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Communication arts senior Jenifer Pechonik (right) and her cousin look to the skies for any sign of world-ending event that were predicted to happen when the clocks struck midnight on Dec. 31, 1999. Their worries were wasted.

We waited for the world to end. It didn't happen. We watched the skies for catastrophic or miraculous events. The sky was empty.

As the clock struck midnight on December 31, 1999, we were ready for whatever the world was going to throw our way. And the world balked.

After months, even years, of weathering predictions of disaster and chaos descending with the advent of Year 2000, we got nothing. The worried analysts who said computers around the world would crash just looked like fools. The doomsday predictors didn't even have good excuses as to why nothing happened.

So we sit on the other side of Y2K, knowing that we spent all our time and worries getting to Jan. 1, 2000, but having little idea what to do now that we have made it past the dawn of the new millennium. In essence, we survived Y2K and made it into the future. Therefore, the future is now.

The 2000 Graduate Record
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Weatherford, OK 73096
In the year 2000...

- **6 billion** people populated the earth.

- **10,461** of those people lived in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Those residents took advantage of new businesses in the year 2000. Among the new places were Willies Grill, Blockbuster Video, Movie Palace, Alfredo's Mexican restaurant, Arby's, Taco Bell and MotoPhoto.

- **4,801** of those people attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Some came from Rocky, some came from Kenya. Some came from Gotebo, some came from Tulsa.

- **5** schools on campus offered degrees to those students: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences and the Graduate School.

- **696** students at Southwestern obtained their undergraduate degrees and 70 obtained graduate degrees.

- **All the students** in the Year 2000 enjoyed, hated or just lived through the following: President Bill Clinton and his impeachment hearings; the St. Louis Rams' Super Bowl victory; the Bosnian conflict; presidential debates between George W. Bush and Al Gore; Davis Road construction; the dedication of the Oklahoma City bombing memorial dedication; the Bricktown Canal opening.

The Year 2000 didn't change much in the way of college life. Tests still existed, junk food was imminent, and dirty clothes still piled up. Jessica Schroeder, a senior from Turpin, packs here dirty belongings to take home for Thanksgiving break.
On some days, this is the view that greeted professors. Whether it was a late night of studying, talking, eating, watching movies, or partying, sometimes sleep overcame students in 8 a.m. classes.

In the year 2000, snow still fell in winter. In January, it all came at once, dumping enough snow to close public schools for two days. Only a few classes at Southwestern were canceled, but the men of Neff Hall had just enough free time to make some snow sculptures and work on their tans.
Dr. James Breckenridge selected as 2000 Bernhardt Winner

The recipient of the Bernhardt Award for Academic Excellence was Dr. James Breckenridge, a professor in the music department.

The award is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City who established the annual Evening of Academic Excellence event.

Breckenridge received a $2,500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and engraved pen set for being honored as an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Breckenridge, professor of music, is recognized internationally for his concerts, workshops, lectures and master classes. Adept as both a soloist and chamber pianist, Breckenridge has performed in 36 states within the continental United States as well as in international locations.

For more than 30 years, Breckenridge has served on the music faculty at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is currently coordinator of keyboard studies, teaches advanced performance and pedagogy and is the teacher of many prize-winning pianists.

Dr. James Breckenridge (second from left) won the Academic Excellence Award at the annual faculty appreciation event sponsored by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt (right) of Midwest City. Pictured with Breckenridge and the Bernhardts is SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler.
In the year 2000...

- **4 businesses** offered movie rentals to Weatherford residents. Mega Movies was joined by All-Star Video in 1999, then Blockbuster Video and The Movie Palace opened in March 2000.

- Weatherford was named **the windiest city** in Oklahoma. A study from the University of Tulsa said that in 1999, Weatherford had 278 days when winds exceeded 10 miles an hour. The average wind speed was 13.4 mph; the state average was 8.76 mph. Cheyenne, Minco and Hobart were second, third and fourth windiest cities.

- **April 19** was the day of the Oklahoma City bombing memorial dedicated. The park in downtown Oklahoma City was opened exactly five years after the Alfred P. Murrah building was destroyed by a homemade bomb. The park featured chairs representing the 168 victims and two gates, one symbolizing 9:01 a.m. (the minute before the blast), and the other symbolizing 9:03 a.m. (the minute after the blast). Timothy McVeigh received the death penalty and was in the midst of appeals, while coconspirator Terry Nichols was being brought to Oklahoma in preparation for a state trial.

OK, so in the year 2000, computerized programs did break down. Take the swipe card system, for instance. Brooke Bottom, a senior from Altus, shows what the card system is designed to do -- let the students into the residence halls. However, the system broke down a few times and ended up keeping the residents out. It just goes to prove that nothing is perfect in the future.

- **Fences all over Weatherford crumpled during a strong winds on March 7.** A week later, a study by the University of Tulsa concluded that Weatherford was the windiest city in Oklahoma.

An estimated 3,000 people showed up at Crowder Lake in October for an outdoor showing of The Blair Witch Project, which had not yet been released to video. It was the largest turnout for a Student Government Association-sponsored event ever. But The Blair Witch Project was not the only attraction at Southwestern. Through Panorama, local clubs and student groups, the following acts made it to Weatherford in 1999-2000.

- Carrot Top, comedian
- Vanilla Ice, rap/rock star
- The Great Divide, country group
- Rhett Akins, country singer
- W.P. Kinsella, author of the book made into "Field of Dreams"
- Miller Williams, poet
Hammons sophomore Chantry Banks and Bethany sophomore Hollie Borror enjoy lunch outside the Campbell Building during one of March's warmer days.

Tan and Tone employee Chelsea Leavitt cleans one of business' tanning beds. Throughout the winter, the tanning beds are a popular way to get away from it all while getting bronze.
Kara King continues her reign as Miss Southwestern into the next millennium. But it’s not the same Kara King. On Oct. 30, 1999, the reigning Kara King crowned Kara King from Binger as the new queen.

The crowning of a new King brought a lot of attention to Southwestern. Not only did the former and current title holder have the same name, they had the same major — vocal music education.

It was King’s first pageant, and with the win she advanced to the Miss Oklahoma pageant in June. She sang for her talent competition, choosing “On My Own” from Les Miserables as her selection.

Miss Southwestern received her title as well as a $1,300 scholarship. Heather Bates from El Reno was named first runner-up. She received an $800 scholarship. Amy Kilhoffer of Elk City was awarded a $500 scholarship for placing second. She also won the swimsuit competition.

Edie Spencer of Pink took third place and a $400 scholarship. Kristen Bartel of Corn placed fourth and received a $300 scholarship. The nine other non-finalists were each awarded $100 scholarships.

By the way, the new Miss Southwestern’s middle name is Lynn — the same as the former Miss Southwestern’s.

--Johnna West
King remains Miss Southwestern

Below: The contestants look on as Kara King is crowned the new Miss Southwestern. There were 14 women who competed in the 1999-2000 Miss Southwestern pageant. These contestants were Marie Scheidenamtel, Elk City; Rocsy Greer, Cordell; Natasha Starkey, Noble; Tamara Denham, Lawton; Alison Mainer, McLoud; Jamie Edelen, Cordell; Angela Crabbe, Oklahoma City (Northwest); Sheri Bray, Oklahoma City (Western Heights); and Shikisha Langston Oklahoma City (John Marshall.)

Sadly, another beauty pageant is canceled

Southwestern had a King for 1999-2000, but it had no queen. For the second time in five years, the Mr. Dimes pageant was canceled due to lack of entrants. The "beauty" pageant, which features men dressing in drag, raises money for the March of Dimes. However, only two men entered the contest, which was scheduled for April. Therefore, Miss Southwestern was a lonely King, left without a "queen."

The former Miss Southwestern crowns the 1999-2000 Miss Southwestern. The two women not only share the title Miss Southwestern, they also share the name, Kara King. The unusual story caught the attention of some news outlet and even Paul Harvey, who mentioned it on his noon show during the next week.

Doug Atkins, Lawton, BS Rec Leadership
Jeffrey Baker, Arapaho, BS Psychology
Jon David Bank, Elk City, BS Nursing
Whitney Bank, Elk City, BS Adm Allied Health
Jennifer Banner, Clinton, BS Nursing
Judy Bard, Leedey, BS Psychology

Lisa Barnes, Weatherford, BS Elem Education
Kristen Bartel, Corn, BA Communication Arts
Brandon Barton, Clinton, BA Criminal Justice
Heather Bayless, Stroud, BS Nursing
Casey Beauchamp, Arapaho, BBA Marketing
Johanne Bees, Burns Flat, BS Mathematics
A sophomore living in Utopia II Apartments said, "They should've started earlier so they would be closer to finished now. It's an inconvenience for the residents of Utopia II and the surrounding area because people don't head the sign 'Local Traffic Only'."

The final phase of construction has yet to be completed or begun. But, the extension of Davis into a four lane road westward to Highway 54 won't have a direct effect for students on campus or for any business. In addition to the road construction, a wood fence was built on the north end of the football field to prevent onlookers from watching games at the apartments across the street.

There may still be a few changes, such as, a four way stop at the intersection of Davis and Seventh, and there has been a suggestion to change the speed limit to 25 mph through campus.

Although it's taken four years to get this close to completion, students can finally rest at peace with the Davis Road construction. Students have been dealing with the road blocks and rubble since the summer of 1999. While Weatherford citizens have been waiting since 1996 for all phases to be completed.

Construction caused not only minor inconveniences, but also major business downfalls. Darren Wingo, manager of Get 'N' Buy on the corner of Davis and Seventh Street, says the construction was devastating for business. "I am very happy now that the construction is complete," Wingo said. "We lost business big time. For two weeks we could only use one gas pump while they built the retaining wall in front of the store. People would pull up, wait a minute in line, and then shake their heads and drive off to another gas station instead of dealing with the delay."

Many students living near the construction had to deal with getting to and from their homes. Bruce Irving, a sophomore living in Utopia II Apartments, said, "They should've started earlier so they would be closer to finished now. It's an inconvenience for the residents of Utopia II and the surrounding area because people don't head the sign 'Local Traffic Only'."
According to Oklahoma's Department of Commerce, $3,986,498,000 was spent on construction, both residential and nonresidential, throughout the state during 1999.

Students have to dodge the signs and rubble to make it to classes during the fall semester due to the Davis Road construction mess.

Davis Road was impassable for much of the fall semester from Campbell Building to Seventh Street.

Christina Boothe, Elk City, BS Adm Allied Health
Raeonna Boucher, Canton, BA English
Sandra Bowman, So. Hutchinson, KS, BS Pharmacy
Josh Brack, Hinton, BBA General Business
Rebecca Bradford, Weatherford, BS Biological Sciences
Brett Braziel, Weatherford, BS Biological Sciences
Nathan Brewer, Elk City, BA Communication Arts
Krista Brooks, Hollis, BS Health Sciences
Patrick Brownlee, Okeene, BS Biological Sciences
Robin Brownlow, Garland, TX, BS Pharmacy
Bonnie Buckley, Whittier, CA, BBA General Business
Jennie Builker, Canute, BS Nursing
In the year 2000...

• **$13 billion** was spent by the United States government in preparing its computers for the Y2K glitch.

• **$50-150 billion** was spent by non-government entities in preparation for Y2K.

• **$1-$2 trillion** was spent by the rest of the world on Y2K preparation.

• **January 1, 2001** is the actual start of the millennium. The year 2000 is the last year of this millennium. Of course, that didn't stop millions of partiers on Dec. 31, 1999.

• **300 million** people were estimated to have watched the ball drop in New York City's Times Square as the year 2000 began in the United States.

Y2K was the nickname given for a computer problem that would occur on January 1, 2000. It all began in the 1950s when computers became part of our lives. Computer memory was expensive though. So in the late 1950s IBM developed a way to save room. They shortened the days, months, and years from 10 digits to 6, inadvertently laying the groundwork for a problem that would possibly crash the computer world.

Computers improved in the 70s and 80s but the memory problem continued and so did the use of IBM systems. In 1990s nearly every person owned or had access to a computer. The super-information highway was as familiar to many as their own neighborhoods. Students used the Internet to do research on computers should not be feared. In fact, they can even provide everlasting love. Southwestern students Sean and Stephanie Rennie met over the internet in a chat room. Months later, they were newlyweds.
Y2K bug didn't bite very much

The dark and foreboding culprit of our fears? Or just your friendly everyday helper?

In the end it was that simple. On January 1, 2000 nothing happened with the computers. A few overzealous partiers may have woke up thinking that a plane had crashed into their head, but in reality the computers kept on working. There were no major malfunctions the bank did not lose your money, the airplanes did not fall from the sky, and the end of the computer world did not happen. Instead the world continued to move along at its incredible modem connected speed.

--Reed Hack

papers and their computers to write those papers. Students also used the computers for recreational activities. But a problem loomed in the very near future.

In 1993 the North American Radar System or NORAD turned its clock forward to the year 2000 and watched in horror as the system collapsed. The worry did not spread until early 1999 when people began to wonder if planes would fall from the sky, if bombs would go off, or if banks would lose their money.

Just to be safe, Southwestern's computer services spent time and money upgrading the university's computers.

Some students saw the problem as nothing more than a giant hoax or scam. Some even believed that it was all done by the computer business to get more money out of the consumers. Others felt no worry and were in general indifferent to the problem.

“As advanced as our technology is, it seems dumb that such a small thing could mess it all up,” said Grant Hybarger, “I mean if it was a simple problem, why wouldn’t it be simple to fix?”

Some people did not take the Y2K problem seriously, as shown by the license plate of this new model Volkswagen Beetle.

Dewayne Chaine , Willard, MO, BS Pharmacy Trisha Chisum , Kittridge, CO, BS Adm Allied Health David Choate , Hennessey, BS Pharmacy Farrah Christian , Weatherford, BS Health Info Man Katy Christie , Yukon, BS Elem Education Erica Clark , Wheller, TX, BS Psychology

Donald Clements , Elk City, BS Social Sciences Ed Tacey Clodfelter , Yukon, BA Communication Arts Cheryl Coats , Hinton, BS Accounting Linda Coley , Anadarko, BS Mathematics Diana Collier , Watonga, BS Nursing Mitzi Colston , Weatherford, BS Elem Education
Homecoming began on Sept. 30 and ran through Oct. 3. It included the annual bonfire and parade, a dance, pep rally and queen coronation. It also included a win for the football team.

The theme for Homecoming was “Running with the Big Dawgs.”

The queen finalists were Melissa Major, Ginamarie Scott and Jennifer Langston, with Scott winning the crown. The king finalists were Jared Morgan, Matt January, and Scott Duncan. This is only the second year a king has been elected. Duncan was voted King.

Three former athletes were inducted into the Southwestern Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming week. They are basketball players Jim Litsch of Fay and Anita Foster of Dallas, Texas, and football player Charles Hicks of Wichita Falls, Texas. The ceremony was held in the Student Union Ballroom.

An added feature for this year’s Homecoming was the theatre department’s production of The Cover of Life. The play ran Thursday through Sunday of Homecoming week.

The big day finally arrived. Festivities began at 9:30 on October 2. Many turned out for the parade. As usual, there was everything from antique tractors to bed races. The men of Rogers Hall won the traditional bed race contest.

Each business and organization was represented well with their floats.

The football game began at 2 p.m. The Southwestern Bulldogs went up against the Ouachita Baptist (AR) Tigers. Southwestern forced six turnovers in a defensive battle, winning 14-3.

Jeremy Williams was the game’s leading tackler. He recorded 10 tackles and three for minus-12 yards and a sack. The bulldogs defense allowed the Tigers’ offense only 18 yards in the first quarter. Scott Seybold made the first interception of the game at the Tigers’ 46 yard line. Later on in the game Cecil Decker picked off another interception and returned it for a touchdown. His 41 yard run put the Bulldogs at 14 while the Tigers’ remained 0.

Southwestern’s Anthony Piccirillo blocked three field goal attempts.

Anthony Davis of Southwestern had a team high of 96 yards on 17 carries. His longest run went for 23 yards. Josh Allen completed nine passes on 21 attempts for 225 yards and one touchdown.

At halftime of the game, the band, cheerleaders and pompon squad once again put on a spectacular show.

--Natalie Bates
Southwestern’s football team has a 39-30-2 record in Homecoming games. The first Homecoming game on record is a 34-0 loss to Central in 1922.

Homecoming queen Ginamarie Scott and king Scott Duncan wave at the parade crowd.

The bed race was a moment of speed, grace and brightly decorated beds at the end of the Homecoming parade. The men of Phi Delta Chi, decked out in hospital togs, took the early lead but lost to Rogers Hall.

John Daniels II, Edmond, Master of Education
Brett Dausses, Broken Arrow, BS Health Sciences
Shelly Davenport, Miami, TX, BS Mathematics
Glenda De Santis, El Reno, BA Art Education
Laura Deibert, Weatherford, BBA Management
Jennifer DeSpain, Watonga, BS Biological Sciences

Kristi Dickerson, Colony, BBA Accounting
Chip Diffendaffer, Rocky, BS Computer Science/Math
Thuy Dinh, Arlington, TX, BS Computer Science
Dawn Ditch, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Denna Dobson, Weatherford, Bachelor of Social Work
Johna Doeren, Edmond, BS Psychology
In the year 2000...
- **Student Government Association** sponsored SWOSUpalooza, an all-day concert on campus. Well-known bands Molly's Yes and Between Thieves showed up for the event on April 13, as well as several local bands. The concert started at 3 p.m. and lasted past midnight.

- **Orientation Leaders**, students who help with freshmen orientation, decided to put some spirit back into Southwestern's basketball games. So instead of just listening to the band play the fight song, the OLs sang along. The words to the song were discovered after a long search through the music department.

- **Go Nuts Again** was the T-shirt slogan of the annual cheerleader's calf fry during Parent's Weekend.

Students can seek a variety of fulfillment, whether it is enrichment of religious life, becoming more aware of opportunities in a field of study, or interacting with persons who enjoy similar hobbies and sports, there is something to offer all of Southwestern's students.

Southwestern's campus organizations include recreational sororities like Sigma Sigma Chi which holds regular weekly chapter meetings as well as social functions for it's members. Alpha Psi Omega is a national fraternity that is, "...a club they (students) can join to support and learn more about theatre," said president Becky Shelton. Another organization influenced by its field of study is *University Media Association*. This organization meets regularly to discuss upcoming off campus activities.

Many clubs use the annual Homecoming bed races to show spirit. The Southwestern Blues rugby club practices in preparation for matches against clubs from other universities. The Blues beat some notable teams this year, including the team from OSU.
functions that may help its members obtain internships and careers in the media profession. UMA also holds Mr. Dimes Pageant each year, a fund raiser that benefits the March of Dimes's efforts to prevent birth defects. Many different religious denominations have organizations on campus as well. The Wesley Foundation feeds students on Tuesdays said Branson Ewing, a member of two years. It is also known that others including the Baptist Student Union and the Catholic Club offer free lunches throughout the week.

As the list of organizations grows, the students at Southwestern can always find fun and exciting activities going on.  

-- Kori Hoffman

The Grassroots Environmental Club unveiled a new logo in 2000, designed by student Amanda Price.

In the year 2000...

These clubs were active on campus

American Choral Directors Association
American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists
Accounting/Finance Club
Alpha Alpha Sigma
Alpha Phi Sigma
Alpha Psi Omega
Baptist Student Union
Biology Club/Beta Beta Beta/Tri-Beta
Black Student Association
Catholic Student Student Association
Catholic Student Association
Chemistry Club
Chi Alpha
Church of Christ Student Center
Circle K Club (Kiwanis)
College Republicans
Computer Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Gamma Delta Athletes
German Club
Health Professions Club
History Club
Kappa Delta Omega/Sorority
History Club
Kappa Delta Pi
Kappa Epsilon
Kappa Kappa Psi
Kappa Phi
Latter Day Saints Student Association
Marketing/Management Club
Mu Phi Epsilon
Mu Rho Alpha
Music Educators National Conference
Music Therapy Student Association
Native American Club
Nursing Student Association (SOSUNSA)
"O" Club
Older, Wiser, Learning Students (OWLS)

Organization of Student Athletic Trainers
Phi Beta Lambda
Phi Delta Chi
Phi Lambda Sigma
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
Physical Education Major Minor Club
Physics & Engineering Club
Pi Kappa Delta
Political Science Association
Pom Pon Squad, SWOSU
Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club
Psychology Club
Reading Council
Residence Hall Association
Rhio Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society
Sigma Pi Sigma
Sigma Sigma Chi/Sorority
Sigma Tau Delta/English Club
Sigma Theta Epsilon
Social Work Club
Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Sociology & Criminal Justice Association
SW Achievement in Nursing Scholarship
Southwestern Art Association
SW Grassroots Environmental Club
SW Pharmaceutical Association
Southwestern Roller Hockey Club
Spanish Club
Student Council for Exception Children
Student Government Association
Student OK Education Association
Tau Beta Sigma
Technology Ed. Collegiate Association
University Media Association
Wesley Foundation
Young Democrats

Traci Estep, Watonga, BS Pharmacy
Kelli Evans, Weatherford, BBA Management
Robin Evans, Kingfisher, BS Pharmacy
Amanda Eyler, Casper, WY, BS Nursing
Jon Ezzell, Sayre, BS Psychology
Diane Feightner, Norman, BS Pharmacy

Julie Fischer, Custer City, BS Computer Science
Robert Fitzgerald, Rush Springs, BA Chemistry
Christopher Fleming, Weatherford, BBA Accounting
Drew Flowers, Oklahoma City, BS Admin Allied Health
Jodi Forgay, Clinton, BS Pharmacy

Clubs/organizations 17
Yahoo's Cool Web Sites for 1999-2000

- Carousel! - all about merry-go-rounds.
- Internet Movie Database - everything you ever wanted to know about every movie ever made.
- Oh, the Humanity! - dedicated to bringing you, the esteemed viewer, the worst movies we have ever seen.
- Roller Coaster Database - searchable statistics on more than 450 roller coasters including height, length, number of inversions and everyone's favorite statistic - top speed.
- What's Inside Jeremy's Wallet? - the burning question of the 90s.
- Whoosh! - essays, articles, commentaries, and various analyses of Xena: Warrior Princess.
- AbsoluteTrivia.com - searchable index of trivia tidbits, quotations, tests, and useless facts.
- AirToons - airline safety tips that they are afraid to tell you about.
- Bert is Evil! - expose on the true nature of Bert of Sesame Street. He's not the harmless geek he so succesfully makes us think he is.
- Definitive James Bond Sounds Page - includes wav and RealAudio soundclips from many Bond movies.
- Didja Know - wacky facts that just might be true - try to figure it out.
- Driveways of the Rich & Famous - see the grease spots of your favorite stars. Hear from gardeners, mailmen, and next-door neighbors of celebrities.
- Eric Conveys an Emotion - Eric conveys different emotions with the use of a webcam. Requests are taken and encouraged.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire.
Garth Brooks, yes. Chris Gaines, no.
Lance Armstrong - 1, Cancer - 0.

Lisa German. Elk City. BA Sociology
Jeff Gillett, Geary, BS Math Education
Beatriz Gonzalez, Altus. BS Elem Education
Jan Gonzalez, Memphis, TX. BS Pharmacy
Dana Gordon, Fort Cobb, BBA Finance
Jamie Gore, Leedey. BS Biological Sciences

Jennifer Gray, San Antonio, TX. BS Pharmacy
Matt Gray, Cleveland, BS Biological Sciences
Stephanie Gray, Rocky. Bachelor of Science
Aaron Green, Yukon, BS Pharmacy
Ryan Green, Cleveland, BBA Finance
Misti Gregston, Norman, BBA Management
useless web sites seemed to be the rage. The more useless the web site, the more attention it received. Dancinghamsters.com created its own craze, and was nothing more than, well, dancing hamsters.

The best way to handle the PokeMon craze was to sit back and let it pass.

Fads of the year

Body ink and body piercing

The top thing that runs through people's minds when watching South Park, "Can they say that on TV?" The foul-mouth kids from Canada started a hit show on Comedy Central and followed it with a hit movie that even critics liked.

Robert Grasham, Oklahoma City, BS Pharmacy
Lois Griffin, Weatherford, BS Adm Allied Health
Kimberly Grisham, Hinton, BS Biological Sciences
Keisha Grubb, Custer City, BA Communication Arts
Jamie Gwartney, Hennessey, BS Elem Education
Shelton Hagerman, Canute, BBA Management

Haylee Hamar, Thomas, BS Elem Education
Elizabeth Hampton, Weatherford, BS Rec Leadership
David Hansen, Hitchcock, BS Tech Education
Joseph Hardwick, Tulsa, BS Pharmacy
Kate Harr, Elk City, BS Nursing
Melinda Hartsock, Weatherford, MS Applied Psych
In the Year 2000...

- **The Big Event** was sponsored by the Student Government Association. On March 30, students and clubs set out to clean up Southwestern and Weatherford. Although done in a downpour, the day was a success.

- **13 teams** from Southwestern entered the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser on April 28-29. The event saw dozens of students walk on Weatherford's high school track from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to raise money for cancer research.

- **WOW (Weatherford Opportunity Workshop)** collected 1,600 pounds of recyclable material from Southwestern each week.

Most college students have plenty of responsibilities to keep them busy. Despite their complex lives, many Southwestern students find time to lend a helping hand.

One of the main events this year was the Valentine's Day blood drive. According to Michelle Stinson, blood program consultant for the OBI, a total of 162 blood products were received from 173 Southwestern students, employees and community members at the February 14-15 blood drive. She said the blood drive helped the blood supply get back on track after a very tough January flu season and snowstorm.

Another act of community service was WOW (Weatherford Opportunity Workshop) coming to Southwestern to clean up the campus. WOW provides work for persons with developmental disabilities. Recycling is one of the jobs offered. They collect 1,600 pounds of trash per week on campus. They mainly recycle paper and cardboard, but also collect aluminum cans. Blue dumpsters on campus indicate that they are for cardboard only to help make the recycling easier. WOW received the top award in environmental improvement for spectacular work in the community.

SGA (Student Government Association) is also an important part of community service at Southwestern.

Southwestern students participate in the Valentine's Day blood drive.
Raising money for the March of Dimes was a big event for the SGA. The March of Dimes is an organization that raises money to prevent birth defects and help children who may have disabilities.

The March of Dimes Walk is an event in which participants raise money by obtaining sponsors who donate money for every mile the participant walks. The Mr. Dimes contest is also a part of this fund raiser. This event includes men dressing up as women in a beauty pageant. Both contests are popular events and are a big help in raising money for a good cause. SGA also organized the Valentine's Day blood drive which proved to be a success.

--Kathy Brauchi
Places to play

Pool tables abound on campus, and students like Chad Martin know that a game of billiards can be a great study break.

There may not be many places to go or very many people to see here at Southwestern, but these students still know how to have a good time. Thursday night is the most popular night of the week to get wild and crazy.

Some students choose to wind down from the week at the Baptist Student Union or the One-Eighty. The activities that take place there allow the students to have a good time with lots of praise and worship.

Then there are those who spend their evenings at Phat J's or Cowboys. There is a lot of music, dancing, and flirting that take place at these crazy clubs, and by the looks on these students' faces, they don't mind at all.

But most students don't wait until Thursday night to have a good time. Taking a coke break, sleeping in the sun, climbing the wall at Crowder Lake, fishing at Foss Lake, jogging, lifting weights, surfing the internet, watching Jerry Springer, playing arcade games or pool, or just curling up with a book can take the edge off any tough day or week.

The place to play on a nice, sunny afternoon is the volleyball court across from Neff Hall. Besides being a lot of fun, volleyball involves a lot of exercise competition, and, if you are lucky, a good tan.

-- Amanda Razien
A new 18-and-over club, Phat J's, brought a new craze to Weatherford — foam parties. The party would consist of a regular dance night with the addition of bubbles; lots and lots of bubbles. Within a few minutes, everyone’s soaked, hairdos are shot, makeup is running, and people are slipping. But when you’re having fun, who cares? Phat J’s and Cowboys were the night spots of choice, while Schreck’s at Foss Lake provided some good bands such as The Great Divide, Rhett Akins and Vanilla Ice.

Hot or cold weather doesn’t matter when you’re just wanting to take a break. Winter weather, such as the snow storm in January, created a just-right sledding hill on the baseball field. When the temperatures rose, the sand volleyball courts got a workout.

Johin Iskandor, Indonesia, MA Business Admin
Kayne Ivey, Hammon, BS Engineering Tech
Donovan Janzen, Bessie, Master of Education
James Jensen, Custer City, BBA Finance
James Jest, Weatherford, BS Industrial Tech
Corey Johnson, Compton, CA, Rec Leadership

David Johnson, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Jennifer Johnson, Weatherford, BBA Finance
Michael Johnson, Clinton, BA Criminal Justice
Brian Johnston, Weatherford, BS Bio Sci/Pharmacy
Douglas Johnston, Altus, BS Nursing
Brenda Jones, Manter, KS, BS PHER Education
In the year 2000...

• **4 communication arts** students drove to Oklahoma City every week to work for KFOR television station. The students were Patricia Cook, Kristen Bartel, Jessica Schroeder and Jennifer Robinson.

• **65 education majors** spent the spring in student-teaching duties. The students taught in schools from Weatherford to Tulsa.

• Work may have been one option to pay for schools, but **student loans** were the most popular option. The federal government awarded a record amount of student loans in 1999-2000, more than $35 million.

• **Scholarships** were also on the increase last year. Southwestern alone increased its scholarship awards dramatically.

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**Student Survey**

In which of the following areas does your work have the most negative affect?

- Completion of homework: 20%
- Class attendance: 20%
- Alertness in class: 50%
- Reading assignments: 10%

Why do you work?

- Tuition and books: 20%
- Room and board/rent: 60%
- Other bills: 90%
- Entertainment: 70%
- Work experience: 40%

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Catching up on homework, making friends and playing video games while on the clock at work may sound wild and daring.

But Nich Hasty never got in trouble.

Hasty, senior engineering tech major from Sand Springs, worked as a Resident Assistant in Neff Hall.

"I am glad I have this job because I have met so many new people and made friends," Hasty said. "I spent my first two years in college just hanging out in my room."

Nich Hasty worked 20 hours a week as a Resident Assistant while taking 16 hours of classes.

"My job doesn't interfere with my classes at all," Hasty said. "I have plenty of time to do my homework while I am on duty and I work my schedule around my classes."

Many students at Southwestern take on a job to pay for bills, books, entertainment or just for the experience.

Some students take a full load of classes and work a full-time job. Others try to balance work, school and entertainment.

Tina Kixmiller, sophomore English major from Weatherford, was enrolled in 15 credit hours and worked 16 hours a week.

"I use the money for tuition, bills and entertainment," Kixmiller said.

Students often gained valuable experience in their chosen field.

"I work for an audiologist part-time because that is the field I want to go into," Aprill Boyd, freshman undecided major from Rocky, said.

Working was often exhausting, but the money, social interaction and experiences gained were well worth it.

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-Tacey Clodfelter

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Greg Jones, Edmond, BBA Accounting
Clayton Juhl, Laverne, BS Rec Leadership
Debbie Kaczynski, W. Dundee, IL, Bachelor of Music
John Karlin, Hydro, BS Nursing
Lucille Kelley, Clinton, BS Admin Allied Health
Jamie King, Moore, BS Elem Education
Denalyn Kirby, Wichita, KS, BS Rec Leadership
Rikki Kirby, Mustang, BS Nursing
Edward Klein, Cordell, BS HPER Education
Gina Klein, Cordell, BBA Business Info
Casey Kiesel, Lorenzo, TX, BS Pharmacy
Melissa Kliewer, Cordell, BS Special Education
Above:
Chad Martin, senior English education major from Fairview and Andy Cox, junior history major from Elk City, work on paperwork. Martin is the Residence Hall Director and Cox is a Resident Assistant for Neff Hall.

Right:
Melinda McCarty, a senior from Weatherford who works at the Dusty Rose, helps set up for holiday shoppers.

Above:
Audra Degan, senior English education major from Weatherford, arranges items at Nabors.

Charity Kohout, Thomas, BS Communication Arts
Georgia Kolbas, Philadelphia, PA, BS Rec Leadership
Jamie Landers, Altus, BS Psychology
Andrea Lane, Wellington, TX, BS Education
Christopher Laufer, Elk City, BS Biological Sciences
Danica Leach, McPherson, KS, BS Elem Education
Lacey Legnon, Tulsa, BBA Marketing
Leaster Lenard, Clinton, Bachelor of Social Work
Hyla Lintner, Carrolton, TX, BS Pharmacy
Trey Littau, Woodward, BS Industrial Tech
Jeff Little, Carnegie, BBA Accounting
Justin Little, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Intramural sports

Whether it’s to meet new people or to fulfill competitive instincts, intramurals offers a variety of activities for students, to do one or both, while staying in shape.

Intramurals offers a number of sports for students interested in team activities. In the fall there was flag football, co-ed softball, and co-ed bowling. When spring started one of the largest student activities took place, 5 on 5 basketball.

This year there were around 500 students participating in this one event alone. There were 43 men’s and 7 women’s teams. Each of these teams could have up to ten people on their roster. With this many students it was possible to have 3 men’s divisions and 2 women’s divisions.

5 on 5 basketball not only gave students who were willing to compete on a team something to do, but it also offered students and faculty with a little extra time some entertainment. Each night around 14 teams played for approximately one hour.

However, 5 on 5 basketball wasn’t the only activity in the gym this year. There was also co-ed basketball, in which the women played an active part. Every sixth pass went to a woman or the team was penalized.

Since 1990, there has also been a tournament for those under 6’0”. This tournament started right after 5 on 5 basketball and lasted for about ten days.

For students not interested in fitness on a competitive level there are several other activities to choose from. This year there were two different types of aerobics offered. Step aerobics taught by Jenny Neely and water aerobics taught by Tracey Kelley.

The pool attracts students and faculty with free time, even if they do not wish to participate in aerobics. On a daily basis around 50 to 70 students and few faculty reap the benefits of the pool.

Intramurals also offers the use of the fitness room to students. They can run or walk on a treadmill or use a variety of other exercise equipment. One treadmill reached 50,000 miles this year. This just goes to show how far students were willing to go, to stay in shape!

--- Brittney Litsch
Intramurals offers the use of the fitness room to students who wish to stay in shape. One treadmill alone reached 50,000 miles this year.

Despite all the fad diets and starvation techniques, the truth is still clear in the year 2000 — the best way to lose weight is to eat less and exercise more. Many students realized this and headed for the weight rooms in the Rankin Williams fieldhouse. A few weeks lifting weights and jogging could cancel out all those late-night pizzas.

Jill Martin, Frederick, BS Admin Allied Health
Kharla Martinez, Clinton, BS Criminal Justice
Mark Mason, Corn, BS Industrial Tech
Addie Masonhall, Canton, BS Elem Education
Shibu Mathew, Carrollton, TX, BS Pharmacy
Jamie McClure, Elk City, BBA Marketing
Jerri McConnell, Weatherford, BBA Accounting
Matt McCord, Plano, TX, BS Psychology
Vicki McCoy, Chickasha, BS Pharmacy
Rex McGeehe, El Reno, BA Education
Christy McIntyre, Temple, BS Elem Education
Mike McNair, Arapaho, Master of Education
In the year 2000...

- **30 percent** of freshman say they feel "frequently overwhelmed," according to the 34th annual survey of entering college students conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute in California. The number has been rising steadily since 1985, the first time the question was asked.

- **Beethoven showed** up in Weatherford. Actually, he didn't. But Southwestern hosted a Beethoven Festival in April, bringing more than 100 musicians for a two-day event honoring the composer's work.

- **$72,012** in unexpected scholarship money from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program was distributed to 100 Southwestern students in Fall 1999.

- **78** junior high and high schools competed in the annual Southwestern Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) in March. SWIM has been a tradition event since 1914.

- **$42,838** was given to math professor Dr. David Lawrence as part of an Eisenhower grant to conduct a cooperative program between Oklahoma City Public Schools, Sharp Electronics and Southwestern.

Online bookstores were the new thing in 1999-2000. Many services popped up seemingly overnight to offer better prices or quicker service. Some textbook services included:

- efollett.com (owned by Follett Bookstores, which owns the university bookstore)
- ecampus.com
- textbooks.com
- varsitybooks.com

Traditional bookstores online got into the textbook act, such as:

- amazon.com
- barnesandnoble.com

To combat the growth of online bookstores, local stores such as Ratcliffe's put up their own websites. A few Southwestern students compared prices in all the above-mentioned stores to find that prices was about the same everywhere.
Micah Pankhurst, a senior from Hobart, studies for fall finals. Pankhurst said he relaxes from study-induced stress by sitting back on the couch, hanging out with friends and watching television.

Lyndi Stinely, senior music major, practices for her upcoming Dec. 18 recital and Dr. Charles Klingman plays on one of the department's new pianos and Dr. James Breckenridge turns pages.
The language arts department offers more than just plain old English. Clubs, foreign language classes and other student organizations contribute to the language art department's appeal.

"As a disgruntled English major, I knew what I wanted but I just did not know how to get it," said Tacey Clodfelter, a communication arts major.

The language arts department helped me get what I wanted and I knew the staff really cared about helping me make my major decisions." The No. 1 goal of the department is to provide opportunities for students to develop marketable skills in English, English education, speech, theatre, or print or broadcast media.

Three major programs are offered in the areas of communication arts, English, and English education. Minors in communications, English, and Spanish also add to the diversity in the department.

The language arts department stresses culturally enriching experiences and opportunities to improve communicational skills.

With a new chairperson, Victoria Gaydosik, and new philosophy/English instructor, John Bradshaw, the department continued its excellence in developing students with strong writing and reading skills. Different classes such as screenwriting, autobiography and photojournalism drew in students to the new classes.

The evidence could be reflected in

Brent Meador, Elk City, BBA Marketing
NaTosha Meinert, Lone Wolf, BS Nursing
Veronica Meraz, Taloa, BS Elem Education
Andrew Middick, Weatherford, BS Biological Sciences
Melissa Middick, Weatherford, BBA Marketing
Simon Milkovic, Bonham, TX, BBA Finance
Nathan Miller, Oklahoma City, BS Psychology
Robert Miller, Weatherford, Master of Bus Admin
Tyler Milligan, Marlow, BS Rec Leadership
Chanda Miranda, Hydro, BS Nursing
Tena Mitchell, Cordell, BA Education
Tara Mol, Hydro, BBA Marketing
As a 6-year-old, language arts instructor Susan Al-Jarrah told her mother she would marry a man named "Rod" and travel the world. She grew to marry Radwan Al-Jarrah and settle at SWOSU.

Language arts instructors are resourceful, as Linda Hertzler-Crum demonstrated in January after a heavy snowfall. While pickups and cars were slipping and bumping in the parking lots, Hertzler-Crum put on her cross-country skies and slid to work.

Some awards. The speech team finished second at state and the forensics team traveled to nationals with the Reader's Theatre group. The Southwestern, the weekly campus newspaper, won first place overall at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association awards.

Each year begins a series of new theatrical events. This year's theater experience overflowed with praise and successful performances. Productions of The Cover of Life, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Our Town, and The Boy's Next Door offered students the chance to enjoy local theater. The Cover of Life swept the state awards and went to national regionals in Tyler, Texas.

--Emily Stewart

Miller Williams chats with Sayre instructor Mike McKinney before the Westview Writer's Festival in March. Williams, a nationally-known poet, was brought to Southwestern due largely to the language arts department.

Brandy Moreland, Weatherford, Bachelor Social Work
Donna Morrey, Pittsburg, KS, BS Pharmacy
Melissa Morris-McGavock, El Reno, Master of Educ
Kasandra Nelson, Putnam, BS Elem Education
Stephen Nelson, Duncan, BS Computer Science
Thanh Nguyen, Durant, BS Computer Science

Thanh Nguyen, Garland, TX, BS Pharmacy
Ryan Nightingale, Mountain View, BS Science Educ
Staci Nightingale, Elk City, BS Music Education
Shane O'Riley, Spiro, BS Pharmacy
Chris Ogles, Elk City, BS Computer Science
Jennifer Oldfield, Weatherford, BS Special Education
In the year 2000...

- **153 bass per hour** were caught out of Crowder Lake in 1999, making it the best bass fishery among small lakes surveyed by the state Wildlife Department.

- **100 school groups** took advantage of the ropes course at Crowder Lake.

- **158 acres** of lake were used by students to swim, use watercraft or SCUBA dive.

- **100,000** visitors made it to Crowder Lake in 1999. Only 60,000 people visited the part when the state Tourism Department managed the park.

- **Teepees** are constructed near the lake in the spring to give visitors another option for an overnight experience. Five RV hookups are also available.

It's no secret that sitting behind a desk isn't the most fun way to learn. Southwestern knows that, so it has several outdoor learning activities set up for students.

The students can enjoy the outdoors in a formal class setting through classes. The most popular class in outdoor learning is

- Biological sciences senior Julie Crippen scales the climbing wall at Crowder Lake. The wall is open for students two days a week free of charge.

- Boats line the beach at Foss Lake near Clinton. A 25-minute drive from Weatherford, Foss Lake offers additional SCUBA-diving and boating excitement.

Edith Osborne, Pampa, TX, BS Chemistry
Holly Ottenger, Marlow, BS Pharmacy
Timothy Oursbourn, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Elizabeth Overmyer, Hinton, Biological Sciences
Celeste Ozio, Weatherford, BS Psychology
Kim Pankhurst, Hobart, BA English Education

Krutarth Parikh, Benbrook, TX, BS Pharmacy
Jess Parker, Dill City, BA Education
R. Dwayne Pate, Hinton, BS Math Education
Bhavesh Patel, Houston, TX, BS Engineering Tech
Melanie Patton, Weatherford, BS Pharmacy
Renee Patzack, Yukon, BS Admin Allied Health
Go take a hike, or a nature walk

Sailing, Canoeing, Hiking and Rappelling. The class fills up quickly and takes advantage of the nice weather at the start of the fall semester and end of spring semester. Other classes offered through health, physical education and recreation department that offer the nontraditional method of learning are:

- Intro to Ropes Course,
- Camp Counseling,
- Sports Officiating,
- Safety Education,
- Community Recreation,
- Scuba,
- Advanced Scuba,
- Racketball,
- Physical Fitness, and
- Bowling.

Of course, a student didn’t need to take a class to enjoy the outdoors. Crowder Lake, with its climbing wall, rappelling wall, ropes course and fishing, was open to students. Southwestern took over operation of Crowder Lake in 1997, and has built an outdoor education and relaxation haven. The lake is rated as the best in fishing in small Oklahoma lakes, runs thousands of high school and college students through its ropes course and is free for use by any student.

A few miles more and students could enjoy Foss Lake near Clinton. This larger lake proved to be excellent for water skiing.

Students in the Camp Counseling class use the Rankin Williams Fieldhouse as a classroom.

The climbing wall at Crowder Lake was constructed and finished during 1999. The climbing wall is also used as a rappelling platform. It was designed by two Southwestern students.

Charlotte Pfell, Moore, BS Biological Sciences
Lora Pierce, Watonga, BS Elem Education
Jamie Pinckard, Booker, TX, BS Elem Education
Tina Flanagan, Midwest City, BS Pharmacy
Jennifer Plummer, Weatherford, BBA Marketing
Tara Plummer, Sayre, BS Elem Education
Keli Ponder, Weatherford, BS HPER Education
Tonya Pollock, Duncan, BS HPER Education
David Potts, Fremont, CA, Master of Bus Admin
Amanda Price, Weatherford, BA Graphic Design
Lanorah Proctor, Weatherford, BS Computer Science
Stacey Purintun, Weatherford, BS Nursing

Outdoor learning 33
Southwestern's School of Pharmacy continued to build on its reputation as a nationally-respected department in 1999-2000. It continued to draw students from as close as Weatherford and as far as India.

The school proved successful in its establishment of a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. The six-year degree includes a full academic year of practical experiences, including prescriptive clinical clerkship, selective clinical clerkships, institutional externships and community externships. The North Central Association, the accrediting organization of universities, was impressed by the plan.

After spending a year getting the PharmD program going, the school returned to its usual duty of teaching large numbers of pharmacy students. Many students had a successful year in 1999-2000, and not just academically. Pharmacy student Ryan Skinner of Weatherford represented Southwestern at a national patient counseling competition in March in...
Washington, D.C.

Some students contributed by serving as officers in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Pharmaceutical Association. The officers were: advisor Nina Morris; Dena Worland, Enid, historian/reporter; advisor Shelly Prince, Meri Hix, Weatherford, president-elect; Amanda Callahan, Clarksville, Texas, vice president; Shera Hogan, Yukon, treasurer; Kristi Keene, Westville, secretary; and Ann Roach, Navajo, legislative liaison, and president Melanie Patton. The professional organization promotes the profession of pharmacy.

How can an orange be sick?

Innocent oranges were used as research subjects during one part of the pharmacy training. Students injected insulin and other liquid compounds into the oranges with a needle. They then had to observe the effects of the injection. Although unusual, it gave the students a hands-on lesson in chemical makeup and mixture of different elements. The fate of the orange was not known at press time.
Performances

In the year 2000...

• **Cover of Life** was the first performance of Southwestern's theatre department. It revolved around lives torn apart by World War II.

• **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** was the second performance of the department. It was the warm-fuzzy-creating play about the Peanuts gang. The play took on special meaning after Peanuts creator Charles Schultz passed away in 1999.

• **Our Town**, Thornton Wilder's account of 1920s America, was performed in March.

• **The Boys Next Door**, a bittersweet story about mentally handicapped men, was the final presentation of the 1999-2000 season.

Southwestern's theatre department traveled to Tyler, Texas, in February to participate in the regional American College Theater Festival. The festival is one of only eight in the nation and is considered one of the highest honors a student play can receive. Southwestern's performance of *The Cover of Life* was chosen to attend the festival after it won the Respondents' Choice Award and the Directors' Choice Award at the state competition in the fall. It was the first time Southwestern performed in the ACTF competition in the competition's 32 years of existence.

The play, written by R.T. Robinson, takes place in northern Louisiana during World War II. The story is about the wives of three brothers who enlist together for the Army. A reporter for *Life* magazine follow the lives of the men and women affected. The cost for the play includes Katy Christie, Natalie Coe, Kelli Prescott, Patricia Cook, Hollie Borrer, Jenifer Pechonick and Kyle Davis. Steve Strickler directed the play.

Some individuals also competed at the ACTF in the Irene Ryan...
Plays take nostalgic turn

Another play in the theatre lineup took a nostalgic look at America. It was Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, a play set in the 1920s. Southwestern adhered to Wilder's intention when writing the play, using only two ladders as props. The play was directed by Scott Crew, who also directed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in the fall.

In the final performance of the year, Strickler directed *The Boys Next Door*, a moving play about mentally handicapped men and a social worker.

Sarah Seybold, Weatherford, Bach of Music Education
Tammy Shaffer, Weatherford, BS Psychology
Mark Shafik, Plano, TX, BS Health Sciences
Curtis Sharp, Sayre, Bachelor of Music Education
Phillip Sharp, Sayre, BS Admin Allied Health
Mandy Shelby, Sulphur, BS Nursing
Sarah Shenold-Connally, Anadarko, BBA Management
Sonya Shields, Hammon, BBA Marketing
April Shipley, Lawton, BBA Accounting
Peggy Shipley, Weatherford, MS Applied Psychology
Melanie Short, Weatherford, BS Health Sciences
Consuela Simmons, Altus, BS Biological Sciences
Gage senior Jennifer Langston teaches to fifth grade students at West Elementary as part of her student teaching. Sixty-five Southwestern students went all over the state to perform their student teaching in their last semester before graduation.

1999-2000 Kappa Delta Pi (education honorary organization) officers were: Left to right: Kerry Becker-Treasurer, Katie McGreevy-Vice-President, Becki Pierce-President, Kyla Reed-Secretary, Haylee Hamar-Historian/Reporter

1999-2000 Student Council for Exceptional Children Officers
Megan Slajer-President, Rebecca Bishop-Vice-President, Kayla Rice-Treasurer, Michelle Hawthorne-Secretary, Kara Keith-Historian

1999-2000 Student Oklahoma Education Association Officers:
Veronica Meraz-President, Pepper Hernandez-Vice-President, Maycie Crozier-Secretary, Danica Leech-Treasurer

Catherine Sims, Weatherford, BBA Accounting
Susan Simpkins, Livingston, TX, BA English
Paul Singleton Jr., Houston, TX, BA Comm Arts
Caroline Skinner, Weatherford, BS Health Sciences
Maggan Slajer, Norman, BS Special Education
Jeffrey Smith, Kingfisher, BS Computer Science
Ryan Smith, Weatherford, BBA Finance
Jennifer Spragins, Weatherford, BA Sociology
Jaree Spurlock, Tuttle, BS Pharmacy
Mika Stansberry, Enid, BS HPER Education
Ryan Stevens, Gracemont, BS Pharmacy
Katherine Stevenson, Weatherford, Master of Educ
Along with the new millennium comes many new changes for the field of education. The graduating class of 2000 is the first class to put new requirements into effect. As of September 1, 1999 all the new requirements were in place.

New standards include: each student submitting a professional portfolio, each student must pass three exam areas to be certified (general education testing, revised specific study testing, and the Oklahoma professional education test).

Foreign language proficiency has also been updated; each student has to be able to speak fluently in a foreign language.

Another thing that will be new to the class of 2000 is the salary increase that was passed recently and not a moment to soon for new teachers.

If graduates decided to stay in Oklahoma to teach, teachers salaries will be increased by $3,000 annually. The previous pay for teachers in the state was $24,060 annually and that salary helped rank Oklahoma 48th in the nation for teachers pay.

Greg Moss, Dean of the School of Education, said, "I think the salary increase will help Oklahoma teachers but I don't know how well it will benefit all because Oklahoma teachers and recent graduates continue to leave the state seeking employment elsewhere where the pay is still better".

The education department also said good-bye to some faculty members this school year. Dr. Glenda Creach and Dr. Jack Smith both retired. However, along with departures comes new arrivals. Dr. Stephanie Brickman signed on to teach in the counseling program.

The School of Education continues to go strong after nearly 100 years of teaching students to teach. With 65 student teachers out in the classrooms this semester and many more enrolled the future looks bright.

-- Charity Kohout

Student teachers enjoy Weatherford students.

Jamie Stout, Altus. Rec Leadership
Cory Strahorn, Rock Springs, WY, BS HPER Education
Shelley Stoud, Moore, BS Psychology
Careylyn Stuckey, Arnett, BS Psychology
Kendra Taggart, Fort Cobb, BBA Accounting
Audra Taylor, Weatherford, BBA Marketing

Suzanne Taylor, Thomas, BS Psychology
Tamara Taylor, Hinton, BS Math Education
Shannon Terry, Lawton, BA Chemistry
Dwight Thacker, Anadarko, BS Nursing
John Thomas II, Elk City, BBA Marketing
Allison Thompson, Edmond, BS Chemistry
In the year 2000...

- Western Oklahoma business index posted a **.4 increase** over the previous quarter, according to Southwestern’s Business Development Center. The index serves 13 counties in western and southwest Oklahoma. The BDC moved into its new home (the former child development center) in summer 1999. Dr. Marvin Hankins is the center’s director.

- The Dow Jones index topped **10,000** and was at **11,114** in April. The Dow and Nasdaq increased rapidly, as the stock market on Wall Street was fueled by technology stocks for 1999-2000. The Nasdaq posted its worst loss one day in April, only to regain its loss the next day and climb higher than before.

Junior marketing major, Doug Kidder with Kay Robinson and Robin Ward, senior marketing majors and club officers, prepare the snacks for a Marketing/Management Club meeting.

Jacquelyn Thompson, Cyril, BBA Accounting
Kelly Thompson, Grove, BS Elem Education
Michael Tigert, Burkburnett, TX, BS Pharmacy
Jarrod Tippens, Altus, BS Rec Leadership
Tamra Toodrey, Weatherford, BS Nat Science Education
Darla Trammell, Rowlett, TX, BBA Accounting

Misti Trammell, Weatherford, BS Nursing
Sally Truett, Oklahoma City, BS Biological Sciences
Sydney Trogdon, Weatherford, BBA Accounting
Zachary Underwood, Moore, BA Communication Arts
Kenneth Urbassik Jr., Norman, BS Computer Science
Sharad Vaidya, Clinton, BS Pharmacy
Business majors move forward

The School of Business continued to grow this school year through the offering of quality programs to business students. At the beginning of the Fall 1999 semester, there were 688 majors in business and 87 minors in business with majors outside the School of Business.

The many business majors have different reasons for their decisions to major within the School of Business. "I chose to major in business because it's a broad field and I like the professional atmosphere," said Kristi Wherritt, a senior Business Information Systems major.

Sarah Roberts, a senior marketing major, stated a different reason for her selection. "I chose marketing because it's a field that I enjoy and that will give me many options and opportunities for my future."

The school is in the process of restructuring the accounting major in order for Southwestern graduates to meet the new 150-hour minimum required to take the CPA exam.

According to Dr. Jerry Kaufman, Dean of the School of Business, there are now three alternatives available to accounting majors.

The five other major areas in the School of Business; management, marketing, finance, business information systems, and general business; are under review. The review of these majors is intended to determine their relevance in today's business environment, according to Kaufman.

One of the most significant events this year for the School of Business has been the development of the Business Development Center, according to Kaufman. The center is located in a remodeled portion of the former Child Development Lab and Dr. Marvin Hankins is the director.

The center consists of Business/Economic Development, Great Plains General Business Index, Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence, and Small Business Development Center. Kaufman said the Business Development Center's mission is, "To serve businesses and communities with valuable economic data and hands-on assistance."

The center primarily services thirteen counties in southwestern and west central Oklahoma; however, it is networked statewide.

Kaufman is hopeful that student internships and faculty consulting opportunities will be a result of the center's operations.

Kaufman feels that one of the most significant events for the School of Business was its receiving of the national accreditation of its programs in 1997 by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. He said that the accreditation was unconditionally reaffirmed in 1999.

- Courtney Humble

Marketing majors Chuck Hixon, Julie Powell, and Darin Winchester present a case study.
"Feet Across Oklahoma" was part of an art show on display in the Art Building in February. It was part of the showing by the Individual Artists of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma museums Association. The IAO showing was called "24 Works on Paper." Two Southwestern professors, Norman Tabor and Patty McLoone, had works in the exhibit.

The sculpture "Since Creation," created by Southwestern graduate Gary Hickerson, was purchased by the university. It spent the fall in the Art Department until enough funds were raised to place the eight-foot tall artwork outside the Art Building. It is the first permanent sculpture on campus.
The Art Department's Christmas Show and Sale is a huge fund-raiser for the department. Students and faculty can roam the halls and look at the works of art, or they can even purchase the works they want to take home. The show/sale is held every December.

Photographs became the hottest art auction items in 1999-2000. A group of 240 works by early American photographer Albert Sands Southworth sold for $3.3 million in New York City in April.
In the year 2000...

- **St. Louis Rams** won the Super Bowl on Jan. 31, 2000, by beating the Tennessee Titans, 23-16. The win wasn’t sown up until the Rams stopped Tennessee at the one-yard line as time expired. The Rams were 3-13 in 1999.

- **New York Yankees** beat the Atlanta Braves for the World Series Championship in fall 1999. It was the first back-to-back championship in the Major Leagues since the Toronto Blue Jays won in 1992 and 1993.

- **San Antonio Spurs** used the twin towers of David Robinson and Tim Duncan to win the National Basketball Association title in summer 1999.

- **Florida State Seminoles** won the college football championship by holding off underdog Virginia Tech.

- **Michigan State Spartans** won the college basketball championship in March 2000, beating Florida. Oklahoma State and Tulsa made the final eight.

- **Weatherford High School** won the Class 4A state football championship in 1999 by beating Fort Gibson, 46-0.

Women’s basketball coach John Loftin ended his career at Southwestern in March. Despite a subpar year by his standards in 1999-2000, Loftin ended it with a victory and leaves behind a legacy that will stand out in Lady Bulldog history. A few of his statistics from his 19 years as the Lady Bulldog coach:

- 14 national NAIA tournament appearances.
- 10 trips to NAIA final four.
- An overall record of 499 wins and 99 losses (.834 winning percentage).
- Average record was 26-5.
- Nine 30-win seasons.
This Southwestern cowboy had a tough end to a ride during practice last fall. This was not a common scene, however, as Southwestern men's rodeo team rode to a national championship in 1999. The women's team also made strong showings and was leading the conference late in the Spring.

The Southwestern Bulldogs ran onto the field this fall with confidence, erasing memories of an 0-10 season in 1998 by posting a 5-5 record.
What do the years 1985, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1999 all have in common, in SWOSU Rodeo Team history? The rodeo team earned the National Championship. This year the men’s team returned from the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, as 1999 National Champions! And let’s not forget the four pretty, but rough-tough cowgirls who came home in fourth place!

As of now, the rodeo team has also come home with five more reserve championship titles and twenty-eight individual championships! Coach Don Mitchell has helped produce these individuals, many of whom advanced into the top professional rodeo rankings.

Following the success of the CNFR, they started off with the fall rodeos of the 1999-2000 season at Colby (KS) Community College, Pratt (KS) Community College and Northwestern Oklahoma State (Alva). The women’s team came home as the team champions from all three rodeos. Three women were lost from last year’s roster, but consistent talent remained with three of the four women on the 1999 CNFR team.

The men and women began the spring rodeos with team championships at Kansas State University in February and Ft. Scott (KS) in March.

Several individuals have consistently contributed to the success of the team. Mary Ann Barrow, Jackie Jo Chaney, Kristy Farris, Renee Groper and Brooke Webster have had repeated top finishes.

The McCoy’s, Jet and Cord, Corey Navarre was the Reserve National Champion in the bull riding (left). Men’s team members: Jeremy Heighny, Shane Drury, Clark Dees, Daniel Adams, Corey Navarre and Davey Shields with coach Don Mitchell.
In its 32-year rodeo history, Southwestern has won four National Intercollegiate men’s team championships, two women's championships and 28 national titles in individual events.

dominate in all three roughstock events. Jet won All-Around at both K-State and Ft. Scottis rodeos. Cord, Mike Cooley and Dustin Murray dominate in the bareback riding.

"It’s neat to be able to come to a program that has proven their talent time and time again, with their repeated National titles, and hopefully I can help carry on our winning tradition," Cord said.

Daniel Adams, Jeff Miller and Matt Carlson seem to carry the timed event side of the arena. Chad and Shane Drury, along with Mike Visniski continue their high scores and eight second rides in the bull riding.

Another team championship in 2000? It looks like both the men and women have got out their guns and the 2000 CNFR is sure to be one heck of a shooting match!

--Lacey Dale Cully

Women’s team members (left): Mary Ann Barrow, Sonya Shields, Jackie Jo Chaney and Kristy Farris, with coach Don Mitchell. Chaney ropes at the CNFR (above).

Beatty, Ms. Rochelle, Instructor, Mathematics
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In the year 2000...

- **3 Football players** were selected to the Lone Star Conference All-Star team. Defensive linebacker Lucas Aslin, defensive back Cecil Deckard and defensive lineman Russell Radford were named to the first team. Greg Erpelding, Shevron Glover and Kirk Talley were named to the second team.

- Southwestern had the **top-rated defense** in the Lone Star Conference. The team was 12th in NCAA Division II in scoring defense, second in pass efficiency defense and eight in total defense.

- A scout for the **Baltimore Ravens** came to Weatherford to witness the defense of the Bulldogs and look for potential NFL players.

The Southwestern Bulldogs rebounded in the 1999-2000 season from their 0-10 season the year before. Transfer players and a renewed vigor by the rest of the team, led by the seniors, made the difference as the Bulldogs finished the season with a 5-5 record.

“It seemed like the seniors on this year’s team wanted to win more than the seniors did the year before when we went 0-10,” said senior Communication Arts major Paul Singleton. “I thought we were good leaders for the younger players. And instead of just being verbal leaders, we led by example. To me that was the biggest difference.”

Although Southwestern finished the season with just a .500 winning percentage, they were three plays away...
Revamped Bulldogs succeed from being 8-2. In those three losses, the margin of victory of Southwestern’s opponents was 13 points.

At Tarleton State, Texas, converted a fourth-and-11 pass for a first down late in the fourth quarter which led to the only touchdown of the game and a, 7-3, Bulldogs loss.

In Durant, the Bulldogs held the top offense on the conference seven points below their average, but a fumbled kickoff helped the Savages score their second touchdown in 16 seconds and take the lead for the first time in the game. Southeastern went on to the, 21-16, win.

And in Edmond, Southwestern held then no. 1 in the nation and the top-ranked scoring offense in the conference to almost half its usual output, but a blocked extra-point that Central Oklahoma returned for two points cost the Bulldogs the, 18-16, win.

“It felt good to play like we did, but I felt it could have been better. We were 5-5 when I think we could have easily been 8-2. We lost a lot of close games, but to go out like that from 0-10 to 5-5 that’s something they’re building on, and next year they can be better,” Singleton said.

The Bulldogs did not have to focus on their near-misses because they earned a couple of quality wins. Southwestern avenged last year’s, 42-0, loss by holding off West Texas A&M, 25-20, at home.

And Southwestern knocked off the Lone Star Conference north division champs at home, 15-12. Northeastern, who finished the season no. 4 in total offense and no. 1 in total defense, was stymied by the Bulldogs as they pulled off of the biggest upsets in the conference.

Southwestern’s defense was the story of the season. The defense finished the season ranked second in the conference in scoring defense, first in pass defense and second in total defense. They also finished as the second-ranked pass-efficiency defense in the nation by only allowing 720 yards passing, six touchdowns and had 12 interceptions.

Transfer Cecil Deckard led the conference with five interceptions, and he led the conference in return yards after interceptions with 117. He also returned one interception for a touchdown.

The offense provided a spark when needed as quarterbacks Josh Allen and Sean Davis combined for 1,916 yards and 12 touchdowns. Receivers Shevron Glover and Walter Oliver combined for 1,400 yards and 11 touchdowns.

-Zac Underwood

Dye, Thelma, Instructor, Nursing
Fagan, Tom, Director, Business Affairs
Ferrill, Dr. Elizabeth, Asst Prof, Business Admin
Fiegel, Dr. Mel, Professor Emeritus, Social Sciences
Flett, Jane, Asst Prof, Social Sciences
Foust, Dr. Cynthia, Asst Prof, Nursing

Frame, Dr. Harlan, Professor Emer/Adjunct, Chemistry
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Gales, Dr. Barry, Assoc Prof, Pharmacy Practice
Gentry, Jeff, Instructor, Language Arts
The Lady Bulldogs started out their season by winning a first home game against Midwestern, Texas with the score of 57-52. The Lady Bulldogs started off with a winning streak of nine games, despite pressure and dealing with inexperience players.

That's pretty good for the fact that this year was the rebuilding year for the bulldogs. They had six new freshman from 13 players and only one was from Weatherford. They had only two returnees from last year's team and the rest were either transfers or upcoming freshman.

The lady bulldogs played a great season and had several wins by just one point, ending with a record of 499-99. At least he was able to start his career with a win and end it with a win. The teams last game against Harding Ark. Was a victory by the score of 66-56. Now that's going out in style.

-- Lissi Oliver

Women's basketball End of an era, dawn of the future
Coach John Loftin was named NAIA Coach of the Year five times in his 19 years at Southwestern.

(At the right) Kiki McClellon shoots against Central Oklahoma. McClellon is an All-American and one of the strengths for the Lady Bulldogs this year. She averaged 16.5 points a game and 11.5 rebounds a game. (Below) The team picture for 1999-2000.

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In the year 2000...

- Southwestern’s men’s team was 3rd in the Lone Star Conference in scoring offense, with 83.6 points a game.

- Southwestern was 4th in the Lone Star Conference in field goal percentage. The Bulldogs hit .475 of their shots.

- Corey Johnson was seventh in the conference in scoring with 18 points a game. He was also third in the conference in steals with 1.95 a game, and hit 40 percent of his three-point shots, good enough for sixth in the conference.

- Anthony Lumpkin was third in the conference in assists with 6.13 a game.

- Cedric Dale was third in the conference in blocked shots with 1.50 a game.

Below: Alejandro Vargas from Oaxaca, Mexico, finishes scoring over the out reached arms of an Ouachita Baptist defender.

Corey Johnson from Compton California goes up for a lay up against Cameron.
Bulldog team makes history

Saturday, Feb. 29, marked the end of the 1999-2000 men's basketball season with a 15-12 record.

The men made history for Southwestern, as this was their first trip to the Lone Star Conference playoffs in their second year at the NCAA Division II level. The men turned around a record of 5-21 last year into a winning season.

The uniqueness of this year's team was three players: Corey Johnson, Jayson Sanders, and Roger Roussell all transferred from Cerritos Junior College in California.

The Lone Star Conference announced the 1999-2000 North Division's men's all-conference teams with first-team honors going to Anthony Lumpkin (Sr./Vicksburg, Miss.) and second-team accolades going to Corey Johnson (Sr./Cerritos, Calif.) in the men's competition.

Lumpkin earned all-conference honors for the second consecutive year, receiving second-team honors last season. The 5-11 point guard ranked third in the conference in assists, averaging 6.0 dish-offs a game. He was second on the team in scoring with 15.0 points a game.

Johnson proved to be one of the best three-point shooters in the conference, connecting on 40.4 percent behind the arc and averaging 2.7 treys a game. He led the team in scoring and rebounding with 18.0 points and 5.7 caroms a game.

The senior-laden team adopted an open style offense and scored 15 points more a game than last year. Five men are graduating, but the team now has the confidence it can compete in NCAA Division II.

-- Megan Fox
"The girls have been working so hard for us in the offseason and the early part of the spring. They have a desire to win and I know that the hard work they have been putting in will pay off."

Softball Coach Tami Loy

The men's baseball and women's softball teams worked very hard in the offseason maintaining and perfecting their skills. Both teams put in countless hours of hard work running, swimming, lifting weights, and working on their offensive and defensive skills. The teams were also playing fall ball at this time. The women's record during the fall season was 3-3. The men went 11-1 in the fall season.

The coaches for the Bulldogs are head coach, Charles Teasley and assistant coach, Nathan Meget. This is Coach Teasley's second year with the baseball program at Southwestern. Head coach, Tami Loy and assistant coach, Chantel Graham are working on making their first year with the Lady Bulldogs a successful.

Southwestern players converge on a foul tip against Southeastern.
A Southwestern batter zeros in on a pitch.

"The Bulldog baseball team is working very hard to reach some success this year. The main part of our season is ahead for us. We hope the hard work we are doing will pay off."

Coach Charles Teasley

Price, Paula, Asst Prof, Music
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Prince, Dr. Shelly, Asst Prof, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Pye, Linda, Acquisitions, Library
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Baseball 55
In the year 2000...

- **soccer** was played by men and women for the first time in Southwestern's history. Soccer was added to the program in 1998 to replace the tennis programs. The women had their first season in 1998, while the men started up in 1999.

- **Scott Hume** entered his second season as head coach for the women's team.

- **Jim Loomis** entered his first season as head coach for the men's team. Loomis also serves as Southwestern's physical plant director.

- **the women's World Cup** went to the team from the United States. The team won the championship in an overflowing Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, Calif.

Southwestern soccer program is now complete. The men’s team joined the established women's program for the '99 season. Collectively, the program earned six All-Conference honors.

The women's program, lead by coach Scott Hume, battled to compete for the toughest region in the nation, the Lone Star Conference. With determination, victories were had for a final 2-17 record.

"My goal was to create a strong women's program in western Oklahoma," says Hume. "The quality of ladies prove this." Amber Clark and Kelsey Newton supplied senior leadership. Clark led the Bulldogs with six goals.

All-Conference honors are Clark with second team and keeper Melissa Penn named honorable mention.

"It's challenging in a conference of our size," says Penn. "But respect came with hard work."

Bethany Sonobe feels the squad is like fine wine, only getting better with age.

"My favorite soccer memory was when after we scored a goal Tricia Beckles yelled across the field 'Hey #3 that was for you' and the ref yelled 'Hey #18 (Tricia) this is for you' as he held up a yellow card," senior Amber Clark said.

Under Jim Loomis, the men had a respectable 8-10 start. Transfers Ryan Featherstone and Joe Bradley provided for senior leadership.

"My goal this year was to get 10 wins." says Loomis. "Now my sights

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Photo by Julie Hardy

Junior Tricia Beckles (18), from Trinidad, wins possession of the ball while Senior Amber Clark (12), from Ponca City, makes a run.
are for conference."

Receiving All-Conference honors for the men's team were Craig Bailey, first team; Patrick Byers and Eli Smith, second team; and keeper Scott Theinert, honorable mention.

Bailey also led the team in goals with eight.

"Southwestern has a good drive for competitive sports." said senior Joe Bradley. "That can only contribute the program."

-Alanna Bradley

Senior Kelsey Newton (7), from Enid, defends against Tabor College.

Senior Joe Bradley (20), from Yukon, goes in for a tackle, while Freshman Shamus Moore (2), from Mustang, helps support.

South, Dr. James, Asst Prof, Music
Spurgeon, Dr. Debra, Assoc Prof, Music
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Sturm, Dr. Clarence, Professor, Language Arts
Switzer, Dr. Laura, Professor, HPER

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Vanderslice, Dr. Ronna, Chair/Asst Prof, School Service Programs
The pom squad of the millennium

Members of the pom pon squad are (left) junior Kathleen Penn co-captain, freshman Stephanie Skelton, sophomore Rachelle McKinney captain, freshman Amy Kilhoffer, freshman Lindsey Bevington, freshman Stephanie Peitsch, sophomore Heather Bates.

Bulldog pom girls show school spirit at home football game.

VanDusen, Dr. Virgil, Asst Prof, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Waites, Jim, Director, Development /Alumni Services
Wanek, Dr. Edward, Assoc Prof, Pharmaceutical Sciences

White, Dr. Harold, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry
White, Max, Asst Prof, Business Administration
Wilkerson, Jim, Serials, Library
Cheerleaders, like other athletes on campus, are compensated somewhat. They receive a housing waiver worth $455 a month for residence halls.

1999-2000 Cheerleaders

Show SWOSU School Spirit

Cheering for the Bulldogs are (front) sophomore Kristen Rogers, senior Whitney Bank, freshman Kim Kuehn, (middle) freshman Jennifer Locklear, senior Mika Stansberry, (top) freshman Christen Young, freshman Summer Price, freshman Jana Majors.

Every year the cheerleaders are active with the community service as volunteers for both Fall and Spring Special Olympics. They take pride in representing their university in the community as well.

Wilson, Dr. Donald, Professor, School Service Programs
Winchester, Dr. Judy, Professor, Elem/Sec Programs
Wolff, Dr. Michael, Asst Prof, Psychology
Wolgamott, Dr. Gary, Chair/Prof, Allied Health
Woods, Dr. John, Professor, Mathematics
In the year 2000...

- **$7,500** was the average carried debt for a Southwestern student. According to the *U.S. News & World Report*, that was the lightest average debt load of any Oklahoma institution. In comparison, Gonzaga University in Washington had an average carried debt of $32,928.

- **$75,000** was donated to Southwestern through the estate of Flossie Fletcher Hagin of Cordell. It was the largest one-time gift to the university and the second largest gift ever given to a regional university.

- **0** arrests were made for hate crimes or assaults during 1999 on the Southwestern campus. Southwestern continued to rank as one of the safest campuses in the state.

- **1/4 cent** of a one-cent Weatherford sales tax was planned to go to Southwestern, but a vote on the tax was postponed until fall 2000.

- **USA Today** newspapers appeared in the residence halls as part of a study by the newspaper. The papers were free, as were the *Daily Oklahoman*, *Weatherford Daily News*, and, of course, *The Southwestern*.

If you weren't panicking on Dec. 31, 1999, consider yourself smarter than the experts who made these predictions:

- The stock market will fall as a result of Y2K-induced financial problems, falling consumer confidence, and trade problems."
- "Y2K will hit Russia hard, resulting in serious economic and political turmoil, perhaps resulting in a revolution."
- "Military forces will indeed be walking the streets of U.S. cities before the Summer of 2000"
- "At least one prison riot will result from the Year 2000 rollover, causing several deaths."
- "There will be at least one Y2K-related mid-air collision [somewhere in the world], and not one -- but two -- planes will indeed fall from the sky."
In February, seniors lined up in the Student Union to get fitted for gowns and caps in preparation for graduation, later in the Spring.

Counting their holiday blessings, senior English education major Matt Cook and language arts professor Dr. Viki Craig decorate the department's Christmas tree.
See? There was nothing to worry about. We made it past Dec. 31, 1999 just fine. Nothing crashed. No wars began. All of our hair dryers and toasters still worked. The only thing to do is face something even scarier than Y2K — the future.

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