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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Another academic year that closed on an absolutely beautiful Saturday morning in May! The sky was blue; the temperature was in the 70's; and a light wind furlled the flags from the pole at the south end of Milam Stadium. I mention this special occasion hoping that the words will bring back memories of your days at Southwestern. However, you may have walked across the stage in either the Rankin Williams Field House or the Student Union on a stormy Friday night! Either way, convocation is always a special time for our graduates and their families and friends.

Summer classes are under way along with the many other scheduled activities, including a series of middle school and high school camps and the completion of the renovation of the old Science Building. One special event will be held on Monday, July 17, at Crowder Lake. Starting at 1:30 p.m., there will be available paddleboats, canoes, the low ropes course, and fishing. Then at 6:00 p.m., we will serve a barbecue supper followed by a great evening of entertainment provided by "Call of the West" and Laurette Willis-Dovetail Productions. You can finish the day by walking the trails that have been added to the area or by spending the night camping out in your RV (four pads available) or one of the tepees that we have on the grounds. Bring your lawn chair and join us for a fun day!

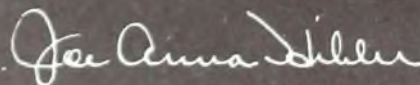
This fall our North Central Accreditation comprehensive visit is scheduled for October 2-4. Dr. Bet Becker and members of the Steering Committee have completed our self-study report, which is posted on our website. Also, we will start a new degree program in athletics training this fall.

Homecoming is Saturday, October 7th. I hope that you will join us. With the help of Richard Hasley, Class of 1964, events are being planned for Friday, October 6th, including a golf tournament. Watch for your Homecoming postcard later this summer!

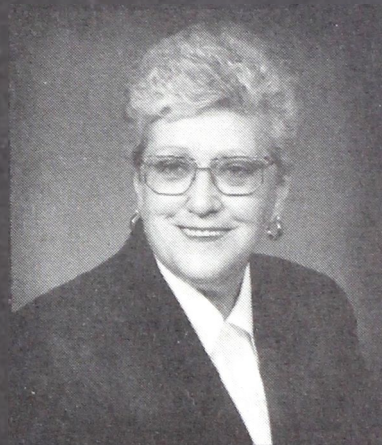
We continue making plans for our Centennial Year 2001. Dr. Jerry Nye is hard at work on recording our history. Copies of his book will be available by pre order, so look for an order form on the back cover of this edition. Among other events being planned, the Alumni Association Board will sponsor a "brick and mortar" structure for our campus. Brent Gibson, Class of 1980, has volunteered his design talent, and Mike Freeman, Class of 1968, and Linda Jones, Class of 1985 & 86, will help with the fund raising campaign. We will have more information available in the fall issue.

You have an open invitation to visit Southwestern. Whether you come for a special event, or just drop by for a cup of coffee, we welcome your return to the Hill.

Sincerely,



Joe Anna Hibler, President



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New Lady Bulldog Basketball Coach

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Athletic Director Cecil Perkins announced the employment of Shelly Pond as the new women's basketball coach. A former player and assistant coach for the Lady Bulldogs, she returns to lead the squad after coaching the past two years at Weatherford High School in Weatherford, OK.

"I am excited to have one of our own come back and lead one of our most successful programs," said Perkins who named Pond as the third head coach of SWOSU's women's basketball team since its inception in 1976. "Shelly is very capable of leading the program at the level we are accustomed to seeing

them compete."

A native of Binger, OK, Pond competed for the Lady Bulldogs from 1988-92. During those four years, Southwestern produced a successful record of 136-22, along with an NAIA national championship title in 1990 as well as the national runner-up title in 1991.

She earned honorable-mention all-conference honors, and Pond also proved to be a role model in the classroom as an All-American Scholar Athlete, as well as an academic all-district performer. She graduated with honors in 1992 with a degree in business education.

"I think this is a good move for

me and my family and an opportunity I could not pass up," remarks Pond.

"This is a great program, and I intend to continue to build on what has been accomplished."

Pond recently completed her second year at Weatherford High School with an appearance at the area tournament. Prior to leading the Lady Eagles, she served as an assistant women's basketball coach and tennis coach at Southwestern for two years.

She inherits a team that ended the 2000 season with a 15-11 record with seven members projected to return. Southwestern also finished its second year of competition in the Lone Star Conference.

Loftin Leaves SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University women's basketball coach John Loftin finished 19 impressive years at the Weatherford university after the 1999-2000 season finale against Harding University.

Loftin coached Southwestern's women's basketball team during its success-filled years in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). He continued to coach the Lady Bulldogs when the university joined the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in 1995.

Southwestern won five NAIA national championship titles under the guidance of Loftin in 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1990. His Lady Bulldog teams made 10 Final Four appearances at the NAIA national tournaments. In addition to the national titles, the Lady Bulldogs won the runnerup title in 1991, were semifinalists in 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1997, and were quarterfinalists in 1984 and 1994. Since 1981, Loftin coached 11 different First Team All-Americans.

His overall record at SWOSU was 499-99, and his career record is 742-164 which includes eight years coaching in Texas public schools and six years at Murray State College. Loftin won his 700th career basketball game during the 1998 season.

Kara King, Miss Southwestern Again?

Historical records of the Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant could be confusing in the future.

There's nothing unusual that Kara Lynn King, a freshman from Binger, won the Miss Southwestern 2000 title in October. But, it is unique that King succeeds the 1999 pageant winner who has an identical name.

Kara Lynn King, a junior from Altus, gave up her Miss Southwestern 1999 crown at the pageant.

"Occasionally you find students on a campus with the same full name, but it is remarkable to have back-to-back winners of the Miss Southwestern Pageant with identical names," said Denise Hamburger, director of the pageant.

In addition to having the same name, both are majoring in vocal music education. King, the one from Binger, won the talent and crowd pleaser awards at the pageant. She won \$1,300 in scholarship money at Southwestern and will represent the university at the 2000 Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

First runnerup and winner of an \$800 scholarship was Heather Bates of El Reno, while second runnerup, swim suit award winner and \$500 scholarship winner was Amy Kilhoffer of Elk City. Edie Spencer of Pink was third runnerup and winner of a \$400 scholarship, and Kristen Bartel of Corn finished as fourth runnerup and winner of a \$300 scholarship. Nine non-finalists each won \$100 scholarships.

The scholarship money was made possible by Southwestern, the pageant board, and a matching grant from the Miss America Organization through the Miss Oklahoma Pageant. This was the second year that Southwestern's pageant received funds from the matching program.



Kara King (center), finalists included (from left): Edie Spencer, Pink, third runnerup; Heather Bates, El Reno, first runnerup; Amy Kilhoffer, Elk City, second runnerup; and Kristen Bartel, Corn, fourth runnerup.

Dr. Nail Speaks at Oxford England

SWOSU psychology professor Dr. Paul Nail of Weatherford made a recent presentation at the Oxford University Reading and Research Seminar in Oxford, England.

Nail focused on research conducted by Southwestern graduate Brian Decker and Nail on the psychology of prejudice.

Dr. Les Levy, chairman of the psychology department, said Nail has been invited to several conferences to address his new integrative theory regarding how people are influenced by diverse sources such as friends, groups, strangers, authorities and commercials. Nail's work is scheduled for publication this summer in the prestigious journal, *Psychological Bulletin*.

Lane & Bell Receive Music Awards

SWOSU Has Three Nights of Opera

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Music recently presented three nights of opera.

Sixteen Southwestern students presented scenes from three romantic operas plus a contemporary one-act work.

Dr. Charles Chapman directed the production which featured students from the studios of Chapman, Dr. Debra Spurgeon and Charles Klingman. Features included the famous *Quartet* from Verdi's *Rigoletto* and the Finale of Act II of Verdi's *Il Trovatore*.

Featured were the following students: Molly Burns, Guymon; Holly Anderson and Jacob Smith, both of Altus; Mariah Jobe, Oklahoma City; Megan Mathews, Jason Dibler and Melissa Walton, all of Weatherford; David Webber, Woodward; Jessica Church, Bristow; Bryon Chambers, Moore; Mike Shimp, Bixby; Jason Goeringer, Bessie; Erin Bailey, Edmond; Lindy Mahlman, Alva; Justin Conkling, Norman; and Nancy Gill, Catoosa.

Barbara Lane of Weatherford and Ray Bell of Woodward are recipients of recent Southwestern Oklahoma State University Music Department Special Service Awards.

The awards were presented during homecoming activities on the Weatherford campus.

Bell, who is currently director of bands for Dalhart (TX) schools, is a 1967 graduate of Southwestern. Bell has served Southwestern as summer band camp director for many years and continues to send music students to Southwestern. Bell is one of six Oklahoma Music Educators Association presidents with SWOSU ties in the past 18 years.

Following four years of service in the U.S. Navy in Southeast Asia, Bell became band director at Alice Robertson Junior High School in Muskogee. He then served in that capacity in the Bixby and Tulsa Union school systems before returning to his hometown of Woodward. From Woodward, he went to Dalhart.

Bell is married to Karen Martin Bell, an elementary music teacher in Woodward. Their daughter, Kimberly, is a 1999 music graduate of Southwestern.

Lane has been the secretary for the music department for the past 12 years and was cited for exemplary service to the department over and above the normal secretarial duties. She associates with students, faculty and visiting public school teachers/students on a year-round daily basis.

She is married to Dr. Alan Lane, a faculty member in the chemistry department at Southwestern.

This is the second year for the special service awards. Previous recipients were George Wilkerson and Weldon Collier, both of Weatherford, and Lorena Males of Cheyenne.

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Dr. Spurgeon Receives Award

Dr. Debra Spurgeon, associate professor of music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was named *Oklahoma Director of Distinction* by the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association at the group's recent annual convention.

Spurgeon was chosen by a vote of 300 OCDA members. Guidelines for nomination state the individual must show the highest degree of professionalism and musicianship and demonstrate leadership qualities.

Spurgeon is immediate past president of the OCDA and is a candidate for president of the Southwest Division of the American Choral Directors Association, which represents choral directors from the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

SWOSU Theatre Department performs *The Cover of Life* at regional festival

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's theatre department received very good news earlier this year.

Southwestern's production of *The Cover of Life*, which was performed during the Fall 1999 semester on the Weatherford campus, was one of seven plays selected for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre regional festival in February, 2000.

A total of 53 productions from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana competed in the region, and 21 of those shows were considered to fill the seven slots in the regional festival. This is the first time in the festival's 32-year history that Southwestern's entry has advanced.

"It is all very exciting and overwhelming," said Steve Strickler, SWOSU language arts faculty member and play director. "We are extremely proud to have reached this level."

Southwestern's entry, under the guidance of Strickler and technical director Darryl Rodriquez, traveled to Tyler, Texas, where it was viewed by a national selection team, which also travels to seven other regions. After attending all eight regional festivals, the national selection team picked a slate of shows to be presented at the national festival which is held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

The Cover of Life received many awards at the state festival held in October, including the Respondent's Choice Award and Director's Choice Award. Strickler won the award for Outstanding Direction, Phillip Schroeder of Okeene won awards for the Outstanding Program and Poster Design, and Natalie Coe of Hydro and Kelli Prescott of Channing (TX) won Irene Ryan Acting awards.

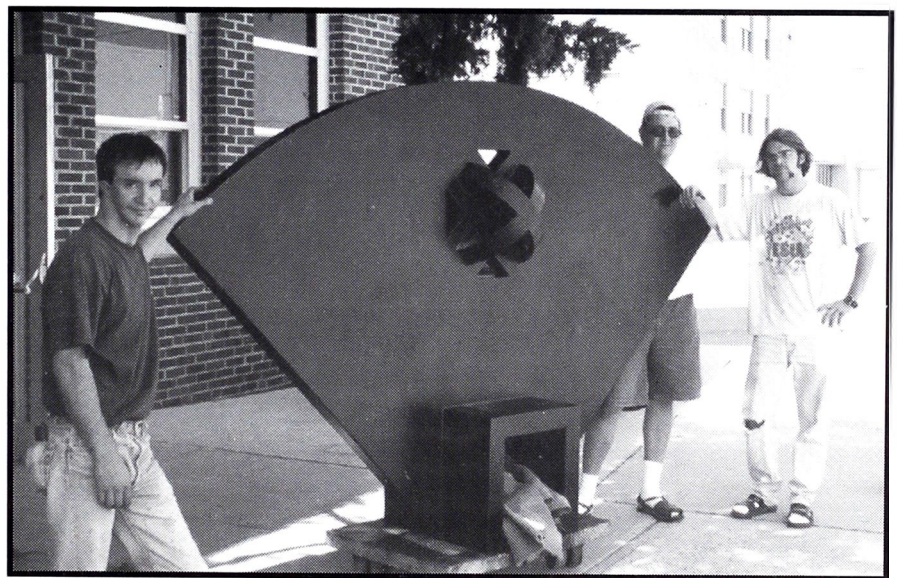
Southwestern Oklahoma State University's art department is seeking donations to erect a sculpture on the Weatherford campus.

Joe London, chairman of the art department, said the sculpture was recently purchased by private donations. Titled "Since Creation," the three-dimensional welded metal structure was created by SWOSU graduate Gary Hickerson and will be displayed outside the Art Building.

London said around \$2,400 is needed to complete the project. Donations can be made by contacting London at (580) 774-3756 or the SWOSU Foundation Office at (580) 774-3267.

Contributors to purchase the sculpture were made by the Southwestern Student Art Association; BancFirst, Weatherford; Bertha Mary Klaassen; John Donley; the late Senator Ed Berrong, Sr.; Dr. Joe Anna Hibler; and a grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Art Department Purchases Sculpture Made By SWOSU Graduate



Southwestern Oklahoma State University will soon be erecting this three-dimensional welded metal sculpture on the Weatherford campus. The SWOSU Art Department recently purchased the structure from (left) SWOSU graduate Gary Hickerson. Helping with the movement of the piece are (right) Robb Kopp and Evan Sprinkle.

Oklahoma students can better their chances of receiving financial aid for college by following 10 easy steps, according to Southwestern Oklahoma State University and State Regent officials.

"Oklahoma colleges and universities are among the most affordable in the nation," said Chancellor Hans Brisch, noting that the combined cost of tuition, fees and room and board at state universities was lowest in the nation in 1997-98, the latest year for which data is available.

"However, higher education is sensitive to the financial pressures that these costs may place on some students and

their families and have made more financial aid available than ever before," Brisch said.

Brisch noted that in 1996-97 state colleges and universities distributed 250,970 financial aid awards and loans valued at more than \$487.4 million to 106,225 students, or 50.1 percent of all Oklahoma students attending college, the largest percentage ever of Oklahoma college students receiving aid.

To help students take advantage of financial aid opportunities this year, SWOSU Financial Services Director Thomas Ratliff offers the following guide to applying for state and federal financial aid:

10 Steps to Improve Your Chances

1. Determine which colleges and universities to apply to and request their admission and financial aid information.
2. Request necessary application forms from colleges and universities, counselors and organizations offering scholarship or grant opportunities.
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Copies of the form are available from a high school counselor or the college or university the student plans to attend. Copies are also available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA will help determine financial aid need and eligibility for both state and federal programs. Ratliff said students who are accepted for enrollment at Southwestern can bring their completed FAFSA forms to the Student Financial Services Office to be sent electronically to the government. This usually saves approximately one month of waiting.
4. Apply early by submitting all applications as soon as possible after January 1. More grant money is available to early applicants, and early application will enable the financial aid office to have the financial aid awarded and in place when the student actually begins classes.
5. Read the instructions on the financial aid package forms carefully and fill them in as neatly and accurately as possible. Send applications promptly and remember to keep a copy.
6. Know the difference between the types of financial aid. College funding from grants, scholarships and work-study programs does not have to be repaid. Most student loans require cash repayment, although some types allow repayment through services such as employment after graduation.
7. Complete admission forms required by the college or university the student plans to attend.
8. Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) which is the response letter which the government sends an applicant after receiving a FAFSA form. It will outline all information submitted on the FAFSA. Verify that the information is correct and submit it to the financial aid office at each college or university where the student is applying.
9. To reduce delays, always respond promptly to requests for information from the financial aid office.
10. Review all award letters received from each institution and accept or reject their offers.

For more information on state and federal financial aid, call the SWOSU Financial Services Office in Weatherford at (580) 774-3786, the State Regents' toll-free hotline at 800-858-1840, or visit higher education's Web site at www.okhighered.org

Kala Freeman Named Oklahoma NCAA Woman of the Year

Southwestern Oklahoma State University golfer Kala Freeman was the Oklahoma representative in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Woman of the Year Award. The NCAA announced the 51 state-level winners (including the District of Columbia). The 51 state winners were chosen from more than 300 nominations.

The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors outstanding female student-athletes from NCAA institutions (Division I, II, and III) who have excelled in the collegiate environment beyond their athletic pursuits with academic achievements and community involvement.

Freeman, who was recently married to Mark Estep, completed her athletic eligibility in the 1999 season, representing SWOSU at the NCAA Division II & III

Women's Golf Championship. She finished the event ranked 11th with a 62-hole score of 325.

The Woodward, OK, native earned medalist honors in four tournaments during her senior year. Her low round score on the season was 73.

Freeman finished second at the Lone Star Conference Tournament, earning all-conference honors for the second consecutive year. She is also a two-time academic all-conference performer, claiming a 3.83 GPA and majoring in physical education.

When the Bulldogs competed at the NAIA level, Freeman was a 1996 NAIA first-team All-American and a 1998 NAIA third-team All-American. She is the first four-year letterwinner at SWOSU in women's golf.

Southwestern Music Department Hosts Oklahoma Beethoven Society National Festival

Thirty-two pianists, a chorus of 75 voices and soloists, seven grand pianos, three concerts and 30 youth participants from across the United States performed at the Oklahoma Beethoven Society National Festival on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Drawing from an honor roll of international musicians that included Stephan Moeller of Vienna, Austria, and Luiz and Bridget de Moura Castro of Connecticut, the SWOSU Music Department served as host of the festival.

"Frankly, one of the many reasons for doing this was to create an opportunity for guest artists to come and perform the works of Beethoven," said Donald Beattie, founder/director of the Beethoven Society for Pianists. "When you establish contact with these artists, you find that they are very often looking for places to play and that includes places like Carbondale (IL) and Weatherford (OK) as much as it does larger cities."

Moeller and the Castros highlighted the guest performers. Moeller won third prize at the International Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna. He is busily concertizing as a pianist and conductor throughout Europe, the United States and China. He is specially noted for his

performance series of all 32 Beethoven piano sonatas.

Since 1990, Moeller has been teaching at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. In 1996, he was awarded the "Great Artist Award" by the American Beethoven Society for Pianists. He is president of the Vienna International Pianists Association.

Luiz de Moura Castro's career as a performer has taken him throughout the world. He is now a full-time faculty member at the Hartt School of the University of Hartford and also serves as head of the piano department at the Juan Pedro Carrero School of Music in Barcelona. The year 2000 brings four new recording contracts and participation in many festivals across the world.

Bridget de Moura Castro divides her time between concerts and teaching activities in the Hartford area, Europe and Brazil. She has studied at Reading University and London University in England and at the Liszt Academy in Budapest as a British Council Scholar. She is president of the Connecticut State Music Teachers' Association.

Dr. James Breckenridge, professor of piano and coordinator of the keyboard division at SWOSU, organized this year's event.

Dr. Barry J. Gales Named Pharmacist Of The Year

Dr. Barry J. Gales, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has been named Pharmacist of the Year by the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Gales was honored at the OSHP's annual meeting held in early April in Oklahoma City.

Gales, who lives in Edmond, joined the faculty of the SWOSU School of Pharmacy in 1990 and, since that time, has been training pharmacy students, pharmacy residents and medical residents. Dr. Gales' training sites include INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Great Plains Family Practice Center, and Baptist Community Clinic, all in Oklahoma City.

The award comes on the heels of another recent honor. At the INTEGRIS *Health*® Circles of Excellence awards and recognition dinner, Dr. Gales was honored as part of a group of dedicated volunteers. The Baptist Community Clinic and its volunteers were given the annual INTEGRIS *Health*® Award of Excellence, presented by Stanley F. Hupfeld, president and chief executive officer of INTEGRIS *Health*®.

Baptist Community Clinic opened in 1993, as a service of INTEGRIS *Health*®, to help fulfill the organization's mission to improve the lives of the people it serves.

This free clinic was established in the heart of the inner city in the Classen Ten Penn area, a culturally diverse neighborhood which has crime rates, gang activity and a high unemployment rate. Many of the residents do not have access and/or transportation to quality health-care services. In addition, some do not feel comfortable going outside their neighborhood to seek much-needed care. The average household income is less than \$10,000.

Operating three nights a month—the second, third and fourth Thursday—the clinic sees an average of 130 patients each night. Some 40 volunteers staff the clinic. Services are provided in collaboration with Oliver Baptist Church, the Oklahoma County Health Department, schools of public health, pharmaceutical companies, dentists, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and many other community volunteers. Since the opening of the clinic, more than \$1 million in health-care services have been provided. Dr. Jonathan Schwartz serves as medical director of the clinic.

Reception Honors SWOSU Retirees



These Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members were recently honored at a retirement reception hosted by the SWOSU Faculty Senate on the Weatherford campus. Among the honorees were (from left): Dr. Dennis Messmer in allied health, Beverly Jones in the library, and Dr. Garabed Armoudian and Dr. Stuart Burchett, both in the chemistry and physics department. Jones has served as library director since 1993, while Messmer, Armoudian and Burchett all started their careers at SWOSU in the 1960s. Messmer and Armoudian began in 1968, while Burchett joined the SWOSU staff in 1965.

Great Plains General Business Index Now Available

A revised Great Plains General Business Index to better track the regional economy of 13 counties in southwest and west central Oklahoma is now available through the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Business Development Center in Weatherford.

Jon Chiappe, research analyst at the BDC, said the four counties of Blaine, Caddo, Dewey and Ellis are now included in the regional index which previously covered only nine counties (Beckham, Custer, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Tillman and Washita).

The new regional index will be maintained by the BDC which is a departure from the earlier practice of contracting with an outside organization to maintain the index. The BDC has always created the index and will continue to do so.

Also starting with the current first quarter 1999 edition, a new section that tracks each of the 13 counties is available.

"We will not only track the regional economy with a regional index but include an additional 13 county indices designed to track each of the counties," Chiappe said. "These new indices will allow people living and working in those counties to track how their county economy has performed over time."

In the latest index, the regional economy posted a 0.8% increase from fourth quarter 1998 to first quarter 1999. Seasonally-adjusted employment gains in the regional economy greatly contributed to most of the increase. Lower interest rates and higher cattle prices also contributed to the gain.

Copies of the index are available by contacting the Business Development Center, sponsored by the SWOSU School of Business, at (580) 774-7017. The index is also available on the internet at: http://www.swosu.edu/academic/sch_bus/gpind.htm

Campus News

Southwestern Promotions & Tenures

Five Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members at Weatherford and Sayre received tenure and nine faculty members were awarded promotions at the latest meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Receiving tenure were: Dr. Richard Bryant, chemistry and physics department; Scott Froneberger and Judy Haught, both on the Sayre campus; Dr. Ted Hammett, School of Business; and Dr. Shelly Prince, School of Pharmacy.

Promotions included Dr. David Lawrence being named professor from associate professor in the mathematics department. Six faculty members were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor including Bryant, Dr. Sylvia Esjornson in chemistry and physics, Dr. James Jent in technology, Dr. Shelly Prince and Dr. Virgil Van Dusen in the School of Pharmacy, and Dr. Valerie Reimers in language arts.

Lisa Boggs in biology and Jeff Gentry in language arts were promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

Sayre Campus Gets New Dean

Forest Redding, Jr., is the new dean of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Sayre. Redding started his new position on January 4 and replaced Don Roberts who has served as dean since 1987. Redding spent nearly three decades as a faculty member and administrator at Phillips University in Enid.

SWOSUpalooza

Mollys Yes, a rising rock band from Tulsa, and Between Thieves, one of the most popular groups on the Christian rock scene, were featured artists at the first-ever SWOSUpalooza at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The SWOSU Student Government Association sponsored the event which featured live bands from 3 p.m. to 12 midnight on an outdoor stage in the Student Union area on campus. Admission was free.

Chip Diffendaffer, president of the SGA, said students were excited about SWOSUpalooza and that the SGA plans to make this an annual event with quality entertainment. The SGA invited high school students from around the state of Oklahoma.

Diffendaffer was pleased Mollys Yes and Between Thieves were at the event. Mollys Yes signed with Republic Records (Universal), and the band's national debut CD, *Wonderworld*, has released two singles (*Sugar and Scars*) to radio thus far.

The SGA president said the band had an amazing stage show complete with audio/visual production to an already amazing musical sound.

Between Thieves from Dallas, Texas, has been hot. The band's last CD produced four top ten singles and one nomination for Modern Rock Song of the Year for Christian radio.

Speech & Debate Team Wins Awards

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford won nine awards, including four event championships, at the 2000 state speech and debate tournament held in Tonkawa.

Senior Patricia Cook of Thomas won three of the top awards, winning first place in poetry interpretation, radio news, and persuasive speaking. As persuasive champion, Cook qualified for the 128th annual Interstate Oratorical Contest in Tallahassee, Florida. Cook is the third SWOSU student to qualify for the event in the last seven years.

Misty Williams, freshman from Eakly, won the state championship in informative speaking, sweeping the first place ranks of all three final-round judges. Williams also placed third in persuasive, narrowly missing qualification to the Interstate Oratorical. The top two finishers at state qualify for the event.

Williams also placed fourth in Readers Theatre with teammates junior Terri Kreizenbeck of Arapaho, senior Jenifer Pechonick of Bartlesville and sophomore Heather Koll of Lawton (MacArthur). Koll also placed fifth in informative speaking, joining Cook and Williams as multiple-award winners. Cook and freshman Justin Trout of Clinton also placed third in novice debate. Also competing for SWOSU were Kristen Paetzold and Devin Sisemore, both of Elk City; Mylissa Seifried, Canton; Jennifer Mauldin, Oklahoma City (Southeast); and Erica Dickerson, Mustang.

The team is coached by language arts instructors Jeff Gentry and Robin Jones.

Phi Delta Kappa Celebrated 25th Anniversary

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Phi Delta Kappa chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary during the 1999-2000 school year.

The professional educators organization honored charter members during one of its first of the year meetings. The evening included dinner, an awards ceremony, installation of new members and a brief business meeting.

It has been 25 years since Dr. James Kitchens, who recently retired from the SWOSU School of Education, led a group of educators to establish the chapter. Charter members of Phi Delta Kappa are: Dr. John Ludrick, Kitchens, Cecil Sanderdon, L.J. Van Horn, Talbert Brown, Ray Pharr, Adrian Crabb, James Griffin, Bill Berlin, Earl Reynolds, Harold Massey, E.T. Woody Jr., Thomas Litsch, Zane Bergen, Morris Robertson, John Heath, M.C. Weber, Richard Dufva, Harry Nowka, Jack Pryor, Joseph Purdy, Jimmy Jones, Faye Nowka, Gary Gilliland and Bill Henry.

Dawg Dates 2000

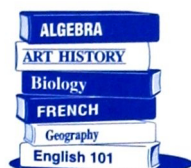
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- 6 Summer semester begins
- 15 Panorama Event-Jana Jae-Fine Arts Center-7 pm
- 24 Alumni Golf Tourney-Silverhorn Golf Club-8 am



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- 17 Panorama Event-Call of the West and Laurette Willis Crowder Lake-6:30 pm-BBQ at 6 pm



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- 3 Summer School Ends
- 23 Fall semester begins
- 31 Panorama Event-Diamond Rio Concert-Fine Arts Center-6:30 & 9 pm concerts



September



- 16 Parent's Weekend-BBQ-South of stadium-5 pm
- SWOSU vs. Tarleton State-Milam Stadium-7 pm
- Scholarship registration-downtown merchants-9 am-5 pm



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2000 Football Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sept. 2	Adams State CO	Alamosa CO	2 pm
9	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Kingsville TX	7 pm
16	*Tarleton State TX Univ.	Weatherford OK	7 pm
23	open		
30	Texas A&M-Commerce	Weatherford OK	7 pm
Oct. 7	**Central OK	Weatherford OK	2 pm
14	East Central OK	Ada OK	2 pm
21	Panhandle State OK	Weatherford OK	2 pm
28	Southeastern OK	Durant OK	2 pm
Nov. 4	Northeastern State	Weatherford OK	3:30 pm
11	Midwestern State TX	Wichita Falls TX	2 pm

*Parents Weekend

**Homecoming



Ron Polston (left) and Linda Bennett (right).

Ron Polston and Linda Bennett, wife of the late Bill Bennett, established a memorial scholarship fund to honor Bill Bennett and Jim Jones.

This scholarship has been set up to help a western Oklahoma student from a 2A school or smaller. It is funded on the basis of academic merit and need. At SWOSU, the student must be involved in a campus organization.

Bennett & Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

William (Bill) Bennett graduated from Alfalfa High School and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern State College in 1961 with a double major in math and physics.

He began his career at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in 1961 employed by the University of Oklahoma Research Institute. In 1967 he held a civil service position in the Analysis Division, Field Artillery Agency, Combat Development Command. After making several moves and earning promotions, Bill retired from the Civil Service and was hired by Tec-Masters.

Jim Jones graduated from Hollis High School in 1960. He received a basketball scholarship from Cameron Juco and played on a National Championship Team. He was recruited by Southwestern and coached by Rankin Williams. Jim graduated from Southwestern in 1964 with a degree in Elementary Education. He earned his Masters of Education from Southwestern in 1968.

His first teaching job was in Lubbock, Texas, where he also coached. Jim moved to Lawton in 1966 and served as Jr. High Coach, Principal, Director of Transportation and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel. He left Lawton in 1987 to become Superintendent of Edmond Public Schools.

SWOSU Land Swap

Southwestern Oklahoma State University has acquired 40 acres of land located about one-half mile north of the current campus in Weatherford.

The approval to exchange a portion of the university farm, located approximately three miles east of campus, for the 40 acres, owned by the Lamar Crall family, was received at the December meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

The 40-acre plot is located just southwest of the Lawter and Caddo Roads intersection north of Weatherford.

President Joe Anna Hibler said the university plans to use the land for future expansion needs as well as build a softball/baseball athletic complex when funds become available. The new complex would free up land within the campus which currently houses the baseball field.

"We feel this is very beneficial to the university now and in the future," Hibler said.

Southwestern will retain ownership of 25 acres of the 160-acre university farm, located in the northeast quarter of Section 3-12-14 in Custer County. The 25 acre plot currently houses the university observatory and rodeo/high school agricultural complexes. The exchange is for surface and water rights only.



The Normal

Southwestern Oklahoma Territorial
Normal School
(1903-1907)

Weatherford, O.T.

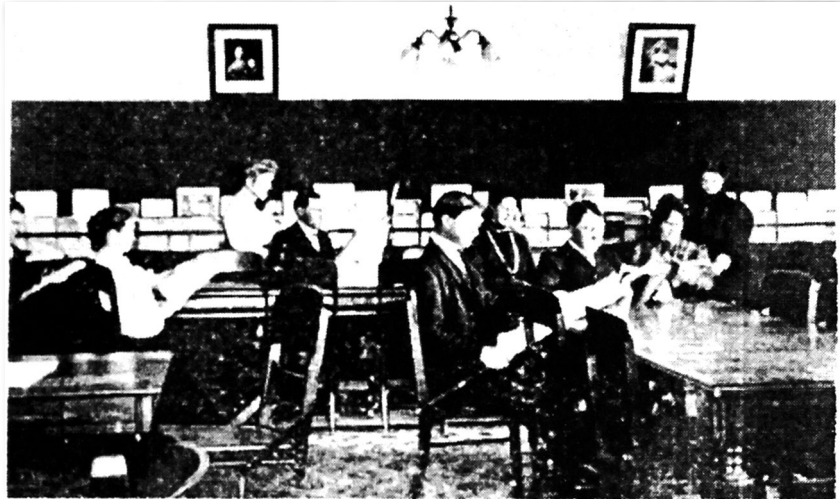
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Southwestern Normal Second Year Begins September 6, 1904

The second year of classes offered by the Southwestern Normal will begin September 6. (1) Trains arriving day or night will be met by students wearing YMCA or YWCA badges. Members of these student organizations, established March and April, 1904, respectively, will assist any new student in finding lodging as well as enrolling. (2,3) A list of families which offer students room and board at reasonable rates can be obtained from the the Normal Secretary, Miss King, in the president's office. Since she also serves as the school's registrar, any questions regarding enrollment should be directed toward her. (4) Students are encouraged to pick up a catalogue from the president's office in the Normal Building. This publication shows the course descriptions and programs of study. (5)

"It is very desirable that you enroll Monday, September 5th, the day before the opening of the fall term. You should start in with your class and not be compelled to make up any back work. It is difficult to start in



Library (1906 Oracle, SWN Yearbook)

some subjects after the class has been at work some days or weeks." (6)

"Bring all your old books, dictionaries, etc. Bring your cards showing your standing in the schools you have attended. Bring any certificates or diplomas you may have. If a graduate from a high school, bring a record of your standing in the various grades." (7) Tuition is free for any student who is a resident of the Indian or Oklahoma Territory. (8)

The Normal operates under the term system in which students receive one credit for each course completed during one term.

Exceptions are Latin and Algebra, which count one and one-half credits per term. Sixty credits are required for graduation from the regular four year Normal program of study. The term system does not apply to the Sub-Normal program. (9)

Several concerns regarding the Normal campus will be addressed this year by President Campbell. The water supply remains inadequate. It is unlikely that a building fire could be successfully contained. Indeed, the spring 1903 tree planting project was a total failure due to water delivery problems. (10)

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Normal Notes

"Professor A.E. Wilber, we are informed, has purchased the residence property, formerly belonging to Professor Kendrick."

Weatherford Democrat
July 28, 1904

"Mr. Wilber has rented his newly acquired property to Mrs. Kulin and daughters. They will take possession this week."

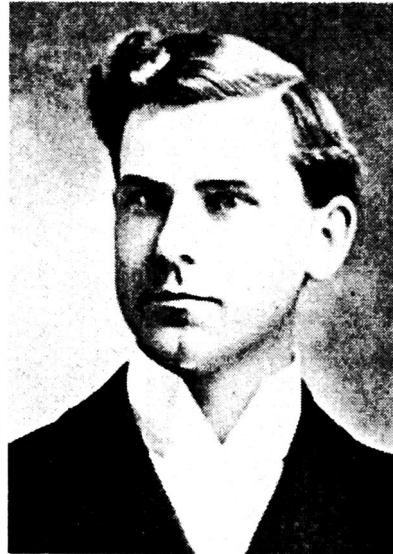
Custer County Republican
August 4, 1904

"Speelman and Son completed the well for the Normal School last Tuesday afternoon. It is 183 feet deep and affords an abundance of water."

Custer County Republican
December 15, 1904

"Professor B.B. Bone seems to have but little opposition for the nomination for representative on the Republican ticket."

Custer County Republican
August 4, 1904



(1906 Oracle, SWN Yearbook)

Biographical Sketch: Robert N. Linville, Chair Dept. of History & Civics 1903-1907

Robert Neely Linville was one of the first to receive a full-time faculty appointment at the Southwestern Normal. (1,2) He began work June 1, 1903, with the assignment of student recruitment. (3) Traveling by horse and buggy, he visited farms and gave presentations promoting the Normal at community gatherings throughout southwestern Oklahoma Territory. (4,5,6) He also found the time to participate in the July Fourth cornerstone dedication ceremony for the Normal Building whose construction was already in progress. (7)

Linville was born December 7, 1869, near Georgetown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father, a union army veteran of the Civil War, was a farmer and rancher. In 1870, his family moved to Westmoreland County, Kansas. The following year, the family relocated again to Mason County, Illinois. He attended public schools in Mason and Logan Counties until 1887 when the family moved to Adair County, Missouri.

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Enrollment Comparisons

Fall Term 1903

Normal/Subnormal Courses

93 boys, 96 girls

Special Courses

3 men, 1 woman

Total = 193

Fall Term 1904

Normal/Subnormal Courses

109 boys, 129 girls

Special Courses

2 men, 6 women

Total = 246

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Normal Supplement

The supplement is adapted from the 1903 Southwestern Normal School Second Bulletin. (Southwestern Room, SWOSU Library)

R.N. Linville

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Linville managed the family farm in Missouri until January 1892 when he entered the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville. In addition to taking coursework, he also taught classes in Latin and mathematics. In 1895, he was appointed superintendent of public schools at Sumner, Missouri, where he served until 1897. He then returned to Kirksville to finish the requirements for the Bachelor of Scientific Didactics degree which was conferred spring 1898.

Following graduation, he was appointed school superintendent at Fairfax, Missouri, for the 1898-1899 academic year. On August 16, 1899, he married Muriel Brown at Sumner. The couple moved to Canton, Missouri, where he continued his studies at Christian University. He transferred to Drake University for the 1900 summer term and received the Bachelor of Arts degree, June 1902. The Linvilles came to Weatherford, O.T., September 22, 1902, where he assumed the duties of pastor of the First Christian Church. (8,9,10)

Linville initiated a fund raising campaign to replace the wooden church building at the corner of Custer and Washita Streets with a brick structure. (11,12) In April 1903, he helped with the organization of the Christian Church at Custer City. (13)

During this time, Linville became very much interested in the events concerning the establishment of a normal school in Weatherford. He applied for a faculty position as it was becoming increasingly apparent to him that the growth potential of an institution of higher education far exceeded that of a

small town church. (14)

Linville was appointed the first Southwestern Normal School Chair of the Department of History and Civics. (15) During the first year of classes, he taught Elementary United States History (71 students in two sections with ages ranging from 14-25), United States History for Teachers (8 students), General History (32 students), Civics (11 students), and a class in European History (7 students) which required a thesis. (16)

In the spring of 1905, he received the honorary degree Master of Pedagogy from the Missouri State Normal at Kirksville and the Master of Arts degree from Drake University. (17) In addition to teaching, Linville continued to serve in the ministry as an interim pastor of the Weatherford Christian Church during the 1905-1906 academic year. (18,19)

Linville was in demand as a speaker during his years at Southwestern. He delivered commencement addresses at the high schools in Elk City, Hydro, Harmony, Oakwood, Foss, Thomas, and Sayre. (20,21,22) His "Grit versus Wit" lecture dealt with the merits of "grit" or persistence towards one's goals in life as opposed to "wit" or relying on luck with little effort. This popular presentation was delivered before territorial audiences from Hitchcock and Watonga to Cherokee. (23)

He also taught in summer normal institutes at El Reno and Taloga. (24,25) With statehood and a new board of regents filled with Democratic party appointments, Linville, a Republican, was dismissed along with many of his colleagues. (26,27)

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Town Items

"The Weatherford Hotel is on the move. It is moving slowly but surely from its old location to the College Addition, where it will be converted by Mrs. Hermes, the owner, into a modern rooming house for students. This makes the third big rooming house in evidence for the accommodation of the students, already beginning to arrive here. Miles and Brown have secured the contract on the biggest and most difficult job ever undertaken here

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Custer County Republican
August 18, 1904

"After seven days of hard labor, Miles and Brown succeeded in getting the Weatherford Hotel building on a lot in Kee's addition

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Custer County Republican
September 8, 1904

Rankin Williams performed in a Weatherford school program given by grades 1-3.

Weatherford Democrat
May 19, 1904

"Five hundred students are coming; they must have a place to stay. Paint and paper your house and get ready for them. We have the paint and paper."

Weatherford Drug Co.
Custer County Republican
August 11, 1904

Delinquent Tax List

T.B. Kendrick	\$2.91
J.A. Simpson	\$7.08

Weatherford Democrat
February 16, 1905

Normal Second Year

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A well will be drilled and a pump house constructed. (11) The location of the pump house will be near the northeast corner of the building in order that the pump engine can be connected to machinery for the planned Department of Manual Training. (12) This improvement will also benefit future efforts in campus beautification. (13)

The Training School for student teaching experiences offers only the kindergarten grade level. The immediate plan is to add at least a first and second grade under one teacher. (14)

Also, the ever increasing class sizes can hopefully be improved with the addition of new faculty. President Campbell has indicated that in his view "No teacher can handle successfully (more than) . . . five or six classes; . . . four would be a better number." (15)

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R.N. Linville

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Seeking a vocation from which he could not be fired, Linville enrolled in the 1908 winter term at the University of Kansas Law School. (28,29,30) He was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar July 27, 1909, and began the practice of law as an associate of Weatherford attorney Thomas W. Jones, Jr. (31,32) On October 1, 1911, he moved his practice to Elk City, Oklahoma, where he practiced law until his retirement in 1945. (33,34) The practice was located in Weatherford during the years 1928-29. (35)

He returned to the Southwestern in December, 1929, to deliver the eulogy at memorial services for the school's first president, James R. Campbell. (36,37) He was also honored at the 1941 Southwestern homecoming. (38) He and his wife spent their retirement years in Fair Play and Bolivar, Missouri, until his death June 21, 1957. He was buried in the Elk City Fairlawn Cemetery. (39) Mrs. Linville died in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1961. (40)

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has received a \$150,000 gift from the Pansy Duggan Freeman estate.

The Hinton woman, who took only one course at Southwestern, requested the university establish an endowed scholarship fund through the SWOSU Foundation for needy, deserving students in memory of her husband Orville E. (Bus) Freeman, brother-in-law Charley Freeman, sister-in-law Lucille E. Freeman and herself.

SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler said the university is most appreciative of Freeman's gift.

"This gift will provide students with many opportunities both today and in the future," Hibler said. "We appreciate Mrs. Freeman for thinking of Southwestern and establishing this endowment which will benefit many students from all disciplines."

Jim Waites, director of the SWOSU Foundation, said the gift is another large step towards meeting the Foundation's current capital campaign goal of \$3 million. The drive is currently underway in conjunction with Southwestern's centennial celebration coming up in the year 2001.

Bus and Pansy Freeman were married in the summer of 1932 near Binger. A few years later, the couple moved to Hinton where they lived for over 50 years. Mr. Freeman operated a television repair shop, while Mrs. Freeman worked at a Binger drug store and later at the Hinton hospital for many years.

Mr. Freeman passed away in 1987. Even though Mrs. Freeman missed her husband, she fulfilled her remaining years with friends and family and her favorite pastimes of fishing, painting and crocheting. According to friends, Mrs. Freeman was a generous and gracious lady who gave her paintings and crochet items as gifts to family members and special friends.

The Freemans developed many friends in the Hinton area. They are remembered for their generosity. They were active in community affairs and church activities at United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Freeman passed away earlier in 1999.

Foundation News

Pansy Duggan Freeman Leaves Southwestern \$150,000



Representatives of the Pansy Duggan Freeman estate recently presented Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a \$150,000 check to be used for scholarships. The Hinton woman established the fund in honor of family members. Accepting for the SWOSU Foundation was President Joe Anna Hibler. Making the presentation were (from left): Edmond attorney Judy Tuggle, Oklahoma City attorney J.C. Mallett, Freeman's nephew Glen Johnson of Blackwell, Freeman's niece Connie Burnham of Kremlin, and Freeman's great nephew Ronnie Allen of Hinton.

Dr. Breckenridge Honored

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Professor Dr. James Breckenridge received the prestigious Academic Excellence Award at a faculty banquet held March 28 in Weatherford.

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

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Mary Anne McCaffrey, professor of pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

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

Breckenridge, professor of music, is recognized internationally for his concerts, workshops, lectures and master classes. Adept as both a soloist and chamber pianist, Breckenridge has performed in 36 states within the continental United States as well as in international locations in Latin America, Western and Eastern Europe, Russia and Japan. His appearances have often been coupled with pedagogy workshops and/or student master classes.

Reared in a rich musical environment, Breckenridge began piano study at the age of 13 and in 1963 won the

Allied Arts Competition in his native Alabama. In 1967, he received a bachelor of music degree from Maryville College. Breckenridge holds a master of music degree from Northwestern University in Illinois. He completed his doctor of music degree at the American Conservatory of Music.

For more than 30 years, Breckenridge has served on

the music faculty at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is currently coordinator of keyboard studies, teaches advanced performance and pedagogy and is the teacher of many prize-winning pianists in competitions across the U.S. He has been instrumental in curriculum development for keyboard degree programs as well as other music curricula including new, specialized course offerings on the graduate level.

He is the founder/director of the SWOSU National Piano Camp held during the summer to which students from across the United States are attracted. He serves as

chairman for five major statewide keyboard competitions held annually on campus.

Breckenridge is founder/director of the Oklahoma Beethoven Society, a state association of the National Beethoven Society for Pianists. In 1996 Breckenridge directed the inaugural festival of the Oklahoma Beethoven Society which brought to the SWOSU campus 21



Dr. James Breckenridge (second from left) won the Academic Excellence Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual faculty appreciation event. Pictured with Breckenridge is SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler (left), Theta Juan Bernhardt (second from right) and Dr. Bill Bernhardt (right).

At 2000 Bernhardt Banquet

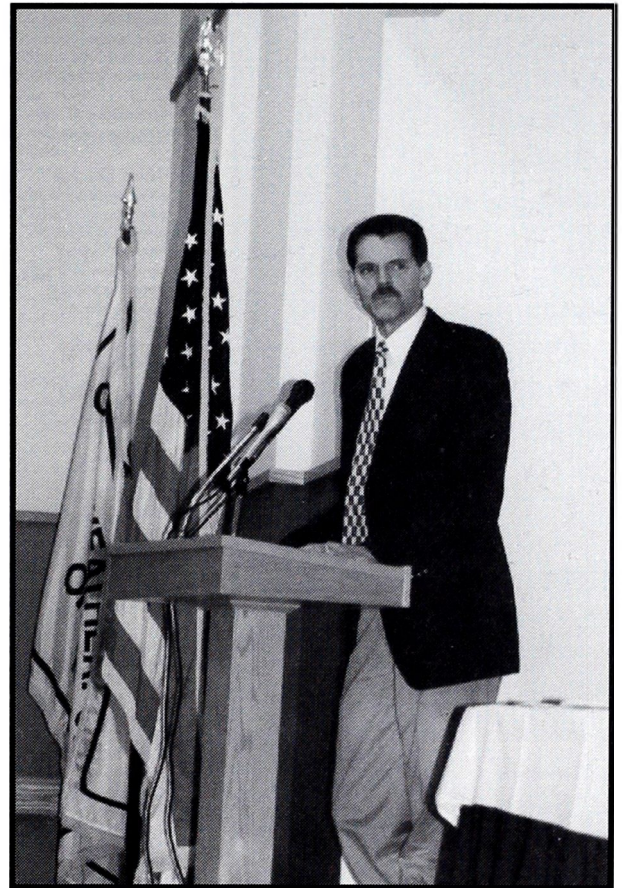
internationally renowned pianists from around the world for three days of concerts and various musical activities.

The immediate cultural success of the 1996 event and the professional benefits for the university, the music department and its students established the foundation for preparation of the society's expanded second festival to be held next month, April 13-14, involving over 40 pianists as well as university students, faculty and community personnel.

During his tenure in Oklahoma, Breckenridge has been an active member of several state and national professional organizations. An honorary Life Member of the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association, he has held every state office of OMTA including its Presidency (1990-1994). Additionally, Breckenridge has served as the Collegiate Audition Chairman for the South Central Division of the Music Teachers National Association, is a member of the MTNA Ad Hoc Committee for review and revision of the national certification program (1996-present), is currently a member of the Young Artists Committee of the National Piano Pedagogy Conference, is a faculty member of the American College of Musicians, a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, the College Music Society, the America Liszt Society, the Suzuki Association of America and an Honorary Life member of the National Beethoven Society for Pianists.

Breckenridge is in constant demand as an adjudicator, clinician and pedagogue as well as performer. He presents an average of ten to fifteen workshops and clinics annually throughout the U.S. and abroad. During the academic year he is often "on the road" over weekends to various locations nationwide to conduct master classes with students and teachers.

For the past 11 years, his summer months have found him teaching and performing at various national and international music festivals held in the United States. He is a permanent member of the faculty for weeklong festivals held in Michigan, Indiana and Vermont.



Dr. Breckenridge gives his acceptance speech after winning the 2000 Bernhardt award.

Additionally, he has served on festivals held in Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Florida and Washington, DC. In addition to his professional endeavors, Breckenridge enjoys reading, traveling, bowling and being involved in several civic associations.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt award include Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker and Dr. Jill Jones.

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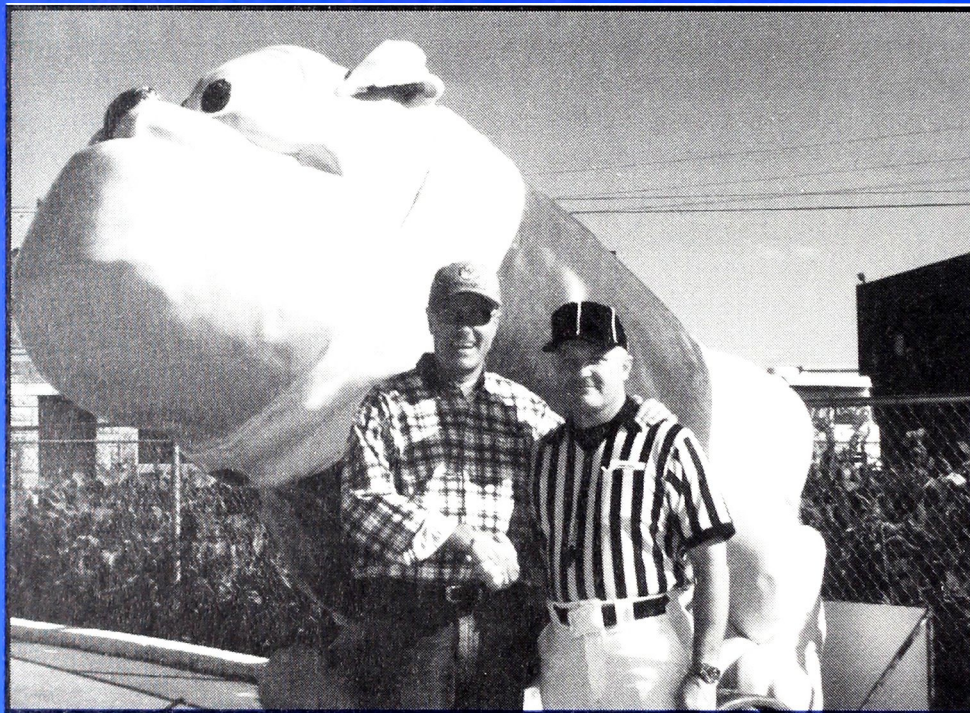
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Southwestern Alumnus Refs



Two Southwestern alums, Jim Waites and Mike Liner, pose with "Brandy" before Liner referees Southwestern's last football game of the 1999 season.

How does a pharmacist and banker become a big-time NCAA football official? Well, Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate Mike Liner has the answer.

Liner, who came to Southwestern in the late 1960s from his hometown of Memphis (TX), started as a junior high official in Memphis, moved up the ranks and is now officiating games in the Big 12 Conference. Liner has worked five bowl games—Aloha, Holiday, Liberty, Orange and Sugar (twice)—and even worked the 1993 national championship contest between the University of Alabama and University of Miami.

His 24-year move up the ladder has been an enjoyable experience for Liner.

He came to Southwestern and roomed with long-time friend, Jim Waites, who is now director of the SWOSU Foundation and Alumni Association. When the two came to Southwestern, they lived with Rankin and Mary Williams. Rankin, of course, is a familiar name in Southwestern's athletic history.

"As students, Jim and I didn't realize we were living with a legend," Liner said. "I feel fortunate to have known someone like Rankin."

Football In The Big Time

After graduating from college in 1970, he moved back to Memphis where he put his pharmacy degree to work. He liked his inside job, but he wanted to do something outside, especially in the fall. His love of football led him to become an official.

His first game was a junior high battle between Clarendon and Memphis. He later moved to Morton (TX) and joined the Lubbock chapter of the Southwest Officials Association. He then started working high school varsity contests, first small school games and eventually contests in Class 5A, Texas' largest class.

In the early 1980s, Liner joined a crew in the Lone Star Conference where he worked games until 1987. In 1988, Liner was asked to officiate in the old Southwest Conference. He became a full-time crew member in 1989 and worked in that conference until it ceased in 1995. The Big 12 Conference was formed in 1996, and Liner was asked to continue as an official in that league.

"The travel is difficult right now in the Big 12," Liner said. "I go to places like Columbia (Mo), Ames (IA) and Manhattan (KS), so it requires a lot more time."

A typical weekend includes leaving early Friday morning for the game site. After checking into a hotel, the officials meet where they review the previous week's game and receive grades on that game from the Big 12 office. On Saturday morning, a three-hour meeting is held to prepare for the contest. Then after the game, it's back to Lubbock (TX) where he usually arrives sometime after midnight. Usual pay is around \$575 per game plus \$150 expenses per day.

Liner has worked many big games, including two in 1999—Nebraska/Kansas State and the exciting Nebraska/Colorado contest. He's worked rivalry games such as OU/OSU and Texas/Texas A&M.

Even though football fans love to give officials hard times, there can be advantages when wearing the traditional black and white clothes.

One such time came during a Texas/Texas A&M contest. President George Bush was standing on the sideline before the game. Liner waved to the President and then

moved toward him to shake hands. Later, he realized he had pushed by two secret service agents. His uniform had allowed him to shake hands with the President.

Another unusual experience came during an Arkansas/Texas game. Texas was recruiting Nolan Ryan's son to play baseball. Nolan was invited to give a pep talk to the Longhorn team. Because the game was on national television, a time schedule was in place. It was time for the Longhorns to take the field, so Liner had to interrupt and stop Ryan's pep talk. That probably doesn't happen too often, but Liner can now laugh about it.

Liner officiated his first Southwestern game in 1999. One of the Lone Star Conference officials was unable to make the trip and asked Liner to substitute.

"I've always wanted to do that," Liner said. "It brought back memories, and it was great to be back on the Southwestern campus. When I was a student, we never missed a home game."

Being an official is only a small part of Liner's life. He is now in the banking business, and his holding company owns 13 banks in Texas. He and his wife, Darlene, live in Lubbock and they have two children, Mikella Newsom of Dalhart and Russ Liner, a senior at Texas A&M.

Liner was like most other college students who are anxious to graduate from college and start earning money.

"I now realize the impact that Southwestern had on my life," Liner said. "It's my hope that some day I can give back to Southwestern what the university did for me to get started."

He said many people helped him finish the School of Pharmacy.

"The people around Weatherford don't realize how 'big-time' Southwestern is in pharmacy education," Liner said. "When I was there, the chemistry department was second to none."

He is proud of Southwestern, and the university is pleased to have a graduate like Mike Liner.

Charles Gillingham Honored

Charles Gillingham has received a Distinguished Service Award from ASTM standards-writing Committee D-2 on Carbon Black. The award was established to recognize an individual's or company's exceptional service to Committee D-24, or contributions to the rubber industry in the area of rubber or rubber chemical testing.

Gillingham was cited for prolonged service, diligent activity, and significant contributions to the improvement and maintenance of D-24's standards. A resident of Borger, TX, Gillingham was educated at Southwestern, where he received his B.S. in chemistry in 1957.

Gillingham has served as chairman or secretary of subcommittee D24.51 on Carbon Black Pellet Properties for the past 12 years. He has been instrumental in the development of analytical methodologies and techniques to quantify the physical and chemical properties of carbon black.

Gillingham developed expertise and methodologies for determining the cause of poor dispersion of carbon black in rubber and plastic products. He supported technical service and research development in the improvement of sampling and testing techniques for determination of fugitive emissions as found in the environment and introduction of these procedures to ASTM for adoption. He made significant contributions to ASTM test protocols such as studies of the variables of DBP testing, calibration of tint equipment, riffing and splitting of carbon black, and the use of quartz crucibles for the quick ash test.

School of Pharmacy Names Outstanding Alumnus

Lee R. (Skip) Whitmer of Enid was recently honored by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Alumni Association as recipient of the 2000 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Whitmer was honored at the SWOSU School of Pharmacy senior banquet held in Weatherford.

Whitmer took the advice of his father, who was a pharmacist in Fort Smith (AR), and decided to enter Southwestern's pharmacy school in 1966. After graduation, Whitmer and his wife, Pat, moved to Tulsa where they began a pharmacy practice. They worked in the Tulsa area for three years when a position with Eli Lilly became available in Enid. The Whitmers moved to Enid where they have lived for a quarter of a century.

During his career with Eli Lilly, Whitmer has been a professional representative throughout Oklahoma and has worked with SWOSU on a variety of projects.

Whitmer has provided professional and community service in many ways. He was president of the Garfield County Pharmacists Association for two years, elder and deacon of Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ, board member of the Enid Joint Recreation Trust, and president of Enid's baseball league. In addition to the service activities, he has officiated high school and college football for 25 years and basketball for approximately 20 years.

While a student at SWOSU, Whitmer served as dorm president and president of the President's Council, a student leadership group. He was a charter member of Phi Delta Theta and served that group in a variety of leadership roles. He met wife Pat (Heffel) at SWOSU, and they married 1972. Before leaving for Tulsa, the Whitmers served as house parents of Jefferson Hall at SWOSU. The Whitmers have two sons, Douglas and Michael.



Skip Whitmer (Right) recently received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy. Making the presentation was Dr. H. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU pharmacy school.

SWOSU Alumni Notes

...**Randy Messer**, a graduate of Southwestern, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was selected on the first MV-22 board to transition from flying the CH-46 helicopter to the Corps' MV-22 Osprey Tilt Rotor Aircraft.

Messer is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville, NC. He is married to Heather (Hale) and they have two children.

...SWOSU graduate, **Todd Wilson** is the new football coach and assistant principal at Sayre, OK.

The new Eagle boss comes from Liberal, Kansas, where he served as defensive coordinator and head coach of the girls track program.

Wilson graduated from Southwestern with a Masters of Education, Secondary Administration from SWOSU.

He is married to Dana (Winters) and they have two daughters, Hannah, 6 and Sarah, 3.

...**Wayne Comer**, 1949 graduate of Southwestern, has been honored by the Moscow KS high school gymnasium being named the Wayne Comer Gymnasium.

Comer, a native of Fay, OK, graduated from Southwestern 1949. He retired in 1988 after working with three generations of students at Moscow High. In 1980 Comer was named outstanding rural administrator of Kansas.

Mr. Comer was truly shocked when the current superintendent called him to the floor between basketball games and the seven Board members stepped forward to award him this

honor. He was further shocked to turn around and see many of his family members present for the occasion. It was a well kept secret.

...Southwestern graduate, **Rev. Thomas D. Schwartz** has been chosen from a group of Oklahoma clergy representing different denominations to make a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Schwartz, pastor of Central Christian Church in Fairview has been selected to participate in the pilgrimage, which is sponsored by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

He has served the Fairview congregation since January 1997. A native of Kingfisher, he earned the bachelor of arts and master of education degrees at Southwestern in 1991 and 1993, respectively.

His wife, Katrina teaches at Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid.

...**Jan Jacobson**, a 1957 graduate of Southwestern, has put her grant writing skills to work.

By the time she retired from education in 1997, Jan had become a pro at getting grants for her school and classroom. She had won eight grants alone from the Redlands Educational Partnership Foundation. After she retired she still wanted to use her skills to help her old school get grants since it had lost programs when Title I funding fell. She helped teachers write successful grant proposals for getting computer software and helped local students attend college.

Jacobson began doing grant-writing workshops for elementary and secondary teachers and they have been a big hit.

...**Kris (Lorenz) Gore**, Canton girls basketball coach, was chosen as Northwest Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

Gore played on an undefeated Lomega team as a senior and played on a national championship team at SWOSU. She graduated from Southwestern in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree.

This year, she took a young team (no seniors and losing four starters) to a 20-6 record and to the first round of the state tournament where they lost to Battiest, 67-65.

Kris and her husband, Kevin, have a two year old son, Gabe.

...SWOSU graduate, **Laird Hightower**, is now an FBI agent. He graduated last summer from the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. He is now in El Paso, Texas as a special agent assigned to investigate white collar crime.

The Watonga native earned a degree in political science from Southwestern in 1991. He is the son of Leon and Rebecca Hightower. His wife, Deena, is the daughter of David and Twila Fox.

...**Brenda Lawson**, a graduate of Southwestern, will serve as state president of the Oklahoma Reading Association.

She has served as a Title I Reading specialist in the Union school system for the past two years. She taught at Woodward, OK for 19 years before taking the post at Union.

Lawson holds a set of bachelor's and masters degrees in elementary education from Southwestern.

(Alumni Notes continued on next page)

Alumni News

...**Jim W. Mogg**, 1971 SWOSU graduate, has recently been named chairman, president and CEO of Duke Energy Field Services.

Phillips Petroleum Company and Duke Energy combined their gas units into Duke Energy Field Services with their headquarters in Denver.

Mogg was previously president and chief executive officer of Duke Energy's gathering and processing business.

The Hydro, OK native was inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at the 1999 Homecoming Banquet.

...**Kenneth Eck**, 1950 graduate of Southwestern, has been chosen for inclusion of the Marquis Who's Who In America.

Eck graduated from Southwestern Pharmacy School, Summa Cum Laude. He is currently a pharmacist for Eck Drug Co in Healdton, OK. He was an affiliate instructor (off campus) of the SWOSU School of Pharmacy from 1970-1987.

Eck has received many awards and honors through the years including being the 1978 SWOSU School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus.

...**Joe Schwemin**, Southwestern graduate, has been chosen for inclusion in the Marquis Who's Who In America. He graduated from Southwestern with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy in 1948.

Schwemin is retired and lives in Oklahoma City. His past awards and honors include Who's Who in Oklahoma, 1958 SWOSU Distinguished Alumni and SWOSU Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award, 1976.

...**Greg Shaw**, a 1988 Southwestern graduate is co-winner of the American Political Science Association's William Anderson Award for his dissertation,

Shaw's dissertation was titled, "Public Opinion and Welfare Policies in the American States," which he wrote as a doctoral student at Columbia University in New York City.

His interest in welfare reform was triggered by twin experiences that gave him firsthand encounters with U.S. public-assistance programs and welfare issues. He is a one-time social worker with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City, as well as a former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

Shaw, who received a bachelor of arts degree in political science at SWOSU, is currently an assistant professor in political science at Illinois Wesleyan University.

...**Jennifer Hensley**, '96 SWOSU graduate, was recently named the Oklahoma winner of the Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award.

The award recognizes first-year teachers who perform outstandingly based on school district standards.

The Elk City native was chosen as the Oklahoma City district's nominee, her application was then sent to Washington D.C. to compete against nominees from other school districts across Oklahoma. Judges there chose the finalist from each state.

As the state's Sallie Mae representative, Hensley received a \$1,500 award, a personalized memento and an expense-paid weekend to the nation's capitol.

...**Harvey D. Minton**, vice president for tax, retired from DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware.

With his knowledge of the complex tax area and his creativity in designing tax effective business strategies for DuPont, he has developed an outstanding global organization that continues to be highly valued by regional and business management.

Minton is the son of Selby and Evelyn Minton, Oakwood, OK. He graduated from Oakwood High and Southwestern with a degree in accounting.

He and his wife, Jean (Addis) have two grown children and they plan to return to Oklahoma.

...**Denver Klaassen**, 1957 Southwestern graduate, has been appointed by Lt. Governor Mary Fallin to the Board of Managers of the State Insurance Fund.

He and his wife, June live in Oklahoma City.

Moving?

If you have just moved or are planning to move, please let the Alumni Association know your new address.

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Southwestern Alum Presides over Oklahoma Pharmacists Association

...Dr. Lance Hightower, 1990 SWOSU graduate, recently bought a chiropractic practice in Weatherford, OK.

The Watonga native earned a bachelor of science degree while at Southwestern. He has been in chiropractic practice in Weatherford for over two years.

He and his wife, Sue, have two children, RaeLee and Sterling.

...Shelley (Johnston) Meier, SWOSU Rodeo National Champion, was named new rodeo coach at Garden City Community College.

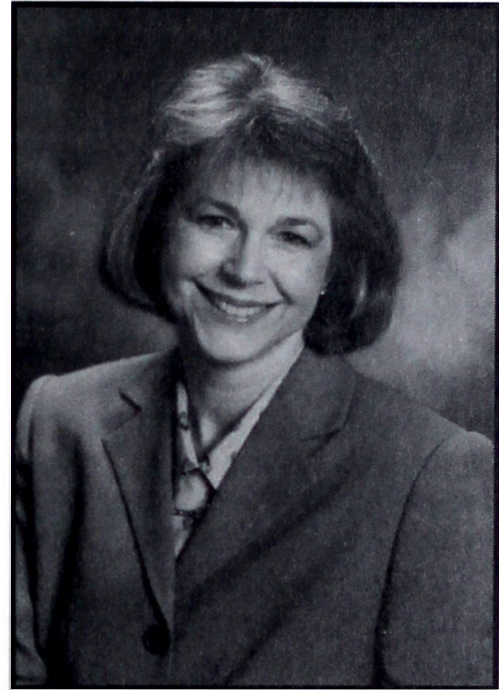
While at Southwestern, Meier was the women's all-around and goat-tying champion in 1993 and the women's all-around runner-up in 1994. The Southwestern women's rodeo team won the national title in 1994. She earned her bachelor and master degrees in education. Meier also was an assistant rodeo coach at SWOSU.

Meier is currently the only woman in Kansas serving as a head college rodeo coach. Shelley and her husband and young son are living south of Garden City.

Sandi Owen Eck is the current president of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association. She is only the second female to hold that office in the history of the association.

She graduated from the SWOSU School of Pharmacy in 1974 and was a Pharmacy School Queen. Her husband, Mark, is a 1974 Southwestern pharmacy graduate also. They own Eck Drug Co. Inc. and Eck Medical Services in Healdton, OK. Sandi also serves on the local school board and is currently the clerk.

Three other members of their family have also graduated from Southwestern's Pharmacy School. Mark's father, Kenneth Eck graduated in 1950 and held the highest GPA in the Pharmacy School for 25 years. Mark's brother Dana "Biff" Eck graduated in 1978 and Biff's wife, Valerie graduated in 1992.



Sandi Owen Eck

Marriages

Willis M. Jones and Kari L. Wilkerson '94, Weatherford, OK, married Oct. 9, 1999.

Zak Underwood '00 and Lori Wilczek '99, Weatherford, OK, married Jan. 7, 2000.

Future Dawgs

Addy Hope Hume, April 25, 2000, daughter of Scott, '96 (SWOSU Women's Soccer Coach) and LeaAnne (Pratt) Hume, '97. Other children: daughter, Lexy Anne, 2.

We are adding marriages and future dawgs sections and if you have news to put in either section please, let us know so that we can share your good news with other Southwestern Alumni.

We Remember

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Bonny Dean Allen	Fresno CA	Attended	Jay Chadwick Jordan	Altus	Attended
William F. Arnold	Cordell	1964	Lois Jean Kenedy	Eakly	
James Harold Atkinson	Houston TX		Isabelle Violet Kerr	Watonga	
Eunice Ray Baggett	Weatherford	Attended	Bernard Killer	Aurora CO	61 & 65
Lewis Dale Ballard	Sumter SC		Edward Ray Kingston	Bethany	
Rose Hohenshelt Barker	Clinton		Billy Ray Leathers	Weatherford	1957
James A. Barnett	Snyder	1934	Steve Leathers	Crescent	76 & 94
Fred C. Berrong	Tujunga CA	1937	Opal Lewis	Cordell	Attended
Jewel Best	Sulphur		Edwin Dale Litsch	Amarillo TX	1952
Garland Bloodworth	Yukon	1964	Allie Pearle Lobaugh	Lonewolf	
James Lee Boots	Altus	1990	Sue Lofaro	Camargo	
Kimberly Ann Boswell	Grimes	1990	M.C. "Mac" McCartor	Amarillo TX	
Irma Jean Boston	El Reno		Christina McCulloch	Cordell	
Jerry Herbert Brehm	Enid	1974	Flossie Barton McDaniel	Mangum	1969
Larry Bruce Brown	Seiling	Attended	John Preston McDaniel	McAlester	1976
Pearl Burcham	Weatherford	1939	Lavila Mae Meriwether	Hinton	1969
Timothy Earl Cagg	Thomas	1961	Tommy Nelson	Stillwater	1978
Bonnie J. Campbell	Longdale		Grace D. Newhouse		
Rose Mary Clifton	Frederick		Wendell Payne	Weatherford	
Quay Coffey	Colorado Springs CO		Luella Powers	Hydro	Attended
Raymond W. Cooper	Monett MO	1969	Ola Mary Quattlebaum	Elk City	
Ruth Crawford	Ft. Worth TX	Attended	Mary Elverda Richardson	Thomas	Attended
D.D. Creech	Miami	1938	Don Rippetoe	Oklahoma City	
Bill Dean	Mountain View	Attended	Jean Robinson	Lawton	1969
Elva Howard Deeds	Sentinel	1954	Melvin Robison	Sayre	1951
Mike Devine	Woodward	Attended	Forrest Gene Rogers	Gigi, Guam	
Gladys Oren Prather Dill	Tucson AZ		Fern Ann Roggli	Watonga	Attended
Lillie Ballou Farris Dugger	Sayre	1929	Alma Viola Roniger	Tulsa	
Willard H. Eagan	Arapaho	Attended	Nancy Jane Seigler	Cushing	
Mattie Etheridge	Midwest City		Ruth Shockley	Mountain View	
Mary Leona Ewing	Hollis		Gay Ola Smith	Weatherford	Attended
Ruby Biddy Fennel	Blair	1943	Mildred A. Stegall	Geary	
Rex Gates	Weatherford	Attended	Fannie Bell Strother	Lawton	
Charles Gatlin	Norman	1945	Ethel Stidham	Clinton	
Ann Gillingham	Hydro	1962	Richard Strong	Clinton	Attended
Woody Gibbons	Clinton		Mary Ann Taggart	Oklahoma City	1950
Vacy L. Bradley Groom	Lawton		Lena Townzen	Clinton	
Lucius Hatfield	Weatherford		Brant Paul Valentine	Lee's Summit MO	1976
Nylen Darrell Hendricks	Lee's Summit MO		L.V. Walker	Altus	
Alfred Grant Hendrix	Austin TX	34 & 41	Laclida Waterfall	Oklahoma City	1929
Virginia Lee Hume	Homer AK		Shirley Gean Wiggins	Lawton	1967
Janice Childs Jenkins	Altus		Jessie Mae Wileman	Mangum	
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