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New license plate available

A new Southwestern license plate is now available through local tag offices or the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The tag features the SWOSU Bulldog.

When individuals purchase or renew a license plate, they have the option of purchasing the SWOSU license plate for $37. A portion of the fee, $20, goes back to the university.

For more information, contact your local tag office or contact the Oklahoma Tax Commission at: Motor Vehicle Division, Special Plate Section, 2501 Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City OK 73194-0013. Telephone is (405) 521-2468.

Show your spirit with these new flags!

Because of such a high demand from the supporting community, Southwestern is now selling flags with an updated logo.

Brian Adler, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, said the money made from them will go back into buying more flags.

People can buy a car flag for $20 or a 3-foot by 5-foot for $40, and can get their flag in the Public Relations and Marketing Office, Administration Building 205. (580) 774-3063.

Pageant winner available for programs

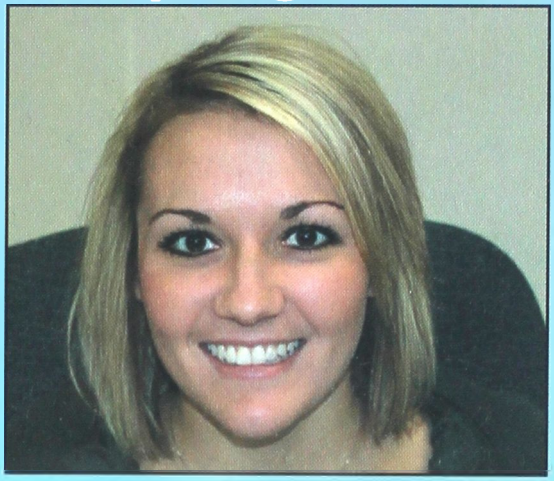
Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant officials and the current Miss SWOSU, Bobbi Poff, are available to provide programs for area clubs.

Debbie Brown, director of the pageant, said board members are available to present brief educational programs on the pageant system.

Poff will represent SWOSU at next summer's Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

Poff is an Elk City junior is majoring in speech communication at SWOSU, and her platform issue is "Smoking Stinks."

Contact Brown at (580) 774-3063 to schedule a program.



Rent a Bulldog

SWOSU Alumni Association President Mary Regier of Cordell and her son, Britain, were among the guests at Duke's 2nd birthday party this summer. Duke did eat up the refreshments but he also enjoyed the many presents that he received. Duke's appointment calendar is starting to fill for this fall. The SWOSU Alumni Association office does handle Duke's appearances at various events. Call (580) 774-3267 for more information.

More on Duke -- next page

Seniors can get free tuition

High school seniors during the 2007-08 school year have the opportunity to get a jump-start on their college careers at Southwestern with free tuition for six hours of college courses during both the fall and spring semesters.

The tuition waiver is made possible by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

SWOSU is extending the tuition waiver for seniors who choose to enroll concurrently at either the Weatherford or Sayre campus beginning with the upcoming 2007 fall semester. Juniors who meet certain academic requirements can also enroll in concurrent courses but juniors do pay tuition and fees.

Todd Boyd, director of admissions and recruitment at SWOSU, said concurrently enrolled students must meet the minimum requirements set by the Oklahoma State Regents.

It's not Brandy...

his name is Duke

Southwestern has a new live Bulldog named Duke. The SWOSU Alumni Association recently obtained the champion show dog from alum Bob Newcomb of Elk City. The name Duke is the namesake of the first live mascot of Southwestern.

A live mascot will now roam the sidelines during football games and make appearances at many Southwestern events.

Duke is back at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The SWOSU Alumni Association has purchased a live Bulldog that will serve as mascot at various events on the SWOSU campuses in Weatherford and Sayre. The Bulldog is named Duke.

Duke? Many current-day patrons of the university know the Bulldog mascot as Brandy. But, back in the early days of SWOSU, the mascot was known as Duke.

After the passing of Duke, there was a period of time that the university did not have a live Bulldog. Then, sometime between 1960-65, a social fraternity brought a live Bulldog, named Brandy, back to campus. Brandy has been the name of SWOSU's mascot for the past 40 years.

SWOSU Alumni Association spokesperson Brandi Gateley said the association is not changing the name of Brandy on the costumed dog that appears at various athletic events and the big plastic Bulldog that sits on the SWOSU campus. The only change will be the name of the live Bulldog.

The champion show dog would normally sell for several thousand dollars, but SWOSU alum Bob Newcomb of Elk City arranged with his partners to sell the dog to the alumni association at a much discounted price. His business partners are Dr. Nancy Rose and Brenda Newcomb.

The Bulldog was officially recorded a "Champion" by the American Kennel Club on February 18, 2007. Duke is housed in Weatherford by Rita Hays, a faculty member at SWOSU.

Duke has an appointment calendar that will be handled by the SWOSU Alumni Association office. The association is currently forming "The Dawg Squad," which is in charge of making sure Duke gets to the previously-scheduled events.

This Dawg Squad will consist of students who are selected through an application process. The squad and Duke will be kept busy throughout the

• Brandi Gateley, assistant director for the SWOSU Alumni Association; Bob Newcomb, Elk City; Dr. Nancy Rose, Oklahoma City; Rita Hays, Weatherford; Mary Regier, president of the SWOSU Alumni Association; and Jim Waites, executive director of the SWOSU Alumni Association.

14th annual Alumni & Friends Golf Classic

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Alumni Association at Weatherford hosted 143 golfers from five states at the 14th annual SWOSU Alumni and Friends Golf Classic held June 23 at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

Winners in the University Flight were David Thain, Bret Matlock, Macrae Brunker and Joel Paden. Finishing second was the team of Tony Louthan, Dikran Tourian, Mike Bond and Clay Bruner. Third place winners were Richard Hasley, Ron Polston, Delbert Mahan and Ray Kuykendall. Fourth place winners were Jerry Eden, Gaylan Adams, Jim Mitschke, LeRoy Neely and Ron Holley.

In the alumni flight, first place winners were Matt Donley, Grant Corning, Dustin Kurtz and Robert Bernard. Finishing second were Randy Beutler, Jason Redd, Roger Redd and Trey Campbell. Winning third place were Ed Garrison, Bill Garrison, Gehrig Garrison, Pat Dunn and Jerry Blevins. Finishing fourth were Paul Sternberger, Clint Ponder, Jim Kervin and Bill Sharp.

In the blue and white flight, the top winners were Patrick Cowan, Greg Bond, Jim Cowan and Geoffry Bond. Second place winners were Jim Utterback, Joe Kinzer, Harrel Kennedy and Justin Kinzer. The third place winners were Christopher Browner, Hardell Moore, Brian Guptil and Johnny Miller. Winning fourth place were Chad Walker, Jason Gomez, Scott Thrush and Andy Chester.

Winning teams won $400 for first place, $300 for second, $200 for third and $100 for fourth place.

In the various contests, closest to the pin winners were Kevin Fosbenner, Pat Geurkink, Ron Polston and Brad Hale on holes 6, 8, 12 and 14, respectively. The longest drive winner on hole 3 was Joel Paden and on hole 16 was Bret Matlock.

Alumni win golf match

HINTON, Okla. -- The much-anticipated grudge match between former Southwestern golf greats and those actively playing for the Bulldogs was won by the old timers. The tournament, called the Blue/Gray Cup was played at Hinton's Sugar Creek Golf Course Aug. 18.

The Alumni Team, known as the Gray Team, won 19-9 in a rain shortened event.

Alumnus Shannon Friday and Shawn Scott paced the Gray team sloshing their way to a six-under par round of 65 during Saturday's round. Senior Pat McCarthy from London, England and senior Tyler Porter from Tonganoxie, Kan. led the Current Bulldogs/Blue Team with a three-under par round of 68 to capture four of their team's nine points.

Former SWOSU All-Americans Cory Smith and Joel Burleson teamed up to post a four-under par round of 67 to rack up another two points for the Gray Team. FormerAll-Conference and Southwestern Invitational Medalists Matt Jett and Bret Matlock carded a solid round of 68 for the Gray which allowed them to pull away with a decisive 10-point cushion heading into the final round singles matches.

Education Building honors Hibler

Southwestern 's Education Building has been renamed the Dr. Joe Anna Hibler Education Center in honor of the 15th president of SWOSU.

Hibler was honored at a dedication ceremony November 30 on the Weatherford campus.

The Education Building holds special memories for Hibler. When she first came to SWOSU as a student 50 years ago in 1957, her very first class was in the Education Building. She remembers that general psychology class because of what happened when Dr. Billy J. Fullerton called roll that first day.

Students would fill out their name on a 3 X 5 card. Fullerton got to her card and called out "Joe A. Hibler", the name she had used all her life. Fullerton was surprised when Joe Anna answered the roll call; he was expecting a big football player. He immediately asked her middle name and told her she better starting using it.

"That's when I became Joe Anna," Hibler said.

The building is also special because her parents earned their master's degrees at SWOSU and attended classes in the Education Building. Plus, the building was renovated while she was president of SWOSU.

"I am both humbled and honored with this recognition," Hibler said.

RUSO chair Belva Howard of Tulsa made comments at the dedication ceremony.

"Joe Anna is a tribute to the educational arena," Howard said. "She has been an inspiration to so many people and we are thrilled that SWOSU and President Hays (John) have renamed this building on the SWOSU campus."

Hibler retired June 30, 2001, as president of SWOSU. She served 11 years as president of SWOSU and completed an impressive 41-year career in Oklahoma education. Thirty-seven of those years were spent on the SWOSU campus.

Hibler came to SWOSU as a scholarship student in 1957. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in business education in 1960. She then earned her master's degree in business education from Oklahoma State in 1961.

When she assumed her duties on July 1, 1990, Hibler became the first woman in 55 years to serve as president of a university in Oklahoma.

Hibler was appointed as a regent of the RUSO in June 2004 by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Education Building has been renamed the Dr. Joe Anna Hibler Education Center. Pictured with Dr. Hibler are (front left to right): NSU Acting President Kim Cherry; Regent Ann Holloway, Ardmore; Regent Chair Belva Howard; Regent Jan Gordon, Tulsa; and Northwestern President Janet Cunningham. Back from left—Southeastern President-Elect Michael Turner; Southeastern Interim President Jesse Snowden; Regent Richard Ryerson, Alva; East Central President Richard Rafes; Regent Harold Jackson, Chickasha; SWOSU President John Hays; and UCO President Roger Webb.

New Alumni Association officers

The SWOSU Alumni Association recently elected its Executive Board; from left to right: Linda Kay Jones; Immediate Past President, Dianne Hunter; Vice President, Basil Weatherly; President Elect, Harvey Minton; Parliamentarian, Mary Regier; President, Kandi Nagel; Secretary. Not pictured: Linda Redinger; Treasurer.

Join the alumni association!

The "Dawgs Discounts" card doubles as both your membership card and a great way to save money!

Joining the SWOSU Alumni Association can do great things for you!

- You receive the new Dawgs Discount Membership Card which allows you to get discounts at over 170,000 venues over the country.
- You receive a subscription to this magazine. It's a biannual alumni magazine which will keep you up to date on what's going on at SWOSU campus with fellow Alumni.
- You receive invitations to members only events such as the Alumni & Friends Golf Classic Car Decal.
- You receive reduced prices on the Centennial

Alumni Website.....
Stay Connected!

Alumni can stay connected to Southwestern right from their own home. After registration, alumni can gain access to the online community. They are able to have e-mail, register for different events around campus, and buy things from the online store.

They are now able to get involved with different projects sponsored by fellow alumni such as the name bricks surrounding the Centennial clock tower and the landscaping-tree-bench program.

This is a great way to see how fellow alumni and friends from long ago are doing. Also they are able to see all the awards such as Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame, which are given out each year. Alumni can also keep up with the Bernhardt award winner given to a professor each year.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors can be accessed through the website as well.

If you want to become an employee of Southwestern, this would be the place to find job openings around campus.

Lastly, if there are any comments or suggestions about the website or the campus, you can submit them through both the SWOSU and alumni websites.

Contact the Alumni Office at (580) 774-3267 or email us at alumni@swosu.edu.

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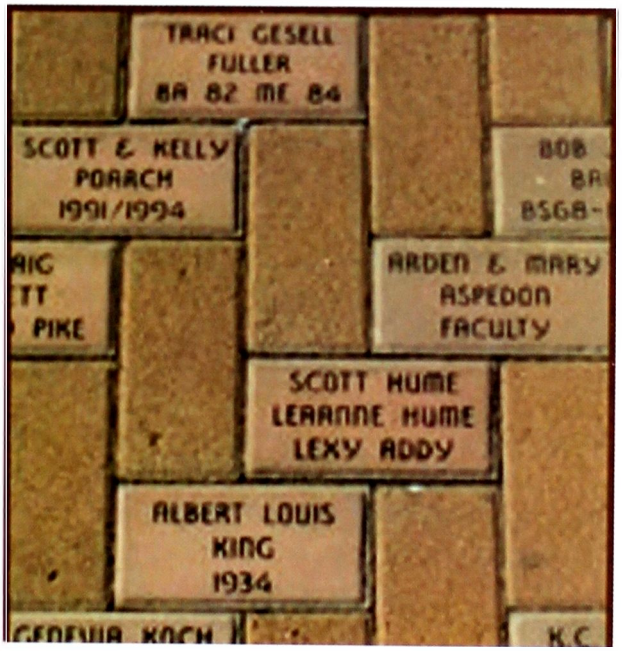


Alumni, friends and family members, faculty, staff, administration, and businesses-proudly mark their place in the history of SWOSU with a brick in the Alumni Centennial Plaza.

ONE GRAND CHALLENGE

Pharmacy's $1 million campaign

Phil Woodward (center), executive director of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, is the first Southwestern Oklahoma State University alum to participate in the College of Pharmacy's One Grand Challenge to raise $1 million for academic enrichment, scholarships and endowments for the pharmacy program on the Weatherford campus. With Woodward is Dr. H.F. Timmons (left), president of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation, and Dr. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy has started a One Grand Challenge to raise $1 million for academic enrichment, scholarships and endowments for the pharmacy program on the Weatherford campus.

Phil Woodward, a 1971 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and executive director of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association since 2001, is the first SWOSU alum to participate in the new program by contributing $1,000.

Patti Harper, alumni and development officer for the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, said the goal of the One Grand Challenge is for 1,000 alumni to each pledge $1,000 to reach the $1 million campaign goal.

Woodward, who lives in Yukon and is a member of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association, challenges other pharmacy graduates to join him in giving a "grand" gift that will make a difference and impact the future of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

"The level of participation is important to the pharmacy college's educational resources," Harper said. "Increasing participation—both in terms of the number of alumni who contribute and the total dollars given—will ensure the SWOSU College of Pharmacy's continued position as an outstanding program and act as a catalyst for others to make their own gifts."

For information about giving to the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, visit the pharmacy alumni website at www.swosu.edu/pharmacy or call either the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni and Development Office at (580) 774-3190 or the SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation at (580) 774-3191.

"This campaign is designed to address the funding priorities vital to the future of the College of Pharmacy," said Dr. H.F. Timmons, president of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. "I am asking alumni and friends, businesses and corporations to join me and the Pharmacy Foundation in paving the way for even greater accomplishments by giving to the pharmacy campaign."

College starts PALS program

Walker, Moore first alumni to participate in speaker series

Southwestern's College of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Alumni Association recently implemented a new program that brings back prominent pharmacy alumni to the Weatherford campus to share their expertise and experiences with current students.

The Pharmacy Alumni Lecture Series (PALS) is underway, and two SWOSU alumni—Paul Moore of Atoka and John Walker of Amarillo, Texas—recently visited the campus.

Moore is a 1978 graduate and is president of Pharmacy & Consulting Management Company as well as owner of Roy's Discount Pharmacy in Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Walker is a 1972 pharmacy graduate and is a consultant pharmacist with SunScript Pharmacy Corporation of Amarillo, Texas. The company provides consultant services to long-term care and assisted living patients in the panhandle of Texas.

Both pharmacy graduates spoke to students about their careers in pharmacy and how their SWOSU College of Pharmacy education impacted their paths to success.

PALS is one of many new ideas developed by the Pharmacy Alumni Association Council to enhance the relationship between SWOSU College of Pharmacy students and alumni.

Judge Lumpkin inducted into Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Gary L. Lumpkin, presiding judge of The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, was recently inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

As part of the honor, Lumpkin was the featured speaker at the SWOSU Convocation on May 12, 2007.

Southwestern Life

Lumpkin grew up in Sentinel and finshed his senior year at Weatherford High School. He spent his freshman year of college at Northwestern State College in Alva as a commuter student.

At the time, he helped his father start with a new business in Waynoka. Lumpkin then transferred to Southwestern after the business was up and running.

Lumpkin first majored in music and then changed it to Business Administration. He lived in Neff Hall for his sophomore year before moving off campus.

Lumpkin worked three jobs while continuing as a full-time student. He worked for Eldon Adler at the local Conoco. He also worked for Dean of Students W.C. Burris, who was Civil Defense Director in a work-study program. Lumpkin's job was to check and stock fall-out shelters with water and food during the Cold War. He also served as youth and music director for the First Baptist Church of Thomas.

His favorite places in Weatherford to eat and be with friends were the local A&W and The Diner.

The turning point in Lumpkin's career came when he joined the Marine Corps through the PLC (Platoon Leaders Class) deferred active duty program. This allowed him to complete boot camp and Officers Candidate School before graduating from college. He received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

Beyond Southwestern

Lumpkin graduated from SWOSU in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1974.

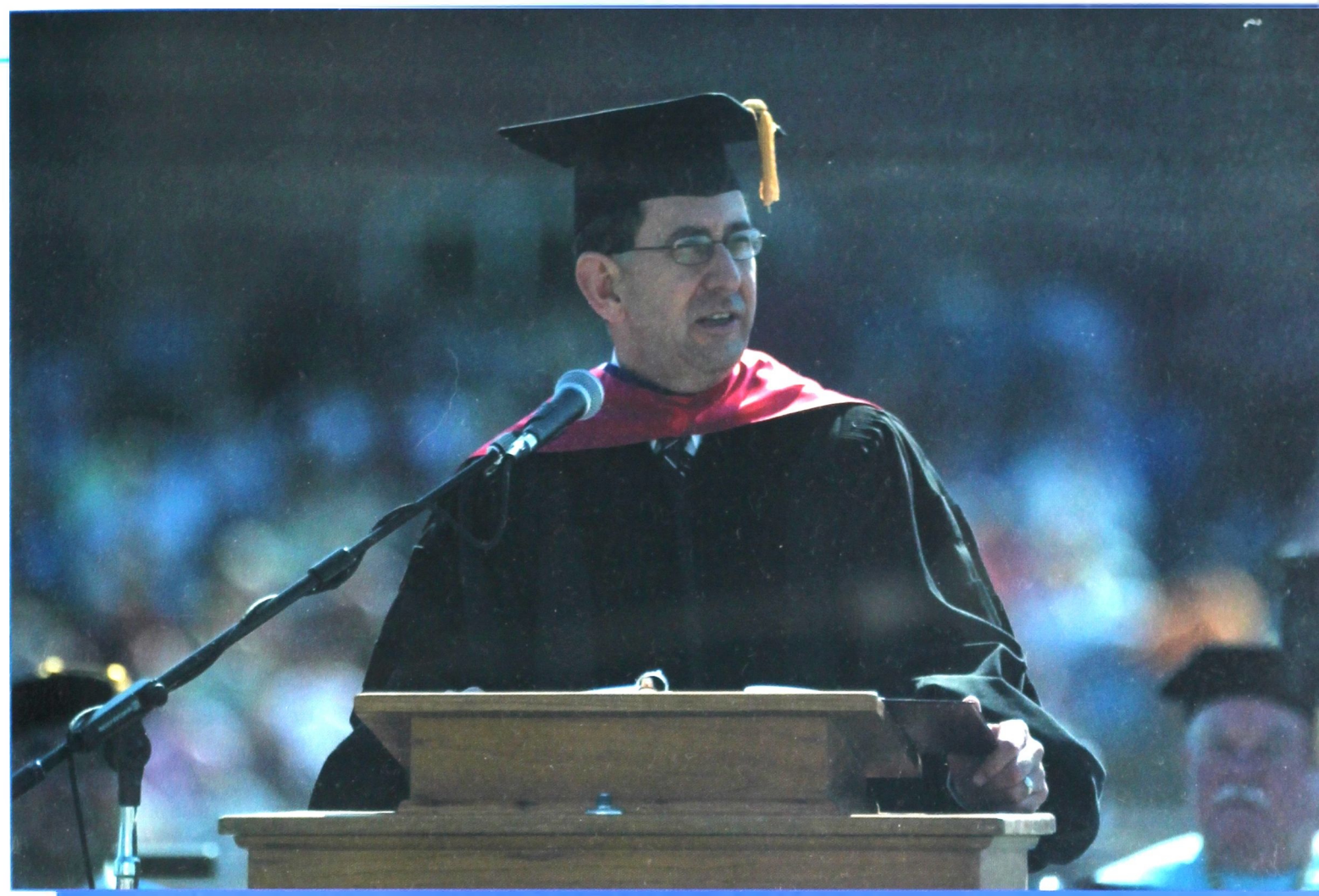
Lumpkin served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968-71, serving 18 months in Vietnam. He retired with 30 years of service in 1998 with the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. He completed his military service as one of only two Marine Reserve judges assigned to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

Living in Madill, Lumpkin was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Marshall County in 1976 and subsequently First Assistant District Attorney, 20th District. He served as Associate District Judge for Marshall County from 1982-85 and District Judge, 20th Judicial District, Division II, from 1985-89. He was then appointed to The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

Lumpkin is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Foundation, Oklahoma County Bar Association and the Marshall County Bar Association. He is also active in many other professional and civic activities.

In 2001, Lumpkin was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors, National Center of State Courts, in Williamsburg, VA. He was re-elected to the board for another term and continues to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, Investment Review Committee and Development Committee.

Judge Lumpkin and his wife, Barbara, have one child.



Gary Lumpkin

1968 — SWOSU Bachelor of Science degree

1968-1971 — U.S. Marine Corps serving 18 months in Vietnam

1974 — Juris of Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law

1976 — Appointed District Attorney for Marshall County

1982-1985 — Associate District Judge for Marshall County

1985-1989 — District Judge, 20th Judical District, Division II

1989 — Appointed to The Oklahoma Court of Appeals

2001 — Elected to a three year term as a member of the Board of Directors, National Center of State Courts

2004 — Re-elected to the Board of Directors and continues to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, Investment Review Committee and Development Committee

Paul David Moore honored as Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus

Paul David Moore of Atoka has been named the 2007 Outstanding Alumnus of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy.

Moore is originally from Walnut Creek, Calif. He moved to Atoka in 1972 and finished out his high school career there. He then attended Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant, where he completed his pre-pharmacy courses. Moore then moved to Weatherford where he earned his pharmacy degree with the highest honors.

After earning his degree Moore returned to Atoka and worked as a community pharmacist for many years. In the mid-1980s, he bought his own pharmacy and became a consultant for the Atoka Memorial Hospital.

Through these roles Moore became very active in the rural healthcare system.

During this time he also started his own consultant pharmacy management company. Moore has also served as chief executive officer for the Atoka County Healthcare Authority and administrator for Atoka Memorial Hospital.

Moore has served in a many roles with the National Rural Hospital Association and is the president-elect of the organization, and is a member of the board of directors of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation.

Moore was honored during the annual SWOSU College of Pharmacy Awards and White Coat Ceremony.

Haley, Walker receive Preceptor Award

Pharmacy alumni Stephen Haley (1990) and Dana Walker Strawn (1989) recently received the 2007 Roche Preceptor of the Year Awards from the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Roche Laboratories, Inc., provides the award to outstanding members of the volunteer clinical pharmacy faculty at SWOSU in recognition of his or her contribution to the educational process through the pharmacy practicum course. The recipients are chosen by full-time clinical pharmacy faculty with assistance by the third-year professional students.

Haley and Strawn are pharmacists at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton.

RYAN BARBER (1999), who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from SWOSU, is playing a key role as director of marketing and external affairs at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, Virginia.

As the state museum of natural history for Virginia, VMNH seeks to increase understanding of and appreciation for the natural history of Virginia through education, research, collections, publications and exhibits. The museum's new 90,000 square-foot facility features the permanent exhibit galleries "Uncovering Virginia", "How Nature Works: Rocks", and "How Nature Works: Life", offering visitors an interactive, walk-through experience that few museums present. The Harvest Foundation of the Piedmont Great Hall, which features a 14 million-year-old fossil whale skeleton and the skeleton of an Allosaurus, and the Hooker Furniture Corporation Theater, which is the first site in Virginia to offer CineMuse high-definition digital cinema, will also be available to visitors.

As director of marketing and external affairs, Barber is responsible for all marketing, public relations, special events and visitor services at the museum, supervising a staff of seven. In addition to his degree from SWOSU, Barber earned a master's degree in mass communication from Oklahoma State University. Barber is the son of Brett and Terry Smith of Freedom and is married to Amber Barber, with two sons, Lleyton and Braeden.

Jett Distributing of Clinton recently was awarded the national High Life Achievement Award by Miller Beer. The announcement was made at the national distributors' meeting in Las Vegas.

MATT JETT, owner of Jett Distributing, is a SWOSU alumnus.

Only 40 distributors across the nation received the award. To achieve the honor, Jett Distributing competed nationally against other similar-sized distributors.

"It's a really big deal. We're now nationally known," Jett said.

The honor rewards those distributors with outstanding performance in sales, quality and distribution. Jett said his company really excelled in the past year in sales.

"We grew 18 percent with Miller Lite and 3% overall Miller brands last year from the year before," Jett said. "That's huge in our industry. Usually, a 1 to 2 percent increase is good."

The exposure that Jett Distributing got at the national meeting was incredible, Jett said. The honor was announced at the end of the three-day meeting in a ceremony emceed by ESPN's Chris Berman.

The honor includes many prizes. Jett Distributing received a framed certificate and trophy, and each of the company's staff received High Life Achievement shirts. The biggest prize, however, is a trip to Rome for Matt and his wife, Anji. The 10-day trip will include all the owners of the 40 High Life Achievement distributors.

"That will be a highlight," Jett said. "This award is just phenomenal and I am very proud of my staff for their sensational performance in 2006."

Hibler inducted into Women's Hall of Fame

Dr. Joe Anna Hibler was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. Hibler was one of nine inductees into the hall.

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women established the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame in 1982. It is designed to recognize Oklahoma women who are pioneers in their field or in projects that benefit Oklahoma, who have made a significant contribution to the state of Oklahoma, who serve or have served as role models to other Oklahoma women, who are "unsung heroes" who have made a difference in the lives of Oklahomans or Americans because of their actions, who have championed other women, women's issues, or who have served as public policy advocates for issues important to women.

Eighty women have been previously inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame honor was the latest in a long line of Hibler's accomplishments throughout the last several decades.

Joe Anna Hibler started her school career at Southwestern in 1957. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education in 1960. Following that, Hibler then earned her master's degree in Business Education from Oklahoma State University in 1961.

The first four years of her teaching career were at Altus High School. During that time she also served as an adjunct instructor at Altus Junior College. Returning to Weatherford in 1965, Hibler began working as an instructor in the Division of Business and completed her doctoral degree in 1971 at the University of Oklahoma.

Further along in her time at Southwestern, Hibler chaired the Office of Administration/ Business Education Department before becoming Dean of the School of Business. In 1986 Hibler was named Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The position that most remember her for began in 1990 as Hibler became the 15th president of Southwestern. She served for 11 years, retiring in 2001. Serving as the first appointed woman president of Southwestern, Dr. Hibler became only the second woman in state history to lead an institution of higher education. At the time of her presidency, she was the only female president to serve in 55 years at a university in Oklahoma and during her term was the only female president in Oklahoma.

During her tenure at SWOSU, Dr. Hibler began and promoted many new ideas and projects leading the university into the new millennium. The Panorama projects were instated. Also, distance learning classes were made part of the curriculum as one of the first universities in the program.

There were several new building projects on campus that were completed, such as the impressive Thomas P. Stafford Center. With many other numerous projects and programs implemented, Dr. Hibler brought Southwestern into the 21st century in style.

Former SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler stays active within the Bulldog community. Here she teaches etiquette lessons for the President Leadership Class.

Now Dr. Joe Anna Hibler continues her career as she chairs the board of the Woman's Foundation of Oklahoma. A much sought-after speaker, Dr. Hibler speaks on woman's issues and is also an advocate for the needs of low income single mothers trying to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

This is not the first Hall of Fame honor for Hibler. She was the first woman inductee into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

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Sheperd hits the radio circuit

Southwestern alumnus KC Sheperd has come a long way from her small town roots in Canute, OK. KC started in radio through SWOSU, where she received course credit working as an intern at Wright Wradio. She graduated from SWOSU in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. After college, KC moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, and performed a morning show on KOUL Country for two years. In 2003, KC came back to western Oklahoma to host the morning show on KWEY FM. While working there, she took courses at SWOSU to earn her Master's Degree in English. In Fall 2006, she served as a professor in the Language Arts Department, teaching a Principles of Broadcasting class.

Her big break came earlier this year, when she became the newest addition to the KKNG Country family. She currently works with Lynn and Bill on the King Country Radio morning show.

One of the positive things she gained from her experience at SWOSU was the ability to interact with faculty on a personal level.

"They really do their best to accommodate students. Knowing the people in my department

was very helpful in my ability to teach at SWOSU. I wouldn't have been able to do that at another university."

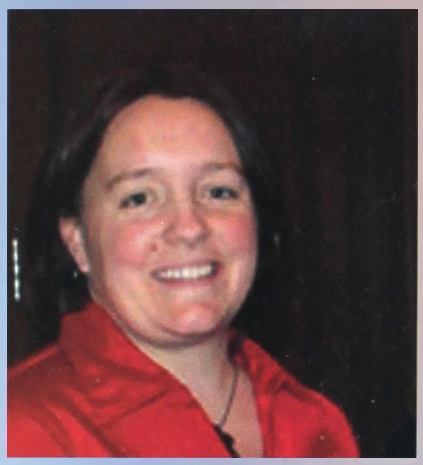
KC stated that another great aspect of Southwestern is its relationship with the community, especially between the local media outlets and the Language Arts and Communications departments.

"I got my start in radio by working as an intern through the school. SWOSU is good at providing interns to the local radio and newspaper, and that usually leads to jobs for those students and graduates. I feel it's a symbiotic relationship where both parties benefit equally."

BRIAN WELCH, 1995 graduate of Southwestern, was named the New Head Football Coach/Athletic Coordinator at Brazosport High School in Freeport, Texas. He was also elected the 2007 "Brazosport HS Teacher Of the Year" by the school's faculty and staff. Welch has taught World Geography at the school since leaving Southwestern in 1996. While at Brazosport, Welch has served as Defensive Coordinator, for the past 6 years, Head Track Coach for the past 8 years, and Strength and Conditioning Coordinator for the past 9 years. Welch played football for Southwestern from 1990-94 and is married to 1995 Southwestern Graduate Jana (Mumford) Welch. They have two sons, Brandon (4), and Braxton (1).

RICK KIBBE recently took the job as superintendent of Catoosa Public Schools near Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kibbe moved to Catoosa, enrollment 2,200, from Coyle Public Schools, which had less than 400 students. Kibbe was responsible for erasing Coyle's $1.2 million in debt in his two years there. He was also superintendent at Texhoma Public Schools from 1996 to 2005. Kibbe also serves as a financial advisor for many school districts. Kibbe recieved his bachelor's degree from Southwestern and master's from Northwestern Oklahoma State. He acquired his superintendent ceritification from Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Ladena, have three children and two grandchildren.

Blankenship named Teacher of the Year



Heather Largent Blankenship, A SWOSU graduate and former Weatherford resident, was recently named Elementary Teacher of the Year for the McKinney, Texas Independent School District (ISD) this year. McKinney ISD has 17 elementary schools and over 850 elementary teachers.

Blankenship earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Southwestern in 1998. She began her career teaching special education in 1999 at Hillcrest Elementary, in El Reno, Oklahoma. In 2000, Blankenship took the special education position at Mustang Public Schools. During 2002 Blankenship moved to McKinney and began as the Lead Resource Instructor for Kindergarten through fifth grade at Vega Elementary. During 2005 she took over as Lead Resource Instructor at Rueben Johnson.

When Blankenship's name was announced as Elementary Teacher of the Year at the 2007 Community Awards Celebration, emotions were running high. "I don't know what to say," she said, "Thank you, God." Blankenship went on to reveal her struggles with school in the past, and how a former teacher influenced her to persevere. Blankenship credited her fellow co-workers for her accomplishments.

Johnson wins top faculty award

Troy University Professor Jerry Johnson, Southwestern graduate and chairman of Troy's Art and Design Department, recently won the Wallace D. Malone Distinguished Faculty Award

Designed to recognize those who have exhibited excellence through outstanding teaching, public service, publications and research, the Wallace D. Malone Award is presented annually to a full-time TROY faculty member.

Full-time faculty members from any TROY campus or site are eligible for the award, which consists of a trophy, a $1,500 cash prize and a medallion to be worn with academic regalia

Johnson, who joined the TROY faculty in 2000 as department chairman, holds the master of fine arts degree from Louisiana Tech University, the terminal degree in his field, and a master of education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he completed a bachelor of arts degree in commercial art in 1986.

Under his direction the University's Center for Design, Technology and Industry - DTI - has flourished, bringing in more than $100,000 in fees for the design cooperative between students, faculty and industry clients. This money provides supplemental funding for technology, travel, exhibitions, scholarships and other opportunities for art and design students.

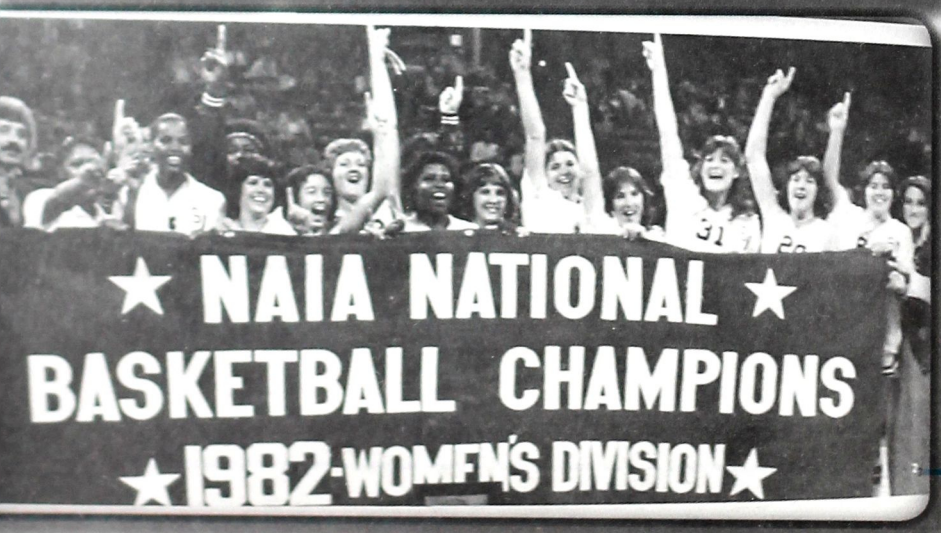
Troy professor Jerry Johnson receives the Wallace D. Malone Distinguished Faculty Award from Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr.

We Remember

Name	City	Year of graduation
Dorothy Scales Banister	Pittsburg, CA	1944
Teddy Don Bernard	Hollis	
Ruby Bolding	Midwest City	
Larry L., M.D. Broadie	Ada	1962
James (Jim) P. Burden	Hobart	
Ozzie Tillman Byrum Jr.	Weatherford	
Ellis Boyd Cabaniss	Clinton	
Athula Lucille Carman	Hydro	1960
G. E. Castleberry	Weatherford	1940
Thomas Coker	Thomas	1960
Dale Cook	Hobart	
William Lesley "Bill" Davis	Galveston, TX	
Gerald Dee Engel	Woodward	1969
Merle England	Seiling	
Louis Folks	Alva	1937
Duane E. Goforth	Miami	
Aleta Martha Gregory	Weatherford	1936 &1968
Patricia Hamar	Hydro	
Dr. Larry Lynn "Doc" Hahn	Molina, CO	1960
Lowell G. "Brownie" Hammons	Hammond, LA	1954
Billy Eugene Haney	Thomas	1956 & 1964
Edward Lee Hankins	Weatherford	
William "Bill" Hartman	Sayre	1990 & 1993
O.K. Henson	Tulia, TX	1937 & 1955
Opal Lenora Reese Herrin	Lemoore, Ca	1946
Chloe Toland Jones	Mangum	1957
Everett Almon Kaiser	Weatherford	
Patricia Ann Key	Hobart	2003
Ricky Lee Kindsfather	Sayre	
Glenda Lewis	Hollis	

We Remember

Name	*City*	*Year of graduation*
Elizabeth Sue Goodall Loyall	North Andover, MA	
Roger W. Maddox	Sayre	
Joyce Freeman McAlister	Ft. Worth, TX	
Michael David McCarther	Clinton	2000
Jeanette Elizabeth McDaniel	Augusta, KS	
Richard McPhetridge	Weatherford	1951
Ear Ray Megli	Atoka	
Glenna Miller	Hobart	
Joe Frank Moad	Cheyenne	1949
Glennis Coulson Nichols	Yukon	1931
Charlene "Sue" Partovi	Enid	1976
Wanda Ann Paxton	Amarillo, TX	
Mary Beth Christensen Plant	Thomas	
Don Prock	Weatherford	1951
Carla Jo Putnam	Hollis	
Peter Angelo Ratto	Houston, TX	Faculty '81-96
Brian Clint Smith	Hinton	1995
Fred Jr. Stover	Fort Smith, AR	
Garland David Strickland	Belton, MO	
Jocelyn Marie Stucky	Hydro	
Thomas Oller "Tommy" Threadgill	Thomas	
Kay Travis	Thomas	1960 & 1968
Gayla Dawn Kerbo Turner	Mangum	
Donald Warner	Mangum	
C. Elizabeth "Beth" Doughty White	Geary	
Doris Pauline Williams	Weatherford	
Dorothy Lorene Williamson	Amarillo, TX	
C. Johnson "C.J" Willis	Kearney	1971
Robert Windle	Amarillo, TX	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BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS
★1982-WOMEN'S DIVISION★

Still Memories of Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni

Land cleared for new theatre

It has been nearly 100 years since a theatre was built on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford, but construction is now underway on a new blackbox theatre that will be located just west of the Music Building on the Weatherford campus.

The project is part of an education capital bond issue that was signed into law on March 31, 2005, by Governor Brad Henry.

Jay L. Walker Construction Company of Oklahoma City is the building contractor, while Meyer Architecture Plus is the architect. The $2.3 million, 10,000 square foot building is expected to be completed within one year, according to Tom Fagan, SWOSU Vice President for Finance.

Robin Jones, chair of the SWOSU Communication and Theatre Department, said the new building will allow greater flexibility for various theatrical productions and other events.

"We're excited about this project and the possibility of bringing more students to our program," Jones said. "We feel this will make our program more visible on the SWOSU campus."

The new theatre will allow SWOSU to renovate the existing Old Science Building Auditorium to classrooms and laboratories. The old auditorium was constructed as part of the original 1909 structure with partial renovations taking place in past years.

Theatre instructor (and SWOSU alumnus)

Strickler wins Bernhardt award

Steve Strickler won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award March 29.

Strickler, an instructor in the Department of Communication and Theatre, won the prestigious award at a banquet held on the SWOSU campus. For winning the award, Strickler received a $2,500 cash award, Waterford crystal clock and engraved pen set.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Steve Strickler (middle) won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The award for exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt who surround Strickler.

Steve Strickler has directed 37 theatrical productions for SWOSU in 15 years. Twenty-one of the productions have been entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) and nine have been nominated to advance to the regional festival with four of them advancing. Strickler has received numerous awards through KCACTF. Two of the most prestigious were the Gold Medallion for Service and the Region VI KCACTF Faculty Fellow—which earned him a trip to the Kennedy Center with only three other directors from the United States.

Strickler was instrumental in creating the Communication Arts degree at SWOSU. The change in degree-plan has increased the number of majors from 20 to over 180, which has most recently brought about the creation of the Department of Communication and Theatre.

Strickler graduated from SWOSU in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in speech/theatre education. After graduating, he accepted a graduate teaching assistantship with the theatre department at Oklahoma State University.

He married Molly Wyatt, who passed away in 1998 after a very long illness. Their first home was in Stillwater while they finished their degrees. Strickler graduated with a Master of Arts in speech/theatre in 1990.

A year later, the Stricklers moved to Moberly, Missouri, where he taught at Moberly Area Community College. One year later, he was informed of an opening at SWOSU. His dream was to return to SWOSU.

"That was one of the most nerve-wracking interviews I have ever experienced," Strickler said. "Many of the professors from my undergraduate education interviewed me. I wanted them to believe that I had learned something and that I deserved to join forces at SWOSU—which somehow happened in the fall semester of 1992."

In 1999, Strickler married SWOSU alumna Laci Osmus. In true theatrical fashion, they were married on the Old Science Auditorium stage. The highlight of his life was the day that their daughter, Hannah Grace, was born.

Breckenridge receives Medal for Excellence

The recipient of the Medal for Excellence in College and University Teaching is James Breckenridge, who has served nearly 40 years as professor of piano at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence selected just one professor each year for the award. Each year, an independent committee selects winners of the medal. For his award, Breckenridge received a $7,500 cash award and a glass scultpture. In addition, Southwestern received $1,000.

When Breckenridge was a young man, he recalls reading a quote that had a profound impact on him as a student: "The greatest good that we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them, but to reveal their riches to themselves."

At the time, the statement reminded Breckenridge of his own piano teacher and the gifts she had revealed in him as a budding musician. He vowed to one day do the same for his own students.

An authority on Suzuki teaching methods and recent president of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association, Breckenridge has helped bring national attention to Southwestern's piano program, producing many successful college and university professors, private instructors, conductors and professional musicians.

Department chair Terry Segress praised Breckenridge as "a tremendous motivator and exceptional manager and monitor of his student's learning."

Former student Debbie Kaczynski said she admired Breckenridge for his energetic teaching style and ability to understand how students learn individually. "Dr. B would use all his 'tools' to help me successfully learn and play my pieces." Now a music teacher herself, Kaczynski often finds herself using the same techniques. "If I could give one tenth to my students of what Dr. B gave to me, I would consider that a great success in my life."

David Boren (left), founder and chairman of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, congratulates James Breckenridge, professor of piano at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, as the recipient of the $10,000 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in College and University Teaching. The prestigious honor is presented annually to one exceptional educator from a public college or university in Oklahoma. Breckenridge was honored at the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence 21st annual Academic Awards Banquet on May 19 in Oklahoma City.

Outstanding pharmacy professors

Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy faculty Dr. Benny French (left) and Dr. Erin Callen (right) were named Teachers of the Year for 2006-07 by the senior pharmacy students. The awards were presented at the recent senior graduate recognition ceremony held on the Weatherford campus. French was the award recipient for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Callen was the Department of Pharmacy Practice winner. With them is Dr. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Retiring Faculty Honored

Southwestern Oklahoma State University retiring faculty were honored with a reception May 2 on the Weatherford campus. Honored at the Faculty Senate-sponsored event were (from left): Charles Teasley, kinesiology; Midge Gerber, general business; Karen Travis, education; Don McGurk, chemistry & physics; Ron Segal, biological sciences; and Allen Lane, chemistry & physics. Not pictured are David Bradney, industrial & engineering technology; Karen McGurk, chemistry & physics; Max White, computer science & information systems; and Tom Worley, Sayre campus.

Chancellor visits campus

Dr. Glen D. Johnson, chancellor of the Oklahoma state system of higher education, toured the Southwestern campus on April 10. Johnson is with (from left) State Regent Jimmy Harrel of Leedey and SWOSU President John Hays. Johnson also held a press conference and addressed several issues facing higher education in the near future. Johnson became chancellor in January of this year and is Oklahoma's eighth chancellor.

Panorama events

An outdoor concert featuring bands from California and Florida and the return of a popular acrobatic troupe highlight the 2007-08 Panorama series at Southwestern. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. and all events will be at the Fine Arts Center except the outdoor concert, which will be at Milam Stadium on the SWOSU campus.

The October 4 concert will feature bands Switchfoot of San Diego, Calif., and Anberlin of Winter Haven, Fla. Sandwiched in between the two bands will be a performance by comedian/guitarist Chris Dowell of Norman.

Ann Simonton, former supermodel and founder of Media Watch (a non-profit media literacy organization) will speak November 13. She travels internationally and is one of the nation's leading authorities on the effects of media images.

Back by popular demand, the Peking Acrobats transform 2,000-year-old traditions of agility and grace into a modern day kaleidoscope of entertainment and wonder. The brightly costumed tumblers, acrobats, cyclists, jugglers and clever clowns provide a fun and entertaining evening. They will appear at SWOSU on Valentine's Day, February 14. The Peking Acrobats last appeared at SWOSU in 2004.

The final Panorama event of the 2007-08 year will be a performance by comedian Josh Blue, who won season four of NBC's Last Comic Standing. Blue, who has cerebral palsy, has been a fast-rising star since first appearing on Comedy Central's Mind of Mencia before gaining the attention and endearment of the country as a favorite and eventual winner of Last Comic Standing.

* **October 4--Bands Switchfoot and Anberlin along with Comedian/ Guitarist Chris Dowell**
* **November 13--Ann Simonton on "Sex, Power & the Media"**
* **February 14--Peking Acrobats**
* **March 11--Comedian Josh Blue**

Southwestern increases tuition 8.7 percent

Causes of increase are personnel costs and decline in state appropriations

Southwestern's tuition increased this fall by 8.7 percent.

Resident undergraduates pay $125 per credit hour, a $10 raise from last year. Non-resident undergraduates pay $285 per credit hour, a $20 raise from last year.

Even with the increase, Southwestern maintains its position as one of the more affordable universities in the state. OU and OSU are at the higher end of the spectrum, charging $186.90 and $183.04 per credit hour, respectively. UCO charges $128.55, while Southeastern charges $130.85. Cameron comes in slightly higher than Southwestern at $125.25, while Northwestern is equivalent at $125. Panhandle, which is about 1/5 of Southwestern's size, charges $108.30.

Fiscal 2008 resident tuition - cost per credit hour

		percentage increase
University of Oklahoma:	$186.90	9.7 percent
Oklahoma State University:	$183.04	9.9 percent
Southeastern Oklahoma State:	$130.85	9.9 percent
Rogers State:	$130.00	10 percent
Central Oklahoma:	$128.55	9 percent
East Central:	$128.00	9.9 percent
Northeastern State:	$127.00	8.9 percent
Cameron:	$125.25	9.4 percent
Northwestern Oklahoma State:	$125.00	8.7 percent
Southwestern Oklahoma State:	**$125.00**	**8.7 percent**
Oklahoma Panhandle State:	$108.30	9.7 percent

Campus reviews safety plan after Virginia Tech tragedy

Since the Virginia Tech massacre, Southwestern has taken several steps to improve campus safety for students, faculty and staff.

In April in Blacksburg, Va., Seung-Hui Cho killed more than 30 students and faculty before killing himself inside a Virginia Tech classroom.

Chief Rick Bolar leads Southwestern's Public Safety office. Bolar believes this university has been prepared for something like this for the past four years.

"Every building and dorm has its own lock down and safety procedure," said Chief Bolar.

Following the VT incident, SWOSU held meetings with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Clinton Police Department, Custer County Sheriff's Office and Weatherford Police Department. All agreed to help the university's police in a time of crisis similar to VT's.

Chief Bolar said that every procedure was discusssed with each department and all agreed the campus safety plan was top notch.

Bolar, along with Brian Adler, Director of P.R. & Marketing, and President John Hays, is looking into ways of alerting students to danger. The lack of communication was a main complaint in how the Virginia Tech administration handled its crisis.

Southwestern now has an E-alert system. Through this system, the Public Safety office can send e-mails and text messages to cell phones of those who sign up. Students, faculty and staff have access to this program.

"Even if certain students don't have cell phones, the possibility of being in a classroom, dorm, or cafeteria where someone does has a greater chance of reaching students; unlike just sending an e-mail over SWOSU web-mail," Bolar said.

With the urging of SWOSU police, resident assistants, faculty, staff and students are taking actions as well. Last semester, SWOSU students turned in a fellow peer that could have been a danger to everyone at this university. The student was expelled indefinitely from classes the week of April 16. According to the university, the student posted a threat to the school on his Facebook page, an online web page for college students.

The immediate removal of this student shows that this university will not tolerate "jokes" or "comments" made in a remotely threatening way.

"Alumni, we are doing everything we can to protect our university," Bolar said.

Tribal College starts second year

Southwestern and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College Board of Regents recently signed a cooperative agreement to continue the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Speaker of the House Ida Hoffman, C & A legislator Janice PrairieChief-Boswell and CATC Board of Regents Chair Lawrence Hart recently presented a $458,296 check on behalf of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes to SWOSU for the 2007 operations of the college. Accepting for SWOSU were President John Hays and CATC Interim President Henrietta Mann.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College (CATC) is a two-year college that is starting its second year on the SWOSU campus. Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences and the cooperative agreement principal director, said the college has an enrollment of 30 full-time and 15 part-time students with most of them being Cheyenne and Arapaho students.

Al-Jarrah said immediate plans for the CATC are to hire a business manager, administrative assistant and to aggressively prepare for accreditation and apply for membership in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. As an AIHEC member, the CATC will be eligible for federal assistance and capable of competing for federal grants and other educational resources. After AIHEC recognition, the CATC will then seek candidacy status with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

The CATC is a product of extensive planning by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and SWOSU. Once the CATC attains recognition as a fully functional college, it will seek autonomy. When the CATC is accredited, the college will be allowed to manage federal student financial aid programs and its courses will be transferable to accredited four-year degree-granting institutions.

Hays said SWOSU is committed to enhancing diversity and promoting multicultural education. SWOSU is actively working to increase the number of American Indian students enrolled in its programs and is striving to provide greater multicultural opportunities for its students and faculty.

SWOSU started an American Indian studies program in 2005. The program enables students to get an associate degree, minor, an option in the interdisciplinary degree, or certification in American Indian studies. Al-Jarrah said many Native American students have found the interdisciplinary degree at SWOSU to be a popular avenue of earning a bachelor's degree.

Additional information is available by calling Al-Jarrah at (580) 774-7152.

Campus now offering management

Southwestern is now offering a Master of Science program in management.

The program, which was recently approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, is designed for working adults who wish to advance their careers with additional training in management as well as increase their technical expertise.

Dr. Elizabeth Ferrell, graduate programs coordinator for the School of Business and Technology, said the new program minimizes the prerequisites that are necessary for an M.B.A. Instead of 24 hours for non-business majors, there are only 6 hours. Students have the option of satisfying those prerequisites through CLEP exams.

"We started this program because working adults have asked for this type of program," Ferrell said. "This is mainly for non-business graduates who have been promoted to managerial positions and need graduate training for further career enhancement."

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College recently signed a cooperative agreement to continue the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College on the Weatherford campus. Representatives of the tribe presented a check for $458,296 to SWOSU for the 2007 operations. Making the presentation are (second from right) legislator Janice PrairieChief-Boswell and (far right) Ida Hoffman, speaker of the house for the C & A legislators. Accepting are Dr. Henrietta Mann, interim president of the CATC, and SWOSU President Dr. John Hays.

graduate program for working adults

The program has an 18-hour core and requires 3-6 hours of management electives and 9-12 hours of the student's chosen "option" field. The option fields at present are: Accounting, Computer Science, Finance, Management, Marketing and Technology. The total number of hours for the program is 33.

Ferrell said courses being offered during the upcoming 2008 spring semester that are required for the Master's of Science in Management program are: Managerial Jurisprudence, Leadership and Budgeting, and Marketing Strategy. The other classes in the core program are: Advanced Human Resources (being offered in Summer 2008); Management and Organizational Behavior (Fall 2008) and Managerial Ethics (anticipated Fall 2008).

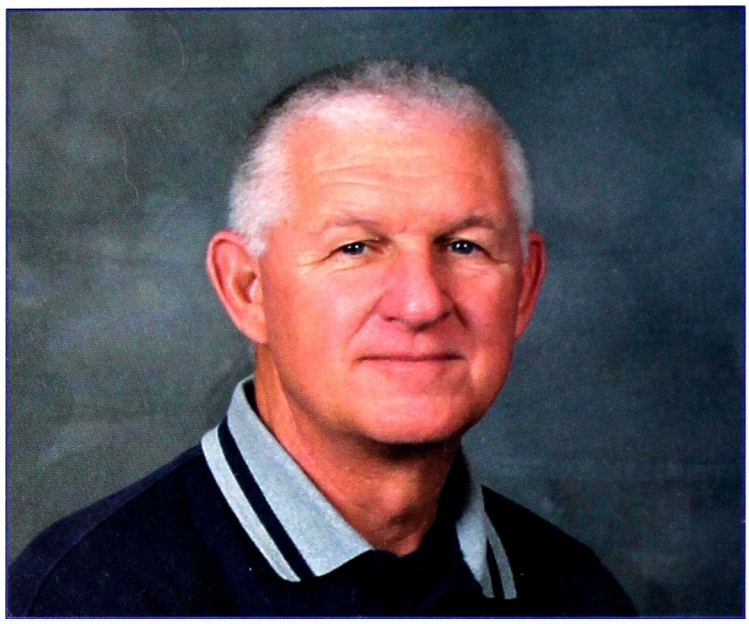
Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Ferrell at (580)774-3040 or elizabeth.ferrell@swosu.edu .

Teasley finishes career on winning note

Retiring Southwestern baseball coach Charles Teasley received a special going away present from his peers as he was named the Lone Star Conference North Division Coach-of-the-Year.

Teasley, who is completing his eighth and final year at SWOSU, has led one of the more remarkable baseball turnarounds in recent memory.

He helped the Bulldogs qualify for their first LSC Post-Season Tournament since 2002 and only the school's second since joining the league in 1997. SWOSU finished the year 22-30 and placed second in the LSC North Division with a 16-8 record.



Charles Teasley

The Bulldogs began the season by winning just 4 of the first 26 games before reversing field and closing with an 18-8 surge. SWOSU spent some time in the top spot of the LSC North before relinquishing that role to defending champion Central Oklahoma in the final week.

Teasley is 180-202 in eight years at SWOSU.

Baseball team receives donation

The baseball scholarship program was made richer thanks to the generosity of the South Canadian Valley Little League Baseball organization.

SCVL President **Fred Schamburg**, vice president **Gary Pigg** and secretary **Marsha Pigg** presented new baseball coach **Scott Selby** with a check of $3,375. The money was payment for the baseball program's help with SCVL's season-ending tournament. Bulldogs worked concessions, administered the gate, prepared the field and umpired the tourney.

"We really appreciate the league and its willingness to allow us to help with their tournament," Selby said. "The group really went the extra mile and assisting us again this year. We hope our partnership with the SCVL will last for many more years to come."

Athletic Association Buffs Up This Year

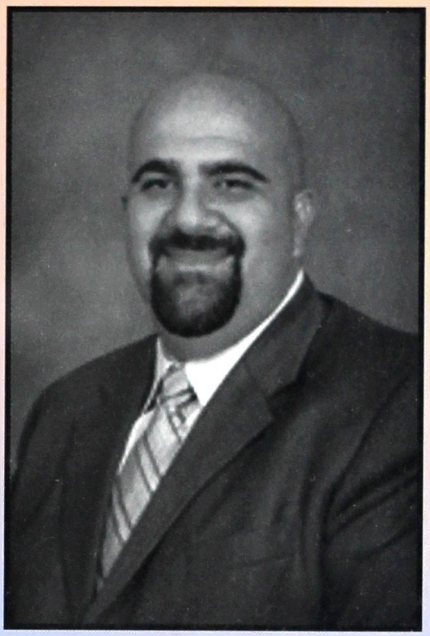
The Athletic Association of Southwestern has grown in leaps and bounds this year.

By forming new bylaws by which the organization is ran, there are noticeable differences in the administration, including the replacement of seven original board member positions with 17 voting positions and 8 ex-officio positions.

"This transformation has allowed more people to actively participate with the Athletic Association," said Rouben Tourian, Association Coordinator. The re-vamped association has also formed committees, which help with planning and spending ventures.

Just five years ago, the Athletic Association was taking in a total of $7,500 each year. Tourian reports that the association has now exceeded $130,000. He said the money is used for several different ventures. The $130,000 is distributed among rodeo, football, basketball, soccer, golf, cross country, softball, volleyball, and baseball. The money is used to purchase equipment, award scholarships and pay for recruiting expenses.

The Athletic Association of Southwestern will continue to grow by doing fundraisers and selling sponsorships.



Rouben Tourian, Athletic Association Coordinatior

You can receive more information on becoming a sponsor of the Southwestern Athletic Association by logging onto www.swosu.edu and accessing the athletics page or you can call Rouben Tourian at (580) 774-3155.

Auction nets more than $40,000

Scholarship opportunities for future Southwestern student-athletes became considerably greater thanks primarily to a fundraising auction that surpassed even the grandest expectations of the event.

When the auctioneer's final gavel sounded more than $40,000 had been raised. The wild three-hour evening featured spirited bidding among many of the 250 participants with several items fetching more than $1,000.

Rouben Tourian, coordinator of the event, said that he could not have imagined a better outcome if he had tried.

"No one knew what to expect since this is the first time we've ever tried it here," Tourian said. "The support for the auction just began to grow and grow and grow. Not once were we turned down in our requests. Many times a merchant or someone else would donate an item(s) of much greater value than we had originally anticipated."

More than 100 different items were auctioned off ranging from a two-man turkey hunt in western Oklahoma to a 12-month pampering at a local beauty salon. The bulk of the items were auctioned off in a silent fashion before the dinner. The remaining "big ticket" items were presented live for bid to the audience by special guest and KOCO-TV Sports Director Mark Rodgers and auctioneer Brandon Hinz.

Football team shares LSC title

Southwestern Oklahoma State University helped to forge a five-way tie for the Lone Star Conference North Division title with a 21-14 victory over visiting Texas A&M-Commerce.

SWOSU's victory created a five-way knot atop the LSC North at 3-2. The shared LSC North title is SWOSU's first since 1997. SWOSU ends the year at 6-5, the Bulldogs first time since the 1991 and 1992 seasons they had back-to-back winning campaigns.

2007 Football Schedule

Aug 23 Northwestern Oklahoma
BULLDOGS WIN -- 33-7

Sep 1 Texas A&M-Kingsville
BULLDOGS WIN -- 7-3

Sep 8 Midwestern State
Bulldogs lose 47-10

Sep 15 Oklahoma Panhandle
BULLDOGS WIN 38-8

Sep 22 Abilene Christian (Parents Day)
Bulldogs lose 50-14

Sep 29 Tarleton State
Bulldogs lose 43-19

Oct 13 Southeastern Oklahoma
Bulldogs lose 40-24

Oct 20 Northeastern State
BULLDOGS WIN 31-24

Oct 27 Central Oklahoma
Bulldogs lose 10-7

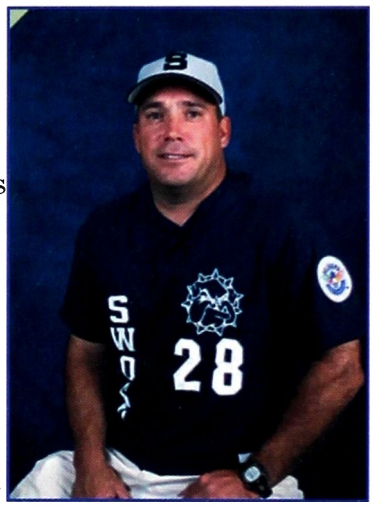
Nov 3 East Central (Homecoming)
BULLDOGS WIN 24-18

Nov 10 Texas A&M-Commerce
BULLDOGS WIN 21-14

Sports Shorts

Selby named new coach

Scott Selby, who guided the Southern Nazarene University baseball team for more than 10 years, was named the new SWOSU coach.



Selby becomes only the fifth Bulldog baseball coach in a span of more than 80 years and replaces Charles Teasley who retired after eight years with SWOSU.

The 42-year-old Selby and his teams won 30-or-more games seven times at SNU while compiling a 275-224 (55.1% winning percentage) record. This year SNU finished with a 35-21 record and a placed third in the NAIA's respected Sooner Athletic Conference (12-8).

Perry wins hoops award

Southwestern basketball star Nate Perry was chosen as the Lone Star Conference Newcomer-of-the-Year for the North Division. Perry, a 6-6 junior center from Racine, Wis., also earned second-team LSC North honors, according to votes cast by division's seven. Perry has been one of the key players in the resurgent Bulldogs 17-9 season. He leads the team in five offensive categories including points (13.9 ppg.), rebounds (6.7 rpg.), field goal percentage (.605), steals (51) and blocks (14). SWOSU had two other players earn honorable mention all-conference. They were Reggie Gunn and Clarke Hale.

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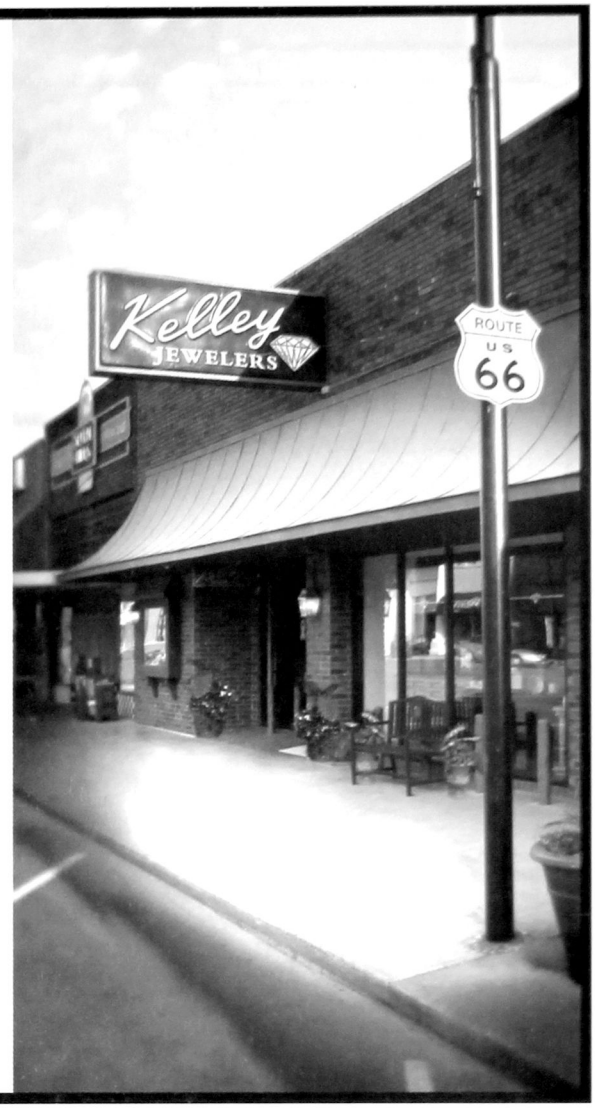

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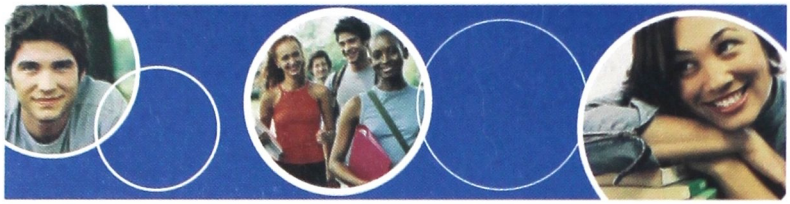

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