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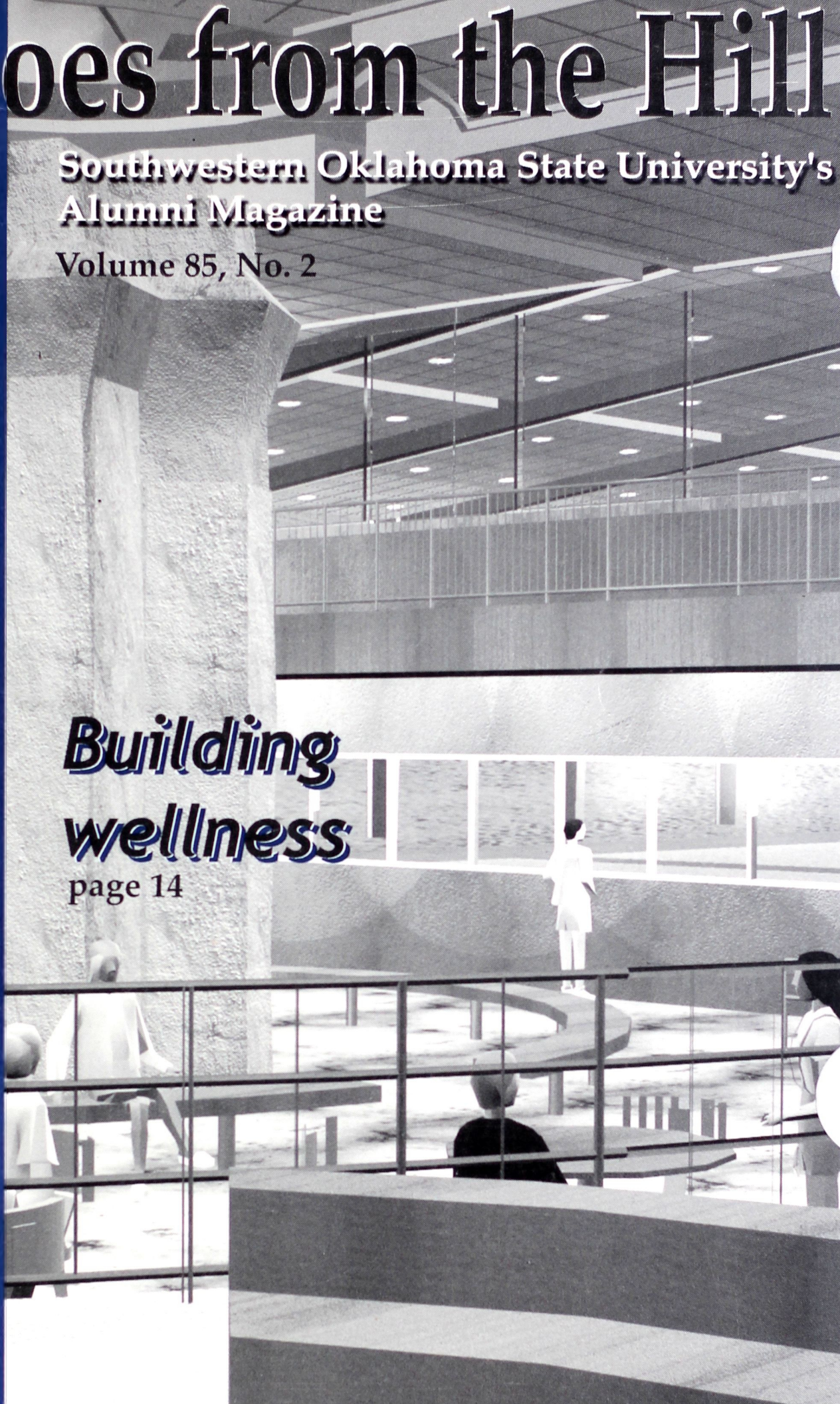


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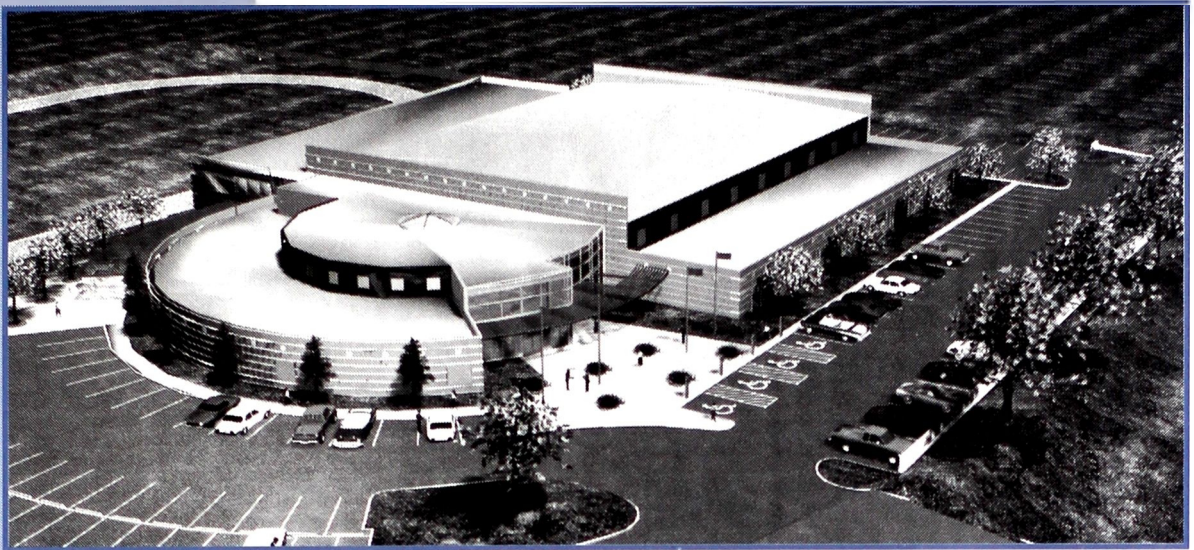
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get well Wellness Center

By **KIMBERLY KELLER**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern's groundbreaking ceremony for its Wellness Center was Nov. 14 on the site of the old baseball field.

"Basically, this is the celebration of the start of the new Wellness Center," said Southwestern President Dr. John Hays.

Those who attended the ceremony included Meyer Architects of Oklahoma City, Landmark Construction, also of Oklahoma City, Job Superintendent Ken Wineman, Project Manager, Jerry Hickman, faculty members, and health and education faculty as well.

Southwestern will use proceed funds to pay for the Wellness Center. These funds will be repaid with income from student facility fees.

Construction for the project is estimated to be finished by February 2005.

Construction will take place over in three phases: bulk of building, east wing, and west wing.

"Hopefully, Phase one and two will be completed with the first wave of available funds," said Physical Plant Director Rick Skinner.

The wellness center will have intramural facilities, a running track, cardio vascular equipment, a wellness area, a weight room, classrooms, staff nurse offices, and other offices.

"The location is great, because it is centrally located between the football field and Parker Hall," Skinner said.





Southwestern Oklahoma State University held groundbreaking ceremonies November 14 for its new Wellness Center that will be built on the old baseball field on the Weatherford campus. Construction is starting on the 72,000 square foot facility that will house three basketball courts, walking track, cardiovascular workout area, health food bar and various offices and classrooms. Holding shovels are (from left): SWOSU Student Government Association President Brandon Bensch, Regent Marseda Garrison of Elk City, Regent Richard Ryerson of Alva, SWOSU President John Hays, SWOSU Vice President Tom Fagan, SWOSU Physical Plant Director Rick Skinner, Meyer Architects Paul Meyer and Gary Armbruster, and Landmark Construction Project Manager Jerry Hickman. The project is being funded by revenue bonds that will be repaid with income from student facility fees. Construction is expected to take 15 months.





The Student Union was the site of registration during Homecoming Oct. 24-25. Several alumni made the trip.



These Southwestern Oklahoma State University alumni won blankets at the alumni and friends brunch held in conjunction with SWOSU homecoming activities. Steve Stroud (left) of Ruidoso, N.M. won a blanket for traveling the longest distance (550 miles) to attend homecoming activities. Leonard Abrahams of Clinton was the oldest alum in attendance that had not previously won a blanket. Frankie Jameson of Weatherford won a blanket for having the most children (two) who graduated from SWOSU. The SWOSU Alumni Association gives the blankets.

Tailgate party (inside) and cordial added to Homecoming festivities

Several fun activities highlighted this year's homecoming activities October 24-25.

Superfreak, one of Oklahoma City's hottest bands, entertained at this year's SWOSU Homecoming tailgate party that was held inside the Student Union due to rainy weather.

Charbroiled hamburgers, Indian tacos, hot dogs, bratwursts, hot links as well as strawberry newports for dessert were served for the party. Superfreak is a popular 70's/80s retro band in Oklahoma City Bricktown. The SWOSU Alumni Association sponsored the band's appearance.

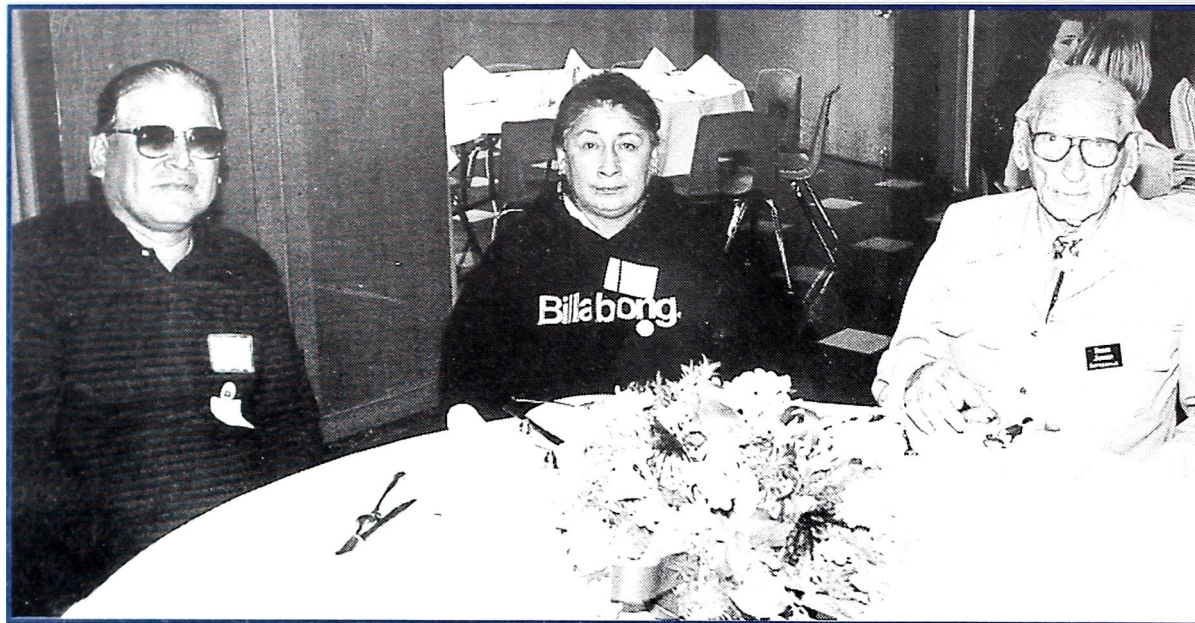
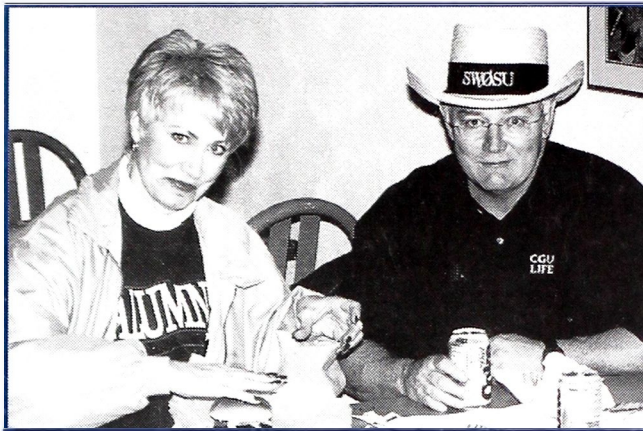
A SWOSU Homecoming Cordial took place from 3-5 p.m. at Java's in downtown Weatherford. The informal gathering was open to everyone. The fun event had complimentary hors d' oeuvres and

a cash bar. The Weatherford chapter of the Red Hat Society served as hostesses, and SWOSU students provided special entertainment. Also, coupon pages, featuring homecoming specials by Weatherford businesses, were handed out at the event.

Other homecoming activities included a golf scramble, pep rally/bonfire, and marathon basketball tournament on Friday and the parade, alumni brunch and 2:30 p.m. football game on Saturday.

In the parade, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers won first and \$1,000 in the float competition. The Student Council for Exceptional Children finished second and the Psychology Club won third.

In the outside decorations competition for residence halls, Neff Hall took top honors and won \$300. Stewart Hall placed second and won \$200, while Oklahoma Hall finished third and winner of \$100.



A Homecoming brunch was attended by many alumni and special guests. It was held in the Student Union Ballroom. Among the attendees were (top left) Bill and Evelyn Thompson; (top right) Dianne and David Hunter; and (bottom) Paul and Mona PaHcheka and Rudie Janzen.



Service award winner

Chad Nabors was a Service Award winner at homecoming activities. Nabors won the award for his work with Parent's Day activities. The SWOSU Alumni Association sponsors the award. Other Service Award winners were (not pictured) Joe Merchant, Tony Nab and Peggy Prock. Merchant was honored for his volunteer work preparing the Alumni Association's tax forms, while Nab was honored for his help on the SWOSU Alumni and Friends Golf Tourney held each summer. Prock was recognized for her many years of playing the piano at the alumni luncheon during homecoming activities.



The annual "Big Dawg" Golf Scramble was held the Friday before Homecoming at Weatherford's Prairie West Golf Course.



The Red Hat Ladies Society helped out at the SWOSU Homecoming Cordial at Java's.



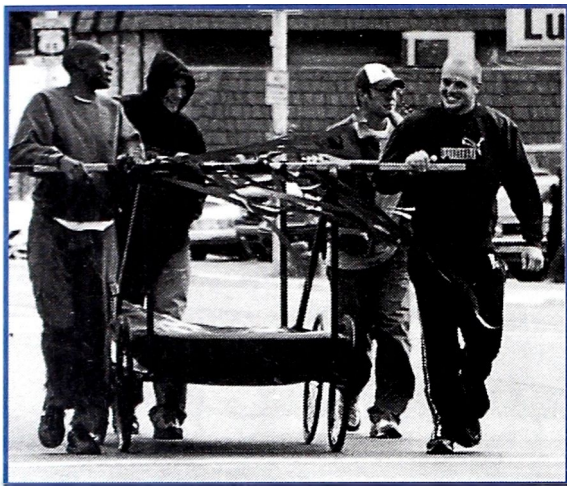
A good crowd braved the cold and rain to watch the Bulldog football game.



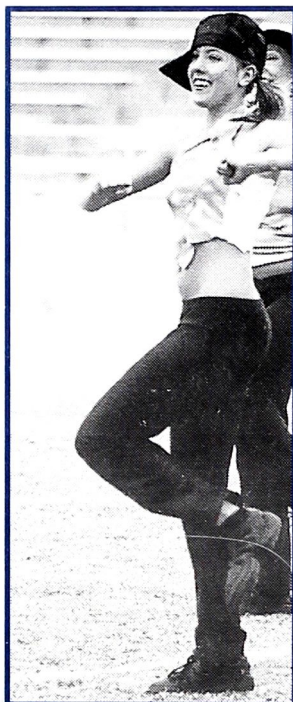
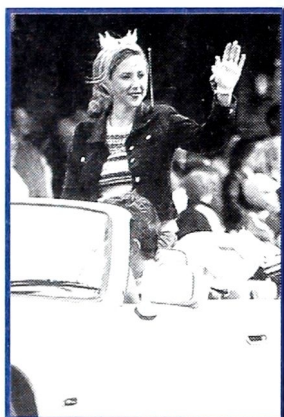
One of the newer traditions during Homecoming weekend is the basketball tournament. Several students took part.



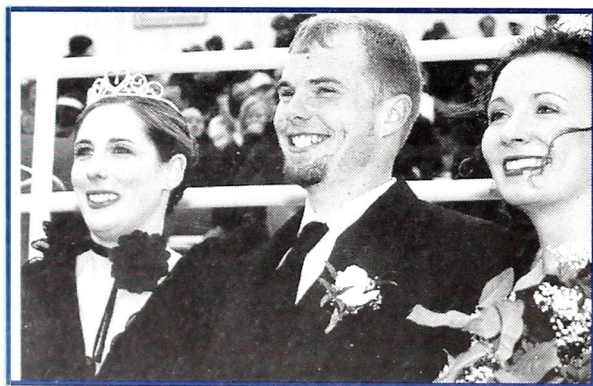
Superfreak, a popular cover band, entertained students during the Tailgate Party, which was moved inside the Student Union.



An entry in the parade's bed race.



The pom squad had a new dance routine.



Homecoming queen Kathryn Rogers of North Bend, Ore., and king Chris Allen of Yukon enjoy the Homecoming game with last year's queen, Misty Williams.

Honorees

Members of the Silver Club were honored during a reception and luncheon in the Student Union Ballroom before the Homecoming game.



Meece, Pray speak at pharmacy alumni event

Southwestern College of Pharmacy graduates Jerry Meece and Steve Pray were the featured speakers at the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni "Welcome Home" Distinguished Speaker Continuing Education Series in conjunction with SWOSU homecoming activities.

"An Update on Diagnosis and Treatment Concepts for the Pharmacist in Diabetes Care" and "The History of Nonprescription Products" were the focus of the eight-hour continuing education seminar.

Meece, a 1974 SWOSU College of Pharmacy graduate, was recently installed as 2nd Vice President on the Executive Committee for the American Association of Diabetes Educators and continues to serve as Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee for that organization. He is owner and director of clinical services of Plaza Pharmacy and Wellness Center in Gainesville, Texas. He moved to a larger location in

1997 and redesigned the facility to center around disease state management in his business.

Since then, Meece has received national recognition for his diabetes program and has spoken across the country, as well as in Mexico and Canada, giving over 200 lectures on the subject of diabetes and disease state management.

His latest venture has been the creation of JMeece Consulting, a company whose purpose is to conduct seminars and workshops for health care professionals, participate in clinical trials and consult with individuals wanting to establish a diabetes self-management training program.

Because of his exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service, Pray of Weatherford joined the list of distinguished Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award winners at SWOSU in 2002. He received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Southwestern State College in

Sports Hall of Fame gains three

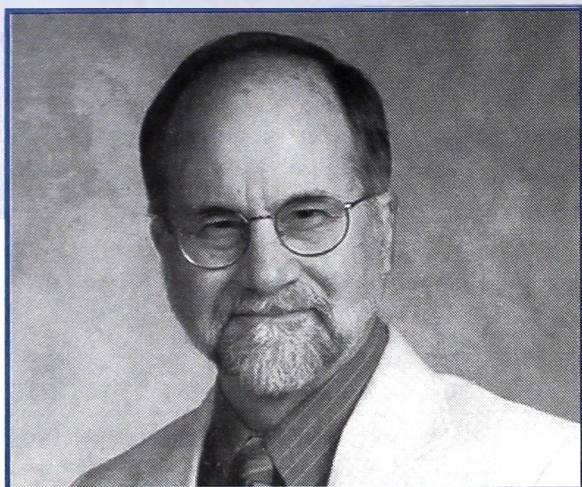
Southwestern Oklahoma State inducted three former Bulldogs into the SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame on January 31, 2004.

The list of inductees include Hayden Battles, a two-sport standout athlete in football and basketball, Ron Polston, a former football player and area coach, and Shelley Johnston, a

former CNFR Women's All-Around National Champion.

A luncheon reception was held in the Student Union Ballroom.

The induction ceremony took place between the Southwestern Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs basketball teams' victories over East Central University.



Steve Pray

1972 and a master's degree in public health from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. He began teaching at SWOSU in 1976. He took a sabbatical to attend Purdue University, returning with his Ph.D. in 1983.

As professor of nonprescription products and devices at SWOSU, his primary teaching responsibilities include his nonprescription drug products and devices class and pharmaceutical care labs which includes prescription filling, compounding, nonprescription product



Jerry Meece

and device counseling.

While his articles have appeared in 12 different journal titles, most have appeared in *U.S. Pharmacist*, where his peer-reviewed column "Consult Your Pharmacist" has been read by 109,000 pharmacists monthly since 1988. In addition, he authored *Nonprescription Product Therapeutics*, a textbook adopted by pharmacy schools across the nation.

Dr. Pray and his wife Carole have two sons, Joshua and Gabriel, both attending SWOSU.

Pray publishes history book

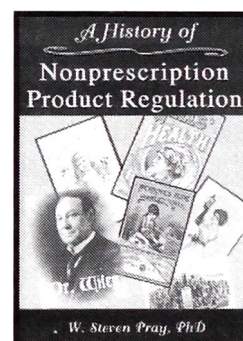
Dr. Steven Pray has a new book, *A History of Nonprescription Product Regulation*, which was published in 2003.

The book explores the regulation of nonprescription products by examining the circumstances and process of the passage of various laws. It relates important issues of the day (muckraking, sulfanilamide, thalidomide) to those laws by carefully describing their influence on pending legislation.

According to the publisher, Haworth Press, "*A History of Nonprescription Product Regulation* makes extensive use of widely varied source material that gives the book a contemporary tone that is quite unique in texts of this kind. For

instance, the reader wishing to more fully understand the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act will be treated to a view of that act drawn from the pages of *The New York Times*, the *Congressional Record*, and various journals that were published while the act was being debated."

Pray is currently creating the second edition of the textbook *Nonprescription Product Therapeutics* and collaborating on a pocket-sized version of his textbook.



Heilbrons help football program

donation funds renovations

By PUBLIC INFORMATION

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's football program benefited from a recent donation from a Texas couple.

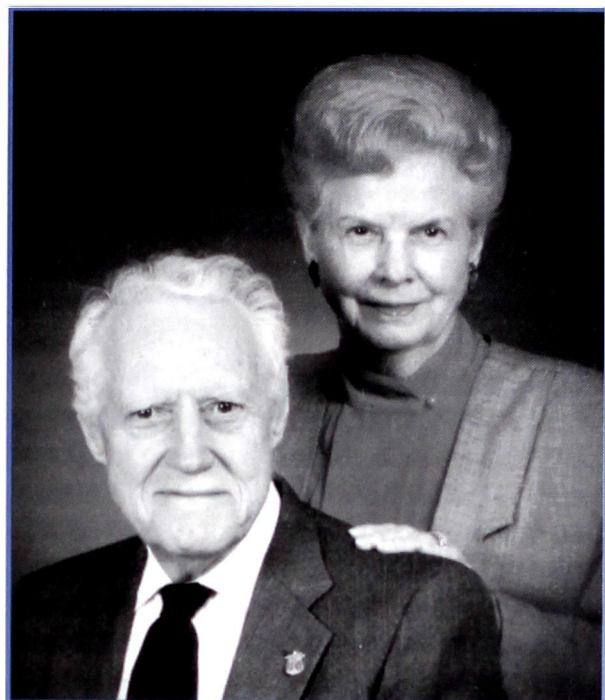
Edward Heilbron of Temple (TX) donated \$60,000 in honor of his wife, Jewel Huddleston Heilbron, who is a 1936 graduate of Southwestern.

The gift was used to buy equipment for the fitness center, located west of Rankin Williams Fieldhouse on the SWOSU campus.

Jim Waites, director of institutional advancement at SWOSU, said the gift is very much appreciated by SWOSU. Football players and all SWOSU students are enjoying the fitness center.

Jewel is a former football queen and homecoming queen in 1935 at Southwestern. She was active in several organizations including the Tri-J sorority. She graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in English and Spanish. Her first job out of college was at Hinton where she taught English, Spanish and speech classes. She taught in several small towns before locating in New Mexico.

Her husband, Edward, is a native of Illinois. He is a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria and has a Juris Doctorate from Northwestern School of Law in Chicago. He served in the Counter-Intelligence Corp during World War II and as an instructor in the military's Intelligence Training Center. He was called back during the Korean War as an instructor in the Army General School. He retired as a colonel after 30 years of service.



Edward and Jewel Huddleston Heilbron recently donated \$60,000 to the Southwestern football program to help renovate the fitness center.



Foundation director Jim Waites awarded Jewel Huddleston Heilbron an alumni banquet during Homecoming 2001.

Berrongs set up music endowment

BY JOEL KENDALL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The family of Ed Sr. and Winnie Ola Berrong of Weatherford recently established an endowed chair for the Music Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The amount of the endowment is \$250,000.

The endowment was presented by the couple's three sons, Ed Jr., Brad and Mark Berrong, all of Weatherford.

Brad Berrong said the endowment is a symbol of the Berrong family's "loyalty and support for our local university."

"The university is a giant part of our community and something we want to support," Brad Berrong said.

The chair will be established soon. It must first be approved by the state regents.

Brad Berrong said the gift is really a giant gift of time from Ed and Winnie Ola.

"It represents the time and effort to save that much money," he said.

Brad Berrong said the amount is more significant because of the couple's hard work. Ed and Winnie Ola, who married May 28, 1938, strived to be frugal throughout their lives.

"When my parents married, they didn't have \$10. My dad worked essentially 18 hours a day. He would teach school, and at night he built houses and would work until dark."



Ed Sr. and Winnie Ola Berrong

Brad Berrong said the family wanted to help the Music Department.

"We want to support the efforts and perpetuation of the music department," he said.

Ed Berrong served in the state Senate from 1958 to 1980. Prior to that, he served four terms as Weatherford's mayor. He graduated from Hinton High School and attended SWOSU. He eventually attended the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Law School, earning admittance to the Oklahoma Bar in 1943.

Ed Berrong died on Oct. 20, 1998, at the age of 83. Winnie Ola lives in Weatherford.

LEADERS OF OKLAHOMA

Southwestern recently honored graduates of SWOSU who serve in state political offices. The officials were visited by SWOSU President Dr. John Hays and Harold Wright, president of the SWOSU Alumni Association. Each person was given a commemorative plaque. The plaque honors the Southwestern graduates for their service to the state and the university.



Alumni President Harold Wright and Dr. John Hays with Rep. Debbie Blackburn of District 88.



Alumni President Harold Wright and Dr. John Hays with Sen. Kathleen Wilcoxson of District 45.



Alumni President Harold Wright and Dr. John Hays with Rep. Percy Walker of District 60.

BULLDOGS IN THE HOUSE

Rep. Debbie Blackburn

(DISTRICT 88)

Rep. Jack Bonny

(DISTRICT 55)

Rep. Ray McCarter

(DISTRICT 51)

Rep. Purcy Walker

(DISTRICT 60)

BULLDOGS IN THE SENATE

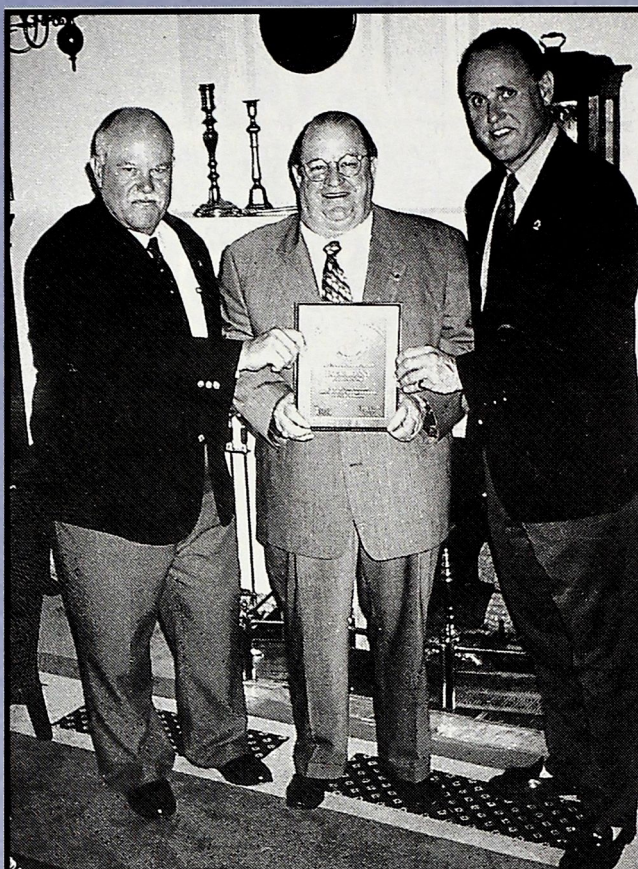
Sen. Kathleen Wilcoxson

(District 45)

BULLDOGS IN THE CAPITOL

Randy Beutler

Legislative Liaison for the
Office of Gov. Brad Henry



*Dr. John Hays and Alumni President Harold Wright
with Rep. Jack Bonny of District 55.*



*Dr. John Hays and Alumni President Harold
Wright with Randy Beutler, Legislative Liaison
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*Dr. John Hays and Alumni President Harold Wright
with Rep. Ray McCarter of District 51*

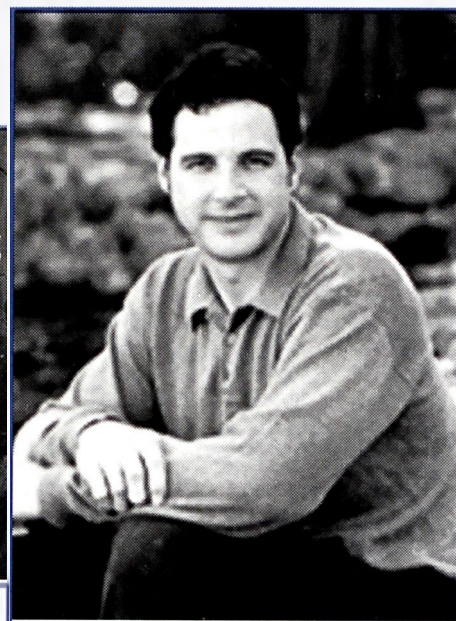
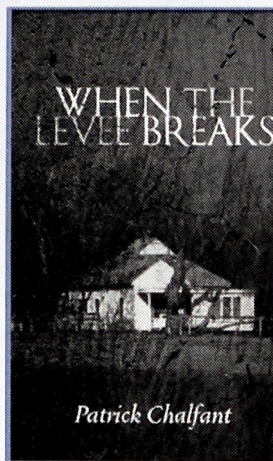
Chalfant publishes first novel

Tulsa author and Southwestern graduate Patrick Chalfant recently published his first novel, which deals with a father's struggle to maintain his farm during hard financial times.

Chalfant is a fifth-generation Oklahoman with roots that predate statehood. Both his maternal and paternal ancestors participated in the Oklahoma Land Run and were allotted land, some of which is still in the family.

He spent his childhood on a 6,000-acre Oklahoma ranch, helping with several thousand head of cattle and horses. In his youth, he competed in tie-down calf roping in hundreds of rodeos throughout Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. He graduated from Southwestern in 1995, and moved with his wife to Tulsa.

His book is the story of Alec Carlyle, one of a dying breed of farmers struggling to support his family on the land he loves. It is told through the eyes of his



7-year-old son Hadley, who watches as the first area farm to declare bankruptcy is taken in a bank foreclosure that stuns the community.

Chalfant brings to life the emotions and tragedy that farmers face, and the strength and resiliency of friends and family.

The author plans to donate some of the proceeds from his novel to Farm Aid to help the plight of the American farmer.

Haynes inducted into auctioneer hall of fame

T. Eddie Haynes, a Leedey native, was recently inducted into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. Haynes is president of Eddie Haynes Inc. Auction and Realty in Oklahoma City.

In the early 1990s, Haynes represented the National Auctioneers Association in negotiations in Washington that restructured how the Resolution Trust Corp. did business

with auctioneers. In the past 10 years, Haynes has participated in the sale by auction of over \$300 million worth of real estate and over \$1 billion in oil and gas holdings.

He was president of the national association in 1992-1993 and is a past president of the Oklahoma Auctioneers Association.

He holds real estate broker's licenses in 26 states.

STEPHEN GRIFFIN (1989) was recently appointed Principal of Monnig Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas. Monnig is located in West Fort Worth.

LARRY PALMORE of Hollis was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame in 2003. Palmore's Oklahoma coaching began at Arnett in 1965. Two years later, he moved to Hollis, where he eventually named head football coach, head basketball coach and athletic director. He retired in 1994. During his 20 years of coaching basketball, he amassed a 305-187 record and made the state tournament three times. During his 10 years as head football coach, his teams compiled a 66-46 record and advanced to the state playoffs eight years. The Hollis team claimed the state runner-up title in 1983. Palmore graduated from Vinson High School. He obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwestern, and also played baseball for the Bulldogs. In April 2002, he was inducted into the Harmon County Sports Hall of Fame. He has two sons: Stan, of Yukon and Dee and his wife, Susan, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and two grandchildren, Colin and Katie, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Roulet named CEO of Western Farmers

Gary R. Roulet, a longtime Western Farmers Electric Cooperative employee, was promoted in July to the position of chief executive officer for the generation and transmission cooperative. The WFEC Board of Trustees elected Roulet unanimously from a field of three finalists.

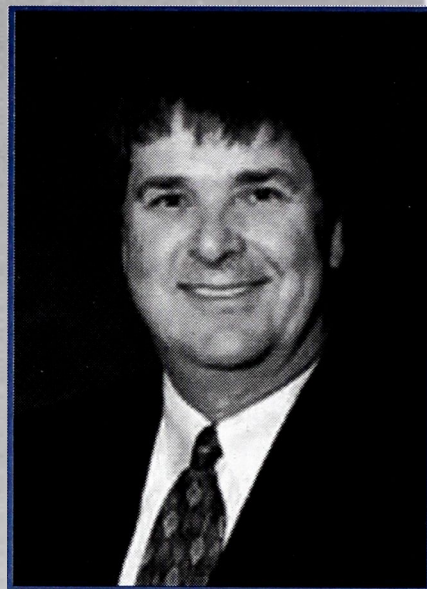
He succeeds J.M. Shafer, who resigned to accept a general manager position at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association in Colorado.

Roulet has almost 29 years of executive, managerial, supervisory and technical experience with WFEC, most recently serving as general manager of Corporate Strategies. He began his career with the cooperative in 1974.

Roulet holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, with a minor in computer sciences, from SWOSU. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Roulet and his wife, Gail, reside east of Anadarko. They have two daughters and sons-in-law, Audra and Les Price of Phoenix, Ariz. and Dezra and Harlen Edwards of Denton, Texas; and one grandson, Nate Edwards.

"I'm proud to have been entrusted by our distribution cooperatives with this respon-



Gary R. Roulet

sibility," Roulet said. "Oklahoma's co-ops have a long successful history of serving our rural member-owners. My primary goal is to see that WFEC continues to offer them reliable electric power at the lowest reasonable cost."

WFEC is a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Anadarko, Oklahoma. WFEC owns and operates electric generating plants in three locations, including Anadarko, Mooreland and Hugo, and maintains about 3,700 miles of transmission line. Its member-owners consist of 19 distribution cooperatives and Altus Air Force Base.

\$5 million campaign launched

FOCUS campaign raises funds for four areas

BY SHARI BENTON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Foundation is launching a \$5 million fund-raising campaign. Foundation Executive Director Jim Waites is conducting "The FOCUS Campaign" with high expectations.

"I am continuously amazed at how Southwestern friends and alumni support the university," Waites said.

The campaign will focus on four areas including academic program enrichment, scholarships, wellness and athletic complexes, and deferred / planning giving.

Hays believes the support of the academic programs at SWOSU is vital.

The university continues to develop laboratories, classrooms and courses designed to ensure that its students reach their potential in a rapidly changing world. SWOSU has 14 nationally accredited programs and it is hoped that an endowed fund can be established to support these and other programs.

Two critical areas, according to Hays, is raising money for scholarships and the development of the new Wellness Center and athletic complex at SWOSU. Scholarships will

allow SWOSU to attract highly capable students. The Wellness Center is being built on the Weatherford campus and improvements are needed at the field house on the Sayre campus.

Waites said there are several ways to make a gift to Southwestern. The Foundation will accept a wide variety of gifts including cash, real estate, stocks, publicly traded securities, life insurance policies, and other usable or convertible assets.

For additional information about the FOCUS campaign, call the SWOSU Foundation Office at (580) 774-3267.

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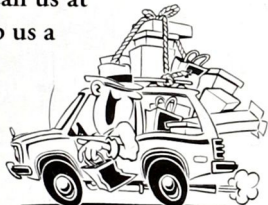
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What's Happening at SWOSU? Check it out on the Web!

All alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the SWOSU web site for both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. The address is: www.swosu.edu

The site has been up and running for nearly five years. Many aspects of Southwestern are featured, so be sure to take a look at what's happening on the "hill"!



Vintage degree

Clinton woman graduated 78 years ago

By CLAY SIMMONS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Fanny Crumps has a view, finally.

When the 101-year-old Southwestern alumni moved from Sentinel to a Clinton nursing home, she had one complaint.

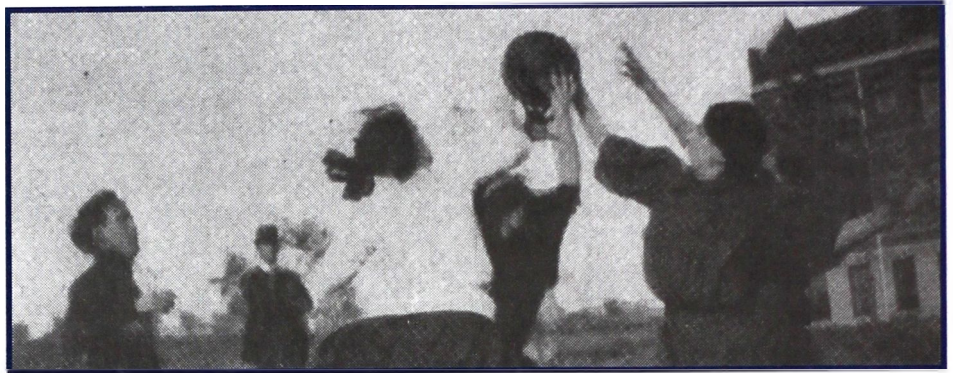
"It is a very nice place, except they put me in a room with no view. The window is next to a wall," she said.

She was determined to change the situation.

"I then met the painter that painted the murals in the lobby, and asked him if he could paint me a tree on the wall outside. He did it the following week, so now when I look out I have something pretty to look at."

Fanny used that tenacity throughout her life, especially in gaining a degree at Southwestern. After her birth in 1902 in Missouri, her family moved to Weatherford. She graduated from WHS in 1920. While in high school, she completed half a year of college credit at Southwestern. In that era, that was a unheard of. She gained more credits in the summer before her freshman year—also unusual.

Fanny did not slow down. She immediately got a teacher's certificate and



When Fanny Crumps was at Southwestern, the women's basketball team wore much more than shorts and a tank top, and often played outside.

taught high school English at Sentinel. She took classes at Southwestern in the summers, and graduated in 1925.

Oh yeah, and she played varsity basketball.

She was a guard her sophomore year when Southwestern won the Division III championship.

"We really dressed for the occasion. Now they wear shorts and jerseys, but back then we wore bloomers, a blouse, long stockings, a hat and a sailor's tie," she said.

"And back then the small schools played the big schools. That doesn't happen anymore."

In the 1920s, a walk across campus did not take long.

"When I was at Southwestern, there were only two buildings standing—the Science Building and the Administration Building."

Parking was not a problem, either.

"You see in those days not many people had cars. Everyone just walked everywhere. Every weekend we had weenie roasts and you could see the whole town walking toward the roast."

Fanny continued in athletics; coaching Sentinel while she taught English.

She retired after 35 years of watching students pass through her English class.

For a woman who was 12 when the first World War began, lived through the Depression and the Dust Bowl, endured World War II and other wars, and taught countless students, Fanny keeps her life story simple.

"I've had a long life and a good life," she said.

She also keeps things in perspective. Her 102nd birthday will be Nov. 15. Fanny said she will reach 102 "if the Lord is willing and the creek doesn't rise."

Drury rides away a winner

TED HARBIN

FROM THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN

Life threw bull rider Shane Drury some tough breaks the last two years. A rare type of cancer formed near his chest, threatening not only his career but his life.

Sickening treatments and surgery left Drury questioning his fate. Through it all, he still had Hope.

"I couldn't have done it without her," Drury said of, Hope, the woman he married in December 2001, four months before he was diagnosed. "She's with me every minute of the day, through all the ups and downs.

"And there have been a lot of downs."

To get to this point, Drury used all the science available to ride through the turmoil, from chemotherapy treatments to surgery to more chemo. He was already sick, and he became more ill in the process of defeating the tumor.

All along, Hope was there offering all she had. They met as students at Southwestern Oklahoma State in Weatherford, and she was with him when he was one of the best bull riders in the PRCA.

Cancerous tumors were found in the back of Drury's chest cavity and diagnosed as Ewing's sarcoma, which usually develops in or near the bone and is often in children between the ages of 10 and 20.

"I know it was tough for him," said his oldest brother, Jesse. "Of course, he has wonderful Hope. She's a phenomenal person and has been a blessing for him. For all of us, really. I'm not sure how we'd have done this without her."

A big heart

Shane Drury is not a big man. He's 5-foot-2, and bulked up he tops the scales at 130 pounds.

Those closest to him knew he'd beat cancer, and they knew he'd return to the rodeo arena. Most just didn't know when.

He answered that question July 17, when he attempted to ride his first bull at a PRCA

JESSE DRURY, BROTHER

"If I could describe him with one word, it would be try."



Coach recalls life in Europe

BY ALEX JAQUEZ

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The experience of a lifetime began for rodeo coach Chad Ramirez in May of 1996 when he was offered a job as a cowboy for Disneyland in Paris, France. At that time it was called Euro Disney. Since then they have changed the name to Disneyland Paris.

"I was competing in rodeo at the time and came across a one page ad in a pro rodeo

sports magazine. I called them and asked what I needed to do. I made a video of myself riding a horse here in Weatherford with the help of a friend," said Ramirez.

Finally after going home to see his parents in Arizona, Disneyland was doing a live audition in Casa Grande, approximately 20 minutes from his parent's house.

"I met them face to face and did a live audition for them.

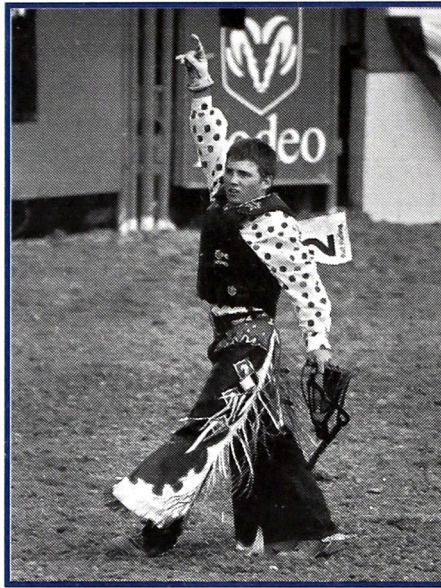
rodeo star overcomes cancer with Hope

rodeo in Pretty Prairie, Kan. Drury was bucked off before making an eight-second qualified ride that night and the next, but that didn't last long. On July 19, Drury was the only cowboy to hang on for eight seconds at the Woodward Elks Rodeo. He finished the four-day event tied for sixth place and won \$850.

"He's good at whatever he wants to be good at; he's got that kind of attitude," Jesse Drury said. "If I could describe him with one word, it would be try. With life in general, he's got more try and faith — faith not only in himself, but in God, too. But that's what it takes."

Supporting cast

Friends conducted a bull-riding event for Shane's benefit last October in Weatherford, raising more than \$30,000 to help the Drurys' medical expense. A portion of the money raised went to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, which



also helped with finances.

"You don't realize how good things are until something like this happens," Shane said.

"You don't realize how supportive the rodeo community is until something like this."

Phone calls, letters and e-mails have flooded Shane and Hope's Nebraska home.

"It's all him fighting," friend Corey Navarre said. "All I could do, or anybody could do, was call him and check on him and constantly keep him in prayer."

And through it all — the pain, the chemo, the surgery, the family, the love, the return to competition — he's had his friends, his family and Hope. That continues.

"I've learned that the little things are little things," Shane said. "There are so many things you take for granted."

"I became a lot closer with God. That's helped me more than anything."

About two weeks later, they called me and asked if I was ready to go," said Ramirez.

A month later, he was on a plane with three other chosen cowboys to Paris, France. The complex that Ramirez performed in held about 1,300 people and it was held inside as a dinner theatre show.

"We performed in front of a lot of people as they enjoyed a meal. It was like in medieval times, but with all the Disney magic such as lights, sound, and special effects," said Ramirez.

The day consisted of two

shows, with the first one beginning at 6 p.m. During the years he learned trick riding, stunt work and eventually was moved to train as a stunt man to fill in.

Although the show was in English, Ramirez did learn French the three years he was there and adapted to a different lifestyle.

"On our days off, my friends and I would schedule days to visit Spain, Switzerland, Italy, or just to go tour Paris," Ramirez said.

Some good times experienced by Ramirez, was going

places dressed as a cowboy.

"It was really neat, because they would automatically look at you as if you were John Wayne, or some really famous person," said Ramirez.

After three years, He was ready to come home and continued on his American life that needed updated.

"When opportunities like this come around I encourage anyone to do this, because like they say, life is short and I can say I have already done more than what most people do in a lifetime."

SWOSU community mourns Long

By LEXI JONES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Services were held for Southwestern English professor Stewart Keith Long Oct. 10, 2003, at the Weatherford Zion Evangelical Free Church. The graveside service was held at the Marlow Cemetery.

Mr. Long died in his home on Oct. 7, at the age of 47. He is survived by his wife Anna and their 12-year-old son Parker.

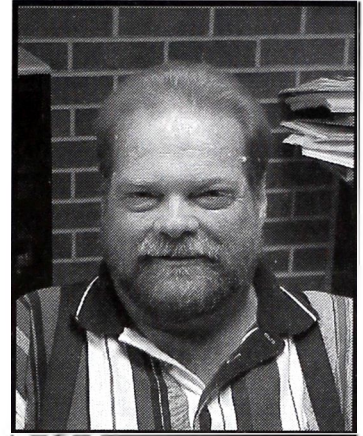
This was not Long's first battle with his health. About a decade ago Long underwent a kidney transplant that failed. The second transplant proved successful. Long continued to teach until this past July when he learned he had brain cancer.

Long had taught at Southwestern since 1988. He taught various classes from English to mass communications to writing T.V. sitcoms. His accomplishments included the book, *Room to Grow: Daily Thoughts for Men*. The book is a Christian devotional for men.

"Keith taught us all three important things: to shoot straight, to help each other, and to enjoy each precious day we have," said Dr. Viki Craig, a fellow English professor.

Communication arts professor Steve Strickler saw Long's commitment.

"I think the time I was most struck by his courage was when we were still housed in the Old Science Building and Keith and I shared a suite of offices. I remember him doing a dialysis treatment and holding his very young son (Parker must have been about 2) on his lap. There he was -- still fulfilling his role as daddy and professor while he was fighting for his life! I'll never forget that image as long as I live."



Keith Long

Former dean of students dies

W.C. Burris passed away Sept. 21, 2003, at his home in Lake Texoma. He had a distinguished career in higher education with over 40 years of service within the public education system. Burris was born July 1, 1929, in Mangum.

He graduated from Mangum High School in 1948 and married Joan Morrison of Granite, in November of the same year. Burris received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1951. He attained master's and doctorate degrees from Oklahoma State University.

In 1961, he became Dean of Students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford.

Burris returned to southwestern Oklahoma in 1971 to become president

of Altus Jr. College. Under his leadership, the college underwent substantial growth, moving into a 142-acre facility.

Over his 19 year tenure, enrollment at the college increased from 600 to 2000. Burris retired as president in 1990 and in 1998, the W.C. Burris Student Success Center was dedicated in his honor. In October of 2000, Burris was inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame of Oklahoma.

In addition to being a recognized civic leader in the communities of Weatherford and Altus, Burris served on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority from 1979 to the present and was chairman of the OETA Foundation in 1984. Burris and his wife Joan enjoyed thirteen years of retirement together living at Lake Texoma.

We Remember

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>City State</i></u>	<u><i>Grad Year</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>City State</i></u>	<u><i>Grad Year</i></u>
Richard Baumgartner	Ada	1968	Randy Lawrence	Newcastle	
Virgil Bell	Sayre		Bessie Lloyd	Elk City	
Julie Bergman-Terrell	Santa Fe, N.M.	Attended	Lenora (Nora Lou) Lukens	Erick	1986
Mabel Boyer	Weatherford	1950	Michael May	Okeene	
W.C. Burris	Lake Texoma	1951	Norma McLean	Altus	1964
John Cargal	Blair	Attended	Drexel Paden	Stillwater	1952
Dana Clark	Eakly	1996	Lucille Patton	Edmond	1941
George Coulson	Clinton		Max Pence	Granite	
Margaret Cullen	Houston, TX		Maxine Reneau	Bethany	Attended
Glenna Daugherty	Hollis	Attended	Elrene Richardson	Clinton	1968
Sam Ellerbee	McAllen, TX		Clair Ross	Las Cruces, NM	
Lena Eggers	Elk City		James Roush	Weatherford	1960
Maurine Fails	Sayre	1935	Maxine Sewell	Cordell	1943
Wendell Freeze	Vinson		Irene Simpson	Grove	Attended
Willetta Hemming	Carnegie	Attended	James Gerald Smith	Ringwood	1969
Elwin Hopkins	Sentinel	Attended	Maxine Sparkman	Mangum	1957
Clarence Howl	Hobart	1934	Samye June Steward	McMinnville, OR	Attended
Bill Hubbard	Oklahoma City	1960	Bobby Thilsted	Ponca City	1999
Emma Johnson	Weatherford	1923	Mickey Toler	Hollis	
Patricia (Pat) Jordan	Seiling		Margaret Vandewater	Palm Beach, FL	1940
Reuben Kauley	Lawton		Mary Widney	Yukon	
Hazel Kirk	Arapaho	1980	Claude Williams	Okeene	Attended
Irma Latimer	McKinney, TX				

NEW AROUND CAMPUS

Cedar Canyon shows off progress

By **LATIA FRENCH**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

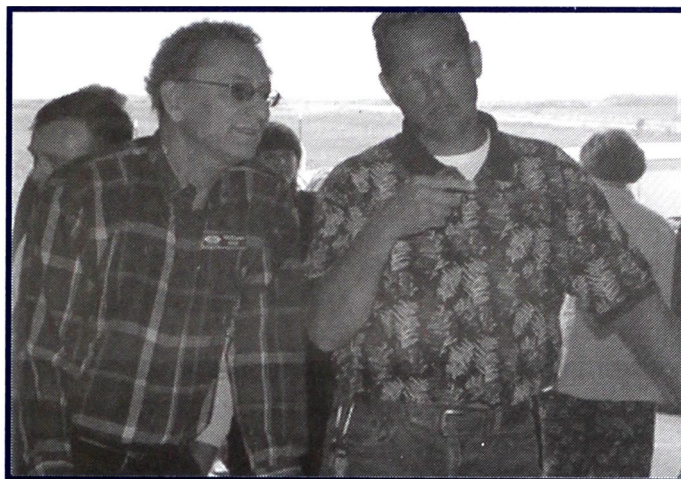
Open house for the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program was held recently at the new facility south of Weatherford.

Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Foundation was master of ceremonies.

Don Nigus, the Adventure Program Director and research coordinator and Randy Barnett, Director of Cedar Canyon, welcomed area residents to the location seven miles south on 54 and 1.5 miles east on Crowder Lake Road.

Cedar Canyon is funded by the SWOSU Foundation. It is one of the largest of the five adventure programs, with an 18-bed capacity.

This facility, like the other five, will help students to complete their internships by working with the juveniles in areas such as social work, physical education and recreation, psychology, and education. Southwestern students can also apply for



part-time positions.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs places boys at Cedar Canyon for a 6-7 month period. During this time, the boys reside there while completing their education and participating in scheduled activities.

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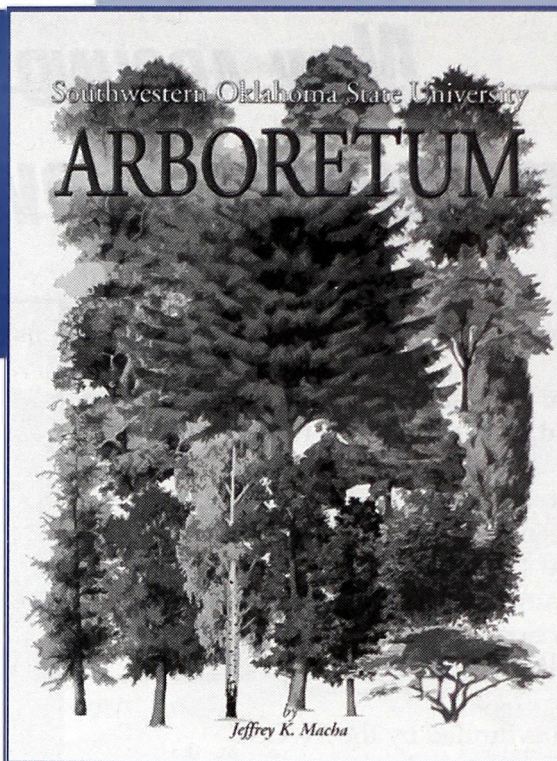
Book details species on campus

BY PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

The Southwestern campus is designated as an arboretum, and a booklet is now available detailing the mixture of native and exotic species of trees that is located on the SWOSU campus.

Biology Professor Dr. Bill Seibert and student Jeffrey Macha of Oklahoma City worked in conjunction to produce the booklet entitled "Southwestern Oklahoma State University Arboretum."

The booklet contains information on the different tree species as well as a campus map. Seibert said the trees have been planted for several purposes. The trees are used as a teaching collection for classes in biology and science education. The suitability of the different species for



western Oklahoma and growth patterns can be observed first hand. Seibert said the trees also provide shade for buildings, and proper placement can reduce energy costs.

Booklets are available from Seibert or Public Information at (580) 774-3063.

Men's basketball locker room complete

BY LACEY JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The men's basketball team's locker room and adjoining facilities went through a renovation this summer and will be finished soon.

Players and coaching

staff will enjoy new carpet in the meeting area, rubber flooring in the locker and dressing area and upgraded shower and rest room facilities. New paint and benches finish off the updated facility.

Men's basketball coach Scott Reed appreciates those who

helped in this project.

"I'd like to give a special thanks to the athletic administration and to James and Rick Skinner and all the people at the Physical Plant. They did an excellent job and the upgrade is remarkable," he said.

Former lettermen sought

A related project to the new basketball locker room is contacting former Southwestern lettermen and getting them introduced to the new coaching staff, in

hopes that they will reconnect to the men's basketball program. Former lettermen have purchased plaques, which have been mounted in the locker room.

Former lettermen call Scott Reed at (580) 772-6611.

Changes made to lower costs

By **LEXI JONES**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern is consolidating its academic units to further reduce SWOSU's low administrative costs.

Provost Bet Becker announced the breakdown of the schools and discipline areas in Fall 2003.

SWOSU now has four colleges, each led by a dean. They include the College of Arts and Sciences; College of Professional and Graduate Studies; College of Pharmacy; and College of Associate and Applied Programs on the Sayre campus.

Some departments were affected by the changes. The Health and Physical Education Recreation Leadership Department moved from Arts and Sciences to Professional and Graduate Studies, while the departments of computer science and technology merged.

SWOSU President John Hays said SWOSU has long been noted for its low administrative costs, and these changes will result in even lower administrative costs.

In the latest report from the State Regents for Higher Education, SWOSU's administrative costs were listed at 7.2% of its total budget. Other Oklahoma regional university figures ranged from 8.1% to 13.8

SWOSU lost nearly \$2.2 million in state funding during the past year and is facing an expected \$600,000 deficit during the upcoming year.

Dr. David Bergman will continue to serve as Dean of Pharmacy. Dr. Ken Rose, who has been Dean of Arts and Sciences, accepted the position of Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies. Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah was recently selected to be dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Arts & Humanities:

Art
Language Arts
Music
Social Sciences

School of Mathematics & Sciences:

Biology
Chemistry and Physics
Mathematics

College of Professional and Graduate Studies

School of Allied Health:

Allied Health
Athletic Training

School of Nursing

School of Education:

School Service Programs
Elementary and Secondary Education

School of Behavioral Sciences:

Psychology and Social Work
Health and Physical Education
Recreation Leadership

School of Business

School of Computer Science and Technology:

Computer Science
Technology

College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy

College of Associate and Applied Programs

All Sayre Campus Programs

This consolidation will decrease administrative costs by approximately \$300,000 per year, Hays said. Since schools around the state are already experiencing budget cuts, Becker said that this move was necessary to prevent more drastic measures, such as cutting programs. Becker and Hays said this is a "transition period" but do not believe these changes will have any adverse effects on the students.

In fact, they see benefits. As the semester continues, the chairs of each department in the Professional/Graduate Studies College will become directors. According to Becker, "As directors, they will be able to spend more time on student curriculum."

Dunn wins pageant title

By PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

Chelsea Dunn of Enid is the new Miss Southwestern.

Dunn won the title on in Fall 2003. Dunn will represent SWOSU at next summer's Miss Oklahoma Pageant in Tulsa.

Dunn is a junior majoring in music therapy. She won a \$2,100 scholarship for winning the Miss Southwestern title. Dunn sang *At Last* for the talent portion of the contest, and her platform issue is promoting community involvement with Special Olympics.

Yukon sophomore Lauren Johnson finished as first runnerup. Johnson won a \$1,100 scholarship. She also won the talent competition of the pageant with her piano solo.

Other top finishers included: Taylor Eicholz, Altus freshman, second runnerup, \$700 scholarship; Shannez Garcia, Hydro senior, third runnerup and winner of the Peer Respect/Leadership Award, \$600 scholarship; and Chelsea Dudgeon, Cordell sophomore, fourth runnerup, \$500 scholarship.

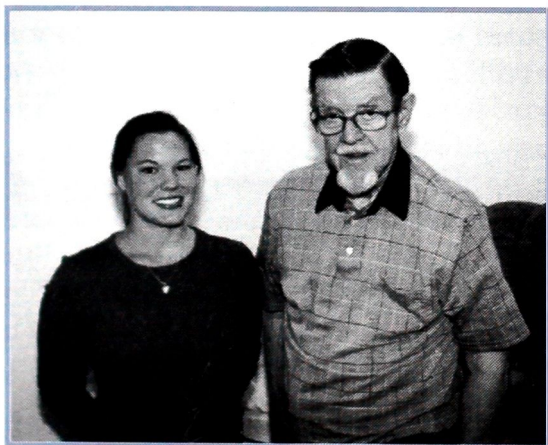
Nicole Moody, Oklahoma City (PC North) sophomore, won the physical



Chelsea Dunn



(from left) Shannez' Garcia, Lauren Johnson, Chelsea Dunn, Taylor Eicholz, and Chelsea Dudgeon



Southwestern Oklahoma State University senior Joy Unruh of Meno recently received the Dr. James and Alice Jurrens Scholarship at SWOSU in Weatherford. Dr. and Mrs. Jurrens established the scholarship in 2000 to benefit a student majoring in music. The scholarship recipient is selected by the SWOSU music faculty. Unruh is pictured with Dr. Jurrens.

Enrollment tops mark again

By ASHLEY KELLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the fifth straight year, Southwestern's fall enrollment has risen. This year, the number of students, 5,293, is a 3.1 increase over 2002's number.

total students

2003 -- 5,293

2002 -- 5,135

2001 -- 4,956

2000 -- 4,915

1999 -- 4,903

1998 -- 5,127

1997 -- 4,945

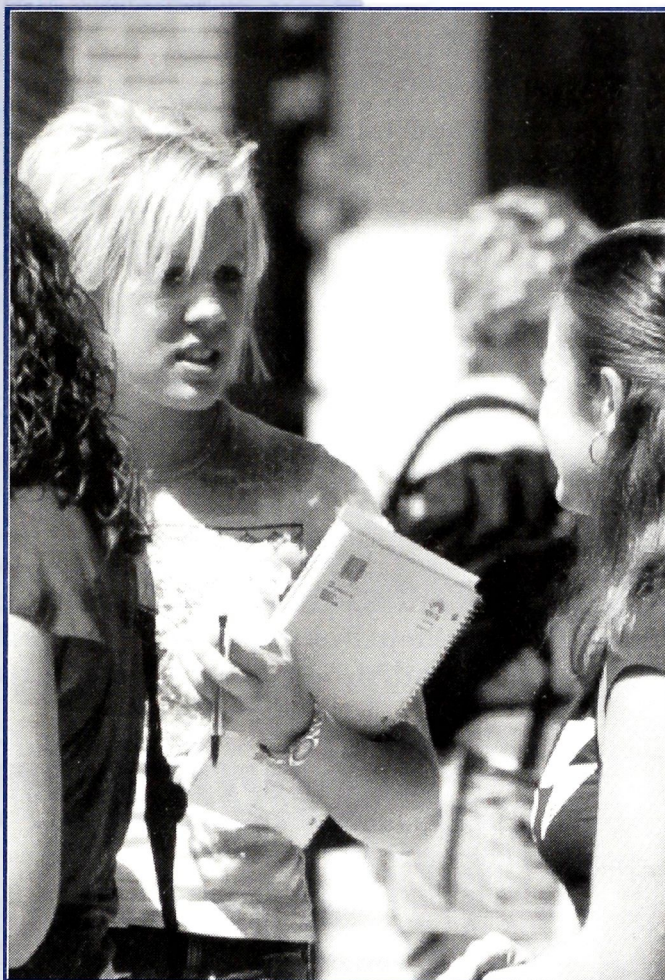
1996 -- 4,984

Over the past 13 years, Southwestern's highest overall enrollment was in 1993 with 5,553 students and lowest overall enrollment was in 1999 with 4,903 students.

Southwestern's overall enrollment has increased due to various reasons.

Southwestern's increase in tuition was much lower than larger universities, said Bob Klaassen, director of admissions and registrar. Also, the number of international students at Southwestern in increasing.

"As of today, we have over 100 international students from over 30 countries currently enrolled," Klaassen said.



The campus is crowded between classes, due to a steady increase in students in the past five years.

Freshman class largest since 1990

By BUCK GUEST
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The freshmen class increased this year by 5 percent from 2002, and is the biggest class since 1990. The class is approximately 1,063 students, compared to 1,009 last year.

"Freshmen are attracted to Southwestern because of our lower tuition," said registrar Bob Klaassen. Southwestern's tuition went up 12

percent compared to The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, which increased by 30 and 28 percent, respectively.

Also, Southwestern is closer to home for a majority of students.

"Southwestern made my transition from high school to college very comfortable, and financially was a better choice," said David Searcy a freshmen from Tipton.

Tuition jumps to new levels

Southwestern rises price 12.9 percent

By KIM KELLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern officials said raising the tuition is not how the university wanted to address loss of funding from the state, but in order to compete with other Oklahoma universities, a tuition increase was necessary.

The 12.9% increase is "reasonable and affordable," said Brian Adler, director of public information. By raising the tuition, "Southwestern is trying to do the right thing."

Although it is an increase, it is a lower percentage than the primary Oklahoma universities, the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. OU increased tuition 30 percent; OSU's increase

was 28 percent.

The increase was made principally to the tuition itself, although there was a \$2 accumulation to the student activity fee.

Adler said that Tom Fagan, vice president of administration and finance, and Dr. John Hays, president, anticipated a substantial shortfall in state funds.

Hays conducted public assemblies at both Weatherford and Sayre, campuses receiving student's thoughts of the rise before it was in effect.

Some individuals were concerned about enrollment numbers diminishing due to the increase of tuition. However, since the rise was lower than surrounding universities and a rise in interest in grants and student loans, Southwestern's enrollment increased for the fifth straight year.

Engineering technology

program reaccredited

By MICHAEL RODGERS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern's manufacturing engineering technology program has been reaccredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or ABET.

Southwestern boasts the only accredited manufacturing engineering technology program in the state, a fact that pleases Dr. Gary Bell.

"Our faculty, staff, alumni and students worked hard on this project,

and we are very pleased with the results," said Bell.

ABET is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as responsible for degrees in engineering, engineering technology, computing and applied science.

"We received an outstanding report with no deficiencies," Dr. Bell said.

The manufacturing technology program was first accredited in 1997 and joined the other 14 accredited programs offered at Southwestern, the most among Oklahoma's regional universities.

Center helps businesses measure impact



Research analysts Stephen Nelson and Jon Chiappe, with Center for Economic Development director Marvin Hankins, is using software to measure economic impact of a given situation. The software is available to Oklahoma businesses.

By PUBLIC INFORMATION

Southwestern's Center for Economic and Business Development at Weatherford has an impressive economic modeling tool available that provides economic impact data for the state of Oklahoma and six substate regions.

SWOSU is using the Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) software to measure the economic impact of a given situation in a region. SWOSU is the only entity in Oklahoma that has a statewide model and, as a result, university research analysts Jon Chiappe and Stephen Nelson have been working with organizations across the state of Oklahoma to analyze the economic impact data provided by the REMI model.

There are four primary scenarios that SWOSU is focusing on with the model including economic impact, counterfactual, policy and tourism impact modeling.

*Economic impact modeling predicts the economic effects upon a regional or state

economy of a new business location or a new project venture.

*In counterfactual modeling, the CEBD would model the effect upon a regional or state economy by removing an organization or business from the economy.

*Policy modeling predicts the economic impact of a significant policy change upon a regional or state economy.

*Tourism impact simulations are modeled as the increase in tourism to an area due to new / expanded tourist attractions.

The REMI model is divided into six substate regions including northwest Oklahoma, northeast Oklahoma, Tulsa area, Oklahoma City area, southeast Oklahoma and southwest Oklahoma. The REMI is also divided into 53 industrial sectors. For every economic impact scenario, the model will delineate the economic impacts upon each of the 53 sectors.

For additional information about the REMI program, contact Chiappe at (580) 774-3095 or visit the website at www.swosu.edu/bdc.

Al-Jarrah named A&S dean

Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Al-Jarrah had been serving as chair of the SWOSU Mathematics Department since 1995.

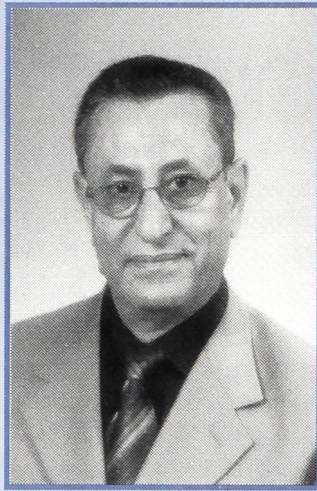
As dean, Al-Jarrah will oversee the College of Arts and Sciences containing the departments of art, language arts, music, social sciences, biology, chemistry-physics, and mathematics.

Al-Jarrah and wife, Susan, have lived in Weatherford since 1991 when he came to SWOSU from Ohio State University where he was a visiting associate professor of mathematics.

Before coming to the United States, he taught mathematics and served as director of student services at Yarmouk University in Jordan and taught mathematics at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Saudi Arabia.

Al-Jarrah earned his doctoral degree in mathematics from Ohio State University in 1980. He also earned master's degrees in both computer science and mathematics from the Columbus (OH) university. His bachelor's degree in mathematics is from Baghdad University.

The Al-Jarrahs have four children. Daughter Summer graduated this past May from SWOSU and is currently a student at the University of Oklahoma working on her doctorate. Son Thamer is a sophomore at SWOSU. Two children-Aboudi and Sarah-are students at Weatherford High School.



Seibert honored for refuge work

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Professor Dr R.W. (Bill) Seibert of Weatherford was recently honored for his many contributions at Washita National Wildlife Refuge at Butler.

Seibert was honored at the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa at an awards ceremony held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The SWOSU biology professor was recognized by Steve Williams, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dale Hall, the regional director for the Service's southwest region, presented Seibert with a plaque during the awards presentation.

Since 2000, Dr. Seibert has coordinated the volunteer efforts of students from SWOSU on the refuge. Hundreds of hours of volunteer service have been rendered by students and faculty from the university, performing biological surveys and collections, maintenance, and support activities during the past three years.

Hall said Seibert's volunteer efforts have been a tremendous boost for the refuge, thanks to the 31 other highly qualified, motivated volunteers he has recruited for refuge duties.

"Dr. Seibert has been an important partner for the refuge," said Refuge Manager David Maple. "He has enabled us to accomplish important tasks that we would have been unable to do without his help. His efforts have been multiplied by the efforts of the volunteers he recruited."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses nearly 540 national wildlife refuges.

Grants, contracts exceed \$4.5 million

Southwestern recently received confirmation of 12 grants, four contracts and two cooperative agreements with a total amount of \$4,590,699.

SWOSU President John Hays reported the awards at a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Anita Blankenship, director of sponsored programs at SWOSU, said the biggest award was a \$3,804, 459 contract from the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs to support residency programs at five sites for youth in OJA custody. The residency treatment programs utilize outdoor education experiences to encourage possible behavioral changes for the youth served. The principal investigator of the contract is Dr. Ken Rose.

Other awards are:

.....\$330,000 grant from the Parametric Technology Corporation to support the acquisition of a multi-user software license to be distributed to engineering technology students and faculty. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Richard Baugher.

.....\$98,083 contract from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support students who are pursuing child welfare careers with financial support. The principal investigator of the contract is Patricia Albaugh.

.....\$96,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the nutrition costs for participants of the Adventure Programs. The principal investigator of the grant is Jason Baker.

.....\$85,984 cooperative agreement with the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to support professional development training of K-8 teachers in inquiry-based science curriculum modules. The principal investigator of the cooperative agreement is Dr. Robbie McCarty.

.....\$34,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to support a manufacturing extension and fiscal agent who works with existing manufacturers. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Marvin Hankins.

.....\$24,284 cooperative agreement from the National Science Foundation to support efforts to recruit minority students to pursue degrees. The principal investigators of the cooperative

agreement are Dr. Vilas Prabhu and Dr. Brian Campbell.

.....\$21,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support an advisor for academic and career advisement for high challenged students. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Paulette Woods.

.....three \$16,500 grants from the National Institute of Health to provide funding for faculty at SWOSU. The principal investigator of the grants are Dr. Arden Aspedon, Dr. Jason Johnson and Dr. William Kelly.

.....\$15,000 contract from Southwestern Research Materials to support a joint project to develop and validate methodologies during the treatment of metastatic breast cancer. The principal investigators of the contract are Dr. Arden Aspedon, Dr. Kyle Ashby and Dr. Gus Ortega.

.....\$10,000 grant from Western Technology Center to support a manufacturing extension agent who works with existing small to medium sized manufacturers to improve ability to compete in the market place. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Marvin Hankins.

.....\$7,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support public performances of Romeo and Juliet. The principal investigator of the grant is Kevin Bartel.

.....\$7,000 contract from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to support scholarships for students interested in pursuing space related educational programs. The principal investigator of the contract is Dr. Vilas Prabhu.

.....\$3,000 grant from the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to support an advisor for advisement for high challenged students. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Paulette Woods.

.....\$2,937 grant from Powerade-Coca Cola North America Group to support the enhancement of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department programs. The principal investigator of the grant is Ron Walker.

.....\$2,452 grant from the Boy Scouts of America to support expenses for youth in an Office of Juvenile Affairs residency program. The principal investigator of the grant is Ryan Haggard.

Students air TV news program

By LEXI JONES
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A group of mass communication majors, headed by Jon Matthews, sophomore from Dallas, and Tabatha Kathol, senior from Guymon, launched a student-run television program this past fall.

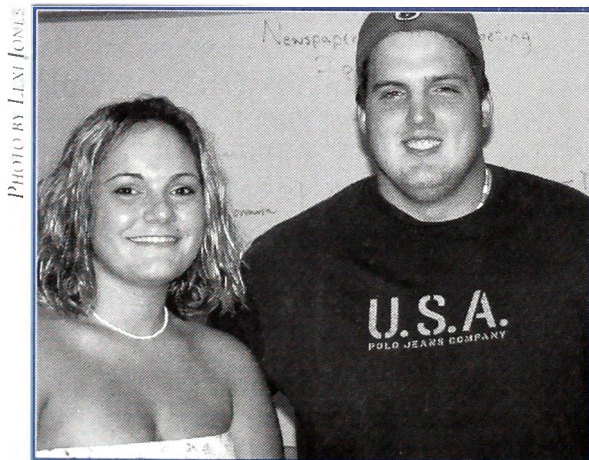
The 30-minute weekly news program covers campus-wide issues concerning students, including sporting events, academics, and changes taking place on campus. It airs on cable channel 20 through a donation of time from Cable Network Advertising.

Students are in charge of writing stories, reporting, running cameras, editing productions, and "anchoring."

"Our goal is to get the student body interested and more involved," Matthews said.

They realize they are taking on a huge task.

"We're all learning from each other because it's new," said Kathol. "We just hope to succeed. Hopefully by next spring we'll have reached all our goals."



Tabatha Kathol and Jon Matthews lead a team of students in producing KDOG, a weekly TV news show.

Kudos to...

Several Southwestern students won awards and scholarships at the recent Technology Department banquet.

Brian Rhodes of Mustang won the Richard Bruce Award for the outstanding technology student. Rhodes also won a \$350 scholarship from the Society of Manufacturing Engineering chapter of Oklahoma City.

Andy Duffield of Olustee won the Dean Ainsworth Award for the outstanding non-traditional student. Two certificates of recognition for scholastic achievement went to Justin Tate of Mountain View for computer engineering and Joe Smith of Thomas for industrial technology. Smith also won a \$100 scholarship from the OKC SME chapter.

Other scholarship winners, according to chair Dr. Gary Bell, were: Josh Sterba, Weatherford, \$300; Nicholas Bidelsbach, Chickasha, \$200; Brandy Pizzini, Weatherford, \$200; and Brady Quisenberry, Watonga, \$100.

Southwestern's theatre division at Weatherford recently received news that its production of *Blood Knot* has been chosen to advance to the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Earlier this fall, SWOSU presented its production at the state KCACTF and received the Directors' Choice Award. That award placed SWOSU, along with over 30 other colleges and universities in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico, in the deliberation process for a production-slot at the regional festival. Only seven schools in the five-state region were chosen to advance.

SWOSU's production company will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., on Feb. 24 to participate in the 36th annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. This is only the third time in the festival's 36 years that SWOSU has been invited to present a production on the regional level.

A national selection team will be at the regional festival to choose productions to advance to the national festival, which is held at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D. C.

For individuals wishing to see the production, Southwestern will present a return engagement in the Old Science Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

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A mother's sacrifice

Call to duty separates family

By ALEX JAQUEZ
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It's difficult enough for typical students/soldiers.

When called to duty, those students leave behind family, friends, belongings and hometowns. For Southwestern student Geneva Johnson, it's even more heartbreaking. She'll leave behind Amber.

"The hardest part is leaving my daughter behind," said Johnson, an elementary education major from Forgan.

The call to duty is not the only heart-break for the Johnson family. In April, Johnson's husband died from lung disease. Amber, 11, will stay with her grandmother while Johnson is in Kuwait -- for a long time.

"The news of me leaving for a year is difficult for her to understand," she said.

Johnson and the rest of the 443rd unit of Dodge City, Kan., have been assigned to move army tanks, weighing approximately 60 tons, to Kuwait.

When Johnson was informed in early November of the duty expected, the news was of no surprise to her.

"I have been in the reserves for 13 years, so I have been expecting this day," Johnson said.

Amber is looking forward to making new friends in the small panhandle town of Forgan.

"I don't really know what's going to happen yet, but I'm going to a different school and have new friends," Amber said.

Johnson believes that her family's support and her unit's brotherhood are the main things that will bring her comfort.

"I have spent a lot of time speaking with my mother," she said.

"I can tell she is excited for me, but I can also feel the pain she is not willing to show around me."

Johnson views the war as a learning opportunity for everyone involved.

"I feel we are at war because there are problems that need fixed. I see the war as people doing what needs to be done to protect and support our nation."

The goal she hopes to accomplish is going in, doing her job, and returning home to be with her daughter again.



Geneva Johnson of Forgan will be shipped out in December to serve in Kuwait. Geneva leaves behind an 11-year-old daughter, Amber. She will be in Kuwait for a year.



Henry visits SWOSU

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry visited the SWOSU campus in December for a luncheon with area civic clubs and an opportunity to meet with SWOSU students and employees.

Rodeo teams finish strong in fall season

ALEX JAQUEZ
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The Southwestern rodeo team held their ground at Northwestern to finish the fall semester. The woman gave another outstanding performance, winning the rodeo with 265 points. Second place was Panhandle State with 160. The woman hold first place in the region with 837.5 points. Oklahoma State follows with 405.

"What it takes to win a team title is to place in every event and the women did just that," said rodeo coach Chad Ramirez.

In regional rankings, the men's rodeo holds on to

second place with a total of 765 points. In first place is Panhandle State with a total of 1170 points. Fort Scott trails behind Southwestern with 760 points.

The bullriding event was the top scoring event for the men at Northwestern. Bandy Murphy, Justin Hermanson and Justin Jacobucci all made the short round. Hermanson placed first and Murphy took third. The men finished with a total of 150 points, and finished in fifth place.

"I'm proud of our performance. Other teams have seen how many points the girls can score. If both teams hit at one time, we will be taking over. This is what makes us win," Ramirez said.

Lee Akin wins Bullnanza title

On Jan. 31, Weatherford's Lee Akin won his first Bullnanza Title, winning \$32, 768. The annual bull-riding event was held at the Lazy E Arena in Edmond.

In the final round, the former Southwestern rodeo team member ended up with 88.5 points riding Terry Williams Bucking Bulls' Red Alert.

In 2003 Akins hit a hot streak, winning titles from Worchester, Mass and Baltimore, Md.

"I've been working harder than ever," Akins said in a Lazy E press release.

"I think after the wins last season I got lazy. So, particularly within the past three or four months I've been very committed and feel that I am not riding just with my head, I'm riding with my heart again."

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Live taping

Athletic trainers have busy game days



Athletic trainers Morgan Donley and Amy Howard practice athletic training duties in preparation for an upcoming Southwestern football game.

By LACEY JOHNSON
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With football and soccer seasons underway, Southwestern's student trainers keep busy.

The athletic training department strives to prepare students for real life job situations. In doing so, student athletic trainers help with Southwestern's athletic teams. Two such students, Morgan Donley and Amy Howard, describe their routines before the big game.

First, they stretch the athletes and perform pre-game treatment. They tape ankles, knees, and arms of players.

During the game, they stay at the sidelines with water and PowerAde, which prevents cramping. They also have a crutch bag, spinal board, and bio-kits in case of injuries.

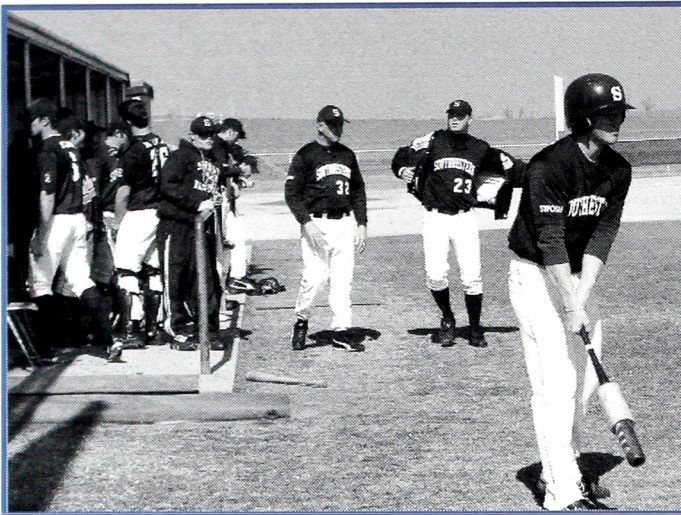
After the game, they perform post-

game treatments if needed, "If the athletes are willing to stay," Donley said.

The two enjoy their jobs. They like working directly with the athletes. Donley likes most "the hands-on learning experience in an athletic environment."

The student trainers are at every home football game, and they split up to travel to away games. Trainers also participate in the athletic training of all 12 Southwestern intercollegiate sports. They also work with Integris Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Network and Integris Clinton Regional Hospital.

The Athletic Training Education Program is one of only 202 national programs to receive accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, and is the only CAAHEP accredited programs in the state of Oklahoma.



Coach Charles Teasley and the team huddle around the new dugouts.

First games played on field of dreams

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the baseball team played its first game at the new athletic complex north of campus. The complex, which features four fields and two buildings, was built in a wheat field next to Caddo Street. Rick Skinner, director of the Physical Plant, threw out the first pitch. The men beat Panhandle in the doubleheader, 10-1 and 15-5. The softball team also played its first home games of the year at the complex, which was completed this summer.



Cory Givens connects with a pitch in the first ever game at the new athletic complex.

Dispatches

The Lone Star Conference handed down the All-LSC football teams with four Bulldogs making the First Team Defense, one on the second team offense, and three with honorable mention honors. Earning a spot on the All-LSC First Team Defense were nose guard **Rick Washington**, linebacker **Charles Thomas**, defensive back **Dustin Wall** and punter **Scott Poole**. **Chase Pratt** (So., WR, Olney, TX) received All-LSC Second Team Offense honors. Senior quarterback Reade Box, offensive guard **Zac Bryant** and defensive back **Colt Allison** earned All-LSC Honorable Mention honors.

Southwestern's football squad had two players earn a spot on the LSC All Academic Team and one on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. **Greg Higgins** (Sr., LB, Houston, TX) majoring in history and **Josh Werth** (Jr., C, Hays, KS) majoring in pharmacy landed a spot on the LSC All Academic Team. **Lance Buky** (Sr., TE, Colleyville, TX) earned a spot on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Bulldog soccer player **Dustin Lollis** was named to the LSC All-Conference Team. Lollis recorded three goals and two assists; Tyler Fagan, Tony Orsi, Cory Rangel, and Jon Rice earned honorable mention.

Soccer midfielder **Katherine DeWitt** earned second team LSC All-Conference honors for her play this past season. DeWitt, a sophomore from Norman recorded four goals and one assist. DeWitt started in all 20 games for the Lady Bulldogs.

Southwestern men's soccer team member **Robby Miller** was named to the Lone Star Conference Academic Team. Miller, a Lawton native, is a senior goalkeeper majoring in music.

Stacy Lee, a senior soccer player from Del City majoring in marketing, earned a spot on the Lone Star Conference Academic Team. **Lindsey Kurtz**, **Jennifer Roberts**, **Emily Rodawalt**, **Mykala Terrell**, and **Amy Snedeker** earned a spot on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Soccer ends five-year run

By EMILY SCHIMMEL
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Southwestern is saying goodbye to men's soccer.

"It's discouraging, but it's the best move for the school right now," said soccer coach Joe Bradley.

In 1998 Southwestern school officials decided to drop the tennis program and add soccer to the line up. They hoped it would draw more Oklahoma students.

The soccer program's first season was in fall 1999. The team was headed by Jim Loomis, a Southwestern graduate who coached Weatherford High School.

The team won its inaugural game against Bartlesville Wesleyan.

In the 2000 season coach Loomis led the team to a victory over Hardin-Simmons and tied with NAIA powerhouse St. Gregory's. The team finished the season with a 4-14-1 record.

In the 2001 season the team beat USAO in front of a record crowd.

After being named Lone Star Conference "Coach of the Year," Loomis resigned as head coach in 2001 with an overall record of 18-36-3.

Joe Bradley, a former Southwestern soccer player, was announced head coach for men's soccer.

In 2002 the bulldogs won its first LSC conference game in the program's existence. Shortly after the season ended, the school announced that due to budget restraints the program was being cut.

"I wanted the team to have fun in this final season, but I also expected them to work hard and they did," Bradley said.

Season to transition

Former Bulldog and Men's Soccer Coach Joe Bradley led his team through the program's final season last fall.

By PHILIP BUSEY
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The fall semester was the final season for the men's soccer program due to budget woes that forced the athletic department to cut the program.

"It is always difficult to drop a sport," Athletics Director Cecil Perkins said. "It affects the athletics and educational careers of several student athletes."

Head men's and women's soccer coach Joe Bradley, in his third year as the men's coach, helped his players finish well.

"It's truly sad but, life does go on," Bradley said.

The team was first cut in spring. Players rallied and raised funds to continue one last season.

Bradley used the final year to teach multiple

aspects of the game so his players can play somewhere else.

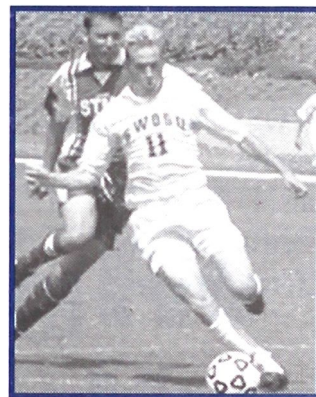
"Most of the focus this season is getting the players accustomed to new styles and making it easier for them to move on to other teams so they can have a nice transition," he said.

Bradley said he and his players learned a lot and got a unique and valuable experience.

"The players are really a committed group of guys," Bradley said.

"They raised a lot of money to be able to have a good end to the program they deserve. It allows the seniors to have a good finish."

After the season Bradley will continue focusing on soccer, coaching only the women's team.



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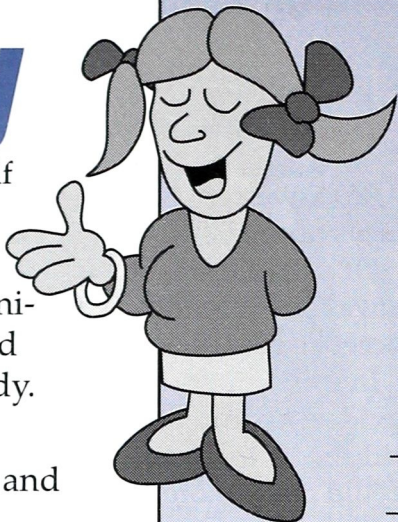
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