first place trophy after winning the bed race competition in the Saturday homecoming parade. A much-heated competition between residence halls made for a week of betting and boasting before the event.
WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Aaron Roark, President, senior finance major

Mark Snowden, Vice President, senior finance major

Karen Peters, Treasurer, senior finance major

Tymon LaMar, Chief Justice, senior criminal justice major

Phil Burke, Supreme Court Justice, junior HIM major

Jerome Alexander, Parliamentarian, sophomore finance major

Student Senate Publicity Director Adam Ryburn demonstrates bobbing for apples in mashed potatoes at Dog Days. Some other organization members opted to skip this event due to its sick appearance.

Cayot, Chris, Okeene, BS Education
Celsor, Pauline, Sentinel, Bachelor of Social Work
Center, Jubal, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Chandler, Erin, Amarillo, TX, BS Nursing
Chandler, Seana, Weatherford, BS Education
Charles, Tara, Enid, BS Nursing

Cherry, Richard, Gracemont, Master of Education
Christian, Amy Brooks, Hydro, BS Pharmacy
Christian, Radford, Dill City, Bachelor of Science
Clark, Nina, Canute, Bachelor of Social Work
Clayton, Karol, Altus, BS Education
Clem, Traci, Sharon, BS Education
NOT JUST FUN

SGA serious about good times

Bobbing for apples in mashed potatoes, taking digital pictures with Bill Clinton and blood sucking are only a few of the events the Student Government Association sponsored throughout the year.

The first-ever elected Student Senate brought excitement to the campus via Dog Days, bonfires and spring flings, all free to interested students.

"These activities were a good chance for students to get out of their books and meet other people," SGA president Aaron Roark said.

Dog Days included sporting events between organizations. Events included three legged races, water balloon volleyball and a local community service project. The Biology Club came out as the "top dogs."

Dr. Bellows and virtual reality machines proved to be the most popular activities, according to the students.

Bellows' appearance produced his largest turnout in 10 years, said Kristie Hiler, SGA activities director. The M-4 virtual reality machine on campus forced event owners to stay longer than anticipated.

But not all Senate activities were strictly fun. SGA also accomplished serious business such as campus improvements, a new campus MD and blood drives.

"We try hard to work on issues that will raise student awareness," Roark said.

Senate also tackled resolutions during their weekly Wednesday meetings.

The no-credit-card vendors resolution eventually passed, as did the resolution for a textbook time limit use rule.

SGA also attempted the controversial tasks of making teacher evaluations public information and abolishing all student attendance policies.

Junior Regina Minter reacts to the initial needle penetration at the February blood drive sponsored by the SGA. The drive netted 97 pints of blood.

Hypnotist Dr. Roy Bellows convinces his "pupils" that they are getting sleepy. More than 700 students attended this almost-yearly activity.

Coble, Kevin, Geary, Bachelor of Science
Cochran, Elaine, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
Coffelt, Lisa, Mabank, TX, BS Pharmacy
Coffey, Aveta, Sayre, BA Graphic Design
Coggins, Jackie, Shamrock, TX, Bachelor of Social Work
Collum, Stacey, Pampa, TX, Bachelor of Science

Copenhaver, Shirley, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
Cornelsen, Kimberly Campbell, Liberal, KS, BS Education
Cornforth, Tony, Burlington, Bachelor of Science, BS Education
Cox, Daniel, Tyler, TX, BS Pharmacy
Cox, LeeAnn, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Craig, Richard, Weatherford, Bachelor of Arts
1996 Mr. Dimes Lake Carpenter sang "Men" in the talent portion of the pageant. Lowell Clark, freshman undecided major, was runner-up. Each of the 10 contestants was sponsored by a campus organization.

Olin Fenton gets his eye makeup perfected before the curtain goes up for the 1996 Mr. Dimes fundraiser. The pageant brought in more than $525.

Brandi Marise and Jennifer Kirby, SOSUNSA members of the Division of Nursing, pause from walking in a fundraiser sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Participants pitched tents and brought grills for the all-night event held at the Weatherford High School track.

Croft, Jennifer, Spiro, BS Pharmacy
Davis, Christi, Blair, BS Education
Davis, Darrin, Perryton, TX, Bachelor of Recreation
Davis, Michael, Yukon, Bachelor of Science
Debock, Devin, Hennessey, Bachelor of Recreation
Defrank, Ken, Weatherford, BA Education

Deblor, Katherine, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
DeKinder, Darryl, Chickasha, Bachelor of Arts
Dexter, Marcella, White Pigeon, MI, BS Pharmacy
Dillahunty, Dardi, Mangum, Bachelor of Science
Disney, Brandon, Tulsa, BA Education
Ditch, Dawn, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Some did it with glitter and dance. Others did it with just a pair of Nikes and sunglasses. But no matter the accessories, students had a common link—the desire to help others.

The second annual Mr. Dimes pageant held Oct. 8 pulled in over $525 for the March of Dimes. Decked out in girlfriends' old prom dresses and outrageous wigs, male students sang, lip-synched and even "hulaed" for a packed Student Union Ballroom audience.

Phi Beta Lambda, a professional business organization, sponsored the event. Sophomore special education major Lake Carpenter sashayed away with this year's crown.

Why did PBLers push men to dress in drag for money? President Stachia Day said her club had a strong national partnership with the March of Dimes. Southwestern's chapter was the only one to hold the unique contest.

"We wanted to do something for the community...DHS is always needing food..."

- Jason Hough
President
Social Work Club

"It's a more fun way to get publicity for the March of Dimes and to raise money," the junior marketing major said. "Our goal is to have a civic responsibility and to get involved in the community as much as we possibly can."

Other campus organizations felt the same.

Members of the University Media Association, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Phi, Southwestern Pharmacy Association, Southwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing Student Association and Kappa Epsilon each donned tennies and shades for an all-night trek to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Held Sept. 29-30, the event involved community groups, too.

Other walkathons that campus clubs took part in included the Cystic Fibrosis Walkathon with Gamma Delta Kappa and Student Senate. That walk consisted of 10 kilometers, about six miles.

Some organizations, however, chose to help out in a more local way. The Social Work Club placed drop boxes in dorms and buildings around campus to collect food and other nonperishable items for Weatherford residents. About 600 pounds of goods were collected. It was the first year that SWC had set up the sites.

"We wanted to do something for the community...DHS is always needing food for the needy," said senior social work major Jason Hough, club president.

- Leslie Taylor
It was an exciting year for voters with the presidential elections and the heated local races.

Both the College Republicans and the Young Democrats saw political action as both clubs campaigned for their respective national and local candidates.

Young Democrats started the ‘Rock-the-Vote’ campaign on campus, which was designed “to get students our age involved in voting,” according to Jason Gates, Young Democrats president.

Both organizations also helped rock the vote by registering more than 100 students to vote. For many students, this was the first time they had participated in a presidential election.

Also, The Young Democrats and the Student Senate sponsored debates between Frank Lucas-R and Paul Barby-D for the U.S. House of Representatives and James Covey-D and Rick Webb-R for state house District 57.

Some students had strong opinions about presidential contenders Bill Clinton and Bob Dole and about local candidates, too.

There was plenty of mud-slinging, but all in all “we had a good year,” said James Branum, conservative opinion writer for The Southwestern newspaper.

“Even though we did not get the Republican candidates we wanted into office, the values and experience I gained will be very valuable in the future!”

Michael Allen, liberal opinion writer for The Southwestern, rebutted Branum in his columns.

“Many of the students thought Branum and I hated each other,” Allen said, adding that, even though they exchanged verbal blows, they “were the best of friends.”

Still, Allen said he wished “more students would have gotten involved and voted.”

The election year ended with Clinton garnering another four years in the White House, Lucas in Washington and Covey taking care of western Oklahoma and House District 57.

-Jan Thompson
WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST ISSUE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

"The biggest issue for me was the character issue. Dole kept attacking President Clinton... kept trying to drag his name and his family through the mud. He kept a stiff upper lip, though, and that's good character."

Ken DeFrank
Senior Social Sciences major

A fellow Rick Webb supporter and conservative columnist James Branum, junior political science major, discuss politics at Webb's election watch party in November.

Local student leaders Michael Allen and Mark Snowden, left, and Aaron Roark and Adam Ryburn, right, visit with higher education specialist Jay Parmley. The group went to the state capitol to lobby during Higher Education Day March 4.

Fletcher, Stephanie, Walters, BS Education
Fogle, Cynthia, Gracemont, Bachelor of Science
Foster, Bradley, Paris, TX, BS Pharmacy
Fowler, Julie, Mountain View, BS Education
Franklin, Kent, Vernon, TX, Bachelor of Science
Friday, Shannon, Guthrie, Bachelor of Science

Friedel, Melanie, Beaver, BS Nursing
Fuentes, Luz, Burns Flat, BS Education
Fulton, Shannon, Hollis, BS Education
Garretson, Gina, Moore, BS Education
Gartrell, Brenda Hoffner, Woodward, BS Education
Gaylor, Allyson, Graham, TX, BS Pharmacy
WHERE THE CROWDS ARE

A mixed crowd often ambled into Jerry's Restaurant after a late evening of Macarenaville, boot-scootin' or rump-shakin'. Others came after a rough workout at the YMCA.

Either way, they were usually there because Jerry's was the only food joint open 24 hours. Partiers came to crowd out the scholars studying for that Friday morning test or to sample the taste of the $1.99 Rise and Dine special.

Possible future hangouts were Benchwarmer Browns sports bar, Winner's sports restaurant, Bricktown BBQ and O'Burger's, a new arrival in town. Benchwarmer's was scheduled to open before summer and was eagerly anticipated by the college crowd.

"Benchwarmer Brown's should be a great place for people of all ages to have fun," said Natalie Melton, sophomore from Beaver.

On the other side of town, a regular daytime activity came from the YMCA, where over 700 students had memberships. From racquetball to aerobics and roller-skating, the Y had a variety of activities for all students.

"I like working out in the aerobics room. There are many different types of machines and a television so I can work out and watch my favorite soaps all at the same time," said Jamie Massey, sophomore from Sayre.

Steve Scott, a sophomore from Westmoore enjoyed basketball goals.

"Since there are two courts, it is rare when you cannot find an open goal," Scott said. "So I can always get a game or two in."

Places like Jerry's, JC Cowboys, BJ's and Roscoe's became hotspots for students looking for a place to hang out.

"I looked forward to the weekend to unwind," Missy Cannon said. "[Cowboys] was a place I could go to unwind and relieve stress that my professors had given me during the week."

Country music was JC Cowboys' most popular tunes except on Thursday nights, otherwise known as college night. Students could then experience alternative, hip-hop or even some rap to shake it to. BJ's had a jukebox from whence to choose favorite hit, but Roscoe's was a little bit different.

"I like Roscoe's best because they outlawed country music," said Chad Crane, senior biology major from Afton.

-Shea Broadus

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Hangouts
The song "Macarena," as we knew it, was belted out by the group Los Del Rios and made a fiery, if brief, appearance. Not only was it repeatedly played on local radio stations, it sprang up on television, in night clubs, even in our very own theater department during "The Compleat Works of Willm Shkspr (abridged)". The Macarena's easy moves required little skill or memorization, which made it more fun and popular with all age groups.

A downtown deli and coffee house, Java's, proves popular with Elizabeth Beam and Chrissy Logan.

Bio majors Jubal Center, senior, and Mandy Smith, sophomore, browse a local video store to find the perfect Friday night entertainment.

Ham, David, Texarkana, TX, Bachelor of Music Education
Hamilton, Lloyd, Hydro, BS Pharmacy
Hampton, Chris, Altus, Bachelor of Music Education
Hamlin, Rhonda, Hobart, BS Education
Harmon, Amy, Hobart, Bachelor of Science
Harper, William, Elk City, Bachelor of Science

Harrison, Chad, Wheeler, TX, BS Engineering Technology
Harrison, Jason, Woodward, Bachelor of Science
Harrison, Shonda, Wheeler, TX, BS Education
Hauff, Shawn, Millerton, BS Pharmacy
Hawk, Matthew, Midwest City, Bachelor of Recreation
Hawk, Terry, Oklahoma City, Bachelor of Recreation
Cars, pickups and minivans crept bumper to bumper from one parking lot to the next. Occasionally one would suddenly stop and, signal lights flashing, whip into a just abandoned space.

Such was the scene every morning as students frantically searched for a spot near their classes. No one simply wanted a parking space. Everyone wanted a space closest to the buildings. Of course, good spots went early, leaving students with later classes to fight for empty spots.

Construction on Davis Road added to the usual traffic congestion by making some areas inaccessible during the fall semester. Construction ended and all the streets and parking areas were reopened by the start of the second semester, but students anticipated similar problems as construction on Davis was to continue west from Bradley in the spring.

Commuter Shirley Leverett of Elk City was one of those who had to struggle with finding a good spot. "I think it would help a lot if all the students living in the dorms would walk to class instead of driving," she said. She echoed the consensus around campus: "Something needs to be done."

But according to Police Chief Don Groth, there was more on-campus parking available here than at most universities. "(The parking) has never been filled to capacity," he said, "but many would rather pay the low fine for violations than walk a little farther."

Despite the common agreement among drivers that campus parking was unsatisfactory, no solutions were implemented. So every morning between the hours of 9 and 11, commuters searched franticly for that space at the heart of campus. Meanwhile, spaces at the outer edges remained as always - empty.

-Jan Garza
During the professional semesters of the nursing division, students are required to participate in clinicals with corresponding classes. Here Rebecca Forgione, Jennifer Pickett, Sandra Hibbert, Erin Chandler, Luci Gabehart and JoAnn Woodward exaggerate the tiresome hours it takes to become an RN. These students all completed this required clinical at Cordell Care Center.

With over 26 seniors graduating from the nursing school, the year's training included courses about psychosocial nursing, community health nursing and two semesters of research. Most courses included clinicals which allowed the future RNs to work in the community dealing with multiple aspects of the health care field.

Several students completed clinicals in nursing homes and children's hospitals. Some even traveled as far as Fort Supply to learn the techniques of dealing with mentally ill patients.

Other activities the future nurses participated in included presenting posters on their preliminary research at Southwestern's Research/Scholarly Activity Fair.

Seniors in the community health class taught student teachers a course on standard precautions, and seniors in the trends and issues class spent their time trying to alert the public, legislators and other nurses of the "disappearance of the RN at the bedside" due to the new healthcare bills and budget cuts affecting RNs.

The nursing-affiliated organization, SOSUNSA, also participated in the 'Relay for Life' cancer walk that raised over $1,500 for cancer victims. The event was an all-night affair held at the Weatherford High School track.

Horn, Andrea, Cordell, Bachelor of Arts
Horn, Chet, Cordell, BA Education
Hough, Jason, Weatherford, Bachelor of Social Work
Hoyle, Brandi, Booker, TX, BS Pharmacy
Hughes, Jason, Memphis, TX, Bachelor of Science
Hume, LaAnne, Thomas, Bachelor of Science

Hunt, Amy, Woodward, Bachelor of Science
Hunt, Michael, Hinton, BS Pharmacy
Hunt, Michelle, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Hunter, Jeff, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Huskin, Natalie, Belgium, Bachelor of Science
Above, elementary education seniors Sandra Lubbers and Kasey Reed take advantage of the Career Fair sponsored by Student Development Services.

The finalists in the homecoming queen competition are Deanna Alberty of Westville, Reagan Flowers of Meeker, Queen Kay Robinson of Altus, Kandi Sullivan of Maud, and Amy Stewart of Duncan.

Hutton, Julie Carver, Elk City, Bachelor of Arts
Huynh, Dianna, Arlington, TX, BS Pharmacy
Ice, Cyndi, Watonga, Bachelor of Science
Jackson, Jason, Canyon, TX, BS Pharmacy
Jancee, Kyle, Fairview, Bachelor of Science
Jarvis, Marquita, Lone Wolf, BS Education

Jean, Tammy, Kingwood, TX, Bachelor of Science
Jensen, Jake, Oklahoma City, Bachelor of Science
Jobe, Elaine, Ardmore, Bachelor of Music
Joe, Karen, Amarillo, TX, Bachelor of Arts, BS Pharmacy
Johnson, Christy, Clinton, BS Education
Johnson, Kimberly, Quapaw, BS Health Info Mgt
When Winner Takes All...!

Competitively speaking

Where two or more were gathered, there was rivalry—students from every part of campus striving to be the best.

The heat of competition between dorms continued to rise during the traditional homecoming bed race. Jefferson and Oklahoma Halls fought to reclaim the trophy from Parker and Rogers Halls after the previous year’s upset, but were defeated once again. Oklahoma Hall’s sophomore Sarah Murphy spoke of her team’s efforts.

“We wanted that (trophy) desperately, because we had five straight wins,” she said.

Academic rivalry was nothing to take lightly, either.

As always, there was stiff competition in the school of pharmacy. With only 101 placements available, the 332 students who applied had to give their all to become part of the fortunate few accepted.

Student teachers didn’t have it easy, either. Those vying for local positions had many other hopefuls to contend with. With only a limited number of elementary, middle school and high school positions up for grabs locally, the competitive edge remained sharp.

The spirit of rivalry was also alive and well as intramural teams struggled game after game to come out as “top dog” on campus.

In basketball, softball, flag football, bowling and volleyball, students kept the fighting spirit alive through each season.

Although all athletics brought out the competitive instinct, games against Northwestern created the biggest stir on campus. The rivalry with Northwestern took on a new intensity as the last year of being in the same conference neared an end.

Special education major Denise Shingleton said she was confident of the outcome.

“Having been in band and watching the games, I felt that our chances were good for going to the finals,” she said.

Shingleton’s faith paid off as the Bulldogs beat Northwestern and later as they won the women’s conference basketball title.

No matter what the activity, students used the driving force of competition to strive for excellence. And throughout the year, excellence was what they gave.

-Jan Garza
and Ivana Beatty
Dictionary definition:
FUN (fun), n., v.—n. 1. mirthful sport or diversion; merry amusement; joking; playfulness.
Southwestern definition:
CYBERFUN (siberfun)—n. 1. enjoyment provided through computer use; Internet, email, what's new, what's cool.

More than 60 computers for study and entertainment filled to the brim room 128 in the Thomas Stafford Building. From open until close, procrastinating students and online enjoyers sat glued to the screens. The goal? Maybe homework, maybe tuning in to the Melrose Place web site.

According to computer lab assistant Kevin Thompson, one of the main reasons for the lab's popularity was email. It was the first thing that he did when sitting down at a computer.

"I do my email first, so I can put off my homework that much further," he said.

The lab was busiest between classes and the morning. When students needed computers for academic use, recreational users might be gently asked to leave. Many of the same students came in every day and were usually the ones first asked to go.

"That's when I have to play 'bad guy' and kick out all the recreational users to make way for academic users," Thompson said.

Other exciting things to do on the net were looking at MTV's Top 20 (to sample videos not accessible in Weatherford) and downloading David Letterman's Top Ten to a best friend who missed it the night before.

Other cyberfun could be found in the Student Union. The game room, cafeteria and snack bar all housed different types of entertainment.

The cafeteria had a Laser Video Network, a funny shaped red machine with a built in TV. The LVN let viewers choose the latest music videos or current movie previews. It was connected to two other televisions in the cafeteria; all were free of charge.

Right across the hall—in the Student Union game room—the four pool tables were consistently full of players. Besides pool, the room had five video games, a pinball machine, electronic dart board, shuffle board and a brand new snooker table.

"I like going to the game room between classes," said Jeff Johnston, junior from Borger, Texas. "It is a cheap form of entertainment and passes the time."

-Shea Broadus

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Kiehn, Candace, Altus, BS Pharmacy
Kimble, Kristin, Weatherford, BS Education
Kirby, Brandon, Manchester, MO Bachelor of Recreation
Kirkendall, Kylan, Forgan, BS Education
Klein, Kristin, Lawton, BS Pharmacy
Knight, Ken, Canadian, TX, Bachelor of Music Education

Ko, Hyonbo, Lawton, BS Pharmacy
Koehn, Brian, Montezuma, KS, BS Pharmacy
Kriemback, April, Arapaho, BS Pharmacy
Kunesman, Karla, Spearman, TX, BA Science
Lamar, Tymon, Elk City, Bachelor of Arts
Larsen, Caroline, Weatherford, BS Education

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26 Fun Times
Finding a way to play on a cold day, Jason Holmes, Lydia Randolph, Bethany Shannon and Denalyn Kerby hug their homemade friend and celebrate the first big snowfall.

Duncan freshman Amber Ward and date Bobby Armstrong dance the night away at the Dec. 6 Winter Ball held in the Student Union Ballroom. The Student Government Association sponsored the event.

Tailgate partiers help to keep the fighting spirit alive plus serve up supper prior to the Bulldog-Northwestern rivalry, one of year's biggest events.

Le, Thuy, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy
Lee, Deana, Carnegie, Bachelor of Arts
Lee, Sung, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy
Lemons, Jason, Marietta, BS Pharmacy
Lesley, Amy, Weatherford, BS Education
Lessig, Mary, Marlow, Bachelor of Science

Leu, Brandon, Cameron, BS Pharmacy
Lewis, Brad, Hennessey, Bachelor of Recreation
Licht, Michael, Okarche, BS Pharmacy
Lining, Danny, Fort Supply, Bachelor of Science
Lindblom, William, Weatherford, Bachelor Bus Admin
Liner, Stephanie, Richardson, TX, BS Pharmacy
Several new clubs and organizations took the spotlight. The new Reading Council was formed to promote reading for elementary and special education teachers, according to president Tracie Richardson, junior elementary education major. Sponsor Patti Perkins said the goal of their Thursday meetings was to provide "interesting information to keep participation of the student body.

Campus for Choice, formerly known as Oklahoma Students for Choice, took the stage in an effort to get students involved in politics with a focus on reproductive rights. "We are not partisan, but simply want to get the students more involved in politics," president Adriana Edwards said. She added that the club did not advocate abortion only, but that there were other choices, like adoption.

The Episcopal-Lutheran Student Association, which used to be two individual organizations, reorganized into one. Leader Chad Benson called it "a great place for anyone to meet people, learn more about faith and have fun." Charities included giving toys to children for Christmas and teaming up with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for the less fortunate.

Another organization that took stage was the Native American Club. This organization wasn't just for Native Americans, but for anyone interested in learning the culture and traditional values. President D'Armon Miller, grad student seeking a masters in school counseling, said, "My biggest contribution is to get members involved in other school functions and to get the community involved." Members put on a powwow featuring native dances and foods.

Rochelle Beatty, sponsor of Kappa Mu Epsilon, said the key to having a successful organization was "the departmental support from fellow faculty members, because they are the nucleus that keeps the interest of the club going after students graduate."

The campus offered students membership in 74 organizations, each tied to a field of study, profession or hobby. Most, but not all, were active.

Dr. Clarence Sturm, sponsor of the German Club since 1967, said it best when he said, "The key to having a successful club is having active members!"

-Ivana Beatty and Jay Thompson

Lockhart, Dawn, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Locklear, John, Clinton, BS Pharmacy
Logan, Alicia, Sayre, BS Nursing
Lubbers, Sandra, Okeene, BS Education
Mahan, Sharon, Weatherford, Master of Education
Makiy, Eric, Gotebo, Bachelor of Science
Marshall, Ronda, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
Martin, Chris, Woodward, BS Education
Martin, Gerald, Murphyboro, IL, Bachelor of Science
Martin, Jennifer, Weatherford, BA Education
Masse, Donald, Guymon, BS Pharmacy
Mathews, Cary, Woodson, TX, BS Pharmacy

--- 28 New/Reorganized Clubs ---
The K-9 organization was formed by seniors Greg and Dawn Ditch, owners of the school's mascots Casper and Gracie. On the sidelines, Casper and Gracie barked the athletes to many victories.

Words to remember...

'We changed the name and when I became president my first goal was to let students know we were out there.'
- Adriana Edwards, pres, Campus for Choice Senior history major

'The club was non-functioning, and I was encouraged to start it up again.'
- D'Armon Miller, pres, Native American Club Graduate, special ed

'The Council was a division of the state; we decided to start a local chapter on campus.'
- Tracie Richardson, pres, The Reading Council Junior, elementary ed

'Both clubs were too small, so we just combined.'
- Chad Benson, pres, Episcopal-Lutheran Student Association, Sophomore, accounting

Mathis, Paul, Enid, BA Education
Matthews, Kenya, Houston, TX, Bachelor of Bus Admin
Maynard, Denise, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
McAlexander, Amy Sue, Hollister Bachelor of Bus Admin
McCain, Leisa, Seabrook, TX, BS Pharmacy
McCullough, Jodi, Weatherford, BS Health Info Mgt

McGuire, Erin, Cyril, BS Education
McLean, Mary, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
McMikan, James, Altus, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science
McNair, Stephanie, Lawton, Master of Education
McNeil, Lisa, Elk City, BS Pharmacy
McOsker, Kathy, Fairview, Bachelor of Science
The women's honor society Gamma Delta Kappa celebrate with their first fall initiation banquet. The officers for the year were Towana Ernst, senior, co-vice president; Lori Britton, senior, treasurer; Natalie Ceballos, senior, president; Emily Sellars, junior, secretary; Candis Pike, senior, publicity director; and Dawn Ditch, senior, co-vice president.

What was your favorite celebration?

Billy Shelburne, senior, elementary education, Goodwell: "Valentine's Day. I spent it with the woman I plan to marry."

Leslie Taylor, senior, English, Weatherford: "Christmas. My fiance proposed to me."

Julie Hutton, senior, communication arts, Elk City: "Spring Break. I needed the vacation from my twenty-hour course load."

Health information management juniors Melinda Garrison and Jodi Dooley, both of Hydro, decorate the Mu Rho Alpha bulletin board in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.
As the seasons changed, so did the reasons to celebrate. From Labor Day in the fall to graduation in the spring, the year was full of holidays and celebrations.

October offered thrills during the Child Development Lab's fall carnival, a group activity of Dr. Vicki Hatton's recreational leadership class.

The Wesley Foundation got in on the Halloween festivities by trick-or-treating for canned goods which they donated to the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance food pantry. The Baptist Student Union held a date auction at their '70s-retro Halloween party and put the proceeds toward their summer mission projects. The Church of Christ Student Center also sponsored a Halloween party with food and fellowship.

Thanksgiving spurred the spirit of giving as the Social Work Club, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, set up a food drive in November.

The arrival of December brought a multitude of activities and events. With Christmas and the end of the fall semester, students stayed busy with the hustle and bustle of charities, parties, dances and banquets.

The Student Union bookstore kicked off the season by participating in the Toys for Tots program. The collected toys were distributed to needy children on Christmas.

The Student Senate got into the spirit by having a Christmas party that included caroling for the elderly at Little Bird Health Care Center. During the festivities, the senators distributed stockings stuffed with useful items to the residents.

For the first time on campus, the Student Government Association sponsored the Winter Ball in early December. Although the turn out was smaller than expected, those who went had a "ball" as they danced the night away.

As the second semester began, so did a new season of celebrating.

February, designated Black History Month, was filled with activities sponsored by the Black Student Association. Included in the celebratory events were a dance in honor of the national football championship, and the "Apollo Showtime at the Dawg House" talent show.

March found students seeing green as St. Patrick's Day blew through campus. Although some non-green dressers got pinched, the majority were too busy with classes to even notice the holiday.

Celebrations played a major role on campus, from traditional holidays to student accomplishments.

-Jan Garza

Beaver
Freshman
Omar
Rosales, Enid
senior
Melissa
Wellman
and
New Mexico
director
Gary
Hickerson
show off their costumes at the Baptist Student Union Halloween party.

Emily Sellars, junior, reads the tag on a gift she received at the Gamma Delta Kappa Christmas party in early December.

Mossa, Steve, Tulsa, BS Pharmacy
Muehlstein, April, Munday, TX, BS Pharmacy
Mueller, Candis, Eustace City, Bachelor of Science
Munn, Melissa, Altus, Bachelor of Arts
Munn, Mendy, Pauls Valley, BS Pharmacy
Murray, Ella, Granite, BS Education

Nachbauer, Tamara, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Nall, Kimberly, Grandview, TX, BS Pharmacy
Nance, Lenda, Cordell, Bachelor of Social Work
Napier, Lonnie, Yukon, Master of Education
Neeland, Karen, Bismarck, BS Health Info Mgt
Nguyen, Hung, Midwest City, BS Pharmacy
We were very tight like a family and played together as much as we grew together in worship."

-Minda Cockrum
Psychology Senior
Yukon

With one common goal, the various religious organizations gave students fellowship, friendship, and good clean fun. Activities such as 'Noon Day' at the Baptist Student Union, brought students together each day for an encouraging Bible study and free food. At the Wesley Student Fellowship, students met in the evenings for 'Stress Relief' and watched a variety of movies or, if weather permitted, played an active game of volleyball.

"We were very tight like a family, and played together as much as we grew together in worship," said Minda Cockrum, senior psychology major, who was a regular at the Wesley Foundation.

The Catholic Student Association met every other Wednesday and played games like Bible Trivia. They also sponsored a bowling / pizza party for the Weatherford High School students.

"It was one of the best times we had," said Melinda McCarty, president of the Catholic Student Association, "and it was a very positive evening."

The Church of Christ Student Union sang songs at Little Bird Health Care Facility, according to President Ritchie Hamm. The group also raised $300 for charities and had a great retreat at Quartz Mountain. Many of the students felt they gained families and made a lot of strong friends.

"I know of a lot of seniors and myself that will keep in contact with each other after graduation," said senior Scott Holuby, president of Baptist Student Union.

-THE GOODFELLOWS
Students find fun, friends, fellowship

Nguyen, Mary, Fort Smith, AR, BS Pharmacy
Nguyen, Thanh, Fort Worth, TX, BS Pharmacy
Nicholson, Channa, Watonga, BS Education
Nix, Shawn, Mountain Grove, MO, BS Education
Nunemaker, Kevin, Clinton, BS Pharmacy
Nunemaker, Lisa Walker, Amarillo, TX, BS Pharmacy

Oliver, Marshall, Tecumseh, Bachelor of Science
Orgain, Amy, Elk City, Bachelor of Science
Owens, Shirley, Weatherford, Bachelor of Social Work
Palmer, Chris, Highland Village, TX, BS Pharmacy
Palmer, Jason, Weatherford, BS Engineering Technology
Parker, Beverly, Weatherford, Master of Education
Students from the Wesley Foundation, working with "volunteers in mission", build a small house in Rio Bravo, Mexico.

Taking a break from the Dog Days volleyball tournament, BSU members Melissa Wellman, Shelley Stroud and Jenny Johnson climb on the backs of Steve McLemore, Jason Sampler and Jason Holmes.

Ritchie Hamm, director of the Church of Christ Student Center, returns a serve as he leads his team to victory at the Dog Days volleyball tournament.

Parks, Gina, Haughton, LA, BS Education
Patel, David, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy
Patel, Kalpesh, Altus, BS Pharmacy
Patel, Lata, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Patel, Rakesh, Holdenville, BS Pharmacy
Patel, Sangita, Milpitas, CA, Bachelor of Science
Patel, Sanjay, Lusakzambia, Bachelor of Science
Payne, Mary, Lawton, Bachelor of Science
Peacock, Mark, Olustee, Bachelor of Science
Peck, Tracy, Canute, Bachelor of Science
Perkins, Ann Marie, Nashoba, Bachelor of Music Education
Perry, Greg, Pauls Valley, BS Pharmacy

Religious Involvement 33
Some students braved the language barrier to cross the border for spring break. In Blanca White’s restaurant in Matamoros, Mexico, are Pete Stover, Erika Haas, Mandy Card, Gena Stover and Brad Shultz.

Senior pharmacy major Scott Holuby serves pancakes over spring break in Panama City, Fla. More than 3600 people ate the free food over four days. Holuby traveled with the Baptist Student Union to the "BeachReach" event.

Perry, Jimmy, Duncan, BS Pharmacy
Perry, Shawna, Pauls Valley, BS Health Info Mgt
Peters-Snowden, Karen, Okarche, Bachelor of Science
Peterson, Misty, Antlers, BS Pharmacy
Pettijohn, Jack, El Reno, Bachelor of Social Work
Phillips, Tamara, Weatherford, BS Education

Pierce, Mysti, Watonga, BS Education
Pike, Candis, Altus, Bachelor of Science
Pitt, Grant, Oklahoma City, Bachelor of Science, BS Pharmacy
Pittman, Jeremy, El Dorado, Bachelor of Science
Poettcker, Mike, Vancouver, BC, Bachelor of Science
Poole, David, Elk City, Master of Bus Admin
Fresfaman Travis Brown and a group of friends chose the slopes of Crested Butte, Colo. for their spring break destination. The Kingfisher native is standing in front of the ski resort's "warming hut."

Whether to relax or to work, students escaped Weatherford for Spring Break.

Some headed to the snowy mountaintops of Colorado to hit the slopes, while others slathered on suntan oil to brave the beaches of Florida and Mexico.

Southwestern's Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation organized mission trips to the latter destinations. BSU and WF members chose to interweave the fun and mission work on their week off.

WF member and senior English education major Brandon Disney said he didn't mind working in Rio Bravo, Mexico, on his break from college.

"It was rewarding to be able to provide someone's simple need of shelter instead of pursuing my own interests," Disney said.

The group helped villagers to build 12x16 cinder block houses. The families would later cover the blocks with stucco.

The Tulsa native did get to shop for a day in Neuvo Progresivo, Mexico, with his wife Andrea.

The entire group also stopped off at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio on their trip back to Weatherford.

Some for charity and some for fun, students journeyed from mountaintops to beaches for spring break.

Gary Hickerson, senior art ed major from San Juan Pueblo, N.M., at far left, and Carrie Redding, sophomore social work major from Stillwater, far right, advertise their mission in Panama City Beach, Fla. They were part of the Baptist Student Union.

Porter, Misty, Petersburg, TX, BS Pharmacy
Price, Terry, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Prickett, Lori, Marlow, BS Education
Rachel, Cole, Hydro, Bachelor of Arts
Radtke, Brandi, Elk City, BS Education
Ramirez, Lucinda, Waynoka, Bachelor of Recreation

Ratterman, Randy, Yukon, BS Pharmacy
Raus, Michelle, Paris, TX, BS Pharmacy
Ray, Astrud, Bristow, Bachelor of Education
Red, Johnny, Clinton, Bachelor of Science
Reece, Malinda, Fort Cobb, Bachelor of Science
Reed, Kasey, Snyder, TX, BS Education
With every straight-A, touchdown, slam dunk or any other snappy score-gaining phrase, came winners and losers.

Exams, term papers, presentations, performances... the list goes on. Students will always remember quickly scanning the posted passing test numbers to see if they passed the English Proficiency Exam.

Southwestern held the attention of many this year as athletes in every sport competed with a mixture of blood, sweat and tears to take it to the top.

And that's just what happened. Students at Southwestern were, without question, the winners this year.

Jason Hough, Nanisa Pereles and KeriAyn Strickler had only four weeks to rehearse for The Compleat Wks of Wllm Shkspr (abridged), the first play of the year. With performances, homework and athletics, students found their niche in campus life.
In an effort to provide western Oklahoma with more culture, Southwestern set up an 8-event Panorama series. The events included a variety of entertainment from musical to political in an effort to combine student involvement with pleasure.

**John George** The UCO professor came to campus to share his specialty on the topics of domestic terrorism and his understanding of political extremist movements.

**Philharmonic Orchestra** In their third appearance at Southwestern, the Oklahoma Philharmonic performed many songs including such favorites as "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Salute to New Orleans," and "Les Miserables!"

**Inca World Band** Inca musicians from the Andes mountains played for students on the deck of the Student Union. Five Equador natives provided a different approach to music via their hand-made instruments.

**Bob Beckel** A political analyst and best known as CNN’s Crossfire co-host, Beckel spoke of his experience with presidential campaigns, his opinions on the Independent Party and his insight on the 1996 presidential election.

**Edgar Cruz** The Oklahoma native brought a little Latin/mariachi influence to the students of Southwestern in his performance at the Fine Arts Center. Cruz dazzled the audience with his talent by not only playing his own pieces, but by playing the acoustic versions of such classics as "Hotel California," "Stairway to Heaven," and Nirvana’s "Teen Spirit."

**New Lyric String Quartet** Dedicated to classical and contemporary music for strings and piano, this quartet appeared in the spring to give students a splash of string entertainment. The quartet included Southwestern violin professor David Robillard.

**Bryan White** In a two-concert evening, the 1996 Top New Male Vocalist belted out his well-known country and western songs to the crowd at Southwestern. White said he always had “a country state of mind.”

**Dan Katz** Founder of the Rainforest Alliance, Katz appeared as part of the Panorama series to inform the public about his quest to save the rainforest.

Above, Lori Kromer, former SW student, opens the show for the Bryan White concert and gets fans in the mood for some fun. The SWOSU alum had long been a fan of C&W music and even tried her chances in Nashville before returning to pursue her masters degree.

Below, Bryan White belts out a song for all country and western fans in attendance. The two-concert C&W show was brought to Southwestern as one of Panorama’s main event series. The Oklahoma native told fans he lived in Weatherford for a short time as a child.

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Reaves, Dana, Marietta, Bachelor of Science
Reynolds, Dorothy, Elk City, BS Education
Rhea, Joyce, Cheyenne, BS Education
Ridgway, Colleen, Thomas, Bachelor of Science
Rizzardi, Danette, Hurst, TX, BS Pharmacy

Roark, Aaron, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Robinson, Courtney, Hollis, Bachelor of Science
Robinson, Cynthia, Owasso, BS Pharmacy
Robinson, Troy, Oklahoma City, Bachelor of Science
Rodgers, Marsha, Mustang, Bachelor of Arts
Rodgers, Rana, Calumet, Bachelor of Science
Edgar Cruz takes time after his Panorama concert to sign copies of his CDs and cassettes for students. The concert, held in the Fine Arts Center, had about 1,000 people in attendance. Cruz entertained folks with his own latin/mariachi style as well as with popular classic cover tunes including, “Hotel California” and “Stairway to Heaven.” He also encouraged crowd participation with the “Dueling Banjos.” On stage, Cruz displayed his incredible talent on the guitar by playing from a selection of three classical acoustic guitars, including a twelve-string classical.

Rogers, Mike, Woodward, BS Education
Roper, Joseph, Anna, TX, BS Pharmacy
Roper, Shannon, Granite, BS Pharmacy
Rose, Angela, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Rutherford, David, Carter, BS Education
Sammons, Anthony, Edmond, Bachelor of Arts

Satterfield, Dana, Lubbock, TX, BS Education
Schimmel, Michael, Ft. Worth, TX, Bachelor of Science
Schlesman, Craig, Oklahoma City, Bachelor of Science
Schmidt, Karla, Colony, Bachelor of Science
Schmidt, Tamara, Enid, Bachelor of Science
Schmitz, Colleen, Weatherford, BA Education
The labs have been described with many colorful words, but quick or easy was not one of them.

In anatomy lab they dissected cats, relating the structures to humans, while putting up with the usual “Here, kitty, kitty” jokes. Students even spent extra hours armed with scalpels trying to match the muscle of the cat with the picture of the muscle in the book.

With this hands-on approach, students received a better understanding of the fields of medicine they will enter.

Jason Gates, senior biology major, said the science department was competitive with other schools in the state.

“I feel I received the best lab experience that I could,” he said. The physical science labs gave the students familiarity with various kinds of equipment they would use in their careers ahead. It was often very detailed and involved.

Tony Shinault, senior engineering/physics major, said a lot of employers want to know if students can use certain equipment when they graduate and look for a job. “We proved theories on the speed of light and worked with lasers and other equipment,” he said.

Doug Fettke, pharmacy major, said the labs could be very boring and tedious.

“The trouble that a lot of students have with the labs is that sometimes they do not see the big picture. Good teachers will show the students how this applies to life,” he said.

The Botany Club took classroom work further by poking and examining various plants and plant structures on campus. Dr. Bill Seibert, Botany Club sponsor, said the purpose of the labs was to give the students “practical experience for their careers ahead”.

Students wondered what it was all for, but later they could look back and understand how it applies to life. They could say “I learned it all at the lab in SWOSU.”

-Jay Thompson
Senior Mark Reddick cleans out the brain tissue of a frog as senior Chad Crane prepares the lab station to test the frog's muscle stimulation.

Junior Bryce Hoisington and Freshman Jamie Hastie prepare to cut off the frog's head in a human physiology class. The purpose of the dissection was to test the muscle stimulation.

Senior Chris Hise studies while Senior Chad Waggoner looks through the microscope to find the various organisms in water samples. The students took samples at different water depths at the OU Biological Station at Lake Texoma.

Shaw, Timothy, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Sherry, Matt, Choctaw, Bachelor of Science
Shaw, Shannon, Ardmore, BA Education
Short, Jennifer, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy
Shult, Danna Ralston, Dalhart, TX, BS Pharmacy
Sibley, Betina, Weatherford, BS Nursing

Sigala, Celia Borounda, Weatherford, BS Nursing
Sikey, Jayne, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Smith, Amy, Weatherford, Bachelor of Music Education
Smith, Mark, Weatherford, Bachelor of Bus Admin
Smith, Sawaya, Garland, TX, BS Pharmacy
Smith, Tracy, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Classes and textbooks, diplomas and careers. And in the midst of it all, a crucial link - internships.

Internships continued to provide the vital transition from school to career. The chance to explore jobs in "real life" situations helped students learn what to expect in the professional world.

Social sciences was one department that used internships as a valuable tool for providing students with a complete learning environment.

In the spring, junior criminal justice major Josh Gober took advantage of the opportunity offered by associate professor Dr. Michael Connelly. Connelly arranged for Gober to work for the Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission at the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Connelly, senior research analyst for Truth in Sentencing, worked closely to ensure Gober received the most from the experience.

Gober said he usually went to Oklahoma City once a week to meet with Paul O'Connell, Executive Director of the Commission.

"O'Connell gave me various topics to research weekly, such as crime statistics and state corrections acts," he said.

Through his close contact with Dr. Connelly, Gober was able to attend committee hearings at the state capitol and watch legislators debate bills.

"I learned a lot first hand about actual legislators, getting bills passed, and how the entire legislative process works," he said.

Gober said he planned to attend law school following graduation, but would try to stay involved with the Commission. For Gober, participating in an internship was very beneficial.

"I haven't decided on a specialty area of law yet, but I know my (internship) experience will be an advantage later on," he said. "I definitely recommend students take part in an internship if they are given the opportunity."

Gober's experience was one example of the broad educational opportunities available to students.

Although not every department offered internships, many provided similar programs. Health, Physical Education and Recreation made practica available for majors.

Education majors had student teaching and the resident year to sharpen on-the-job skills. Nursing students completed their clinicals in the professional environment.

Even though the experiences were as diverse as the majors, internships were a valued part of the educational process and the invaluable link between class and career.

-Smith, Valori, Okeene, Bachelor of Science
-Smylie, Alissa, Beaver BS Health Info Mgt
-Snowden, Mark, Omega, Bachelor of Science
-Snowden, Robyn, Omega, BA Education
-Sollis, Emily, Altus, Bachelor of Science
-Sparks, Lance, Blair, BS Pharmacy

-Sponsel, Amy, Watonga, BS Health Info Mgt
-Steffler, Debra, El Reno, BS Education
-Stephen, Cheryl, Clinton, Bachelor of Science
-Stephens, Staci, Mountain View, BS Education
-Stevens, Amy, Anadarko, Bachelor of Science
-Stewart, Joseph, Com, Bachelor of Science
it was... exciting when they offered me a position as a programmer at the home office at Bentonville'

-Cara Srums, senior computer science intern

Senior pharmacy student Michael Womack works as an intern at the Medicine Shoppe in Weatherford.

During a field trip to the OU Biological Station, seniors Todd Cavins and Todd Garrison investigate the tree species at Lake Texoma. They joined other students in natural history and aquatic biology for the three night adventure.

Stratton, Kelli, Clinton, BS Education
Syed, Ali, Sayre, Bachelor of Science
Tall Bear, Kathleen, Weatherford, BS Education
Tang, Michelle, Arcadia, BS Pharmacy
Taylor, Leslie, Weatherford, Bachelor of Arts
Tharp, Maria, Pocasset, Bachelor of Science

Thiessen, Jeff, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Thoma, Jill, Moore, BS Pharmacy
Thomas, Cynthia, Kingsville, TX, BS Pharmacy
Thomas, Steve, Midwest City, Bachelor of Recreation
Thompson, Carla, Anadarko, BS Education
Thompson, Cheryl, Tulsa, BS Pharmacy
Junior theatre major Todd Swink relaxes before dress rehearsal for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." More than 20 cast members participated for the first play of the spring.

Chanda Kromer performs at the annual fall Festival of the Arts at Means Park. The festival was open to the public and served as a venue for many organizations' fundraising efforts.

Musically Notable

-Southwestern hosted the 27th annual Jazz Festival.

- Angela Krowe Unruh, BME, was a first place winner, senior women, at the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

-Natalie Ferrell Ward, BME, BM, was second place winner, junior women, at the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

- Dr. Terry Segress, faculty member since 1971, was one of three individuals inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmaster Association Hall of Fame.

Performances

The Pride of the Great Southwest, the SWOSU marching band, steps in time on the way to a football game.

Trivette, Gina, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Tucker, Clendon, Weatherford, BS Education
Tyson, Robin Wright, Lawton, Master of Education
Underwood, Christina, Greenfield, BS Health Info Mgt
Unruh, Angela, Weatherford, Bachelor of Music Education
Upadhyaya, Ashish, San Angelo, TX, BS Pharmacy
Smell of grease paint, roar of the crowd

PERFORMERS AND PERFORMANCES

The campus had its own celebrities, some dramatic, others athletic, artistic, or musical.

In November, the theatre department entered the production Kindertransport in the American College Theatre Festival. The hard work of the cast and crew proved to be worth the effort.

Steve Strickler, theatre instructor and director of Kindertransport was awarded Excellence in Directing and Excellence in Sound Design. Two actresses, Lydia Randolph of Thomas and Heather Sprague of Altus, received Irene Ryan acting awards.

Another award granted was Excellence in Scene Design, which went to Les Thomas, technical director for the theatre department. The production of Kindertransport received the Critic’s Choice Award, which gave the play the nomination into the regional festival.

Other plays performed were Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged), A Midsummer Night’s Dream and The Little Foxes.

The art department displayed art exhibits for its graduating seniors. In December, Rodney Cloud and Chris Henson spent a lot of time getting ready to present their exhibits.

Cloud was the first senior of the year to present his work. The works were evaluated by all the instructors as part of his standard graduation assessment.

Henson called his artistic style “kind of dark.” The beautifully sketched pieces, Devil Man, Sleeping Man and A Thought were Henson’s favorite pieces. “Music inspires my art,” he said.

Senior Sayre native Aveta Coffey and senior Hydro native Cole Rachel displayed their art in the spring art show in April.

- Julie Hutton

Vu, Samantha, Tulsa, BS Health Info Mgt
Wallace, Shelley, Enid, BS Education
Walters, Matthew, El Reno, Bachelor of Science
Ware, Ty, Turpin, BS Education
Watkins, Brad, Carrying, Bachelor of Science
Watson, Jennifer, Piedmont, Bachelor of Arts
More majors?
While some students might have yawned at the news of new major programs being added, others reveled in the opportunities.

The journalism minor was eliminated, but a communications arts major and minor went into business in the fall. The three-fold program offered special emphasis in speech, theater or mass communications.

Junior communications major Todd Swink felt relieved at the new degree's usefulness.

"I think it's great because with the new communications degree, you can focus in your specialized field, but you still get training in all related areas," Swink said. "It can open more doors when you are out looking for a job!"

The communications program did not affect the speech/theater minor, and former journalism minors could still graduate with their old program.

The Board of Health approved a new degree for the School of Health Sciences in December, although it would not be enacted until fall 1997.

Instead of honing in on a particular occupation, this "flexible" degree, as it was called by associate dean of health science Dr. Gary Walgamott, was designed to let students study their specific interests in the health care field. It could also be used as an undergrad's stepping stone to medical school.

Students entering the School of Education next fall to major in elementary, early childhood or special education were scheduled to experience changes in their degree program. As mandated by the regents, students would complete at least 12 hours each in English, science, math and social studies.

Not a problem, according to Dr. John Folks, dean of the School of Education. In an interview with The Southwestern newspaper, Folks said the new rules didn't affect SWOSU that much.

"It is very little change," he said. "We were almost there anyway."

-Leslie Taylor

Communication arts major Rhonda Combs has her speech on Ebonics recorded by junior communications arts major Amber Toppah. The major was instated fall 1996 and emphasized speech, theatre or journalism.

Weatherly, Dustin, Pampa, TX, BS Industrial Technology
Weatherly, Jacy, Elk City, BA Education
Weber, Alicia, Oklahoma City, BS Education
Weber, Diana, Lawton, Master of Education
Wells, Johnny, Hydro, BS Engineering Technology
Wesner, Kari, Cheyenne, BS Education
Wheeler, Kyle, Dill City, Bachelor of Science
White, Bill, Burnt Flat, Bachelor of Science
White, Staci, Woodward, BS Education
Wilbanks, Aaron, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Wilburn, Linda, Hydro, Bachelor of Science
Wilks, Amy, Colleyville, TX, BS Pharmacy
Williams, Julia, Weatherford, Bachelor of Music
Williams, Lawrence, Weatherford, BS Industrial Technology
Williams, Scott, England, Bachelor of Science
Williams, Stacy, Idabel, BS Education
Wills, Tammy, Jenks, Bachelor of Science
Wills, Thomas, Weatherford, BS Education

- 46 New Majors/Minors
Senior biology major Kim Duffy observes plants in the old greenhouse east of the Old Science building. A new greenhouse in the making, north of the Rogers/Jefferson cafeteria, will soon provide science majors with more room to grow plants. Almost twice the size of the old greenhouse, it will also house the plants to be re-bedded on campus.

Senior healthcare administration major Jayme Haight browses through information on the new health sciences degree to be offered in the fall of 1997. This new degree was designed to let students pick a variety of careers in the health field.

Willis, Tonjia, Weatherford, Bachelor of Music Education
Wilson, Andrew, Weatherford, Bachelor of Arts
Wilson, Brooke, Kingfisher, Bachelor of Science
Wilson, Galyn, Hinton, Bachelor of Science
Wilson, Lulena, Moore, BS Pharmacy
Wilson, Tricia, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science

Winters, Mike, Weatherford, BS Education
Witte, Susan, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Wolfe, Suzanne, Clinton, BS Education
Wood, Amber, Dewey, Bachelor of Science
Wood, Janet, Cordell, Bachelor of Science
Woodward, Joann, Apache, BS Nursing

Worth, Brandon, Hardin, MT, BS Pharmacy
Wright, Laura, Rush Springs, BS Pharmacy
Yandell, Amy, Gage, Bachelor of Science
Yearwood-Rymer, Vickie, Weatherford, Bachelor of Science
Zerby, Scott, Haver, BS Pharmacy
Zitterkob, Henry, El Reno, Bachelor of Arts, BS Pharmacy
Right, strong safety Marshall Oliver (25) tackles a Northeastern player during a game that kept Southwestern in the hunt for the conference playoffs. Jeremy Williams (47), Robbie Newberg (98), and Mark Patterson (45) assist on the play.

Far right, head football coach Paul Sharp sums up the Bulldog season by holding up the NAIA National Championship trophy. Sharp was named Coach of the year for the 1996 season.

Below, Brad Woodard (7) hands the ball off to Keith Kizzie (4) in Southwestern’s National Championship win against Montana Tech 33-31. Kizzie received Player of the Game honors following the game.

ALL AMERICAN HONOREES

1996 FOOTBALL SEASON

Reggie Jackson
Willie Brown
Robbie Newberg
Yohance Brown
Landon Curtis (Honorable Mention)

Adler, Mr. Brian, Director, Public Information
Al-Jarrah, Dr. Radwan, Chair/Prof, Mathematics
Al-Jarrah, Ms. Susan, Instructor, Language Arts
Albaugh, Ms. Patricia, Asst Prof, Social Sci
Alsbach, Mr. George, Cataloging, Librarian
Alsberg, Mr. Fred, Asst Prof, Language Arts

Armoudian, Ms. Abga, Asst Prof, Language Arts
Armoudian, Dr. Garabed, Chair/Prof, Physics
Ball, Ms. Sue, Instructor, Biology
Barnes, Mr. Robert, Asst Dir, Auxiliary Serv
Baughers, Ms. Madeline, Instructor, Computer Sci
Baughers, Dr. Richard, Assoc Prof, Technology
TOP DOGS

Team Overcomes Tragedy to Win NAIA Title

Tragedy-stricken but character-strengthened, the Bulldog football team overcame the death of teammate Alvin Ray Milton to win their first-ever NAIA National Championship title. They beat the Montana Tech Orediggers, 33-31, Saturday, Dec. 7 at Milam Stadium in front of 4,500 fans.

Milton, along with three SWOSU basketball players, Cornelious Chiles, Telly Gatewood and Chucky Gulley, died in a traffic accident Oct. 27 while driving home from Oklahoma City.

After Milton's death, the Dogs pulled together. With 4:21 left in the fourth quarter of the NAIA Division I National Championship game, linebacker Mark Patterson, a junior from Tuttle, sealed the fate of the Orediggers by tackling Chris Turner in his own end zone for a 2-point safety.

That safety propelled the Bulldogs into the NAIA record books as the last team to hold the title of Division I National Champions. It was the last time any school would compete for a Division I title, because the NAIA would go to a one-division system beginning in the '97-'98 season.

The road to the national title was hard-fought for the Bulldogs. They had to take on rival Northwestern twice in order to play Montana Tech.

SWOSU ended the season with an overall record of 7-3 and a conference record of 4-1. The season was not a dominant one for the Bulldogs as a team, but many players excelled.

In offense, Woodard passed for a total of 1660 yards. He was 109 out of 253 with 11 TDs. Willie Brown led all rushers and all-purpose backs with 645 yards rushing on 143 attempts with a total of six all-purpose touchdowns. He had a fumble return for one TD and a kick-off return for another. He also had nine catches for 241 yards and one touchdown. Brown had 12 kick-off returns for a total of 316 yards, equalling a 26.3 yard average.

Senior wide receiver Reggie Jackson led the receiver corps with 37 catches for 650 yards and five TDs. Willis had the best yards per catch average with 26.8. He had two TDs.

Two time All-American Yohance Brown anchored the defense. He led all tacklers with 123 tackles and six interceptions along with two fumble recoveries. He had 10 tackles for a negative 18 yards and two sacks for negative 10 yards. He also blocked one kick.

Newberg piled up the most sacks with seven for negative 68 yards.

-Erich Richter

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Final records
Overall: 9-3
Conference: 4-1

Beatty, Ms. Rochelle, Instructor, Mathematics
Becker, Dr. Bettie, Director, Assessment
Becker, Mr. Larry, Manager, University Press
Bell, Dr. Gary, Asst Prof, Technology
Bergman, Dr. David, Dean, School of Pharmacy & School of Health Sciences
Bessinger, Mr. David, Asst Prof, Music
Blagowsky, Dr. Jim, Professor, Psychology
Blankenship, Ms. Anita, Benefits Coord, Personnel
Boggs, Ms. Lisa Instructor, Biology
Boyd, Mr. Todd Director, HS/College Relations
Bradfield, Ms. Jan, Asst Prof, Art
Bromert, Dr. Roger, Assoc Prof, Soc Sci
Sonya Coy, Hammon freshman, finishes in eleventh place at the College National Finals Rodeo at Bozeman, Mont., in June 1996. Coy was back in '97 for a good sophomore year.

Dusty Drake qualifies for the short go with a score of 65 with a wild bullride at the 25th Annual Southwestern Rodeo. Eight Bulldogs placed in six different events.

As a freshman in the summer of '96, DeRidder, La. cowboy Clark Dees tries for a bareback ride at the College National Finals in Montana. Dees finished tied for fifth and sixth places.

Bryant, Dr. Richard, Asst Prof, Chemistry
Busch, Dr. Dianne, Assoc Prof, HPER
Chapman, Dr. Charles, Chair/Prof, Music
Church, Dr. Gerald, Asst Prof, Mathematics
Clark, Mr. David, Bursar
Coates, Dr. David, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sci

Connelly, Dr. Michael, Assoc Prof, Social Sci
Crall, Dr. Leslie D., Assoc Prof, Bus Admin
Creach, Ms. Glenda, Director, St Dev & Placement
Deimling, Dr. Michael, Assoc Prof, Pharmaceutical Sci
Dill, Dr. Dan, Dean/Prof School of Arts & Sci
Dorlac, Mr. Bob, Instructor, Art

50 Rodeo
As the summer session began in 1996, Southwestern cowboys and cowgirls were gearing up to head to the College National Finals Rodeo June 9-16. There, the men's team finished third and the women's fifteenth, ending the twenty-ninth rodeo season for the university.

The men's team consisted of Doug Fennell, Clark Dees, Lee Akin, Wes Bailey, TW Snyder, and DJ O'Connor. Akin finished the rodeo second after placing third in the long go with a score of 84. Snyder finished fifth in the average of team roping and tenth in the men's all-around. Bareback riders Fennell and Dees split fifth and sixth in the average. Akin and Fennell began competing full-time in professional rodeo and Akin was tenth in the PRCA standings when The Record went to press in April.

Members of the women's team were Sonja Coy, Lizzy Ehr, Angie West, and Kelley Johnston. Coy was the only Southwestern cowgirl to make it to the short go. She finished eleventh in the average of goat tying.

The thirtieth rodeo season began in October with the teams traveling to Murray State College. Both placed second overall. Shawn Minor, who would later break his foot and miss three rodeos, took first in the bareback competition. Corey Navarre tied for second in bull riding. In barrel racing, West took second and Coy fourth. In breakaway competition, Shawn Wise took second and Jana Campbell took third.

The teams then traveled to Dodge City, Kan., where the women won and the men took third. Johnston was first in goat tying and West first in barrels. Dees took first in bareback and Navarre finished third in bull riding.

At Pratt Community College the women finished second and the men third. Johnston took third in goat tying and second in breakaway. Dees again placed second in bareback and Ty Massey finished second in calf roping.

After the winter break, the teams headed to Kansas State. Coach Don Mitchell recruited some new riders, Davey Shields and Colt Dowdy. At KSU the men finished second, the women sixth. In the bareback competition, Dees took first and newcomer Shields finished fourth. Jeremy Hennigh finished second in calf roping.

On to Ft. Scott Community College, the women took first by a landslide. Wise was third in goat tying and second in breakaway to take all-around honors. West tied for second and Coy for third in the barrels. Massey took third in calf roping and Minor fourth in saddle bronc.

At press time, the region results had the women's team second behind Southeastern and the men third behind Panhandle State and Ft. Scott. West was first in barrel racing and Wise was third in breakaway. Dees led the bareback competition with Minor in third. Navarre was second in bull riding and Hennigh third in calf roping.

-Mike Martin
From cross country to softball, women stepped into the sports arena determined to prove that there was no weaker sex.

Cross country runners competed in the fall, ending the season with 35th place in the NAIA meet at Wisconsin in late November. The team won back-to-back OIC championships.

Top finishers include Tara Overstreet, who ran a 20:18 and placed 197th. Right behind her was Melanie Lemmons, who finished with a time of 20:26 and came in 238th.

Softball Coach Steve Williams rounded up his Lady Bulldogs to hit the diamond as the first-ever softball team at SWOSU. In April, the team was 5-25, but most of the games were close.

First basewoman Charlotte Pfeil was honored as NAIA Southwest Region Player of the Week and Lone Star Conference Player of the Week.
Cross country runners get the green flag at the Southwestern Invitational meet.

Sophomore Tara Overstreet of the women's cross country team runs in the SWOSU Invitational meet. She finished 197th at the NAIA national meet in Wisconsin. She ran a 20:18 in the meet, one of her best times ever.

Cheerleaders were just another female-only facet of SWOSU. In the back row is Jessica Johnston, Staci Stephens, Dee Dirickson and Lealey Dailey. Front row is April Shipley, Natalie Ledford, Chanda Kroner and Mika Benway.

Hayes, Dr. Wayne, Assoc Prof, Mathematics
Henson, Ms. Faye, Asst Prof, Allied Health
Hertzer, Dr. Donald, Chair/Prof, Chemistry
Hoffman, Mr. Kirk, Director, St Housing & Act
Howard, Ms. Linda, Instructor, Comm Arts
Hunsicker, Dr. James, Professor, Psychology

Jackson, Ms. Carolene, Asst Dir, Child Dev Lab
Jent, Dr. James, Asst Prof, Technology
Johnson, Ms. Sandy, Asst Prof, Mathematics
Jones, Ms. Beverly, Director, Library
Jones, Dr. Ray, Professor, Physics
Kaufman, Dr. Jerry, Dean/Prof, School of Business
In the first conference win of the year, junior Derrick Bogay, #33, slams one, adding to the 78-66 defeat of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. The home win came after the 72-81 loss to USAO earlier in the season.

Senior Garfield Richards, #3, adds to the 86-68 win over Panhandle State University. The men got revenge for the team’s first season match up when they were barely defeated 61-62.

Jo Jo Daniels, junior, #4, handles the ball against Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s defense. This 74-84 loss was the second of the season to Southeastern.

FOR THE RECORD

Overall Record: 7-20
OIC Record: 3-11
Home Record: 3-6
Road Record: 1-12
Neutral Court Record: 3-2

The OIC named DeLancey Donley to the second team of the conference honor team. Garfield Richards, Derrick Bogay, JoJo Daniels and Brady Hamar were given honorable mention.

Keasler, Ms. Debbie, Instructor, Education
Kerley, Dr. Michael, Chair/Assoc Prof, Biology
Kish, Mr. Peter, Instructor, Biology
Kitchens, Dr. Jim, Professor, Education
Klaassen, Mr. Bob, Registrar/Director, Admissions
Lackey, Dr. Sam, Asst Prof, Language Arts

Landry, Dr. Jacques, Asst Prof, Pharmacy Prac
Lane, Dr. Allen, Professor, Chemistry
Lang, Dr. Park, Chair/Asst Prof, Art
Lawrence, Dr. David, Assoc Prof, Mathematics
Levy, Dr. Les, Chair/Prof, Psychology
Liebacher, Kim, Counselor St Dev Services
Despite Overwhelming Odds

The men's basketball team began the season at a disadvantage after losing three team members to an auto accident in October.

The absence of Chucky Gulley, Cornelious Chiles and Telly Gatewood dealt a devastating blow to the team. The team dedicated the season to their fallen teammates.

Despite the loss, team and Coach George Hauser gathered forces and charged ahead with strong determination. From the season opener to their final game, the Bulldogs fought hard, kept games close, and displayed undying spirit.

The Dogs gave an outstanding performance in December as they upset the number one ranked Oklahoma City University Chiefs, ending OCU's undefeated record.

Disappointingly, the team came just short of victory too many times, leaving the season record at 7-20 overall and 3-11 in the conference.

As the year ended, so did the team's action as a part of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference. With the beginning of the 1997-98 season they will be competing in the Lone Star Conference after joining NCAA Division II.

-Jan Garza
The Panhandle State defense can't stop senior Denise Jones as this shot adds to the 67-48 win over the Aggies. The game made the Lady Bulldogs' second victory against PSU for the season. The women clenched the first match up 94-73.

Junior Jana Hilbert, #24, and sophomore Miriam Owiti, #31, trap a Langston player in the 99-75 victory over the Lady Lions. The women also beat Langston 99-71 earlier in the season.

Coach John Loftin and two NAIA corporate sponsors (left) join the women after the national tourney in Tennessee. Team members are Roslynn Dunn, Mindy Bedford, Denise Jones, Sherry Ray, Kenya Matthews, Sendra Smith, Erica Hightower, and Jana Hilbert. Coach Shelley Pond is at right.

Mitchell, Dr. Don, Chair/Prof, Technology
Morris, Dr. Nina, Asst Prof, Pharmacy Prac
Morris, Dr. Robert, Professor, Mathematics
Moss, Dr. Greg, Asst Prof, Education
Murdock, Ms. Lin, Asst Prof, HPER
Nadel, Dr. Stanley, Chair/Assoc Prof, Social Sci

Nail, Dr. Paul, Professor, Psychology
Nithman, Dr. Charles, Professor, Pharmacy Prac
Nye, Dr. Jerry, Chair/Prof, Language Arts
O'Neal, Dr. Steven, Assoc Prof, Biology
Ortega, Dr. Gustavo, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sci
Osborne, Dr. James, Asst Professor, Pharmacy Prac
The Lady Bulldogs went into the season ranked #4 in the NAIA national poll, and spent the season proving their worth. With only a few disappointing losses, the team made its presence known as a force to be reckoned with.

The women won the well-deserved conference title with a 13-1 OIC record, and went to their eighth straight national tournament. The Lady Dogs played like champions, but fell just two games short of the national title in the semifinals against Union Tennessee.

Coach John Loftin and his team had reason to be proud, ending their season with an overall record of 28-5, and a national ranking of #5.

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-Jan Garza

Senior Kenya Matthews, #23, of Houston, Texas, outhustles a Langston player during the 99-75 victory at home. The win resulted in the second 99 point defeat of the Lady Lions.

Sendra Smith, junior, #44, fights for position against Kansas Newman in the Ethel Nunn Classic. The Lady Dogs beat the Jets 100-30.

For the Record

Overall Record: 28-5
OIC Record: 13-1
Home Record: 11-2
Road Record: 8-2
Neutral Court Record: 9-1

Owens, Dr. Jill, Assoc Prof, Language Arts
Perkins, Mr. Nelson, Instructor, HPER
Petitjohn, Dr. Viki, Asst Prof, Language Arts
Prabhu, Dr. Vilas, Chair Prof, Pharmaceutical Sci
Pray, Dr. W. Steven, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sci
Price, Dr. Lessley, Director, Tele-Learning

Price, Ms. Paula, Asst Prof, Music
Prichard, Ms. Marion, Asst Prof, Allied Health
Prince, Dr. Shelly, Asst Prof, Pharmaceutical Sci
Pye, Ms. Linda, Acquisitions, Library
Ralph, Dr. David, Asst Dean, School of Pharmacy
Reeder, Dr. Robert, Professor, Business Admin
Top, senior catcher Craig Teasley discusses strategy with pitcher Zach Booth and Coach Larry Guerkink during the USAO game. Bottom, senior Ty Hussey throws a pitch at Williams Field, also against USAO.

Scott Williams, senior from Manchester, England, plays in a doubles duel against East Central. Williams’ partner was Mark Feightner. The duo won 8-6.
Spring brings its own distinct brand of athlete. While practice begins in the fall, golf, tennis and baseball players bring about results as warm weather approaches.

Head coach Larry Guerkink entered his 22nd season baseball program with five starters and four main pitchers from the last season. Thirty-two players made up the roster. The Bulldogs had an experienced infield with three seniors and two juniors covering: Weatherford senior Craig Teasley at catcher, Midwest City senior Jay Luttrell at first, Elk City junior Bobby Wechsler at second and Edmond junior A. J. Misialek at third. Also back was designated hitter Larry West of Westerly, R. I., a senior.

Pitcher Braun Dupy came back after surgeries set him back from last year, and three new Conner College transfers joined the team to contend as a top challengers for the OIC crown. This season was the last time the Bulldogs would see OIC action, as they would play in the Lone Star Conference in 1998.

The Bulldogs played a 57-game schedule, opening against the University of Oklahoma.

"It was good experience to play a top level D-1 team," West said. "It was fun and exciting."

The Bulldogs fought hard but fell short to OU, 9-5. As The Record went to press, they were 14-13, and had high hopes for the remainder of the semester.

"I expect us to be top contenders in the OIC tourney and after that move on to regional," said senior pitcher Ty Hussey.

The men's golf team had two All-Americans on the squad who had placed third at the NAIA tournament the past year. Junior Cory Smith of Elk City was a two-time All-American. Senior Cory Reneau of Borger, Texas, had earned the honor last season.

The Bulldogs headed into the spring on top of the preseason ratings and looked forward to staying there.

"Our leadership and experience are our strong points," said Assistant Coach David Poole. "Our chances are real good at placing in the national tournament again."

Del City senior Steve Thomas and Arapaho junior Joel Burleson each had two years of national tourney experience, having played there in both 1995 and 1996.

As this publication went to press, the golf teams were getting ready to host the Southwestern Invitational.

Three returning starters led the men's tennis team. In singles, Enid senior Mark Feightner was at #3, Texas junior Jason Hughes was at #4 and Manchester, England, senior Scott Williams was at #5.

All were key returnees from last season's squad, according to Coach Rocky Powell. Feightner had led the way last year with 13 - 3.

"I would consider this a rebuilding season," Feightner said. "It's been a tough season so far."

Before The Record went to press, the Bulldogs' record was 7-8, but Feightner said he expected them to end up among the top four in conference.

-Steve Thomas, senior golfer, Del City

Senior Joel Burleson practices hard for the upcoming Southwestern Invitational.
As usual, SWOSU provided a variety of intramural activities. Even though school, work and organizational involvement took up most of the students’ time, more than 3000 still found time to squeeze in intramural sports.

Fall began with co-ed softball. Eighteen teams participated but when it came down to the finals, only three undefeated teams remained in the competition. They were Mors Ab Alto, Bumble Bee Tunas and Flying Out.

Mors Ab Alto and Bumble Bee Tunas were the teams who fought their way to the championship game. It was neither team’s first trip to the finals as they had met last year and the Tunas prevailed. This year it was a different story. Mors Ab Alto won the grudge match 10-0 to capture the bragging rights and the crown.

Flag football began while co-ed softball was still in play. Fourteen men’s teams entered in the flag football, but only two were women’s teams. The teams gathered on the practice field next to the Child Development Lab. This sport gave some the opportunity to play football for the first time.

“If high school football would have been as much fun as the Dalai Llamas, then I would have played it,” said Shannon Butler, sophomore from Hooker.

The True OG’s were the only undefeated team remaining. The Barge Loobies and the Dalai Llamas, both 6-1, looked to eliminate the OG’s from the playoff race. Other teams that participated were Security, the Cornfed Mules and the Flying Turtles.

unexpectedly, there was more than one champion in the flag football tournament this year. Three men’s teams and two women’s teams were awarded t-shirts. Finals were not played due to the deaths of four SWOSU athletes.

The Bomb Squad and the Attitudes shared the women’s title. They played only once in regular season and the Bomb Squad squeezed by on a desperation play in the last few seconds. The Dalai Llamas, Barge Loobies and True OG’s divided up the crown for the men.

Spring season intramurals started off with men’s and women’s five-on-five basketball and co-ed bowling. There were three champions in the men’s league. A, B and C categories were based on talent.

The Leapin’ Llamas won in A league, the Rattlers took home the t-shirts in B play and the Beavers won for the second year in class C.

Five-on-five took the place of six-on-six for the women’s primary competition.

Hoops were the champs in A league and Looney Tunes brought home the crown in the B category.

“I like intramurals. It means that competitive and organized sports exist after high school,” said Gina Driskell, senior from Hennessey.

Following these sports, men’s six foot and under basketball, men’s and women’s softball and co-ed sand volleyball came up in the last quarter of the semester.

Though so many participated in intramurals, many still found time for their own personal activities. Repelling, rollerblading and aerobics were all popular events around the campus.

-Shea Broadus

Robert Sheets, a senior from Garden City, Kan., works his abs in his free time. Step aerobics was offered five days a week in the little gym.

Spurgeon, Dr. Debra, Assoc Prof, Music
Stoffers, Ms. Joyce, Instructor, Language Arts
Strickler, Mr. Steve, Instructor, Comm Arts
Studier, Ms. Lynne, Univ Nurse/Inst, Pharmacy Prac
Sturm, Dr. Clarence, Professor, Language Arts
Switzer, Dr. Laura, Professor, HPER

Taylor, Mr. Duncan, Director, Auxiliary Services
Thieszen, Ms. Susan, Admission Coun, Pharmacy
Tolley, Ms. Mattie, Instructor, Nursing
Tompkins, Dr. Gary, Assoc Prof, Social Sci
Torrence, Ms. Carolyn, Reference, Library
Vanderslice, Dr. Ronna, Asst Prof, Education
Thomas Westrope, Shawn Strain, Gabe Padilla, Jeff Hubbard assist while Chris Nearing repels down Ghost Mound.

Sheveron Glover goes for a rebound against Jeff Littau of the Rattlers. The Rattlers gain another win in the intramural tourney making their way to capture the B league title.

Brad Woodard puts through two more for the Beavers to capture a win over the X-men in men's five-on-five C league. The Beavers went on to defeat Draino for the championship.
The 1996 NAIA football champions hold up three fingers in remembrance of their teammate, number three Alvin Milton, who was killed in a car wreck earlier in the school year.

"The Naked Guys," Chris Bryant, Chris Carlisle, Jason Laird, Tony Earp, Jason Sampler, Scott Duncan, and Jason Kemper lead the students to support the Bulldogs at a pep rally for a game against Northwestern. "The Naked Guys" became a regular at pep rallies to boost the spirit of the campus student body.
Lata Patel and Sanjay Patel, siblings from Zambia, prepare themselves for graduation. About 800 students walked across the stage to receive their diploma.

WHAT'S NEXT?

After spending so much time and money in college, what happens when it's all over?

David Ham, music education major from Oklahoma City--"First, I want to go to Hawaii and play volleyball. After that, maybe go to grad school or work."

Chris Henson, graphic arts major from Oklahoma City--"I plan to move to Dallas. It will be much easier to find a job in a bigger city."

Karii Neal, biology major from Cushing--"I'm going to try to be a pharmaceutical sales rep. Eventually, I want to get married and have kids."

Casey Gerber, vocal music education major from Weatherford--"I think it has been a reality check because I know I have to be out in the 'real world' soon. Hopefully I'll get a record deal with my band."

May 10, 1997, the day graduates placed the tassels on their caps and felt a sense of pride and accomplishment for succeeding in their quest for knowledge. Hundreds of graduates, faculty, family and friends gathered in Milam Stadium to witness students become 1997 graduates of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. All those in attendance listened to Attorney General Drew Edmondson speak to everyone in recognition of the students' successful accomplishments.

What happens next? Some would choose to return to school, others may start a prosperous career, and some will even choose to raise their families. But all will have their own memories, keepsakes and secrets to take with them as they make that transition into the next stage of their lives.
Cousins Tara Mahan, senior pharmacy major and Maurisa Mahan, senior psychology major and university mascot, relax during halftime at a football game in Milam Stadium.

Colophon

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