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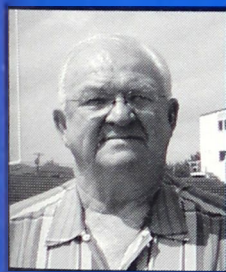
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*The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association has two new leaders. Linda Jones (left) of Oklahoma City is the new president, and Mary Regier of Cordell is president-elect of the association, which supports SWOSU in many activities. Jones started her two-year term following the 2004 homecoming activities. She takes over for past president Harold Wright of Weatherford.*

## Jones, Regier enter 2nd year of leadership

Linda Jones of Oklahoma City and Mary Regier of Cordell are leading the Southwestern Alumni Association this year. In last fall's alumni meeting, Jones was elected president for a two-year term, and Regier was chosen as president-elect.

Linda Kay (Sawatzky) Jones grew up in Clinton and Graduated from Southwestern in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She received her MBA from SWOSU the next year. She has worked in accounting positions for Oklahoma Bank & Trust Company, Houston Casualty Company,

Air Routing International in Houston and Robert Hall International in Oklahoma City. She is currently a homemaker and volunteer.

She has been extremely involved with the Alumni Association since 1998.

"Southwestern is very dear to me as I had such a wonderful time while attending the university and have had such wonderful opportunities because of my education at SWOSU," she said. "It is with pleasure that I use my experience to give back to the university where it all started for me. I've been extremely involved with the Alumni Association

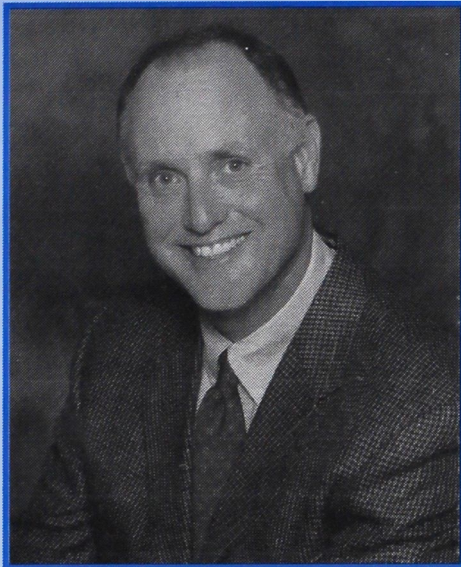
since 1998 and have really enjoyed it."

Linda said the alumni board is committed to strengthening the bond between alumni and the university.

"The Executive Board and I have already created new committees that will continue to strengthen the alumni association through activity and generate more involvement with the alumni," she said.

Mary (McCauley) Regier graduated from Lomega High School and received a bachelor's in business administration with a minor in journalism





## Wright honored for service as Alumni President

*Harold Wright (left) of Weatherford was recently presented a Past President's Award for his two years of service as president of the SWOSU Alumni Association. Wright's term ended at the 2004 homecoming activities. Making the presentation is SWOSU President John Hays.*

## Leaders

from Southwestern in 1990. While at Southwestern, Mary served as president of the Student Government Association and was chosen Outstanding Senior in Business Administration. She also completed her teaching certificate in 1994.

After graduation and while working on post-graduate hours, Mary worked for Hoffman Pools and Spas in Weatherford and as a graduate assistant in the School of Business. In 1995, she took a job in the corporate world and worked for a Fortune 500 Company, Pitney Bowes, as an account manager for nine years. Current she does Medical Sales and Marketing for CPD Home Medical, a company owned by SWOSU Foundation Board President Eddie Tom Lakey of Sayre.

Mary said her involvement as a student has led to her involvement on the alumni board.

"As you can see by my past history Southwestern Oklahoma State University is very dear to me," she said. "I truly believe in this University and all that it can offer to the students. I want to continue to see Southwestern be a positive influence in young people's lives.

"My degree at Southwestern Oklahoma State University has given me many opportunities in life and I just want to give back what it has given to me."

She encourages alumni to come back to Southwestern and take a look at the exciting changes, and then get involved.

"We need people who believe in the vision and the Focus of our campaign. We have so much fun at our alumni events. You get to see people you have not seen in years and it is always great to get re-connected," she said. "I would also like to encourage any alumni who have not been on campus for a while to take a stroll on 'the hill'. I think one would say that it has improved. We have the new Centennial Plaza, which I am very proud of, along with the wonderful new landscaping that the Alumni Association has undertaken.

Mary currently lives in Cordell with her husband, Brad (a SWOSU alumnus), and their 8-year-old son, Britain.

Linda said the most important step in fostering that bond comes from involvement of each alumni.

"I would love to encourage everyone to get involved whether it's in your community, your university or a meaningful organization," she said. "Getting involved, no matter how little or much, is very rewarding.

"You meet the most wonderful people and you help in making a difference.....just as someone did before you. If you are a SWOSU graduate and would like to get reconnected with the alumni association, please call the Alumni Development Office in Weatherford at 580-774-3267."



# Alumni leaders focus on campus beautification

By HOLLY HAYS/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PHOTO BY HOLLY HAYS

Alumni Association President Linda Jones and Vice President Mary Regier are leading the campus beautification project, which is in its second year.

A lot has been accomplished, but there is still a long road ahead in the five-year plan.

"The goal is to raise \$100,000 to purchase 150 trees, several park benches and revitalize the landscaping around seven buildings and five residence halls on campus," Jones said.

"Knowing how important this project is for SWOSU, our alumni board members have taken the first and bold step to pledge up to \$15,000 in matching funds for all contributions," Jones said.

The work around the library and Student Union follows projects already completed around the Administration, Old Science and Education



*Physical Plant workers take out old flowers and add plants to flower beds around campus.*

buildings. Around 25 trees and permanent landscaping were added to these areas.

The alumni clock tower was the first big project, and the focus is now on existing flowerbeds and new trees. The beds around the Administration and Old Science buildings are renovated, and several trees have been planted around campus.

There will be approximately 150 new trees on campus; the physical plant has already planted 25.

Approximately 90 percent of the new

trees should live to be a 100 years old; most of them are evergreens.

"The idea is for SWOSU campus to stay green year round," Jones said.

To save money, Physical Plant employees are working with the contractors. Steve Bieberich of Sunshine Nursery in Clinton is providing and installing the landscaping, while Southwestern is funding the mulch and sprinkler system.

Jones encourages any student organization to become actively involved with the Alumni Association.

Anyone interested in donating will be matched up to \$15,000.

"We are tremendously pleased to have such a group working for the benefit of our students, employees, alumni, and friends," President John Hays said.

Interested organizations, individuals, or businesses can receive additional information by contacting Linda Jones at 405-720-0736, Mary Regier at 580-450-4929, or the SWOSU Alumni Development office at 580-774-3267.



**The project consists of three sectors -- Landscaping, Trees and Park Benches.**

**Goals:**

Revitalize existing landscaping beds around seven buildings and four residence halls

Purchase 150 trees

Add several park benches

**Achievements so far:**

New trees, landscaping and pocket beds around Administration and Old Sciences

Landscaping renovations around the Al Harris Library

Renovations on the west side of the Library

Total of 50 trees purchased and planted

**Matching funds:**

*We would like to partner with YOU on this massive revitalization of the SWOSU campus. With your help, this next fall's landscaping planting will be a huge, spectacular one as we plan to canvas as much of the campus as possible. We will also add another 30 trees this fall and hope to start placing park benches in high traffic areas.*

At the completion of this program, a recognition plaque made of bronze and wood in the shape of a tree will be displayed with all contributors and level of donation in a prominent place. The levels of giving are as follows:

- \$1-\$100
- \$101-\$250
- \$251-\$500
- \$501-\$1000
- \$1001-\$2500
- \$2500+

Interested individuals, businesses or organizations can receive additional information by contacting Linda Kay Jones at (405) 720-0736 or the SWOSU Alumni Office at (580) 774-3267.

**"It is the alumni association's goal to not only revitalize the campus landscaping but to take it a step further and really beautify it with a variety of new trees and landscaping that will endure the Oklahoma weather, have low maintenance and provide peak enhancement to the campus during the spring and fall semesters."**

**-- Linda Kay Jones**

PHOTO BY KYLE WRIGHT



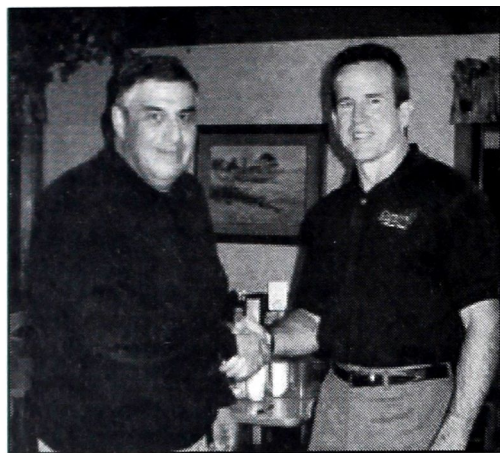
*A newly-planted tree grows near the Centennial Clock.*

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*"An active alumni group really makes a difference in the advancement of any university. We are tremendously pleased to have such a group working for the benefit of our students, employees, alumni and friends."*

**-- SWOSU President Dr. John Hays**





*Tony Jones (right) of Lubbock, Texas, recently contributed \$60,000 to the Southwestern College of Pharmacy Foundation. Accepting for SWOSU is Dr. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Jones is a 1978 graduate of SWOSU and owner of Caprock Discount Drug.*

## Jones donates to school

Tony Jones of Lubbock, Texas, has given \$60,000 to the Southwestern Pharmacy Foundation as part of the university's FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Jones is a 1978 graduate of SWOSU and owner of Caprock Discount Drug.

"Jeanie (his wife) and I are pleased to share our success with the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy," Jones said. "We invite others who have benefited from a SWOSU education to express their gratitude by joining our efforts."

Jones said he decided to make the donation because he wanted to give something that has given so much to him.

The Tulia, Texas, product was active in Kappa Psi pharmacy fraternity when he was at SWOSU. He and his wife have two sons—Dillon and Truett.

## Baker donates to pharmacy school

Doug Baker of Cushing has given \$5,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Pharmacy Foundation as part of the university's FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Baker is a 1984 graduate of SWOSU.

"SWOSU gave me a great education and an excellent opportunity to provide for my family," Baker said. "You really don't realize 'the big picture' when you're just 18 to 22 years old. Thanks SWOSU for a great educational foundation to step out in the world and succeed."

Baker is a Cushing High School graduate who is active in the Cushing community. He is a board member of the Cushing Educational Foundation and the Cushing Youth and Community Center. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Karen, have three children—Taylaura (who is SWOSU bound this fall), Kyle and Foster.

## FOCUS campaign brings more funds for campus costs

*By HOLLY HAYS/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

FOCUS donations will allow Southwestern to reach \$10 million worth of enhancements by the end of 2005, according to Jim Waites.

Recently, Southwestern executive officers Tom Fagan and John Hays committed \$100,000 life insurance policies with the proceeds payable to the SWOSU Foundation. In addition, President Hays has given an additional \$10,000 to the campaign.

The campaign focus is to raise money with priority being academic enrichment, scholarships,

wellness and athletics and endowment, each receiving \$1 million.

As of July 2004, Southwestern was currently at \$3,637,631. According to Jim Waites, assistant to the president, "Southwestern should reach the challenge goal of \$5.1 million."

"Southwestern Oklahoma State University has been blessed with wonderful, caring friends and alumni who have made past accomplishments possible with prayer, talents and financial support," said Dr. John Hays.



# Alumni Service Awards



*Bob Blackburn (right), director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, was recently presented an Alumni Service Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association in recognition of Blackburn's public service to the state of Oklahoma. Making the presentation was Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Alumni Association.*



*Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger was recently presented an Alumni Service Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association in recognition of Kauger's public service to the state of Oklahoma. Making the presentation was Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Alumni Association.*



*Gary Lumpkin (right), judge for the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, was recently presented an Alumni Service Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association in recognition of Lumpkin's public service to the state of Oklahoma. Making the presentation was Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Alumni Association.*



# ALUMNI NOTES

PHOTO BY JESSE SIERRA



Assistant Athletic Director Kelli Litsch was honored at the Weatherford City Hall for her induction into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. Litsch was inducted into the Hall in August in Oklahoma City.

## Litsch chosen for two Halls of Fame

By ZACK McCURTAIN/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Aug. 23, 2004, Southwestern Assistant Athletic Director Kelli Litsch was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. A reception was held in her honor at Weatherford's Pioneer Center.

Then in June, Litsch was enshrined in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.

For the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, she joined a class of inductees that included Joe Carter, John Chandler, Jim Lookabaugh and Tom Churchill.

"In my mind I always

thought it would be a great privilege to be in our state's sports hall of fame," Litsch said.

When she was playing, there were few female coaches. Karen Knight, a good friend of Litsch's, was one of them. Knight presented her at the induction ceremony.

"I have felt overwhelmed and blessed about everything," Litsch said about the honors.

Litsch led the Lady Bulldogs to three NAIA national championships in 1982, '83 and '85, and was the NAIA tournament MVP all three years. A Parade All American in 1981, Litsch led Thomas High School to state titles in 1980 and '81 and averaged 37.6 points in the tournament.

### Litsch's career

NAIA PLAYER OF THE YEAR -- 3 TIMES

NAIA TOURNAMENT MVP -- 3 TIMES

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN -- 2 TIMES

NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS -- 3 TIMES

RECORD: 129-5

TOTAL POINTS: 2,700



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# ALUMNI NOTES

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W.R. (RUDIE) JANZEN (1930) was recently honored by the University of Oklahoma's College of Education as one of "75 who Made a Difference." The award was presented to those OU alumni who used their education degrees to impact others. After gaining a degree at Southwestern, he achieved a master's degree in business education from OU in 1940. He taught at schools in Watonga, Hinton, Duncan and Chickasha, and then started work for Phillips Petroleum after serving in World War II. He served in executive positions for the company. He was also a longtime member of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council.

WILMER COOPER (1974) was recently selected by the Hollis School Board of Education to be superintendent of Hollis Public Schools effective July 1, 2005. Cooper, a native of Hollis, graduated from SWOSU with a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences. He continued his education, receiving a master of education degree from East Central University. He then attended the doctoral program at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, with the written comprehensive exams to be completed this year. Cooper began his teaching career in 1975 as a graduate assistant at SWOSU. He later became the Upward Bound Assistant Director, where he served until

June 1976. He taught science at El Reno Junior College until 1982. In August 1988, he was named middle school principal at Wewoka Public Schools. Most recently, he has served as superintendent of Coyle Public Schools from 2001 to the present.

JOE LITSCH (1986) was recently named head football coach at Hobart Public Schools. Litsch, a 41-year-old native of Thomas, was offensive coordinator on last year's team that went 10-2. He coached two years at Wetumka before taking the Hobart job.

VADA BOYLE (1952) was presented with the American Symphony Orchestra League's Silver Ribbon Award for Education at its national conference last summer. Boyle retired from the Shell Oil Company in 1991. Since then, she has volunteered in various music-related activities. She currently serves as Vice President-Education with the Houston Symphony League. Part of her duties include coordinating competitions and educational activities. Boyle's other volunteer activities include directing church children's choirs, serving on the board of the Houston chapter of the Chorister's Guild, coordinating two area elementary choir festivals for the Guild and singing in an adult choir.

ALLAN JOHNSON of Oklahoma City won the "Gimme the Mike, Oklahoma" talent

contest sponsored by Channel 9 in Oklahoma City. Johnson is a motivational speaker who works with the Great Expectations program. The competition was an hour long TV program on Aug. 9, 2004. Johnson sang a song that he wrote. For winning, he won various prizes, including a two-year lease of a car.

HARRY HENSON, retired zoology professor, won several awards at the 2004 Oklahoma Native Plant Society photography contest. In the Native Plant Photo Contest, his picture of the erect dayflower was named best botanical specimen and placed second in the amateur close-up division, behind his first-place shot of an Ohio spiderwort. He also won first place with a shot of a sensitive briar and third place with a shot of the climbing milkweed, both in the beginner's division. "I know people might have been nonplussed because of my success, but I really felt like I was a beginner in digital," he told *The Oklahoman*. "I've just been shooting a year."

JASON SMITH (1999) has joined the staff of *The Shawnee News-Star*, covering Lincoln and Pottawatomie county news. Smith started as a reporter and photographer at the *Elk City Daily News* in November 2000. He became sports editor in August 2001.



# ALUMNI NOTES

## Four inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

By PUBLIC INFORMATION

Southwestern welcomes four of the most distinguished athletes in its storied history during the school's athletic hall of fame ceremonies set for Saturday, Jan. 22.

Current SWOSU Athletic Director Cecil Perkins, former basketball stars Jackie (Snodgrass) Sternberger and Lloyd Lacy and baseball standout Cecil Powell are the 2005 inductees into the school's hall of fame.

All hall of fame members must have had an outstanding record of accomplishments at SWOSU and graduated from the university. In addition, members must have demonstrated a record of achievement in their chosen profession following graduation.

Perkins now in his 24th year at SWOSU, has helped pioneer the direction of the Bulldogs athletic programs for nearly a quarter century. His unwavering commitment to SWOSU has elevated athletics both internally and externally and kept the Bulldogs competitive in the Lone Star Conference and on the NCAA Division II level.

A native of Roosevelt, Perkins quarterbacked the Bulldogs in the late 1950's before graduating in 1960. He returned to his alma mater in 1981 as

athletic director and golf coach after working 13 years at Northwestern Oklahoma State University as baseball coach and A.D. Previous to that he coached at Northern Oklahoma College and Carnegie High School.

He and his wife, Patti, who teaches in the SWOSU School of Education, have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Snodgrass, a native of Ames, was one of the most decorated women's basketball players in school history in the early 1990's. She finished her career with 1,516 points the second most in the school's record book at the time.

While at SWOSU, her Bulldog teams combined for an astounding 113-16 record (87.6% winning percentage) and made three trips to the NAIA Tournament, 1990, 1991, and 1992. The 1990 squad finished the season with a 30-4 mark and won the NAIA national title.

Since her 1992 graduation from SWOSU, Snodgrass has taught in the public school system at Pond Creek-Hunter, Hilldale, Wagoner, Fort Gibson and currently at Watonga. She and her husband, Jason, have three sons, Jace (8), Jett (4) and Jaxon born last year.

Powell, a Mountain View native, sandwiched his collegiate baseball career around a two-year stint in the United States Army where he served

PHOTO BY HOLLY HAYS



Athletic Director Cecil Perkins at Milam Stadium.

## Perkins enters

By HOLLY HAYS/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Athletic Director Cecil Perkins has entered his 25th year as Southwestern's Athletic Director, and has many people to thank for his involvement at Southwestern.

Perkins High School coach Lloyd Graham influenced his decision to come to Southwestern. Coach Graham set an appointment with then Southwestern coach Joe Metcalf.





*Athletic Director Cecil Perkins, former basketball stars Jackie (Snodgrass) Sternberger and Lloyd Lacy and baseball standout Cecil Powell are the 2005 inductees into the school's hall of fame.*

during the Korean War. He returned to SWOSU in 1955 where he led the Bulldogs to back-to-back Oklahoma Collegiate Conference championships.

Powell then began his career as a high school coach first at Anadarko and later at Lawton Eisenhower where he stayed for 21 years before retiring in 1987. Powell moved his career to public service and became a school board official for five years before being elected Lawton's mayor in 1998. He retired from office in 2004.

He and his wife, Nita, live in Lawton. They have two grown children and five grandchildren.

Lacy joined SWOSU in 1965 as a 22-year old freshman after serving four years in the United States Air Force. Lacy's arrival brought about instant success to SWOSU's men's basketball program under the direction of Coach Jerry Jobe. Lacy and his teammate, Archie McGill, provided an amazing one-two scoring punch.

At 6-5, Lacy played center and was the team's top inside threat. The East St. Louis, Illinois native ended his career with 1,599 points – second most in school history behind McGill's 1,841 points. During his sophomore year, SWOSU climbed to the No. 1 ranking in the NAIA National poll – the first ever such achievement in school history.

The Bulldogs finished with a 23-5 mark before being eliminated in the conference finals.

Upon graduation, Lacy worked for 17 years for the Continental (Conoco) Oil Company in Houston, Texas before leaving to start his own business in 1989. He is the President and Founder of Quantum Energy Resources, Inc. which specializes in oil and gas marketing.

Lacy and his wife, Gloria make their home in Houston where they have been married 32 years. The couple have four adult children and five grandchildren.

## 25th year as Athletic Director

Perkins still has the postcard that coach Graham sent him with the appointment date on it. Perkins received a football scholarship.

Millie Thomas, Registrar at Southwestern, directed Cecil Perkins into coaching.

After graduation Perkins worked in sports at Carnegie High School, Northern State and Northwestern. Then one day, Southwestern President Leonard Campbell offered Perkins a job over breakfast in a cafe in Seiling. Perkins

was more than happy with the offer that was almost 24 years ago.

Perkins is fond of the people and events that led him here.

"I am very, very proud to be at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and I am not going anywhere," Perkins said.

"When I get up in the morning I look forward to coming to work and I wouldn't change a thing."





*Dorothy Gourley of Ardmore was recently honored as the Southwestern College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus for 2005. Congratulating Gourley is Dr. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.*

## Ardmore pharmacy alumnus honored

*By PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING*

Dorothy Gourley of Ardmore was recently recognized as the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus for 2005.

Gourley was honored at the College of Pharmacy's annual awards convocation. The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association sponsors the award.

A 1967 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, Gourley has devoted over 35 years to the practice of pharmacy in a variety of settings.

In 1970, Gourley was asked by a friend to serve as a consultant pharmacist to Arbuckle Memorial Hospital in Sulphur. The encounter proved to be the initiation point for her long career in rural hospital pharmacy, including stints at Ardmore, Hobbs, N.M., Marietta and Madill.

She developed many of the needed policies and procedures for that rural hospital and was directly involved in the evolution of rural hospital pharmacy developments in Oklahoma from that time until today. Although Gourley

has practiced in other settings, her primary focus has been in rural hospital pharmacy practice as a pharmacist, consultant and director.

Her expertise in rural hospital pharmacy practice has resulted in many other professional roles. She chaired the committee that developed and implemented the rules and regulations for the hospital drug rooms in Oklahoma that are frequently the primary source for pharmacy in rural hospital settings.

Gourley is a member of the Oklahoma Society and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists organizations, American Pharmacists Association and the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and has been very active in professional pharmacy organizations, including the legislative committees of OPHA and OSHP, the DUR advisory board to the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, the formulary board for Advanced Practice Nurses, and continuing education committees.

Gourley is a past president and executive council member of OPHA and a member of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation board of directors.



# Keszler inducted into Hall of Fame

*By PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING*

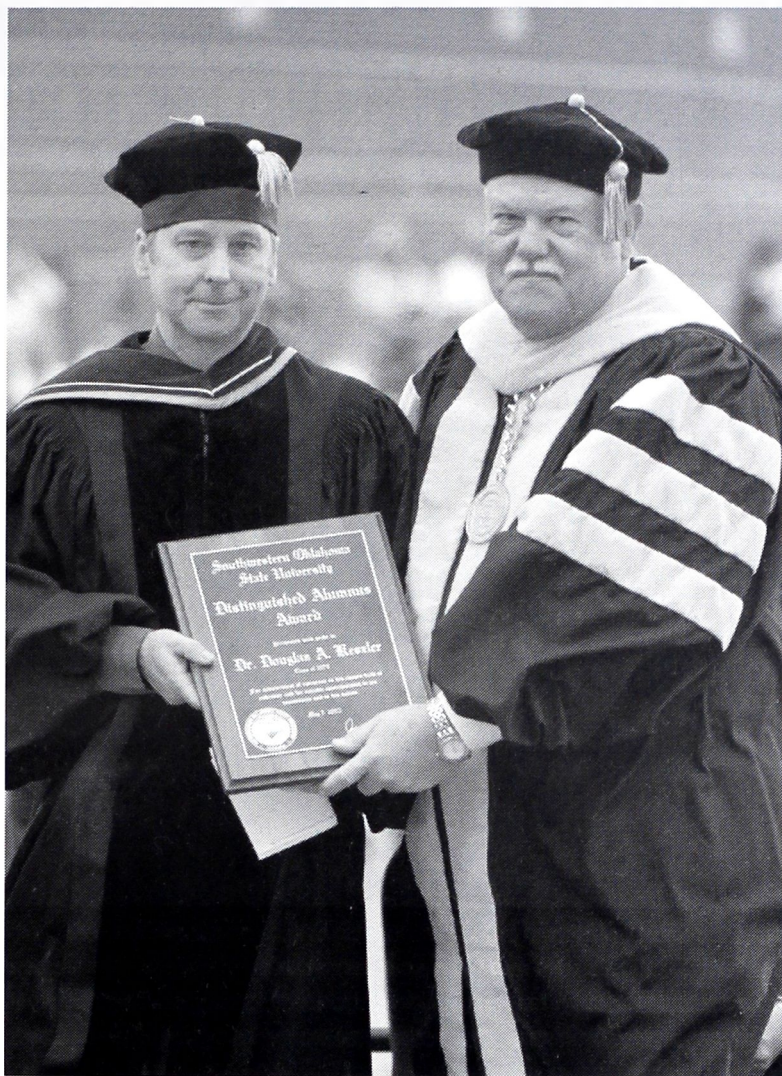
Oregon State University Chemistry Department Chair Douglas Keszler was recently inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Keszler was honored at the May 7 Convocation and was the featured speaker.

After graduating from SWOSU in 1979, Dr. Keszler received his doctorate from Northwestern (IL) University followed by a year as a postdoctoral associate with Nobel Laureate Roald Hoffmann at Cornell University.

He then started his academic career in the chemistry department at Oregon State University, where he has been involved in both research and teaching, recently being selected to chair the department. Dr. Keszler's research has focused on the discovery and development of high-tech materials, and many unique discoveries have been made that have both fundamental and practical value, the latter including:

Keszler has spent much of his time outside Oregon State University in both national and international collaborative projects and as a technical advisor to various companies. He has been published extensively, holds many patents and is sought after as a lecturer and presenter for both national and international conferences.

He also owns Brilliant Technologies, Inc., which is involved in manufacturing materials that are used to control produc-



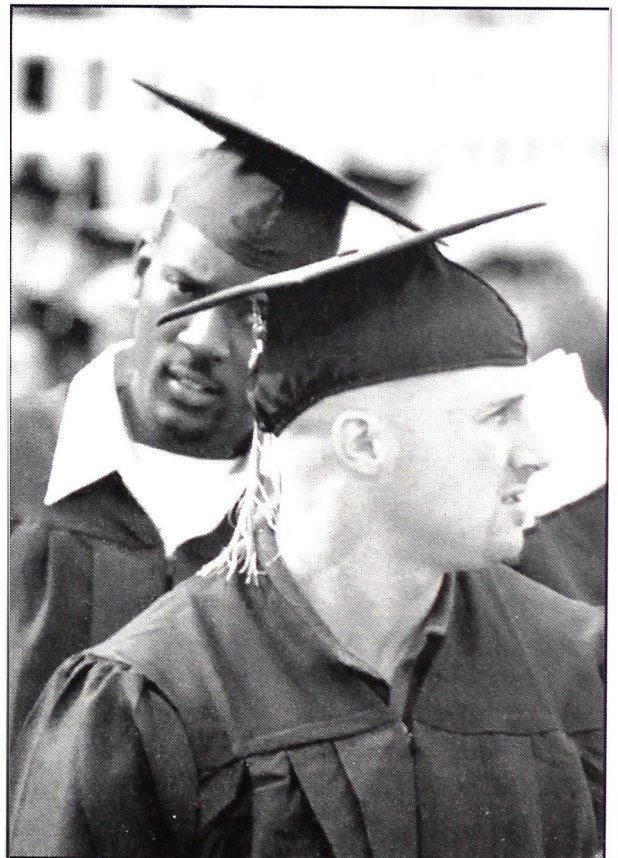
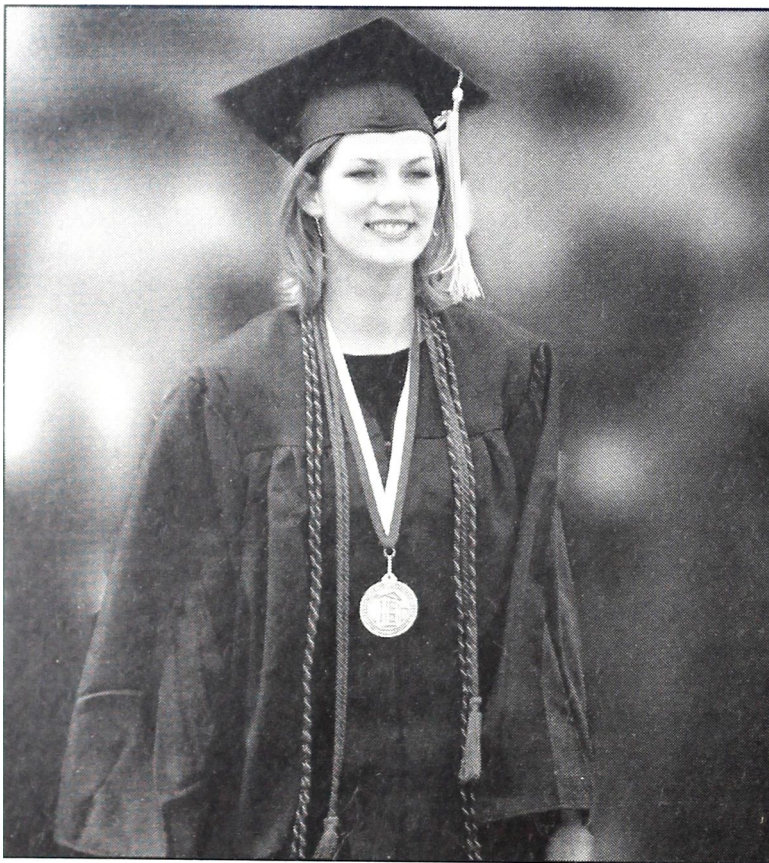
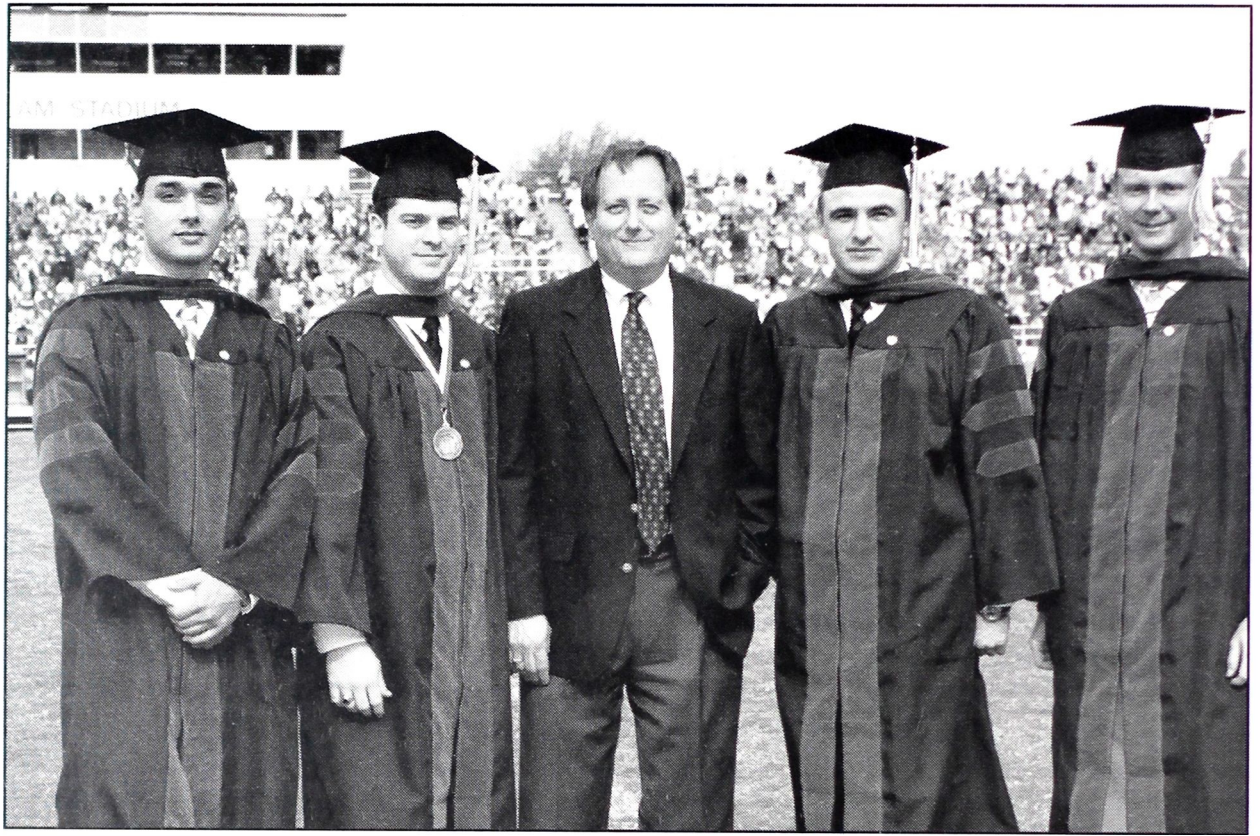
*Oregon State University Chemistry Department Chair Douglas Keszler (left) was inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during SWOSU's Convocation held May 7 on the Weatherford campus. Keszler, who also was guest speaker at convocation, is presented a plaque by SWOSU President John Hays. Keszler is a 1979 graduate of SWOSU. Keszler has been very involved in research and teaching activities during his tenure at Oregon State University.*

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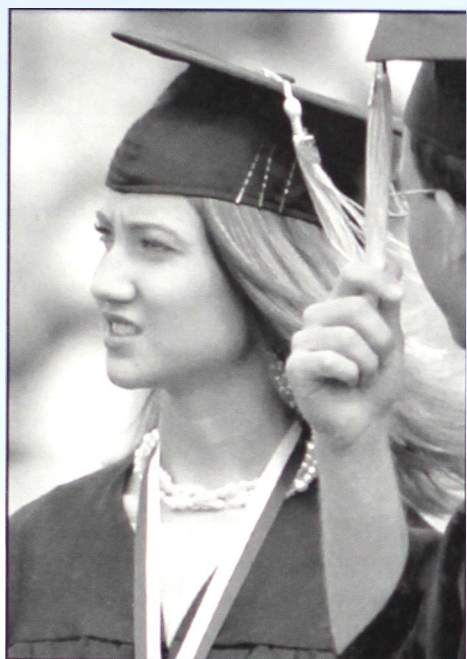
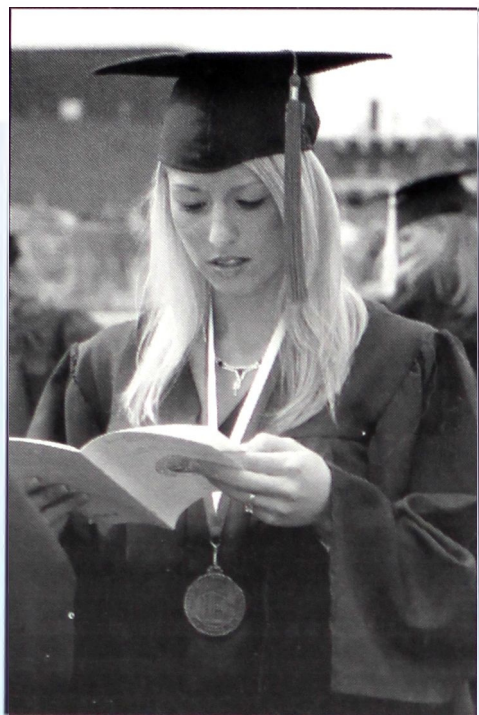
Keszler's outside interests involve patronage of the arts including the Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, Portland Art Museum, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. He also enjoys traveling, cross-country skiing and rounds of golf with his wife, graduate students, colleagues and numerous Oregon State alumni. Past hobbies have included sheep herding and dog agility with his national champion border collie.



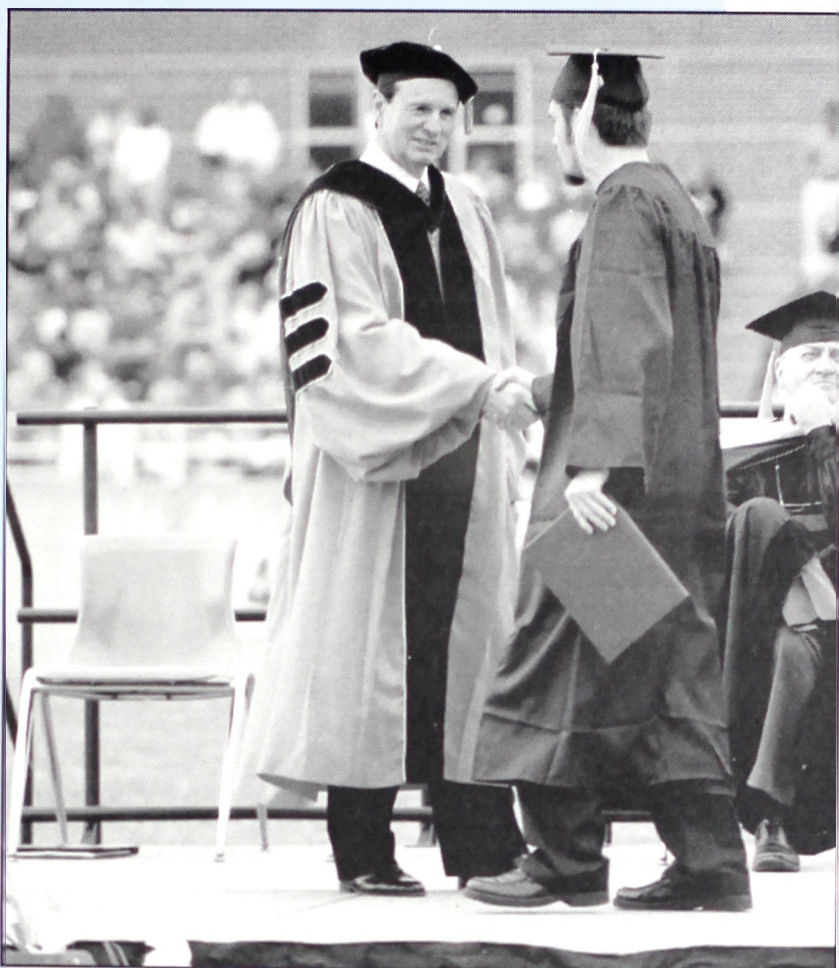
# Convocation 2005







## *Regent Harrel participates in Convocation*



*Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chair Jimmy Harrel of Leedey congratulates one of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduates at the recent SWOSU Convocation held on the Weatherford campus. Approximately 900 graduates were honored at the ceremony. Harrel is chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Western Oklahoma.*





# Ex-Bulldog dies from heart complications

Alejandro "Big Al" Vargas died in October 2004 due to heart complications. He died in Tulsa after a series of procedures to repair his heart, which had been damaged by Marfan's Syndrome.

Vargas grew up in Mexico and graduated high school in San Antonio, Texas, where he was a teammate of current NBA player Eduardo Najera.

At 7-foot tall, Vargas was a presence in the middle for the Bulldogs. He played from 1998-2000. He also

served as an assistant coach for one season.

He graduated from Southwestern with a mass communications degree. He worked as assistant manager at Alfredo's, and also served as security at J.C. Cowboys. At the time of his death, Vargas was assistant manager at a Tulsa restaurant.

In 2001, Vargas underwent emergency reconstructive heart surgery to repair a valve. Vargas suffered from Marfan's Syndrome, a disease in which a person grows to unnatural height but usually has severe heart problems. Vargas' father

and uncle also had Marfan's Syndrome and died from heart complications.

Vargas' mother, who lives in Mexico, buried Al in Mexico. The cost of the funeral and transport back to Mexico exceeded \$5,000.

Megan Fox-Roussell and Rouben Tourian, two of Al's closest friends, have helped set up a fund to assist in the cost. Donations can be sent to:

Alejandro Vargas Fund  
120 W. College Street  
Weatherford, OK 73096

## Former Homecoming King McLemore, 27, dies

By EMILY SCHIMMEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Former Homecoming king and *Southwestern* editor-in-chief Steven McLemore died suddenly Aug. 16, 2004, in his apartment in Stillwater. He was 27 years old. McLemore graduated from Southwestern in 1999.

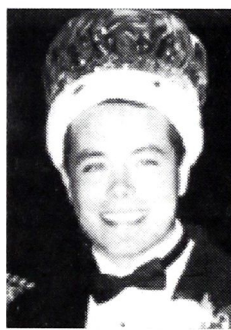
Authorities ruled out any foul play and are awaiting results of tests to determine a cause of death.

In McLemore's senior year, he was crowned the first Homecoming king in school history. McLemore was proud of his accomplishments as editor of *The Southwestern*. He

was also president of the University Media Association. He loved to write and education was important to him.

"Steven was a very hard worker," Joel Kendall, *The Southwestern* Newspaper Advisor, said. "He was proud to be here and proud of the Bulldogs."

After graduation, McLemore worked at several newspapers, including the *Weatherford Daily News*, *Dun-*



Steven McLemore

*can Banner* and *Dallas Morning Star*.

McLemore was currently working as the National Publication Manager for the Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma National Headquarters. He had just completed testing and paper work and was awaiting approval for the master's degree program at Oklahoma State University.

McLemore was a member of the Southern Baptist Church of Rush Springs. He enjoyed missionary trips, especially the one he took to Russia.

McLemore was laid to rest at Westview Cemetery in Rush Springs.



# We Remember

|                                    |                   |           |                                   |                |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| James Greig Alvis                  | Dallas, TX        | 1994      | Leo Wayne Lau                     | Del City       | 1955      |
| Opal Eloise (Ramey) Beardslee      | Butte, MT         | 1944      | Dorothy Delois (Holden) Logan     | Austin, TX     | 1942      |
| Billy Ray Bishop, Sr.              | Ft. Cobb          | Attended  | Nadine "Maurine" Shipp Lokey      | Binger         |           |
| Rachel (Oster) Bolen               | Carnegie          | 1939      | Charlotte Leona (Cook) Magness    | Denver, CO     |           |
| Abbie (Cline) Brown                | Clinton           |           | Karma Kay (Sipe) (Hudson) Malson  | Shattuck       | 1967      |
| Monty Lynn Brown                   | Seiling           |           | Clyde Michael "Mike" McDaniel     | Muskogee       |           |
| Richard "Dick" Butler              | Butler            | 1959 & 61 | Joyce Wynell (Keaslee) Mitchell   | Reed           |           |
| Leo Raymond Canaday                | Tonkawa           | 1958 & 64 | Lenore "Charlene" (Carrick) Moore | Hollis         |           |
| J.A. Carrick                       | Hollis            |           | Jerry Neil Morris                 | Okemah         | 1986      |
| JoAnn A. (Arnold) Chain            | El Reno           |           | Edythe (Poarch) Newcomb           | Clinton        |           |
| Susie Alice (Self) Chamlee         | Sentinel          |           | Jerry Lee Nikkel                  | Alfalfa        | Attended  |
| Elva Eula Chappell                 | Clinton           | 1937      | Phillip Keith O'Briant            | Oklahoma City  | Attended  |
| Alice (Gordon) Christensen         | Yearington, NV    | 1981      | Jewell (Chaband) Patterson        | Carnegie       | 1950      |
| Leon W. Clark                      | Oklahoma City     | 1965      | Anita Marie (Nickel) Perkins      | Weatherford    | 1973      |
| Ernie Craig                        | Granite           |           | Ronal Dale Price                  | Burns Flat     | Attended  |
| Carl Danul Crandall                | Sayre             | Attended  | Hattie (Holder) Prosser           | Hollis         | 1949      |
| Fern (Graft) Crispin               | Clinton           | 1944      | Ivan Lloyd Roberson               | Oklahoma City  | Attended  |
| Gary L. Daugherty                  | Butler            | 1961      | Pauline (Garrett) Roberts         | Sweetwater     |           |
| Stanley James Dillmon              | Wichita Falls, TX | 1971      | Kathleen Mable (Saunders) Roddy   | Binger         | Attended  |
| Collis Ann (Towner) Doak           | Yukon             | Attended  | Lynda Kaye (Anderson) Ross        | Allen, TX      | 1992      |
| Everett Dollar                     | Lubbock, TX       |           | Melvin Eugene Rowland             | Fresno, CA     |           |
| Shelley Gerree Eakins              | Weatherford       | 1991      | Don Royal                         | Tipton         | 1947      |
| Lela Mae (Duckworth) Ensley        | Weatherford       | Staff     | Maxine Sewell                     | Cordell        | 1943      |
| Charles T. "Tige" Flowers          | Erick             | Attended  | Melba Gail Sherwood               | Carnegie       | 1960 & 66 |
| Mary Dale Foster                   | Weatherford       |           | Carroll Dee Smalling              | Hydro          | 1954      |
| Dawn (McIntosh) Pendergraft Franks | Watonga           |           | Beulah Taylor Smith               | Norman         | 1989      |
| J.M. Gamble                        | Erick             | 1942      | James Gerald Smith                | Ringwood       |           |
| Raymond Leroy Garrison             | Weatherford       | 1949      | Rita Jean Smith                   | Norman         | 1970      |
| Bob T. Gilbert                     | Clinton           | 1955      | Ron Sowell                        | Hinton         | Attended  |
| Sarena Lucille (Cates) Gililland   | El Reno           | 1937      | Larry Dwight Stinson              | Fay            | 1971      |
| Francis Loyd Goostree              | Sierra Vista, AZ  |           | Eldon Benton Stout Wetumka        | 1936           |           |
| Lloyd Ray Graham                   | Oklahoma City     | 1949      | Ruth Suffridge                    | Mangum         | 1931      |
| Cara Layne (Keller) Greenwood      | Thomas            | 1977 & 99 | Elsie (Behnke) Taylor             | Altus          |           |
| Damon Gregg                        | Tulsa             |           | Dr. Harold Dean Thiessen, MD      | Edmond         |           |
| Ima Ruth (Cupp) Hale               | Oklahoma City     |           | Alfred Glen Thompson              | Watonga        |           |
| Earl W. Hamburger                  | Lawton            | 1937      | Louise Margaret Tompkins          | Altus          |           |
| Gladys (Terry) Hamburger           | Lawton            | 1943      | Judith "Jay" Cleon Van Orsdol     | Carter         | 1985      |
| Billie Jo (Snider) Hamilton        | Hollis            | Attended  | Calvin Carl Watson                | Moore          | 1970      |
| Anita Sue (Ream) Harbison          | Liberal, KS       | 1961      | Gary Lee Weston                   | Long Beach, CA | 1978      |
| George Hartman                     | Sayre             | 1994      | Dr. Harold McCoy White            | Weatherford    | Faculty   |
| Eva May Haxton                     | Elk City          | 1941      | Jeannie (Jenkins) Whitfield       | Weatherford    | 1968      |
| Robert "Bob" Henry                 | Panhandle, TX     | 1952      | Patricia K. (Heffel) Whitmer      | Enid           | 1073      |
| Thelma Joyce (Prater) Hogue        | Oklahoma City     |           | Bill D. Williams                  | Woodward       | 1957      |
| David Guy Holcomb                  | Weatherford       |           | Jackie Williams                   | Nocona, TX     | 1966      |
| Oval Lee "Spec" Hunt               | Olney, TX         | 1953      | Everett "E.Z." Zweifel            | McAllen, TX    | 1939      |



# Regents meet at SWOSU

By CHRIS KEIM/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last month's meeting of the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education was similar to previous meetings, except the unique location where the board met.

The location was unique because the board usually convenes at the state office in Oklahoma City. Instead, the board met at the Southwestern Conference Center on March 31.

The trip to Southwestern provided regents with a first-hand look at how the university is working to serve its students and surrounding community.

The group traveled to Weatherford the day before the meeting in order to have time to view the campus and witness some of the physical improvement projects currently underway.

Southwestern President Dr. John Hays said the members were impressed with the wellness center being constructed and the level of activity on campus.

"I received a number of compliments regard-

ing Southwestern's commitment to upgrading and expanding our facilities to better serve students," Hays said. "Regent members were also impressed with the energy and enthusiasm they observed from Southwestern students and faculty."

The regents held their meeting at Southwestern thanks to the work of board chairman Jimmy Harrel. Harrel serves as CEO of Bank of Western Oklahoma and lives in Leedey.

"Southwestern is fortunate to have someone like Jimmy Harrel serving on the Board of Regents. Jimmy knows western Oklahoma and what Southwestern means to this part of the state. We are extremely grateful for his work to showcase Southwestern when the regents met here," Hays said.

The regents are responsible for appropriating funds and overseeing Oklahoma's higher education institutions. Members of the nine-person board are appointed by the governor.

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# Dougherty named dean of students

A former president of the National Benevolent Association has been named dean of students and director of student activities at Southwestern.

Cindy Dougherty of Wildwood, Mo., is also a former vice president at Chapman University in Orange, California, where she served in that capacity from 1992-96. She oversaw total operations and budgeting for the offices of dean of students, dean of enrollment services, registrar, campus safety, student employment, admissions, housing, food services, student activities, Greek organizations, chaplain, counseling, wellness center, career placement and peer health counseling.

She planned and implemented taking Chapman from college to university status.

She was dean of admissions and financial aid from 1988-1991 and vice provost in 1991-92.

She left Chapman University to become president of the National Benevolent Association, a health and social service church related non-profit organization. She oversaw total operations and

strategic planning for 2,500 employees and 112 facilities in 22 states.

During the last nine years, Dougherty has been a visiting executive and visiting professor at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.

Dougherty grew up in Enid and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Phillips University in 1976. She completed a master's degree in library studies from the University of Oklahoma in 1985. She taught journalism at Enid High School from 1978-85 and then worked from 1985-88 at Phillips University as dean of admissions and financial aid.

She and her husband, Chuck, have one son and one daughter—Tyler and Casey. Chuck attended SWOSU in the 1970s, and Chuck and Cindy were engaged on the SWOSU campus 31 years ago.



## Dawg Dates 2005

### Oct

- 4 Panorama Event -- Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood -- Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 19-22 Fall Break

### N O V

- 1 Panorama Event -- Morgan Spurlock -- Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Break

### Dec

- 21 Semester Break begins

### Jan

- 12 Semester begins
- 31 Panorama Event -- Cirque Eloize -- Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.



# Unclaimed diplomas need to be picked up

Each year, more and more unclaimed diplomas stack up in the Registrar's Office. Please look through this list. If you or someone you know are on the list, please call Joyce Teghtmeyer in the Registrar's Office at 580-774-3029.

| YEAR | NAME                             | DEGREE             |  |                   |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1966 | Lousch, Richard Wayne            | Master of Teaching |  |                   |
| 1969 | Holman, Shirley Aaron Caldwell   | BA in Ed           |  |                   |
| 1971 | Beavers, Pamela Beth             | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Compston, Monte L.               | BA in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Copple, Oral Michael             | BS in Pharmacy     |  |                   |
|      | Harder, Nolita Jo                | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Igo, Charles Roger               | BA in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Maloy, Loretta Ann Horrell       | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
| 1972 | Fleming, Richard Milam           | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Lyon, John Clark                 | BA                 |  |                   |
| 1973 | Hodges, Dale L.                  | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Johnson, Gerald James            | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Monroe, John Alton               | BA                 |  |                   |
|      | Sanders, Perry Ray               | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Taylor, Tommy Thurman            | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | White, Melba S.                  | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
| 1974 | Crow, Kenneth Wayne              | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Fitch, Donna Sue                 | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Hunter, Margaret Ann Holsapple   | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Marcy, Catherine Kay             | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Martin, Jr., Lucian H.           | BS in Pharmacy     |  |                   |
|      | Monts, Isaac Lewis               | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Rhoads, Elizabeth Kay Wallace    | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Tande, Gary Otto                 | BME                |  |                   |
|      | Williams, Frances Ellen          | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
| 1975 | Blake, Ross D.                   | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Carter, Teresa Annelle Barnard   | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Williams, Ronald I.              | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Winfield, Marilyn Kay Pilkington | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Wittrock, Joseph F.              | BS                 |  |                   |
| 1976 | Coleman, Homer W.                | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Douglas, Gwendolyn K. Mustain    | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Johnson, Joyce C. Ogletree       | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Rhea, Barbara Louise Bowers      | BA                 |  |                   |
| 1977 | Barrow, Mark Kevin               | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Hall, Charles Wayne              | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Johannesmeyer, Patricia          | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Weitz, Gail Robertson            | BA in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Williams, Kenneth Wade           | BS                 |  |                   |
| 1978 | Dennis, Marie O. Matthews        | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Rutherford, Jimmy Allen          | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Whitley, Sandra Louise           | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
| 1979 | Brown, Clark Travis              | BS in Pharmacy     |  |                   |
|      | Jones, Janice S. Graves          | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Travis, Ginger J. Kane           | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Verhines, Steve E.               | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
| 1980 | Hansen, Florence C. Haskell      | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Stephens, Michael Alan           | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Taylor, Virgil Everett           | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Woolbright, Dianna Beth Stout    | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
| 1981 | Balentine, Janie L. Stacy        | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
|      | Tran, Hong Bich                  | BS in Pharmacy     |  |                   |
| 1983 | Adams, Tom P.                    | BS                 |  |                   |
| 1984 | Charles, Frances N.              | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Fincher, LaRonda                 | BS                 |  |                   |
| 1985 | Stearman, Michael S.             | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
|      | Wilhelm, Terry Lynn              | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
| 1987 | Pittman, Roger Alan              | BA                 |  |                   |
| 1988 | Crockett, Joe David              | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Reynolds, Christy Diane          | BS in Ed           |  |                   |
| 1990 | Hill, Cary Christian             | BS                 |  |                   |
|      | Hines, Billy Lloyd               | Master of Ed       |  |                   |
| 1991 | Bolf, Jeffrey Lynn               | BS                 |  |                   |
| 1992 | Baccus, Rodney L.                |                    |  | BS in Nursing     |
|      | Morrison, Carrie Michelle        |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Musick, Carla Jane               |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Reynolds, Christopher Brian      |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Toppah, Kathleen L. Bearbow      |                    |  | BS in Med Records |
| 1993 | Elliott, Naomi Nmano             |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | Kourt, Kevin Brent               |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | McGee, Kevin Dale                |                    |  | BS in Eng Tech    |
| 1994 | Millican, Meridith Michelle      |                    |  | BA                |
|      | Poindexter, Russell Brent        |                    |  | BA in Ed          |
|      | Washington, Alrick Ramon         |                    |  | BS                |
| 1995 | Barney, Robert K.                |                    |  | BA                |
|      | Cabiness, Rodney Dale            |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Carpenter, Brenda                |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Collins, Lillian Ray             |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Grigg, Janet Gail                |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Halverson, Tana                  |                    |  | BA                |
|      | Hanks, Michael Paul              |                    |  | BA                |
|      | Hartman, George                  |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Hartman, John H.                 |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Hightower, Brian Lee             |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Krohmer, Michael Ray             |                    |  | Bach of Gen Tech  |
|      | Martinez, Jose' A.               |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Mathews, James Marian            |                    |  | BS                |
| 1996 | Becker, Brandy Sue               |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Boyer, Tammy Kim                 |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Brown, Michael L.                |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Clothier, Paula Sue              |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Crawford, Anita Sue Tyson        |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Dunham, Stephanie Runia          |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Erwin, Kimberly                  |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Hightower, Brian Lee             |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Jenks, Amy Jo                    |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Lewallen, Heather Anne           |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Lewis, Robert Howard             |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Morris, Marc R.                  |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Smith, Valori Ann                |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Wood, William Keith              |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
| 1997 | Bauldrige, Lori Parham           |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Cole, Robert Garth               |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Garrett, Stephanie DeAnn         |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Nguyen, Jimmy Ngoc               |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | Pearson, Robert Anthony          |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Richards, Garfield C.            |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Touchstone, Tony Duane           |                    |  | BS                |
| 1998 | Alexander, Jerome Albert         |                    |  | BBA               |
|      | Blackwell, Crystal G.            |                    |  | BS in Ed          |
|      | Bryant, Christopher Lynn         |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Gattenby, Kenneth Charles        |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | Rogers, Crystal M.               |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | Stewart, David Wayne             |                    |  | BS                |
| 1999 | Alexander, Kristen Rae           |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Atchley, Erin Elizabeth          |                    |  | BS in Educ        |
|      | Bain, Michael Brent              |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Horton, Brenna Kay               |                    |  | Bach of Bus Adm   |
|      | Nguyen, Hieu Huu                 |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Penner, Tisha Anel               |                    |  | BS in Educ        |
|      | Reyes, Esther Diane Tejeda       |                    |  | Master of Ed      |
|      | Walker, Demond Leo               |                    |  | BS                |
| 2000 | Bay, Donald Wayne                |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Fields, Melanie Jean Wallace     |                    |  | BS in Pharmacy    |
|      | Higgins, Kelli Jan White         |                    |  | BS in Educ        |
|      | Hisaw, Lynda Beth Jackson        |                    |  | Bach of Bus Adm   |
| 2001 | Bell, Candy Denise               |                    |  | Bach of Music     |
|      | Houser, Joshua D.                |                    |  | BBA               |
|      | Jenkins, Lloyd James             |                    |  | BS                |
| 2002 | Borror, Holly Lynn               |                    |  | BA                |
|      | Bromlow, Rachel Leigh            |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Gitonga, Ephraim Githinji        |                    |  | BS                |
|      | Goeringer, Jason Walter          |                    |  | Bach of Music     |
|      | McNatt, Rhonda Ann               |                    |  | BS in Nursing     |



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|------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| 2003 | Parker, Jeffery  | BBA                 | Roe, Melissa A   | BS                  |
|      | Peffer, Sarah L.                                       | BS in Educ          | Rogers, II, Greg Aaron                                   | BA                  |
|      | Prifti, Elvis  | BBA                 | Schreck, Nathan Jay                                      | BBA                 |
|      | Reynolds, Timothy Bryan                                | BS                  | Sims, Bridgett Sue                                       | Master of Ed        |
|      | Shakeel, Syed Farhan                                   | BA                  | Smith, Jaycie Rae  | Master of Ed        |
|      | Sites, Megan Michelle                                  | BS in Athletic Trng | Snow, Sarah Beth Pope                                    | BBA                 |
|      | Stansberry, Brian Justin                               | BS in Education     | Stehr, Amanda Gayle                                      | BBA                 |
|      | Bagley, Randi D.                                       | BS                  | Wright, Kyle W   | BA                  |
|      | Balzer, Richard Craig                                  | BS in Nursing       | Zerbe, April Dawn Larsen                                 | BA                  |
|      | Bobo, Daniel Wade                                      | Doctor of Pharmacy  |  |                     |
|      | Brown, Yohance M                                       | Master of Ed        | Spring 2004 Correct Diplomas not picked up or mailed yet |                     |
|      | Connely, Desiree Marie                                 | BS in Educ          | Arnold, Deidra Ellen                                     | BS                  |
|      | Dean, Marci L. Johnson                                 | BA                  | Azeez, Summer D  | BS in Nursing       |
|      | Exinia, Buffie Sue Stafford                            | BS in Nursing       | Bailey, Bill Jon   | BS                  |
|      | Finsterwald, Courtney E. Girdley                       | BS in Educ          | Baker, Jennifer Diane Boyett                             | BS in Educ          |
|      | Keller, David Raymond                                  | BBA                 | Ballew, Jennifer Zoe                                     | BA                  |
|      | Lemons, Maurice Dewayne                                | BA                  | Benton, Shari LaFaun                                     | BBA                 |
|      | Martin, Sheila Antoinette                              | BS                  | Bowles, Casey Conner                                     | BS                  |
|      | Muthumbi, Robert Mutahi                                | BA                  | Boyd, Gabriel Lael                                       | BS in Educ          |
|      | Pellerin, Denis  | MBA                 | Breeden, Tara Kaye                                       | BS in Educ          |
|      | Priest, Molly Elizabeth                                | BS                  | Brown, Toby Clay   | BA in Educ          |
|      | Salcido, Lyndsey R. Gilmore                            | BS in Educ          | Browning, Jason Allan                                    | BS                  |
|      | Smith, Candace Renae                                   | Bach of Social Work | Bryant, Edward Leon                                      | BBA                 |
|      |  |                     | Bryson, Nicole Lynn                                      | BA in Educ          |
|      | Fall 2003 Correct Diplomas not picked up or mailed yet |                     | Burger, Brad Allan                                       | BBA                 |
|      | Alexander, Bobby J                                     | BS                  | Burton, Rebecca Elizabeth                                | BS                  |
|      | Allread, Virginia Kay                                  | MBA                 | Clem, Tonia Rene' Mull                                   | Bach of Social Work |
|      | Archer, James Brian                                    | BS                  | Copenhaver, Ryan Casey                                   | BS in Educ          |
|      | Autry, Julie Marie                                     | BS                  | Cowan, Amy Dawn  | BA                  |
|      | Baker, Jeffrey Ryan                                    | Master of Ed        | Crick, Teresa L. Murray                                  | BS in Educ          |
|      | Barnett, Amy Lynn Melton                               | Master of Ed        | Farris, Lisa Ann   | BBA                 |
|      | Billings, Patricia Jean                                | BBA                 | Gichuki, James Giticha                                   | BA                  |
|      | Briggs, Jason Allen                                    | BS                  | Hargrove, Robin Denise Miller                            | BS in Educ          |
|      | Castor, Martin Paul                                    | BBA                 | Higdon, Keely J  | BA in Educ          |
|      | Christian, Brenda Sue Comstock                         | BS in Educ          | Hill, Douglas Shane                                      | BS in Educ          |
|      | Crook, Barbara Anne Haff                               | Master of Ed        | Knight, Debra Michelle Little                            | BS in Educ          |
|      | Dedmon, Jimmie Lee                                     | Master of Ed        | McMurray, Phoebe Chon                                    | BS                  |
|      | DeLeon, Cynthia Oliva                                  | BA                  | Mora, Jr., Rita A  | BBA                 |
|      | Dick, Deidra Lorene                                    | BS in Educ          | Morley, Theresa Lynn Deal                                | Master of Ed        |
|      | Dickey, Thad C.  | BA                  | Mosier, Lora Jean  | BA in Educ          |
|      | Dishman, Kyle Dale                                     | BA                  | Nevarez, David C   | BBA                 |
|      | Esada, Amber Dawn                                      | BA                  | Orellana, Gerardo Aranda                                 | BS                  |
|      | Ferguson, Robert L.                                    | BS                  | Prince, Marci Nicole                                     | BS in Nursing & BS  |
|      | Flom, Shawn Michael                                    | BS                  | Pruitt, Jr., Larry Alvis                                 | BBA                 |
|      | Geraughty, Chad Eugene                                 | BME                 | Radford, Russell DaWayne                                 | BS in Educ          |
|      | Haisten, Carrie Camilla                                | MBA                 | Rauh, Brooke Michelle Robison                            | BS in Nursing       |
|      | Hickey, Krista Kathleen                                | BBA                 | Royal, Bart Allen  | BBA                 |
|      | Higgins, Gregory Daniel                                | BA                  | Sebastian, Jennifer Lorraine                             | Bach of Social Work |
|      | Hill, Gina Kay Massey                                  | BS in Educ          | Shaw, David E  | BS in Educ          |
|      | Johnson, Kerri Renee Bentley                           | BA                  | Sorrels, Patricia Jill Clyburn                           | BS in Educ          |
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|      | King, Shawna Dawn                                      | BS in Educ          | Tosh, Kacie Lynn   | BS in Educ          |
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|      | Leonard, Stacy Wright                                  | BBA                 | Towe, Jeffery Todd                                       | BBA                 |
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|      | Loper, Eric Stephen                                    | BA                  | Washington, Irvin R                                      | BS                  |
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|      | McCoy, Cord Jarret                                     | BBA                 | Wood, Robin K Rasco                                      | BBA                 |
|      | Miller, Iona Jo-ann Albin                              | BBA                 | Woodberry, Kayla Marie                                   | BA in Educ          |
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|      | Penner, Patrick Lee                                    | BS in Educ          | Simmons, Judith Annamaria                                | BS                  |
|      | Potter, Jamie Kaye Forester                            | BBA                 | Williams, Chad Edward                                    | BBA                 |
|      | Rhines, Ryan Gregory                                   | BA                  |  |                     |
|      | Richardson, Nicole Marie                               | Master of Ed        |  |                     |
|      | Rivers, Amanda Claire                                  | Master of Ed        |  |                     |



# Voters approve city sales tax that includes scholarship funds

By BRIAN HILL/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Weatherford voters approved in November three propositions directed at Southwestern scholarships, city improvements and constructing a new hospital.

With new improvements and scholarship endowments, Weatherford will be implementing a one-cent

sales tax starting April 1, 2005 through Sept. 30, 2010.

"One to three million a year is the expected result on a one-cent tax rise," said mayor of Weatherford Mike Brown.

Funds allotted to Southwestern will be used to help recruit and maintain student's enrollment. There is to be an estimated cap of

\$712,000 in funds to be received over a five to six year phase.

Students will have more opportunities for financial assistance, which should help to encourage enrollment.

With issues of improvements to the city, such projects include; widening of Airport Road, meeting federal mandates to lower arsenic levels in Weath-

erford's drinking water, Industrial Tract, improvements to Radar Park, and energy efficient improvements to the Weatherford Municipal Building.

The last proposition is to assist in constructing a new hospital facility with a project dollar cap of \$2,250,000.

## Higher ed bond will benefit projects

By TAFFY HENDERSON/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern will be able to complete over \$15 million worth of capital improvement projects with a \$500 million bond issue that has been approved by the state legislature and governor.

The bond will cover a list approved by the State Regents including 141 projects in 36 communities.

Higher education officials believe that passage of this bill will be vital for the future of the state.

"When businesses



*Construction of the CPP Building could be completed with funds from a proposed bond.*

consider moving or expanding, the state's commitment to higher education is an important deciding factor," Paul G. Risser, Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor said in a press release.

Risser also said that estimates show that the various projects around the state could add economic impact of more than \$737 million statewide.

- Completing the renovation of the CPP Building
- Converting the existing theatre to lecture halls and the building of a smaller and modern theatre
- Upgrading instructional facilities and adding elevators in buildings for ADA requirements
- Addressing energy efficiency improvements in several buildings
- Upgrading classrooms and labs on Sayre campus
- Constructing a classroom area and relocating the observatory at Crowder Lake
- Renovating the Art Building
- Renovating and adding a new addition to the Technology Department



## Student Union renovation begins

By PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Student Union, which was built in 1956, is undergoing its largest-ever renovation project.

Work is underway on several areas that will be completed this summer with more improvements slated this fall as part of the \$4 million project.

Student Union Director Duncan Taylor said jobs that began in the summer included expanded food court and game room areas.

The development of a gourmet coffee shop and additional retail space available for lease will either be completed this summer or fall.

SWOSU's banquet room facilities—including the Student Union Ballroom—will be completely renovated. The Ballroom, a popular place for university and community functions, has never been remodeled. The stage area, located on the

south end of the ballroom, will be removed to provide additional seating area. The lobby area will be expanded outside the ballroom. New restroom facilities will be added on both the first and second floors of the Student Union. An atrium entrance will be located on the west side of the building.

"We are very excited about the Student Union renovation project and feel this will help us in serving the needs of the university and area communities," Taylor said.

While the food court area will be closed this summer, the Cafeteria and the University Market will be open to provide meals for students.

The banquet rooms will not be available for part of the 2005-06 school year, but Taylor said SWOSU catering services will continue to operate by working events at the SWOSU Conference Center, Stafford Museum Conference Center and other places in the area.

## Wellness Center opening soon

By DANA SMITH/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

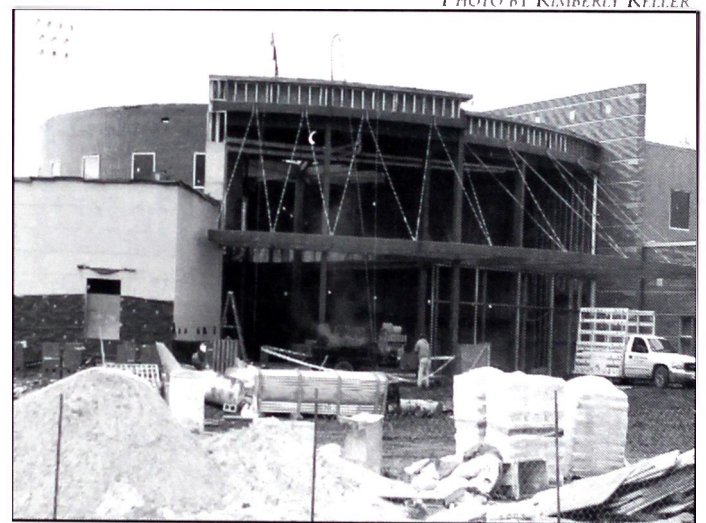
The opening of the Wellness Center will take place within the first few months of the fall semester, according to Brian Adler, director of Public Relations and Marketing.

The Center was originally scheduled to be completed in the spring, but due to the sizeable nature of the

building, the opening has been postponed.

"It is a big project and things get behind," Adler said. According to Adler, weather conditions had little to do with the delays.

When the building is complete, it will be approximately 73,000 square feet and will include a health food bar, three basketball



*Construction of the Wellness Center has slowed during the winter months. The completion date has been moved to the summer semester.*

courts, an indoor walking track, and various cardiovascular and other exercise equipment.

The center will also hold student counseling offices and wellness classrooms.





*The University Bookstore at Southwestern and the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce recently had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the bookstore's new location on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford. The University Bookstore is now located at the southwest corner of Rogers Hall on Davis Road. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit the new location, according to bookstore manager Ashley Hancock. The new location allows easier access for area residents to visit the bookstore.*

## Bookstore opens in new spot

By DORIS THUNDERBULL/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University Bookstore has relocated to Rogers/Jefferson after 47 years of business in the Student Union.

"The bookstore is relocating because the Union is in need of renovation," said Ashley Hancock, store manager. Once the renovation is complete, the bookstore will regain some retail

space to sell convenient items such as scantrons, No. 2 pencils, blue books, and more.

The bookstore is located in the old cafeteria located behind Rogers and Jefferson Halls.

The move was completed on Nov. 17, 2004.

The University Bookstore was established when the Student Union was first

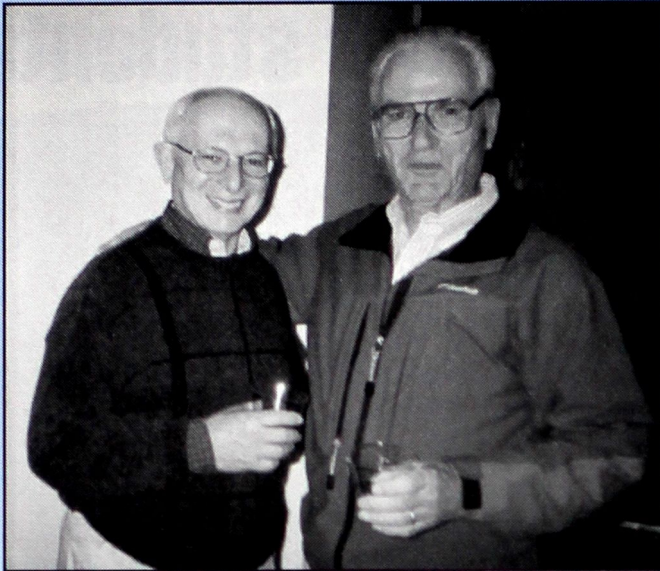
built in 1957. The state of Oklahoma owned and operated the bookstore until 1991, when the Follett Book Company took over the store's operations.

Staff members making the transformation agree that they are excited about the move, and encourage the students to come in and experience the beautiful new atmosphere with the same excellent service.

### Left behind

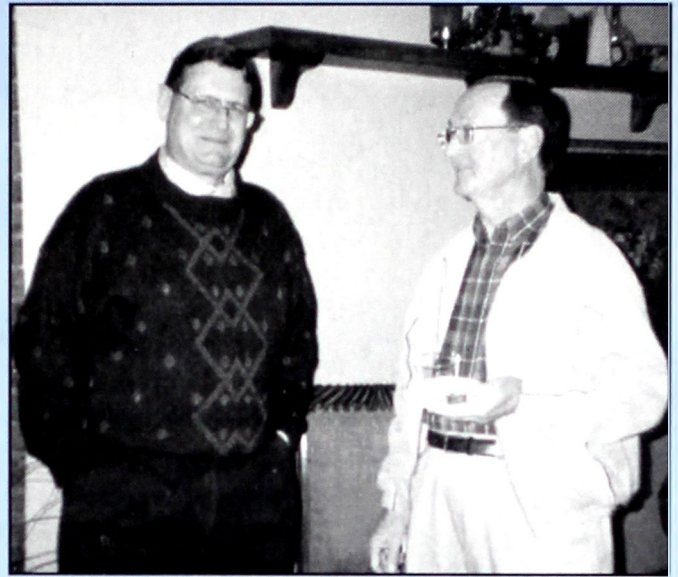
The entire bookstore has not left the Student Union. When renovation of the Union is finished, the bookstore will still occupy a small space to sell retail items like apparel and class supplies.





## Emeriti treated to open house

*Southwestern President John Hays hosted a holiday open house at his home for the university's emeriti. Among the retired faculty members who enjoyed refreshments were (top left) Dr. Les Levy and Earl Raleigh ; (bottom left) Dr. H.F. Timmons and Sara Chapman; and (below) Dr. Donald Hertzler and Dr. Rolan Decker.*



## SWOSU history book named official centennial project for Oklahoma

**By PUBLIC RELATIONS &  
MARKETING**

A book on the first 100-year history of Southwestern has been approved as an official Centennial project for the state of Oklahoma.

Dr. Jerry Nye, author of the book, was notified by the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission about the

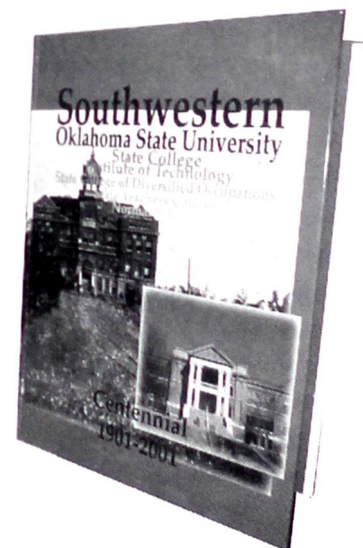
award.

Nye, professor and chairman emeritus of the SWOSU Language Arts Department, wrote the book in conjunction with SWOSU's Centennial celebration in 2001. Joel Kendall, assistant professor in the Language Arts Department, was the book designer.

Books, which are

\$27, are available in the SWOSU Foundation and Alumni Office, located in Room 201 of the Administration Building on the Weatherford campus.

Oklahoma will celebrate its Centennial in 2007.





# Biology scholarship benefits students

By CHARLES BILLEY/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Kerri Elliot, a sophomore from Hammon, and Trisha Elmore, a sophomore from Vici, were chosen as the 2004 winners of the Otis King Memorial Scholarship and were each awarded a \$300 scholarship.

The Otis King Memorial Scholarship was set up by his wife and family members.

"I set up this scholarship in honor and memory of my husband," Margaret Wesner said.

The reason for giving money

back is to help students in her husband's honor, Wesner said.

Professor King taught biology full-time from 1950 to 1959. King was a field biologist and his primary interest was toads. King only lacked his paper for his doctorate before he passed away with a heart attack at age 45.

His widow established a scholarship in his name in 2001.



*Kerri Elliott and Trisha Elmore*

## Sonobe named Provost

By MICHELLE BUSH/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. Blake Sonobe was recently named provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

Dr. Sonobe is replacing Dr. Bet Rice, who retired after the 2004 fall semester. Dr. Cindy Foust has been serving as the interim provost.

The provost acts as the chief academic officer at Southwestern.

Sonobe joined Southwestern's faculty in 1990. Since then, he has taught general chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry and senior seminar. He has also served as the chair of the chemistry department.

Sonobe received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the United States Air Force Academy, where he later joined the faculty and retired after 11 years of service as a professor of chemistry and director of operations.

He also has a master's degree in nuclear chemistry from Texas A & M and a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of California-Davis.

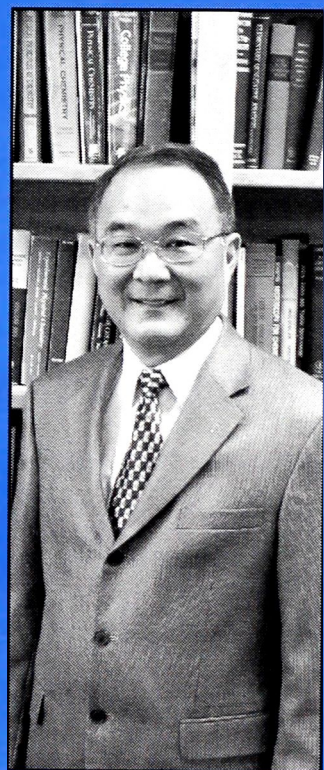
"I look forward to working with Dr.

Sonobe, who has an outstanding academic background," President John Hays said. "I am extremely pleased that the selection committee has done an extensive and thorough job in the selection process."

Since joining Southwestern in 1990, Sonobe has taken part in several faculty committees including the Faculty Research and Scholarly Activities Committee, Panorama Committee, Protection of Human Subjects Committee, and Faculty Senate.

He is the faculty sponsor for the Southwestern International Students Association and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Sonobe will assume his role as provost June 1, 2005.

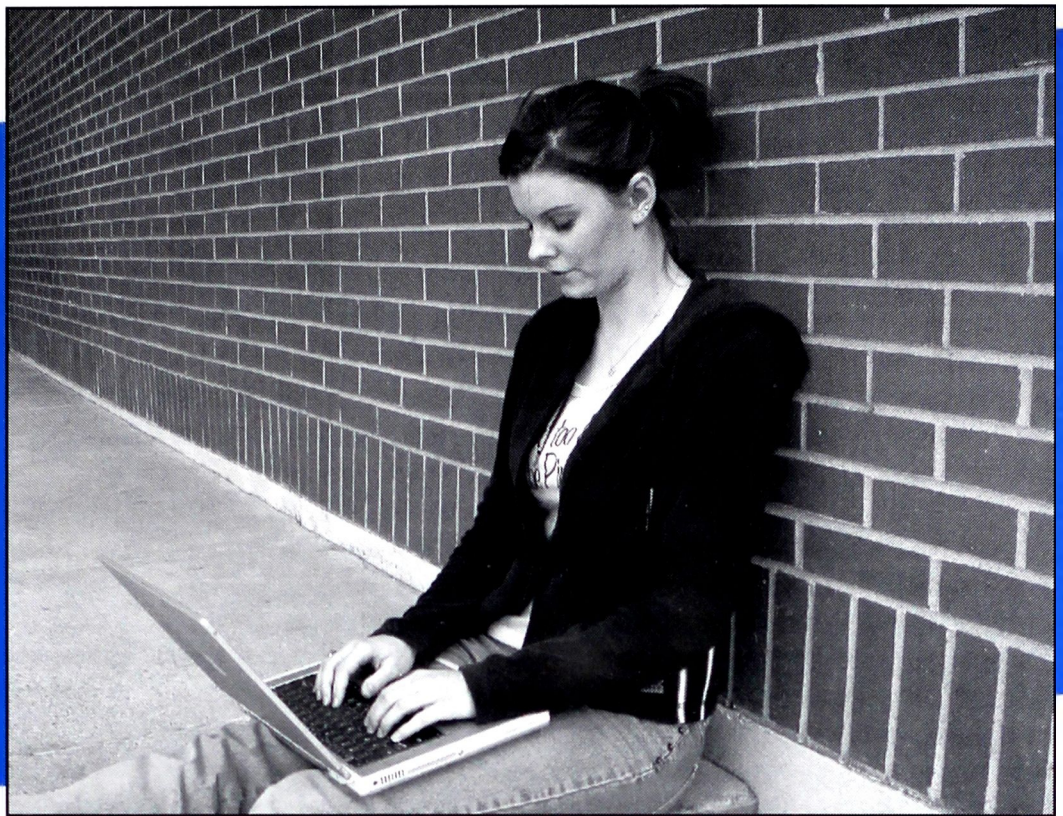


*Blake Sonobe*



*Sophomore Brandi Nabors types on a laptop outside the Campbell Building.*

*Like Nabors, students can access networks and the internet through wireless connections across the campus.*



## Students can enroll online

*FROM STAFF REPORTS*

Students are now able to enroll online.

This is the first year for online enrollment.

A student does not need to see his or her advisor before enrolling online.

"However, advisement is always available and recommended," said Bob Klaassen, Registrar.

The only student who could not enroll fall 2004 were freshmen.

## Wireless network accessible now on much of the campus

*By JOSH TRENT/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

The Information Technology Services staff has been working nonstop to bring technological advances to the campus.

One of the services ITS will provide is a campus-wide wireless internet connection.

Mark Engelman, director of ITS, hopes students will use this valuable resource. He also stated that the entire campus could be surfing the net by

the end of the spring semester 2005.

Access to the wireless internet is currently available in all dormitories, as well as various buildings across campus including the Al Harris Library, Education Building, General Thomas P. Stafford Center, Pharmacy Student Lounge (CPP), Art Building and the Student Union Grill.

Students can already access the internet outdoors in some areas. The signals are not strong everywhere because the wireless

connections are not completely installed, yet. As of now, the signal is weak in front of the Library, Student Union and in front of the Stafford Building.

Anyone who would like to have access to wireless internet on campus needs to purchase an 802.11b compliant wireless network adapter.

For students who don't own a computer, there are many wireless laptops available to all students for in-house checkout at the library.



# So close!

## SWOSU almost had Tommy Lee as a student

BY BRIAN HILL/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NBC executives considered Southwestern as a place for a new TV reality show.

NBC contacted Southwestern officials in August 2004 about filming a six-episode, half-hour reality television show dealing with Mötley Crüe drummer, Tommy Lee.

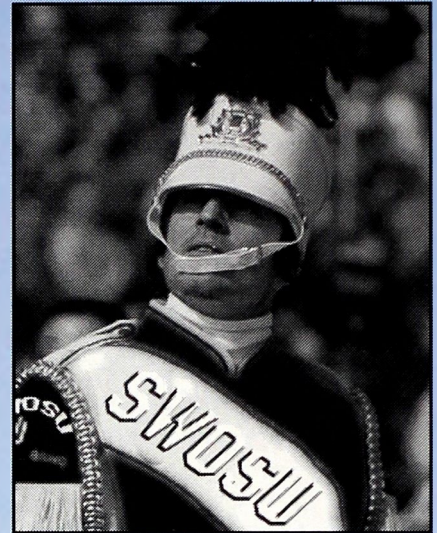
Southwestern's Public Relations Director Brian Adler said the plot of the

show would be to allow Lee to receive "academic redemption, since he dropped out of high school."

Adler was informed that Lee would take some general classes, be involved in school activities and join various organizations.

Lee would have been living off campus with a roommate and would have visited the dorms on occasions.

NBC's final pick was made to film the show at The University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



*Tommy Lee made the marching band for the University of Nebraska, where he is a student as part of a reality show. Southwestern was a finalist in where Lee would attend, which means Lee could have been part of the "Pride of the Great Southwest" band.*

## Student couple interns in Washington D.C.

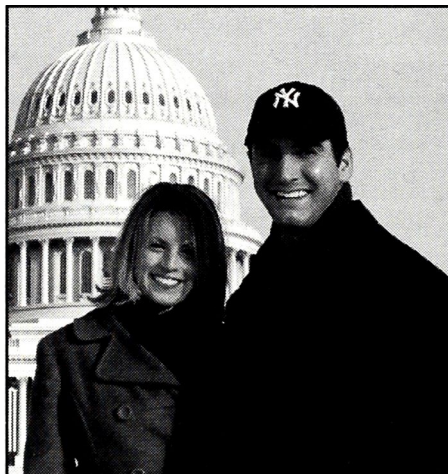
BY EMILY AVERA/  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Phillip and Heather Busey received an opportunity of a lifetime when they both were accepted as Washington, D.C., interns for the spring 2005 semester.

The couple, married since May 7, 2004, graduated from Southwestern in May.

Heather, a finance major, did her internship through an American Indian Program provided at American University in Washington, D.C., where she was enrolled. The program is known as the Washington Internships for Native Students.

Heather worked with the Department of Interior.



*Heather and Phillip Busey*

Phillip did an unpaid internship with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in external affairs.

"External affairs is just another word for public relations. Hosts from foreign nations gather to discuss the OPIC pro-

grams, and I help to coordinate the events," he said.

The couple resided in an American University off-campus student complex. The complex was once a Hilton hotel. A private shuttle transported them each day to school and work.

Phillip and Heather encourage Southwestern students to apply for internships. They advise to "go get the experience and bring it back to Oklahoma."

The couple returned to Oklahoma to graduate. Phillip found more public relations work while Heather is working in risk management.



# Panorama year is supersized

By PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING

A "supersized" lineup of events is planned for the 2005-06 Panorama series at Southwestern.

Brian Adler, chairman of the Panorama Committee at SWOSU, said three events are planned this year including the improvisational comedy team of Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* on October 4; a speaking engagement by Morgan Spurlock of the Oscar-nominated film *Super Size Me* on November 1; and a performance by the awe-inspiring troupe *Cirque Eloize* on January 31.

All events begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Tickets for Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood are \$10 for SWOSU students and \$20 for non-SWOSU students. All tickets at the door are \$25.

Tickets are available at the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office and at the SWOSU Business Office. Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card by calling (580) 774-3019.

Following enormously successful solo tours, Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, stars of the Emmy-nominated *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, have teamed up to present an evening of extraordinary improvisational comedy.

Mochrie and Sherwood take contributions from the audience to create hilarious and original scenes. Throughout the evening, the show becomes interactive as audience members are called to the stage to participate in the fun to create unforgettable laugh-out-loud scenes.

Mochrie and Sherwood have quickly become one of the hottest improv teams around. Their high-profile presentations have played to sold-out crowds all over the country, and they are scheduled to perform yet this year at Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City and the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas.

No one thought fast food was good for you, but filmmaker Morgan Spurlock proved it with a 30-day diet of McDonald's. Exclusively. In his 2004 Oscar-nominated film *Super Size Me*, he ate three McDonald's meals a day every day for 30 days, gaining 25 pounds, severe liver dysfunction and symptoms of depression.

*Super Size Me* spurred a heated debate about why Americans are so fat and what role the fast food industry plays in the country's obesity crisis.

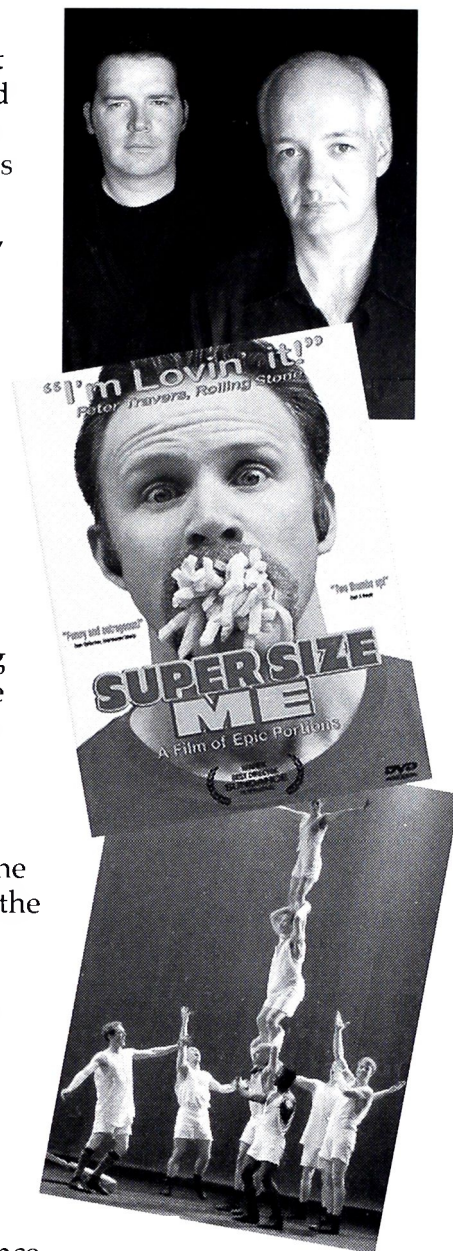
Spurlock is also the author of *Don't Eat This Book: Fast Food* and the *Supersizing of America* and hosts the FX series *30 Days*, an unscripted, documentary-style program where an individual is inserted into a lifestyle that is completely different from his or her upbringing, beliefs, religion or profession for a whole month.

The awe-inspiring troupe *Cirque Eloize* offers a fresh look at circus by designing shows with world-class showmanship and collaboration. The troupe will perform the production of *Rain*, which was staged this past summer on Broadway in New York City.

Encompassing diverse elements of circus, theatre, dance and music, *Rain* takes the audience on an unforgettable journey. Spotlighting performers specializing in contortion, trapeze, juggling, acrobatics and aerial rings, *Cirque Eloize's* gravity-defying performers combine acrobatic feats with luminous musicality and pure poetry.

*Cirque Eloize* is part of the new generation of circus performers focusing on innovation, imagination and show-stopping panache.

Panorama, which is partially supported by an endowed lectureship sponsored by SBC, is a program that brings outstanding speakers and entertainers to the SWOSU campus. Additional information about the events is available by calling (580) 774-3063.





# Sophomores help Native American program

PHOTO BY KYLE WRIGHT

## By PUBLIC INFORMATION

Three Southwestern students are serving as role models and peer counselors in a program to encourage area Native American high school students to seek post secondary educational opportunities.

The Positive Futures for Native American Youth Project maintains a focus to develop individual skills for selecting personal options in secondary and post-secondary education. The program introduces secondary students to support systems that will enable them to establish and achieve personal goals, according to project grant writer Don Nigus.

Sophomores Brandon Asberry of Flint, Texas, Henry Autaubo of Carnegie and Keri Hoffman of Clinton currently provide the personal contact for Native American students in the area schools of Anadarko, Carnegie, Clinton and Gracemont.

One activity so far has introduced participants to adventure activities including a ropes challenge course, backpack-



*Keri Hoffman of Clinton demonstrates a ropes challenge course as part of the Positive Futures for Native American Youth project involving Native American youth from several western Oklahoma communities.*

ing /repelling, canoe/sailing, and horse packing.

By the completion of the program on June 30, 2005, 36 tribally enrolled youth in Caddo, Comanche, Custer, Kiowa and Washita counties are expected to participate in perceived risk-adventure activities that challenge each individual mentally, physically, and emotionally to achieve suc-

cess and build skills.

Individuals interested in recommending a participant for the program or for more information on how to become a peer counselor, contact the American Indian Institute for Progress, P.O. Box 539, Eakley, Oklahoma or by phone at 580-774-3700.

## Native American week...

*Native American Week was celebrated at Southwestern recently. One of the featured activities was a "Parade of Princesses" Indian style show. Also displayed throughout the week were various pieces of artwork. The events were sponsored by the SWOSU Native American Club.*





# SWOSU Booster Club to Start Lawnmower Raffle

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldog Booster Club has announced plans to conduct an open raffle for a John Deere riding lawn mower during each of the school's six home football games.

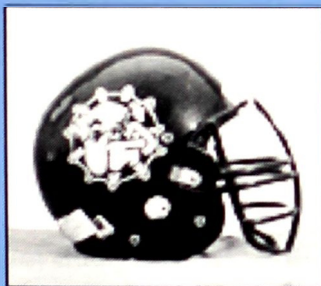
Persons will have an opportunity to first register Thursday, Aug. 25th when SWOSU begins its 2005 season against Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Each registration is \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the Bulldog Booster Club Table located at the stadium.

A \$50 cash prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the third quarter from a drawing of those persons registered that night. The riding mower will be awarded on the season's final home game on Nov. 5.

The mower, provided by Weatherford's Western Equipment, is a John Deere L111 Lawn Tractor, retail priced at \$1,800.00. It has a 20-hp, V-twin, overhead-valve engine with a 42" cutting path. In addition the L111, comes equipped with a two-pedal automatic transmission and cruise control. The mower will be on display at the Bulldog Booster Club Table each of the six home football games.

The SWOSU Bulldog Booster Club's purpose is to supplement the Athletic Department's University budget in order to be competitive in the prestigious NCAA II and Lone Star Conference. The top priorities are recruiting and scholarships. The funds will be used to attract talented athletes to campus and supplement the departments scholarship funds.

## New look



SWOSU has scrapped its heavily worn, decade-old football uniforms in favor of a new contemporary-styled, modern look that is sure to be a crowd and player pleaser. Included in the change is a new football helmet.

## Dispatches

Southwestern's **Paige Adams** received the highest academic basketball honor awarded by the Lone Star Conference when she was voted as the North Division's Academic Player-of-the-Year. Adams, a senior center from Clinton, has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.94 while majoring in engineering. She has twice been selected to the five-person LSC North Women's Basketball All-Academic team. On the court, Adams averaged 11.9 points and 5.4 rebounds a game. Her total of 1,244 points is fourth best in school history.

In addition to Adams selection, teammate **Autumn Aneshansley** was also to the North Division all-academic squad. Aneshansley, a junior from Clinton, has a 3.90 while majoring in kinesiology. She played in all 28 games this season and averaged 4.9 points and 2.4 rebounds a game.

Basketball standout **Jamaal Shell** was again recognized as one of the top players in the Lone Star Conference's North Division, according to votes cast by the league's seven head coaches. Shell, a 6-4 senior guard from Fort Worth, Texas, has been SWOSU's leading scorer in each of the last two seasons. This year he averaged 13.3 points. Shell also shared the division's top defensive player-of-the-year with Stephens of Tarleton State. **Lee J. Kirkpatrick** was selected to the LSC North second team for the second straight year. Kirkpatrick, a 6-5 senior center from Crestview, Fla., was SWOSU's second leading scorer (12.8 ppg) and rebounder (5.1) this season.

Cross country star **Rachel Ingram** concluded her impressive first year as a collegiate runner finishing 15th in the NCAA Division II Regional Meet at Joplin, Mo., Nov. 6. Ingram's time in the six-kilometer race was 22:56. The top 15 runners are awarded all-region recognition.

Southwestern's **Amy Snedeker** was one of 11 women's soccer players voted to the Lone Star Conference All-Academic Team. Snedeker, a junior from Broken Arrow, is completing course work towards a degree in business at SWOSU. To qualify for consideration for the LSC All-Academic team, players must have maintained an overall GPA of 3.20 or above and achieved sophomore status academically. From that list, the league's sports information director's vote and the top 11 are selected on the basis of their athletic achievement and academic accomplishments.



## Held hired as football coach

*By Sports Information*

Southwestern hired Ryan Held its new head football coach to replace Paul Sharp, who resigned after 19 years.

The 30-year-old Held led the resurgence of Oklahoma Panhandle State, putting together winning seasons in each of the last two years. He takes over a Bulldog program that finished 2004 with a 1-9 record.

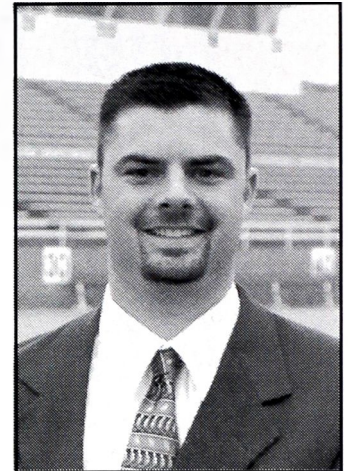
Held's career head coaching record is 19-23 (.452) which includes one 5-5 season at Peru State in 2001.

At OPSU Held inherited a program that had only 17 players upon his arrival and was marred in a 28-game losing streak. OPSU had not had a winning season since 1992. Held quickly went about restoring pride and support in the program and turned the Aggies into

winners, going 6-5 in each of the last two seasons.

A native of Overland Park, Kan., Held played at the University of Nebraska from 1993-96. After graduating in 1996, Held remained with the Huskers serving as an administrative assistant.

Held either played for or was part of three National Championship squads (1994, 1995, 1997).



*Ryan Held*

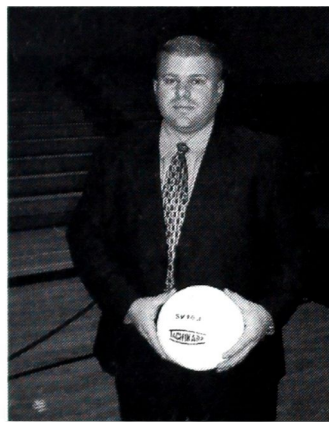
Held then joined the coaching staff at the University of Tennessee under coach Phil Fullmer as a graduate assistant in 1998. He worked two years with the Volunteers.

## Volleyball coach built program at Clarendon

*By Lauren Prichard/  
Contributing Writer*

Even though volleyball is a new program at Southwestern, coach Bo Pagliasotti is no amateur when it comes to building teams from scratch.

Pagliasotti comes from Clarendon College (Texas) which started its volleyball program in 2002. The first team went 0-23. Pagliasotti's recruiting and hard work paid off the next year, when



*Bo Pagliasotti*

the team went 14-16. In 2004, the team was even more successful, going 19-16 and winning third place in the

Western Junior Athletic Conference.

Pagliasotti has the same expectations for Southwestern. "Oklahoma has such a good educational program and a great staff at SWOSU," he said.

"Volleyball is definitely an up-and-coming sport. Many private conferences are involved in the volleyball program."

He will not allow the newness of the volleyball program to be an excuse for

losses this year. In fact, Pagliasotti's goal is a top three finish in the Lone Star Conference.

Pagliasotti is currently on the recruiting trail. However, he has convinced five players from Clarendon College to transfer to Southwestern.

Pagliasotti brings a philosophy of "never, ever, ever quitting" to the program.

He and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Hunter, 3, and Harper, 2.



# Sharp steps down

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Bulldog football icon Paul Sharp resigned in November after 19 years as head coach.

Sharp's decision came after a lopsided loss to Tarleton State in November to end the season at 1-9.

"There were no main factors that contributed to my decision," Sharp said. "It was just the right time. I enjoyed every day that I was here. I have memories from this school that I will cherish forever."

Sharp has coached Southwestern for 19 years. He leaves as the school's all-time leader in wins and winner of a national title in 1996.

Sharp is done coaching for the time being, but he may not be done for long.

"All doors are open," Sharp said. "I do not want to say I am done coaching or

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with sports. Athletic administration has always appealed to me. But for now, I am just trying to do what is best for my family."

Sharp compiled a record of 93-100-1 in his time as head coach. He has several highlights in that time span.

"My most memorable win was definitely the national title on Dec. 7, 1996," Sharp said. "It was played at home in Milam Stadium. It was a sellout

and the fans were going nuts. The weather was great — sunny and warm for December.

"We beat Montana Tech 33-31. They took us down to the wire. On the last play of the game they threw up a Hail Mary that fell incomplete."

Sharp also remembers back-to-back wins over rival Northwestern that year in the last game of the season and the first round of the playoffs.

Coach Sharp enjoyed his times coaching at Southwestern, but more than that, he enjoyed the students.

"Our students here are great," Sharp said. "They have supported all out athletic teams. I want to thank our band and our cheerleaders. It was fun to

## career highlights

**19 years as head  
coach**

**93-100-1 overall  
record**

**1996 National  
NAIA  
Champions**

coach at Southwestern because of the students.

"We have a high caliber of students here. That is what made coaching enjoyable for me."



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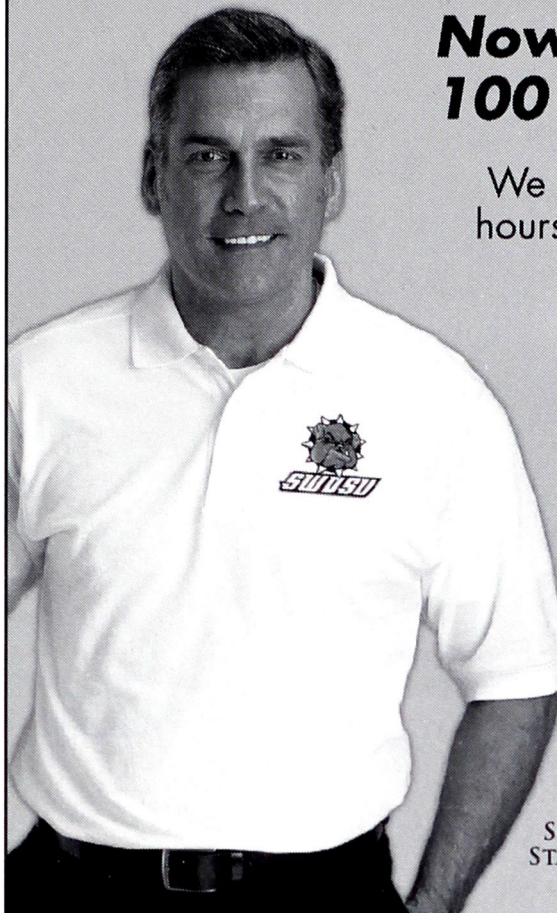
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