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Dr. Joe Anna Hibler addresses the 2003 graduates at commencement and comments on her induction into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Hibler and Dr. Al Harris, both former Southwestern presidents, were honored. Dr. Harris was unable to attend. Education Dean Dr. John Ludrick spoke on his behalf.

presidents honored Harris, Hibler inducted into Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

SWOSU PUBLIC INFORMATION

Former Southwestern presidents Dr. Al Harris and Dr. Joe Anna Hibler were inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during May 10 SWOSU Convocation held on the Weatherford campus. This is the first time that alumni have been inducted into the hall of fame during graduation activities.

Dr. Al Harris, a native of Altus, became president of Southwestern State College on July 1, 1960, and became the first alumnus of the college to return as its president.

Harris graduated from Southwestern in 1931 with a Bachelor of Science

degree and immediately accepted a position in the Custer City schools. By attending school in the summers, he completed requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree and also acquired enough hours in various fields of study to qualify for majors in mathematics, science, history, government and industrial arts.

After teaching in the Custer City schools for two years, Harris became superintendent of schools. He completed a master's degree in administration and educational psychology from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., and in 1939 accepted the superintendency of Watonga schools. Harris moved to Clinton in 1947 as superintendent of schools and received a doctor of education degree from Oklahoma State University in 1955.

Under the guidance of Harris, Southwestern experienced its greatest and most rapid growth. In the fall of 1960, enrollment was 1,871. Enrollment was 5,563 in the fall of 1972. During Harris' tenure, Southwestern built the Chemistry-Pharmacy-Physics Building, a new library, an arts and science building, four dormitories, a second cafeteria, a swimming pool, and an office addition to the Physical Education Building.

Also, an addition that almost doubled the size of the Chemistry-Pharmacy-Physics Building was added, and the Memorial Student Center and two older dormitories were enlarged. The Old Science Building was modernized; the old gymnasium after extensive remodeling became the Music Building; and the old library was completely renovated to become the Art Building.

Harris retired June 30, 1975 ending his 15th year as president.

Harris' family is Southwestern-educated. Mrs. Harris received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Spanish from Southwestern, and their daughter, Ruth, graduated from Southwestern in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in education and in 1968 was awarded the master of teaching degree.

Dr. Joe Anna Hibler is a native Oklahoman and has spent most of her life in western Oklahoma.

Hibler received a bachelor's degree from Southwestern State College in 1960, a master's degree from Oklahoma State University, and her doctorate from Oklahoma University—all in business education. She taught her first four years at Altus High School and served as an adjunct instructor at Altus Junior College. In 1965, she returned to her alma mater as an instructor in the Division of Business.

She later chaired the Office Administration/Business Education Department before becoming the dean of the School of Business. In 1986, Dr. Hibler was named Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Four years later, the Board of

Regents of Oklahoma Colleges appointed Dr. Hibler as president of Southwestern.

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

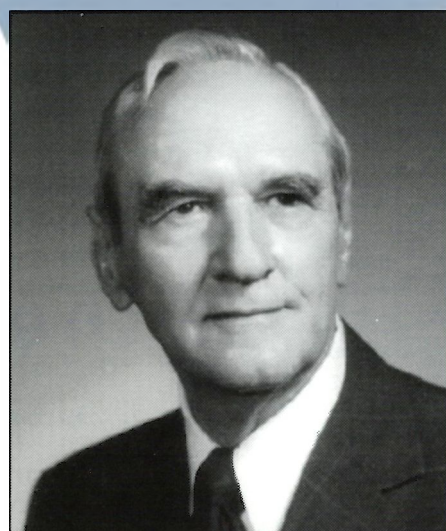
While at SWOSU, the university's Foundation enjoyed tremendous growth with assets jumping from \$840,000 in 1990 to \$7 million in 2001. Several building projects were completed including the impressive Thomas P. Stafford Center and Music Building on the Weatherford campus and the Student Union Building on the Sayre campus. Davis Road on the north side of the Weatherford campus was expanded from two to four lanes.

During her tenure, SWOSU was one of the first Oklahoma universities to offer distance learning classes and interactive classrooms, and the annual Bernhardt Academic Excellence banquet was established to recognize outstanding faculty. SWOSU also received approval to start a Doctor of Pharmacy program, and the university's athletics program joined NCAA Division II and the Lone Star Conference.

Dr. Hibler retired June 30, 2001, ending her eleventh year as president and a 41-year career in education.



Dr. Joe Anna Hibler



Dr. Al Harris



Fred Burch (middle) recently established a \$50,000 scholarship fund at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The Fred, Gene and Barbara Burch Scholarship Endowment Fund was set up with the SWOSU Foundation to provide scholarships for SWOSU students. Accepting for the university were (left) President John Hays and Jim Waites, assistant to the president for institutional advancement.

Burch establishes scholarship fund

By PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

Fred Burch of Weatherford has established a \$50,000 scholarship fund.

The Fred, Gene and Barbara Burch Scholarship Endowment Fund was set up with the SWOSU Foundation to provide scholarships for students.

Burch established the endowment in honor of his late wife, Gene, and daughter, Barbara. Gene passed away in 2001, while Barbara died at the age of 17 in 1969 as the result of a terminal disease.

"We appreciate Fred's gift to Southwestern," said SWOSU President John Hays. "His gift will live on forever and benefit many students. A gift like this is very meaningful to Southwestern."

Fred and Gene lived in Richardson, a suburb of Dallas (TX), for 35 years but when Fred retired in 1983, they moved to Weatherford where they had nearby relatives and friends.

"Both Gene and I have enjoyed our relationships in the Weatherford area and have many friends at Southwestern," Burch said. "People have been so nice, and I wanted to do something for the university in honor of Gene and Barbara."

Burch said he has met many SWOSU employees at the First United Methodist Church where he is active on several committees.

Fred grew up in the Sayre area and is a 1940 graduate of New Liberty High School, which was located about 10 miles northwest of Sayre. He attended college at Southwestern, University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

His first job out of college was in Dallas where he went to work as an engineer for Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, later known as Sentry. He stayed with Sentry for 35 years.

Fred and Gene (Bond) married in 1951.

Gene was a graduate of Canton High School, and she attended SWOSU, OSU and the University of Texas in Dallas.



Tommy Sims (middle), manager of the Weatherford Sonic Drive-In, recently presented \$3,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation on behalf of the M.D. Jirous Foundation. The money will be used for scholarships on the Weatherford campus. Accepting for SWOSU were (left) President John Hays and Jim Waites, assistant to the president for institutional advancement.

Alumnus finds success in song

By JILL POWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern alumnus Rhonda Milton Hampton has recently released "Color Me Gone," her new CD.

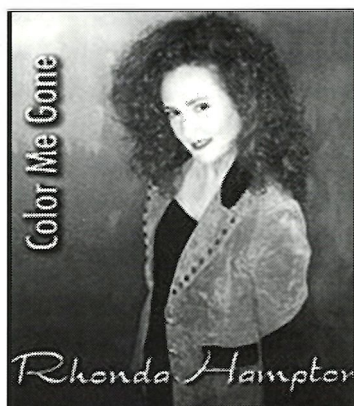
Hampton started singing at an early age and became a member of her junior high chorus and senior high choir.

After graduation from Altus High School, Hampton attended a local college. In 1982, after transferring, she received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Southwestern.

Prior to receiving her degree, Hampton played the roles of Molly Brown in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun," under the direction of Claude Kezer and Charles Chapman.

Hampton also participated in the Miss Southwestern Pageant where she received honors as fourth-runner up.

In 1981, she began singing at Opryland USA and performed regularly with Roy Acuff.



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Hampton has also sang back up for contemporary Christian artist David Meece and country artist Lionel Cartwright. She directed and sang on the children's Bible and Sunday school CD/cassette, "Song Time Kids."

Hampton is touring with legendary country artist, Ronnie Milsap.

She is also the choreographer for the Goodpasture musical, "Bugsy Malone," and continues to sell her CD on the road.

In addition to all this, she teaches vocal performance to a class of fifth grade students. As well as helping husband, Adam, with sessions in their studio. Kokopelli Music is their studio/production company, and www.kokopellimusic.net is currently selling Hampton's new CD.

Hampton's future plans include playing the Country Jam USA in Grand Junction, CO, June 27, and writing more children's songs.

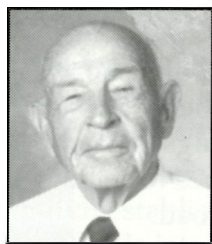
For tour dates, visit Ronnie Milsap's website, www.ronniemilsap.com.

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GLENA BELLE CRANE (1936) continues to her business affairs and "has a nice social life" in Cheyenne, where she and her husband, Glen, retired. Glen died in 1990. Three of Glена's sisters also graduated from SWOSU -- Lorena Males of Cheyenne, Marge Heeney of Topeka, Kan., and Iris Wilson of Lawton. Glена's mother, Mary Mabry Savage, was the first female to enroll at SWOSU.



CLARK HALL (1949) of Texas City, Texas, has served 19 years as a hospice volunteer. He is also a 15-year member of the Mainland Gideons International and visits two nursing homes and one assisted nursing home every week. He and his wife, Vivian (also a SWOSU graduate) sponsor a "Special Peoples" dance at the Elks lodge once a month. Over 100 handicapped people attend this dance. He was also president of the La Marque, Texas, AARP for five years and served in the Golden Division of the La Marque Chamber of



Commerce. He is on the Board of Directors of HRA, a village for the handicapped and retarded. Hall spent 35 years in education, teaching every grade from kindergarten through high school as well as serving as a counselor. He has traveled throughout the world and 48 of the 50 states. He tries to get in two miles of swimming every day, plays tennis, rides a bicycle, walks, reads and writes for two local newspapers.

KENNETH ECK (Pharmacy 1950) recently received the Lion's highest award at the 3K Lion District Convention in Poteau. Eck lives in Healdton and is chairman of the Healdton Lion's Zone. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award was presented by Director John Walker of Michigan.

JANICE BRADY JACOBSON (1957) and her husband recently completed their 19th program in the Elderhostel program. They began participating in 1998. They enjoy hiking in national parks and golfing and fishing programs.



DR. JACK T. SHANNON (1961) retired after 20 years of

teaching and program administration in university work (University of Oklahoma, University of Alaska, and Wichita State University) plus 15 years of leadership development training at Boeing Commercial Airplane in Wichita, Kan. His wife, Dr. Susan Shannon, continues work as Senior Organizational Development Officer at Bombardier Learjet in Wichita.

DR. FOSTER "SONNY" MAYER (Biology and Chemistry 1965) received the 2002 Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Government Service Award at the society's annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mayer works in the Gulf Ecology Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development in Gulf Breeze, Fla. The award recognizes exemplary dedication and service in promoting the application of environmental toxicology and chemistry to risk assessment in a government function; fostering programs that aid in the development of ecology sound and acceptable practices and principles; and providing a forum for communication. Also, Mayer was recently awarded the EPA's James



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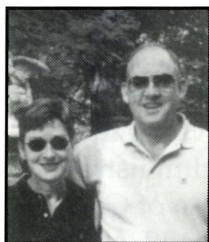
Ackerman Award for Ecological Risk Assessment in 2002 ("for scientific excellence in enhancing ecological risk assessment including acute to chronic toxicity and interspecies correlations"). Mayer's accomplishments have spanned three decades and have included appointments at five universities.

CARROL WHALEY (Chemistry and Math 1968) just retired after

30 years with

Hoechst Celanese Corporation as Director of Safety, Health,

Environmental Affairs. He is married to Linda Whaley, who attended SWOSU. They recently moved from Morgan Hill, Calif., to Callawassie Island, S.C. They have two married children, Rodney (30) and Melissa (26) and one grandchild.



WOODY MAYFIELD (Education 1970) returned to speak at

Apache's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's annual banquet in January.

Mayfield talked of his 10 years as a



referee in the National Basketball Association. The 1966 Apache High School graduate played baseball at SWOSU and received his degree in education. He taught math at Lawton Public Schools and Norman Public Schools until 1978, then went into private business and sales. His officiating career includes 10 years in major college conferences such as the Big 8 and Southeastern Conferences. His tenure in the NBA lasted from 1988-1998. He most recently worked for the Dallas Mavericks organization.

JOHN GERBER (Music Education 1973/M.Ed. 1983), former choral director at Weatherford High School, was named the Director of Distinction for 2002 by the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association. The annual award is given to a single choral director who has shown exemplary service to the profession and has had consistently outstanding success in performances and contests. After earning his bachelor's degree, he taught at Boise City and Velma-Alma before coming to Weatherford in 1980. During his tenure in Weatherford, the choruses earned more than 20 sweepstakes awards at state contest, more than 100 superior ratings at other contests, and saw 103 members of his choirs advance to the All-OMEA Chorus.

Gerber was named teacher of the year at both Weatherford

and Velma-Alma. He is a nominee for the Hall of Fame of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association. He has served as president or vice president of various music organizations, including OMEA. He is currently director of music for First Baptist Church of Weatherford.

S.R. (STEVE) BECKLOFF (Marketing 1977) was named manager, European supply, for ConocoPhillips with the recent merger between Conoco and Phillips. He was previously manager of European crude oil for Phillips. Beckloff joined Phillips in 1981 in the land division of exploration and production and held various positions in the refining, marketing and transportation group from 1985 to 2000. He is past chairman of the United Way fund-raising drive of Phillips 66 Company and was a longtime director for the Bartlesville area Boy Scouts of America and chairman of the Cherokee Area Council fund-raising sales drive. The Watonga native and his wife, Lorna Cox Beckloff, live in Bartlesville and have three children, Jerrod, Jon and Lindsey.

ALLAN STOWERS (Pharmacy 1979) of Birmingham, Alabama, has been promoted to National Account Manager, Clinical Education Consultant division of Pfizer, Inc. In this new position, Dr. Stowers will

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work directly with national insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and several of the top 100 U.S. companies to collaborate in improving the quality and value of healthcare. Dr. Stowers will be moving to the Chicago area. Stowers is a 1973 graduate of Tahlequah High School. He completed a masters' degree in Business Management, an Ambulatory Care Residency in Adult Medicine, a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine, and a Ph.D. in Health Care Management. He holds associate faculty appointments from the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University and McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He is also in the U.S. Air Force Reserve where he currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

H.L. (RUSTY) PENDLEY JR. (Pharmacy 1980) was awarded the 2002 Texas Pharmacist of the Year by the Texas Pharmacy Association. The award recognizes "an individual actively engaged in a field of pharmacy practice that possesses a record of unquestionable integrity, outstanding service to the local or state association, and a personal record of exemplary



service to the community." It is the highest honor the state-wide association can bestow on a pharmacist. Pendley is the Director of Pharmacy at San Angelo Community Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. Pendley has served as the President of the Texas Pharmacy Association, the West Texas Pharmacy Association and the Concho Area Pharmaceutical Association. He has received awards from the National Association of Retail Druggist, McKesson, Smith Kline Beecham, the National Association of Community Pharmacists, Mereck, Drug Topics and the City of San Angelo.

GEORGE AULD (Education 1970, M.Ed. 1983) was hired as principal of Mangum High School in August. For the past 22 years, he was principal at Burns Flat. Prior to that he was a teacher and coach at Mountain View, Booker, Texas, and Snyder. After attaining his bachelor's degree at SWOSU, Auld got his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife Sharon have two children, Colby and Corinn. Both children teach in Oklahoma City.

TODD RUSS (International Finance 1988) was recently elected to the board of directors of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. Russ is president and CEO of Washita State Bank. After college, Russ began

his banking career at the State Bank of Rocky as a general assistant and proof operator. He joined the Washita State Bank in 1988. Russ is involved in many civic and economic organizations and is a member of the First Assembly of God Church. He is married to Khristy (Kelley) Russ and they have three children: Ryan, 13; Lacey, 9; and Paige, 6.

RANDY BEUTLER (Education 1983) has been named the legislative liaison to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in the administration of Gov. Brad Henry. He will concentrate in communications between the Governor and his administration and the Oklahoma House. Beutler served four terms in the Oklahoma House in District 60. During his tenure, he authored legislation that provided more than \$17 million to rebuild Quartz Mountain Lodge near Lake Altus-Lugert after the lodge burned. He was instrumental in securing funding from the state to purchase the Washita Battlesite near Cheyenne for transfer to the National Park Service. He served as Majority Whip among other leadership duties. In 1997, he was selected as one of the state's "Outstanding Young Oklahomans" by the



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Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce. Earlier he was a teacher at Weatherford High School in history and government. He was twice named "Teacher of the Year" by his peers. He currently operates a cattle ranch north of Canute and is an adjunct professor of history at SWOSU.

DR. JOHN DESOTEL (MA Conducting 1983) is a visiting assistant professor of music at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Va. He is also the director for instrumental music. DeSotel receives a B.A. in music education from

Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and his Ph.D. in music education from Florida State University.

KIRK WARNICK (Education/Business Administration - 1984) was named principal of Woodward High School in August 2002. Warnick had served as assistant principal since 1994. Previously, Warnick was teacher, coach, and assistant principal at Yale from 1989 to 1994. He was a math teacher and football, wrestling and baseball coach at Crescent from 1987 to 1989. He graduated from Clinton High School in

1980. After obtaining his bachelor's degrees in business education and business administration at SWOSU, he received his master's degree in education administration from Oklahoma State University. Warnick and his wife, Regina, have three daughters.

TERRI SCHMIDT (Nursing 1984) was named the chief executive officer of the Clinton Service Unit



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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"!

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of Oklahoma's Indian Health Services in September 2002. The service unit is comprised of the Clinton Indian Hospital, Watonga Indian Health Center and El Reno Indian Health Center. The Weatherford native received a degree in nursing from SWOSU, then started work as a clinical nurse at the Clinton Indian Hospital in 1989. She has served in several managerial positions at the Clinton Hospital, including chief nurse executive, case manager, acting director of Contract Health Services and public health nurse. Schmidt resides in Weatherford with husband Bob and children, Summer, Mason and Savana. She is the daughter of Wanda Leathers and the late Billy R. Leathers.

BRIAN RICKEL (Business Education 1986, M.Ed. 1987) of Dallas, Texas, was awarded his Doctor of Education degree with a major in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction — Higher Education, in December 2002 from Texas A&M-Commerce. Rickel graduated from Corn Bible Academy in 1982. His degrees from SWOSU are in business education and master of education. Since 1987, he has been employed at Tyler Street Christian Academy in Dallas, where he teaches computer, business, journalism and Bible courses.

RICK GARRISON (Education 1977) is the new superintendent at Burns Flat-Dill City School. He had served four

years as the assistant principal of Elk City High School. Garrison grew up in Elk City. After obtaining his degree at SWOSU, he earned his master's degree at Northwestern Oklahoma State and his Education Specialist degree from Oklahoma State University. He spent 10 years in various schools coaching boys basketball and teaching history and social studies. He has one son, Gunner, 7.

Three SWOSU education alumni — MARQUITA SEIFRIED (1990), BRADY HAMAR (1999), and HAYLEE HAMAR (2000) — were recently hired by Seiling Public Schools. MARQUITA SEIFRIED teaches business and

Walter Nunn

Education 1966

In their own words

"I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, July 1, 1966. I had already taught school for two years when I got my M/T Degree. I went ahead and taught for nine more years, then I retired from teaching with credit of having taught for 15 years. I am now what they call a triple dipper.

I was Army retired with 27 years service when I decided to go back to school and further my education on the G.I. Bill of Rights. This is a thing that I have never regretted, even though the teaching profession pay was not very

good, it was still an honorable profession; one to look upon as a very satisfying profession. Since I retired in 1975, I have cherished the days that I spent in a classroom. I hope that what I taught was right and that my teaching did help in moulding young people in the right directions of life.

Since retirement Lena and I joined two different RV clubs. We (up to now) have been RV'ing for 27 years. We just recently sold our Holiday Rambler Motorhome. It simply got to be too much for us as old age came in and took over. We do plan on keeping on and

traveling around a lot in our new Suburban.

This October I will be

90 years old and I think for all indications that I will shoot for 100.

So the best to all of you there at SWOSU, we do remain, //

Walter & Lena Nunn



Walter Nunn and his wife, Lena, at their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Alum wins second title

Danny Wrenn:
Plainview
coach led his
team to a
second Class
4A basketball
title.



Danny Wrenn's Plainview Lady Bulldogs won the Class 4A Texas state championship for the second straight season.

Wrenn is the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame basketball coach of the year.

For Wrenn's Lady Bulldogs, winning their second title was just as sweet as the first. Plainview beat Dallas Lincoln 62-40 for the Class 4A title, the second straight season they beat Lincoln in the final game. This is also the second straight year Wrenn has earned the PSHOF coach-of-the-year award.

information technology. Marquita began teaching in 1990 at Taloga Schools. She taught kindergarten and sixth grades. She has received many trainings and certifications in technology and distance education. She lives in Seiling with her husband Randy and two youngest sons, Tyler and John. Their oldest son, Andy, graduated in October from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla. BRADY HAMAR was hired as the girls basketball coach. The 1994 Thomas High School graduate played basketball at SWOSU while obtaining a degree in mathematics education. Brady's parents also graduated from SWOSU. His father coaches the Thomas girls' basketball team and his mother operates the family insurance business in Thomas. Brady was previously employed as an assistant coach at Burns Flat-Dill City. HAYLEE HAMAR, Brady's wife, was hired as Seiling's second grade teacher. Haylee also graduated from Thomas, in 1996, and obtained her degree in elementary education. Previously Haylee taught high school

special education at Clinton Public Schools for two years. Her father is the superintendent of Thomas-Fay-Custer Schools and her mother is a third grade teacher at Thomas. Brady and Haylee have a son, Braxton, born in April 2002.

LARRY D. HAUB (Technology 1992) has been appointed to be Deputy Commanding General (Reserve Component) of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Haub is a brigadier general in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He will remain in his Oklahoma position while on his three-year tour of duty. Haub began his Oklahoma National Guard career in April 1965 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant from the Oklahoma State Officer School on June 16, 1968. He 1st Battalion of the 158th Field Artillery served in Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm. The former Weatherford resident received his master's degree from Shippensburg University in 1994.

AMBER GRAHAM
FITZGERALD (Communica-

tion Arts 1998) recently co-authored the book *Developing School Programs and Policies: The Critical Tasks of the School Principal*. Graham Fitzgerald is the School / Community Relations Director for Enid Public Schools.

DOUG DANKER (Nursing 2001) was appointed Director of Nursing at Parkview Hospital in El Reno. Danker oversees the nursing department and serves as a liaison between staff and physicians. He also aids in staff development. Danker began his nursing career in the medical field 20 years ago as an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1989 he joined Parkview Hospital as a paramedic in the emergency department, and later served as a nurse in the emergency room. He moved up to medical / surgical and ICU coordinator, and the assistant director of nursing. Danker graduated with honors upon attaining his associate's degree in nursing from Redlands Community College. He later received his degree from SWOSU. He has lived in El Reno for the last 13 years.

Member of Doolittle's Raiders flew 13 missions against Japan

A key part of the 2000 movie "Pearl Harbor" revolves around the group of Air Force pilots, known as Doolittle's Raiders, who flew a bombing raid on Tokyo in retaliation for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The last surviving member, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Harry C. McCool, died this year at age 84. He was a Southwestern alumnus.

McCool was raised in the Oklahoma panhandle and received a degree from Oklahoma Southwest State Teacher's College.

In March 1940 McCool joined the army air corps and was accepted to the navigator school at the University of Miami.

He volunteered to join Doolittle's Raider's, a group of 80 airmen spe-

cially trained for a dangerous bombing run over Tokyo and other cities on April 18, 1942. The Raiders were the first to fly B-25 bombers off an aircraft carrier.

McCool remained in the China-Burma-India Theater and flew 13 combat missions against Japan.

He retired from the military in 1968 and worked as a civilian for the Navy for about 20 years.



Harry C. McCool

Former athlete Nikkel dies

Former Southwestern athlete Carl Nikkel, 88, died Jan. 23, 2003, in Visalia, Calif.

Nikkel grew up in Corn and Weatherford, and attended Southwestern in the 1930s. He signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox and played for that organization for five

years.

He married Lucille Little in 1937 and had one daughter, Karla.

Nikkel taught and coached in Oklahoma before moving to California. He worked at Visalia Unified School System for 20 years. His last position was principal of Crowley Elementary School.

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>
Evelyn Alexander	Cordell	Attended	Cherie Holbrook	Weatherford	1971
Georgia "Buddie" Anderson	Grand Junction, CO	Attended	Shannon Iwanaga	Woodward	1990
Minnie Anderson	Sayre		Ethel Janzen	Clinton	1941
William Austin, Jr.	Altus	Attended	Anna Mae Jones	Thomas	
Zuma Austin	Amarillo, TX		Minnie Jones	Rocky	
Penny Baxter	Muskogee	1970	Zola Mae Jones	Weatherford	1939
Leslie Beall		1968	Lee Allen Jordan	Seiling	
Victory Beavers	Frederick		Clyde Kitchens	Tucson, AZ	1969
Corina Mae Berrong	Fulton, TX		Delbert Laing	Amarillo, TX	Attended
Benton Berry			Glen Scott Lang	Sayre	
Will Blackwell	Altus		K.D. Lapel	Oklahoma City	1961
Olevia Blakely	Arapaho	1952	Marguerite Ledbetter	Hobart	
Josie Bodey	Elk City		Deidre Logan	Fort Supply	1979
Alvina Boese	Elk City		Darrel Lucas	Weatherford	1970
Adeline Bunch	Lone Wolf		Mark McClendon	Yukon	1973
Floyd Burke	Fort Worth, TX	1938	Natalie McGee	Carter	1934
Robert Cannon	Lawton	1966	Jon McLaughlin	Irvine, CA	Attended
Cecil Chesser	Altus		George Meacham	Hydro	1948
Vivian Cochran	Gould	1934	Donny Meason	Cyril	1994
Bill Collier	Custer City	1978	James Morlan	Elk City	
Faye Connelly	Anchorage, AK	Attended	Carl Nikkel	Visalia, CA	
Edna Criswell	Altus		Beverly Nitzel	Oklahoma City	1972
Jolene Crowder	Weatherford	1965	Lucille North	Weatherford	1927
Phil Dalke	Hobart	1969	Troy Don Oglesby	Edmond	1984
Jerry Lee Davis	Balko	Attended	Joe Bill Reynolds	Mustang	
Charles Dennis	Lawton	1950	Yale Sadler	Stillwater	
Khleber Derryberry	Clinton	1997	Marcia Sampson	Loyal	
Oneita Dresser	Mustang		Jane Schmidt	Sayre	
Eula Drury	Altus		August "Gus" Schrick	Marlow	1991
Wayne Eagan	Arapaho		Caffey "Ziggy" Scott	Bixby	Attended
Jeanne Elliott	Chickasha	Attended	Robert Smith	Oklahoma City	1957
Peggy Sue Endersby	Woodward	1996	Loren Smith, Sr.	Foss Lake	
Audrey Endres	Weatherford		Don Stevens	Sentinel	
Mary Ethel Fanning	Sayre		Mariah Tendall	Paradise Valley	Attended
Ruth Ann Friesen	Weatherford		Pearl (Pat) Thomas	Clovis, NM	
Phillip Froneberger	Chandler		Ruby Tucker	Hydro	Attended
Gaylon Gathright	Clinton	Attended	Thelma Jane Walsh	Del City	
Leon Graumann	Moore	1972	Andrew Weaver	Plano, TX	
Barton Harrison			Nancy West	Ardmore	Attended
Lyle Hawkins	Cherokee	1960	Neal Whittington	Hammon	Attended
Carl Henry	Weatherford				

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Fields and buildings are on the way with construction of athletic complex

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

By ALEX JAQUEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Plans for expanding the athletic complex north of campus include adding intramural fields, buildings for athletic departments and other sport facilities. Construction has started.

"The completion of the softball field, which was used during the spring, has been a complete success," said Rick Skinner, director of the Physical Plant.

The new wellness center has also been a source of construction. The center will be located where the baseball field is now and a new baseball field will be added to the complex. The field will require a large amount of grass to be planted. This will increase construction costs.

"One idea to save money is to remove the grass from the present baseball field and transplant it onto the new field," Skinner said.

According to the Physical Plant, their goal is to create an athletic complex that will make Southwestern stand out.

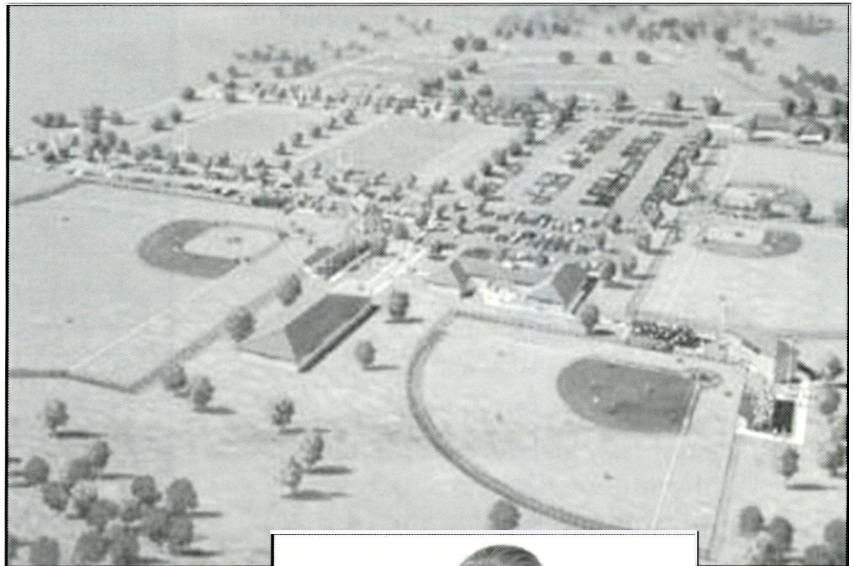


PHOTO BY PHILIP
BUSEY

Courtney Hale prepares to deliver a pitch on SWOSU's new field of dreams.

"We are looking to complete an area that will be used to everyone's benefit and for a place capable of improvement throughout the years," said Skinner.

New sign welcomes visitors to campus

Visitors to campus will notice a new sign located in front of the Administration Building. Randy Switzer is shown

on the front page guiding the new sign, complete with the university's new logo into place.

Parking, trees added to campus

By BRANDON BERRY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



PHOTO BY PHILIP BUSEY

The lot south of College Street (across from Stewart Hall) became a parking lot.



PHOTO BY PHILIP BUSEY

A donation from Meyer Architects resulted in trees in front of the library.

New parking spaces and trees popped up around the university during the three-week winter vacation.

Parking issues were approached when 28 spaces were made for campus patrons across the street from Stewart Hall.

Twenty-four also arrived in the re-striping of the parking lot west of the University Market (C-Store)

Unpaved parking spaces for nearly 100 vehicles are also available west of the Church of Christ Student Center.

Among the many trees which were added on campus, 12 Shumard oaks were planted near the Centennial Plaza.

These new oaks were planted using money donated from the Meyer Architects.

"We're excited about the new projects we have," Skinner said.

New way to exit Jefferson Hall

By AUSTIN NEWRY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern is breaking down walls to open new doors. Literally.

Recently, Southwestern provided a new exit door for disabled residents in Jefferson Hall. This door is located on the second floor at the south end, leading to the University Market. One reason is to create a more accessible fire escape.

Craig Forbes, a Southwestern disabled student who lives on the

second floor of Jefferson Hall, is another major reason for this door being built. Before, Forbes' only exit option out of the building in case of fire would have been the elevator. He also had a long trip to the University Market. He was forced to make his way down, out and around the building.

Southwestern made another accommodation for the disabled by building a new ramp on the south side of the Campbell Building.



PHOTO BY PHILIP BUSEY

This exit was recently added to Jefferson Hall.

Student Union update

CURRENT

FUTURE



PHOTO BY DONNITA STEWART

Students line up to order food at one of the four restaurants in the new food court.

Food court opens

BY CHASITY DIXON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Southwestern has added three food lines in the Student Union. The food court was ready by the start of the spring semester.

Casa Solano, Sunset Strip and Arrezzio's Italian were added next to the Bulldog Grill.

The new concepts have had a good response from students.

"We have twice as many food items to choose from now," said student Lori Richardson.

"The main objective of these new concepts was to add more choices," said Robert Barnes, assistant director to auxiliary services.

BY ALEX JAQUEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new air conditioning system in the cafeteria has left staff and student workers feeling cool.

During Spring Break, Rick Skinner and the physical plant crew installed a state-of-the-art system. The job included more than units.

"One of the first things that we had put in was a new electrical service. This will allow enough power to run both of the new 15-ton air conditioning units," he said.

"This is also going to allow for growth in the Student Center," Skinner said.

EXPANSION SET FOR 2004

BY JON OWENS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The day after the class of 2004 graduates, the Student Union will be expanded.

The \$3 million project will include relocating the game room, squaring off the bookstore to give more storefront, and dividing the ballroom into two separate rooms so it can be rented to two different groups.

"We needed to install ADA restrooms, move the offices from the basement to the 1st floor and put in a new elevator, so we decided to go ahead with expansion," said Tom Fagan, vice president of administration.

TOM FAGAN

"I am looking forward to this project and I think students will enjoy it as well."

One other addition will be to either add a copy shop or a coffee shop. Additional space will be added in the future.

The Student Union plan was scaled back because the students favored

a wellness center.

"Originally, it was suppose to have additional space for places like a one stop enrollment center," Fagan said. "We have already begun with a few projects, such as the food court and the air conditioning. We might do a few other minor things, but nothing major until 2004."

The \$3 million comes out of a split \$5 million bond. The money is then paid out of the student facility fees. The construction will be by a combination of Southwestern employees and an exterior contracting company.

"I am looking forward to this project and I think students will enjoy it as well," Fagan said.

Physical Plant workers are busy this summer working on the landscaping project backed by the Alumni Association.



Alumni back landscaping project

By SWOSU PUBLIC INFORMATION

Visitors to campus during the next few years are going to notice several scenic changes around various buildings.

Thanks to the SWOSU Alumni Association, a massive landscaping project is underway on the Weatherford campus. The association is spearheading an effort to update landscaping around several areas on campus.

Harold Wright, president of the SWOSU Alumni Association, said the first project is already underway at the Administration Building and future areas of improvement include surrounding areas of the Old Science Building, the Student Union, Al Harris Library, Education Building, Campbell Building, CPP Building and the residence halls.

Edmond's Linda Jones, who is chair of the landscaping committee, said the alumni association's board of directors approved a five-year beautification program to enhance the university's grounds.

Jones said the landscaping will be done in existing flowerbeds and will be long-lasting, low maintenance and green throughout the year with peak enhancement during the fall and spring semesters while most of the students are on campus. As it is now, the flowerbeds look the best during the summer months.

All landscaping plans and decisions will be made by the alumni association landscaping committee and consultants Tom Fagan, Rick Skinner, Paul Meyer and Steve Bieberich to ensure uniformity throughout the campus.

The board of directors approved \$7,000 for the inaugural year of the plan but will review the amount annually at the spring board meeting of the directors.

Phase one of the project around the Administration Building has already been completed with the establishment of larger items such as evergreen and pine trees and Russian Laurels. The flowerbeds are already planted right now, but new bedding plants will be added in November.

Jones said the committee is also looking at an effort to involve student and civic organizations. The board will be willing to match monies from organizations that would like to contribute to a certain project. The board is also looking to establish a tree/bench/brick program that will help on various projects around the SWOSU campus. Details and other information will be announced at a later time.

SWOSU President John Hays said the university is very appreciative of the alumni association for its efforts on these ongoing and upcoming projects. Additional information is available by calling the alumni office at (580) 774-3267.

PHOTO BY AMBER ESADA



This 1998 Chevy Blazer was purchased by the university to add 4-wheel drive capabilities.

BY MICHAEL BERGIN
STAFF REPORTER

Students are seeing an unfamiliar police cruiser monitoring the campus. That's because Southwestern purchased a 1998 Chevy Blazer for police use. The vehicle was purchased primarily because it is equipped with four-wheel drive.

"On this hill, it's difficult to get around on this ice and snow," said Campus Police Chief Don Groth.

Three snowstorms have hit Weatherford since the Blazer was purchased.

Spring enrollment eclipses 2002 mark

Enrollment was up 3 percent for the 2003 spring semester at Southwestern compared to the same semester in 2002.

SWOSU President John Hays said the official head count for both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses was 4,836.

This compares to 4,695 during the 2002 spring semester.

SWOSU's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment number, which is a factor in determining state funding, was also up 3.0 percent for the spring semester. The FTE number was 4,284 compared to 4,161 in 2002.

On individual campuses, Weatherford's enrollment this spring was 4,259, while Sayre's enrollment was 577.

total number of students

Spring 2003 – 4,836
Spring 2002 – 4,695

Groth named housing director

BY PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

Cynthia J. Groth is the new director of housing at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Groth started her position at SWOSU in March. She replaced Marvin Schoenecke who resigned earlier this semester to take another university position in Texas.

Groth holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from SWOSU. She worked at SWOSU from 1994-98 as testing supervisor in the Assessment

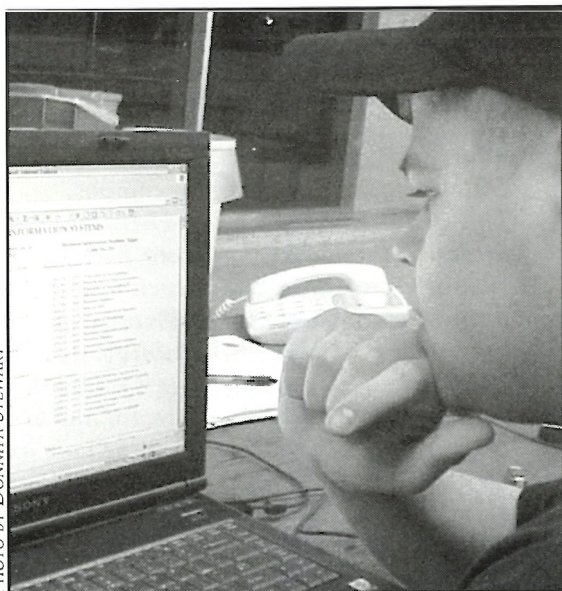
Center. Her latest job was at Redlands Community College where she was an instructor, retention specialist and Veterans Affairs coordinator.

As housing director, she oversees maintenance and management of the residential facilities and offers support to the various hall activities.

Groth and husband, Don, have three daughters and three grandchildren.



Cynthia Groth



Sophomore Adam Wheeler checks out the Southwestern website. In the near future, he will be able to enroll online.

No more signatures: Enrollment may change to online

BY CHASITY DIXON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students will soon be able to enroll online without an advisors signature. They will also be able to add or drop a class at any time.

Students will be able to access the catalog screens, which includes the list of majors and the credits that are required.

As of now, new freshman will still be advised on what classes to take, but it will be optional to drop or add a class if they so desire. For example, students will be able to drop classes throughout the semester without an advisor's signature. A notice will be sent to a student who drops a class and falls below the 12 hours needed for financial aid eligibility.

Seniors and juniors will try out this new system in fall 2003 and, hopefully, all students will be able to register online by spring of 2004.

GOTTA HAVE GOALS

SWOSU advances toward strategic plan

BY CHASITY DIXON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After three years of strategic planning, Southwestern is advancing toward its goals. In 2000, Southwestern set five goals to be reached from years 2001-2005. According to Brian Adler, director of public information, the outlook on reaching these is encouraging.

The goals that were established are as follows:

Goal 1: By 2003, Southwestern will be serving 5,500 students and will have advanced its position as one of the premier universities in Oklahoma with an emphasis on quality education.

In fall 1999, enrollment was 4,903. It has steadily increased each year. In fall 2002, enrollment was 5,135.

Goal 2: By 2001, the University will have an effective marketing plan that promotes greater exposure of its departments and programs.

Southwestern has incorporated Brainworks of Edmond to help with promotional activities of the university.

Goal 3: By 2001, the University will have enhanced the effective and efficient management of its resources.

"We have the lowest administrative cost of any regional university. We put money back into instructional areas," Adler said.

Goal 4: By 2003, the University will have established cooperative arrangements to enhance its mission of teaching, scholarly activity, public service, and economic development.

With more than 100 cooperative agreements, Southwestern has already established its goal of enhancing its mission of teaching, scholarly activity, public service, and economic development. These cooperative agreements are made with pharmacies and hospitals for example, for students to do rotations in the pharmacy and nursing programs.

Goal 5: By 2005, the assets of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation will have increased to \$10,000,000.

At this time, the university has \$7 million in the University Foundation. Each year Southwestern will have a fund-raiser and these donations will enable the university to give scholarships. Also past alumni can support the college and put back into the university.

Plaque commemorates child development lab



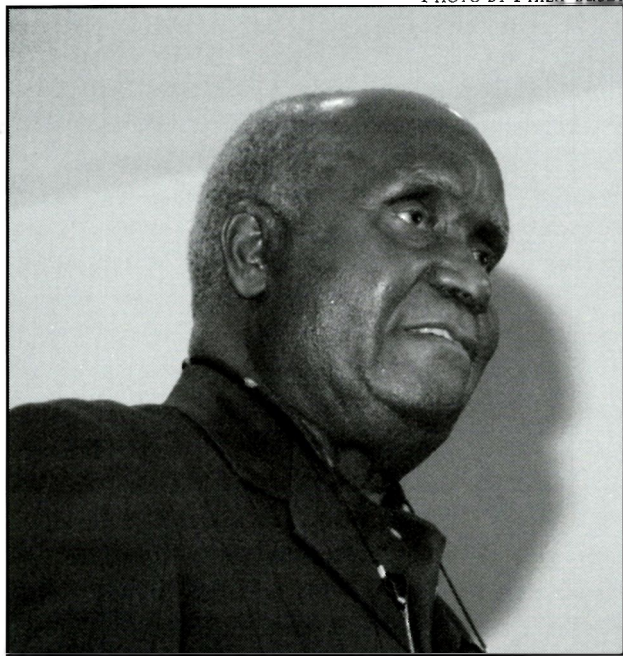
A plaque commemorating the Child Development Lab was recently placed outside the Center for Economic and Business Development Building on the northeast side of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus.

The plaque is to honor children who attended there and the many friends and supporters of the Child Development Lab during its existence from 1989-1998. The lab was housed in the CEBD building.

Pictured are (front from left): Carolene Jackson, former assistant director and head teacher of the Child Development Lab; and Dr. Nancy McClain, former chair of the Home Economics Department. Back from left— Dr. Judy Winchester, former director of the Child Development Lab and faculty member in the Home Economics Department; and Marci Grant, former secretary for the Home Economics Department.

Royal visit

PHOTO BY PHILIP BUSEY



Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the first president of Zambia, talks to a packed Student Union Ballroom. Zambia came to Southwestern to talk about AIDS Awareness and the battle in Africa against the disease. Kaunda talked about losing his own sons to AIDS.

Student groups bring former Zambia president to campus for speech

Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda, the first president of Zambia, addressed around 500 students, employees and area residents at a presentation April 25. He was invited to campus by the Southwestern International Student Association and the Political Science Student Organization.

Kaunda talked about HIV and AIDS that continues to affect not only Africa but also the entire world. The SWOSU International Student Association spearheaded Kaunda's visit to SWOSU. Kaunda, who served as president of Zambia from 1964 to 1991, spent the day on the SWOSU campus and met with various student groups.

President Kaunda is currently the Balfour African President in Residence at Boston University's African Presidential Archives and Research Center.

Student voices heard **Panorama brings top choices**

By RUTH RICHARDSON
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The Panorama committee at Southwestern has arranged an all-star line up for the 2003-2004 Panorama season.

The committee aimed to organize events that Southwestern students would enjoy this year. A survey taken in early spring gave the committee some idea of the kind of entertainment that students wanted.

"I am pleased to say that we have been able to get one of the top two choices of each category on the survey," said Brian Adler, director of public information and chairperson of the Panorama Committee.

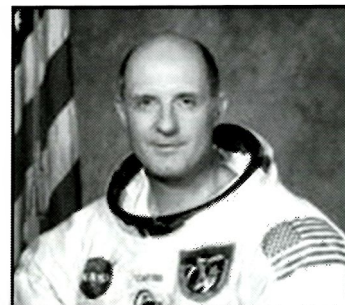
Cultural, entertainment, and political issues are the categories of Panorama.

The first event in the line-up is comedian Lewis Black. Known as the "foremost commentator on everything," Black is a regular guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and has also appeared on NBC's the Conan O'Brien Show. The show will be on Sept. 9 and tickets will be \$5 for students and \$15 for nonstudents.

Also coming up on Nov. 11 is



Lewis Black



Gen. Tom Stafford

Weatherford native Gen. Thomas P. Stafford. Stafford is a five-star general and astronaut. The Arkansas Repertory Theatre will also be performing "Romeo and Juliet" on April 13, 2004.

Another well-known group coming to Southwestern on Feb. 10, 2004, is the Peking Acrobats featuring tumblers, acrobats, cyclists, and jugglers. The group may be recognized from their performance in the movie "Oceans 11."

"I just really appreciate the committee," said Adler. "A special thanks goes out to the student representatives — Molly Priest, Jacob Robinson, and Tracy Thiessen. They really did a good job representing what the students wanted."

Radio and television spots win awards *SWOSU- The Focus is You ranks second*

Southwestern's most recent radio and television advertising spots -- "SWOSU--The Focus is You" -- won awards from District IV of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The CASE district is comprised of universities and colleges in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas and the country of Mexico.

In the radio competition, St. Edward's (TX) University won first place followed by South-

western. Texas Christian University finished third. In the television ad competition, Louisiana State University won first place followed by Eastern New Mexico University. Southwestern was third.

CASE is an organization that advances and supports educational institutions by enhancing the effectiveness of the alumni relations, communications and fund-raising professionals who serve them.

Kevin Rich (right) of Newcastle was recently presented the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Alumni Association. Rich was honored at the SWOSU School of Pharmacy's annual awards convocation held on the Weatherford campus. Making the presentation was Dr. H. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU School of Pharmacy.



Clinicals prepare students for job world

BY ALANNA BRADLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When preparing for graduation, feelings of anxiety surface due to the scary job market that awaits. However, senior nursing student Bethany Kinney says that those feelings are minimal for her.

"I'm not too intimidated because I feel properly prepared by the program," Kinney said. "I started my new job May 19 at the Spine Hospital in Edmond."

Kinney is one of many Southwestern health science students graduating with plenty of job experience under their belts.

Both the School of Pharmacy and Division of Nursing programs require students to complete clinical rotations around Oklahoma and parts of Texas.

Within the Division of Nursing, students participate in clinicals throughout the Tulsa, Lawton, Altus, Woodward and Oklahoma City areas. All required clinical standards are set by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, which requires students to start participating in rotations as soon as they are admitted to the nursing program.

Nursing clinicals cover every aspect of the health care field from home health care settings to specialty areas, including OB/GYN and geriatric work.

Senior nursing student Tori Skocdopole also prepared for post graduation with several interviews set up at Oklahoma City's Baptist Hospital. She feels similar to Kinney in that these clinicals and the program have prepared her for tackling a job.

"This program definitely encourages independence on our part as nurses," Skocdopole said. "The reputation of our program has helped with getting recognition by future employers."

When performing clinicals, students are given a preceptor clinical in where they are able to choose the type of location and environment.

"My favorite clinical was the preceptor at Baptist's emergency room," Skocdopole said. "I was able to be involved with actual CPR, codes, emergency surgeries, IV insertion and interaction with the doctors."

Nursing assistant professor Cindy Foust said that Southwestern has a 100 percent placement rate with its graduating nurses.

Rich named outstanding pharmacy alumnus

By PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

Kevin Rich of Newcastle was presented the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the School of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Rich was honored at the School of Pharmacy's annual awards convocation.

Born in 1962, Rich attended and graduated from Cherokee High School. He pursued his pre-pharmacy program at Northwestern Oklahoma before entering the SWOSU School of Pharmacy in 1982. He received his bachelor of science in pharmacy with honors in 1985.

He currently is a staff pharmacist with the V. A.

Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

During the past decade, Rich has been a primary pharmacist in Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists, a volunteer organization composed of pharmacists and pharmacy faculty dedicated to identification, intervention and retention of chemically dependent or recovering pharmacists or professional pharmacy students. OPHP has become a model for peer assistance programs for pharmacists in the United States and has had a recovery rate of 90 percent.

Rich and his wife Tammi are residents of Newcastle and are the parents of two children. They also have four grandchildren.

"There are a shortage of nurses and we are continuing to recruit," Foust said.

Within Southwestern's pharmacy program, some sites where students are able to take their clinicals include Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Lawton and even places in Texas such as Wichita Falls and newly-included Lubbock.

Pharmacy students are required to fulfill requirements much like the nursing students. Pharmacy requires eight four-week rotations over two semesters, two community / ambulatory rotations, one institution (hospital) rotation, a General Selective rotation (personal preference), a medicine selective (such as a behavioral medicine site), and three medicine rotations.

Senior pharmacy student Derek Dennis is preparing for his clinicals in the fall and feels that the experience will give him an angle that the classroom doesn't.

"I'm really excited about it. I'll be at St. Anthony's hospital for two months and at Walgreens District Office this fall," said Dennis. "I'll have the opportunity to follow several patients and get a lot of case study observation."

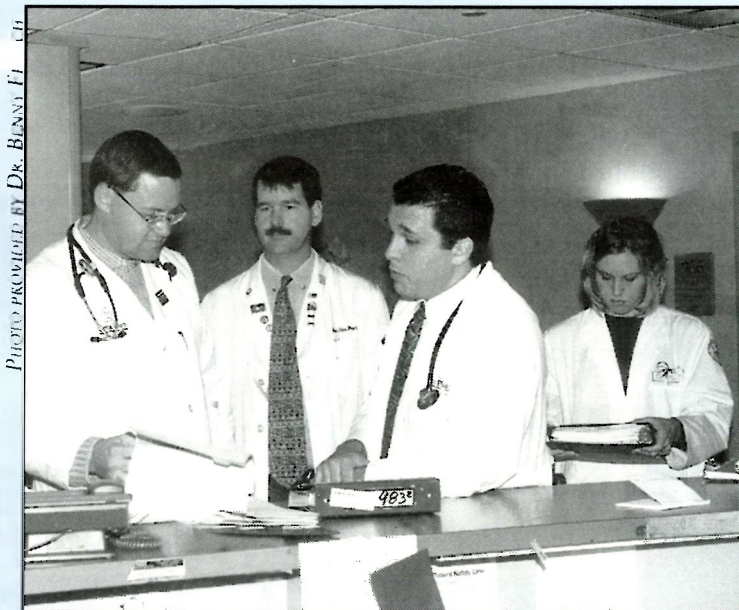


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Dr. Mark Gales (center background) and pharmacy student Barbie Grimes (right) on rounds at Integris Baptist Hospital in OKC.

Dennis says that when students report back after clinicals that they are better rounded practitioners and that seems to carry into acquiring a job as well.

"They always seem to have a better handle of the practical side of pharmacy work and gain confidence in their performance when they are actually helping patients and see the results from it," said Dennis.

We're Number One

Nursing program tests best in the nation

By JON OWENS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the second straight year, Southwestern's Division of Nursing received impressive results from its graduates who took the NCLEX-RN examination.

From April through September of 2002, Southwestern's passing rate was first among 1,352 schools in the United States. According to a recent report from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, all 19 Southwestern students who took the exam passed.

The school rankings are based on the percentage of graduates who passed the exam compared to other programs with at least 10 graduates who took the exam during the same period.

The nursing program also ranked first out of 479 schools that have similar undergraduate programs. Southwestern was first out of 31 state schools.



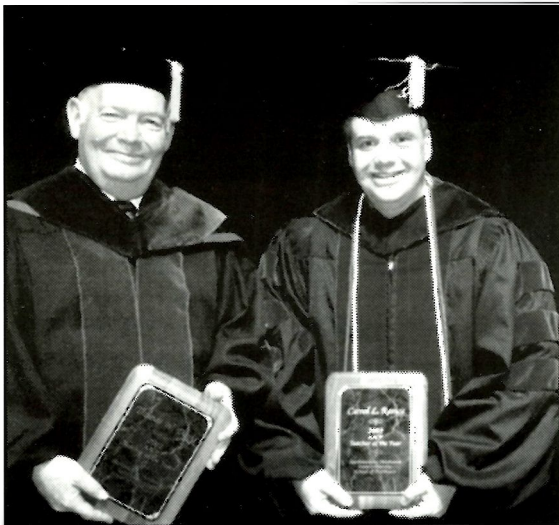
PHOTO BY PHILIP BUSEY

Student Brianne Genow and advisor Vicki Montgomery practice taking pulse.



Outstanding Nursing Alumnus

Kristi Baker (right) of Clinton was named the Outstanding Nursing Alumnus for 2002-03 during Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Division of Nursing end-of-year pinning and awards ceremony on the Weatherford campus. Baker, who also teaches in the Division of Nursing, was presented the award by Mattie Tolley.



Southwestern Associate Professor Dr. Tom Davis (left) and Assistant Professor Dr. Carroll Ramos were named Teachers of the Year during the 2002-03 academic year in the SWOSU School of Pharmacy at Weatherford. Ramos was honored in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, while Davis was selected in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. The award is made possible by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and is voted by the school's seniors.



Weatherford's Eric Flaming (right), a 2002 graduate of the SWOSU School of Pharmacy, won the Sister Mary Teresa Bramsiepe Award for his special interest in hospital pharmacy work. Flaming received the award at the recent School of Pharmacy awards convocation. Making the presentation is Dr. David Bergman, dean of the School of Pharmacy. The engraved plaque is presented by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and Saint Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

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Several grants awarded

Southwestern recently received confirmation of three grants and three contracts with a total amount of \$235,139.

The awards were announced by President John Hays at a meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

The awards include:

.....\$98,083 contract from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a child welfare professional enhancement program. This is designed to support students who are pursuing child welfare careers through financial support as well as employment opportunities. The principal investigator of the contract is Patricia Albaugh.

.....\$69,071 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to support a summer academy, "Summer Science and Mathematics Academy: Partners in Problem Solving Year 3." The grant supports a summer academy program designed to provide gifted high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to experience the interrelationship between science and mathematics. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Brian Campbell.

.....\$35,910 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to support a summer academy, "Summer Academy for Future Math and Science Teachers (AFMAST) Year 2." The grant supports a summer academy program designed to encourage high school juniors and seniors to pursue careers in math and science teaching. The principal investigator of the grant is Dr. Sylvia Esjornson.

.....\$19,575 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.

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

.....\$5,000 contract from the Office of Juvenile Affairs to support the transition of management of residency programs for youth in Office of Juvenile Affairs custody to Southwestern. The principal investigator of the contract is Dr. Ken Rose.

SWOSU, Integris Reps Meet to Discuss Cooperative Agreements



Representatives from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Integris Clinton Regional Hospital and Integris Rural Telemedicine of Oklahoma recently met to discuss grants and cooperative agreements. Among those attending the meeting were (front from left): Micha Leah Post, Rural Telemedicine Project Coordinator, Integris Health, Oklahoma City; Dr. Pam Forducey, Director, Jim Thorpe Clinical Development in Oklahoma, Oklahoma City; and Amy Powell, RHIA, Medical Staff Services Coordinator, Integris Clinton Regional Hospital. Back from left-Dr. Ken Rose, Dean, SWOSU School of Arts and Sciences; Lori Smith, Jim Thorpe Clinical Development and Education Manager, Oklahoma City; Susan Rose, R.N., R.P.T., Program Director Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Integris Clinton Regional Hospital; and Dr. Harpal Dhillon, SWOSU Department of Computer Science Chairman.

Grants enable new projects

Bar-S teams up with Computer Science

Southwestern's Computer Science Department was awarded a \$75,000 project from a program of the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST).

The award will allow six SWOSU computer science majors to get hands-on experience through internship arrangements with BAR-S Food Company, a large food processing company. BAR-S has four facilities in Oklahoma at Altus, Clinton, Elk City and Lawton.

Three students will assist the Information Systems group of BAR-S in the installation of a paperless information system for the BAR-S plant in Lawton. The interns will also spend time in the other three Oklahoma plants.

Three interns during the second year of

the project will continue work with the Information Systems group on various projects.

The project is made possible from a \$35,000 grant under OCAST's student intern cost-shared grant program. The remaining \$40,000 is funded by BAR-S. Dr. Harpal Dhillon, chair of the SWOSU Computer Science Department, is principal investigator.

"This is an important step in pursuing our department's mission of upgrading its curriculum and creating opportunities for our students to learn and earn while they are at SWOSU," Dhillon said. "Internship arrangements are the best strategy for giving our students an opportunity to apply their learning to real life situations."

It is expected the interns will each earn between \$7,000 and \$10,000 per year under this project that began June 1.

Ethics grant funds journalism lab update

Southwestern recently received a \$58,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation to help fund a newly-formed Ethical and Legal Studies in Small Market Media Program.

Joel Kendall, who along with SWOSU grant writer Joe Thompson wrote the application, said the funds will help update the journalism laboratory. Among other items, the funds will be used to purchase 20 Macintosh G4 computers.

Kendall, assistant professor in communication arts, said the training for professionals would be provided in mini-workshops and also through a web site consisting of legal and ethical tips and guidelines.

Kendall will direct the program with assistance from Keith Long, assistant professor in language arts.



Southwestern Oklahoma State University President John Hays (third from left) congratulates Joel Kendall (fourth from left) and Joe Thompson (second from left) for receiving a \$58,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation to help fund a newly-formed Ethical and Legal Studies in Small Market Media Program at SWOSU. Also pictured are Dr. Jill Jones, chair of the Language Arts Department, and Jim Waites (far right), assistant to the president for institutional advancement. The Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, based in Oklahoma City, was founded by the late Edith Kinney Gaylord.

FACULTY NEWS

Crall receives Bernhardt Excellence Award

By MCKENZIE MOL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. Les Crall received the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at the 10th annual Bernhardt Banquet on April 3.

Southwestern graduate Dr. William Bernhardt and his wife Theta Juan of Midwest City sponsored the event. The couple set up the award 10 years ago to honor an outstanding faculty member who has dedicated additional time to serving the campus and students. Winners receive \$2,500 cash and a Waterford Crystal clock and pen set.

Crall is a professor in the School of Business. He is a 1976 graduate from Thomas High School and a 1979 graduate of Southwestern with a degree in accounting.

"I felt very overwhelmed, elated, and humbled when they announced my name," Crall said. "I think being student focused in the way that I approach my classes is what made me stand out



Theta Juan Bernhardt, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. William Bernhardt

for this award."

Randy Beutler, legislative liaison for Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, was the guest speaker at the banquet. He briefed the faculty and staff about the governor's plan to resolve the budget cuts.

Retiring faculty members were also honored with retirement clocks in appreciation for their many years of service.



Among the six honorees at a retirement reception at Southwestern are (from left): Thelma Dye, nursing; Dr. Keith Reichmann, pharmaceutical sciences; and Faye Henson, allied health. They were honored at a reception on April 29 that was hosted by the Southwestern Faculty Senate. The other retiring faculty were Dr. Nancy McClain, interdisciplinary studies; Dr. Randy Russell, business; and Dr. Judy Winchester, elementary/secondary programs.

Eight faculty receive promotions, tenure

By PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF

Eight Southwestern faculty members at Weatherford were awarded promotions, and three faculty members received tenure at the April meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Three were promoted to professor from associate professor, including Dr. Melody Ashenfelter, School of Business; Dr. Roger Bromert, Department of Social Sciences; and Dr. Blake Sonobe, Department of Chemistry/Physics.

Three faculty members were pro-

moted from assistant professor to associate professor. They are: Dr. Kelley Logan, Department of Language Arts; Dr. Carroll Ramos, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Dr. Michael Wolff, Department of Psychology.

Mark Tippin in the School of Business and Dr. Christine Cox in the Department of Pharmacy Practice were promoted to assistant professors.

Receiving tenure were: Ramos; Lisa Boggs, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. David Hertz, Department of Social Sciences.

Dawg Dates 2003

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g Student Center Lawn
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept

1 Labor Day holiday
15 Panorama event --
Lewis Black, comedian
Fine Arts Center - 7:30 p.m.
18 Parent's Day

O c t

16-17 Fall Break
24-25 SWOSU Homecoming

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19 Semester ends

Nov

1 Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant
Fine Arts Center - 7:30 p.m.
8 Southwestern Saturday
11 Panorama event -- Gen. Thomas P. Stafford
Fine Arts Center - 7:30 p.m.
26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

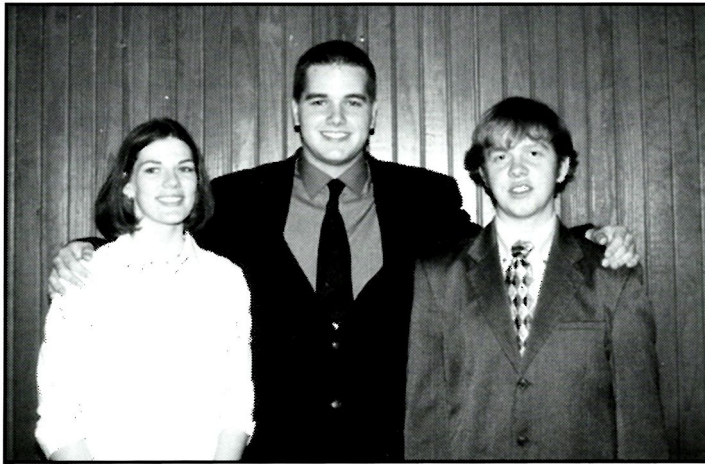
Upcoming events

Parent's Day, Sept. 13, 2003

Homecoming, Oct. 24-25, 2003

Student News

SGA officers



These three students were elected by the student body to lead the Student Government Association during the 2003-04 year. Serving as president will be Brandon Bensch (center) of Seiling. Also elected were treasurer Brandi Martin of Marlow and vice president Forrest Humphrey of Sentinel.

Students rally at Higher Ed Day

Ten student government representatives and five administrators went to the State Capitol to rally for higher education on Feb. 25.

They talked to many representatives and senators to discuss bills that support funding in universities.

According to data provided by State Regents for Higher Education, a college graduate over a lifetime will make an average of \$1 million more than a high school graduate.

Speech team goes to nationals

Southwestern's speech and debate won honorable mention in the team sweepstakes competition at the 90th annual Pi Kappa Delta national tournament and convention held at the end of March in Baltimore.

Representing SWOSU were students Misty Williams of Eakly, Shane Farmer of Mustang, Jessica Oxford of Huntsville, Mo., Arrie Flowers of Altus, Garret Castleberry of Sayre, and Wendy Farmer of Mustang.

SWOSU scored its biggest points in Readers Theatre. The musical, "A Little Tolerance," won a silver medal and second place overall. Flowers, Castleberry and both Shane and Wendy Farmer comprised the cast. Williams won a pair of national awards in oral interpretation, taking silver medals in both dramatic interpretation and prose.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda students won eight first place and 10 second place awards at the PBL state conference in Oklahoma City. Phi Beta Lambda is a national business organization.

First place winners included: Sara Allen, Amarillo, Texas, finance; Courtney Phillips, Hydro, business law; Travis Mangum, Yukon, management; Forrest Humphrey, Sentinel, computer concepts and visual basic; Trisha Parker, Thomas, international business; Nick Wald, Weatherford, quantitative methods; and Joy Lin Husted, Prague, hospitality management. SWOSU's chapter finished third in both the annual report and outstanding local chapter competitions. Both Allen and Phillips were chosen to Oklahoma PBL's Who's Who list.

Katrina Bedell, a senior psychology major, won second place and a \$200 cash award in a recent undergraduate research competition sponsored by the Southwestern Psychological Association. The annual competition was held April 17 in New Orleans. Her paper was entitled "Should President Clinton be Prosecuted for Perjury?" and was conducted in the fall of 2000. The study examined personality and social variables that were related to perceptions regarding Clinton's possible prosecution for lying under oath in the Paula Jones case.

Mary Ann Martinez, a student at SWOSU-Sayre, represented the state of Oklahoma at the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference June 24 through July 2 in Dallas, Texas.

Eight singers from the Department of Music were winners at a statewide aria competition held during the recent Collegiate Opera Festival in Durant. Winners in Junior Women were: Briana Parker, Norman, first place; and Laura Jean Bosse, Midwest City, second place. Senior Women winners were: Meagan Mathews, Sayre, first place; Renee Endicott, Moore, second place; and Rebecca Findley, Traverse City (MI), third place. Winners in Senior Men were: Michael Shimp, Bixby, first place; and Michael Karnes, Colby, Kan., second place. First place winner in the Graduate Women category was Lindy Charles of Weatherford.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN GLOVER

Brandon Cofer and Austen Lovell show off their prizes for winning SWOSU's fishing tournament.

Anadarko students win first-ever fishing tourney

BY STEPHEN GLOVER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The intramural department held a bass fishing tournament at Crowder Lake in April.

Brandon Cofer and Austen Lovell, both from Anadarko, finished first and second in the tournament. Cofer, a senior management major, finished with a total of 4 pounds-14 ounces on his stringer and Lovell, a senior marketing major, finished with 4 pounds-9 ounces on his stringer. The first place prize was a \$40 tackle box and second was a \$20 tackle box.

"All this fishing was extremely hard work," Lovell said. "But I'm glad I signed up because I can really use this tackle box."

According to Intramural Director Nelson Perkins, anyone that has a student ID and a fishing license was welcome to participate.

The department plans additional tournaments.



Keith Wiginton (from left), Doyle Bergner and Dr. Don Mitchell were inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies February 15 on the Weatherford campus. Wiginton, an Altus native, played both basketball and baseball at Southwestern in the 1950s and graduated in 1958. He is a well-known Baptist minister who recently retired. Bergner, a long-time Weatherford resident and 1951 Southwestern graduate, played baseball at Southwestern and went on to become a successful coach in baseball, football and basketball. Mitchell started the successful rodeo program at SWOSU in 1967 and coached the men's and women's squads until his retirement in 2001. The 1961 Southwestern graduate coached the rodeo teams to six national team titles.



Eleven members of the 1977 Southwestern Oklahoma State University football team gathered in Weatherford on February 15 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the team that went to the Apple Bowl in Seattle and played in the NAIA national championship contest. Players attended Saturday's SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon, basketball games and an evening party. Attending were front from left-Paul Potter, Oklahoma City; D.P. Henry, Oklahoma City; Rocky Powell, Weatherford; Mike Brown, Weatherford; and Brian Vaverka, Oklahoma City. Back from left-Dan Cocannouer, Chandler; Mike Sekul, Biloxi MS; Fred Bangs, Irving TX; Drew Litsch, Edmond; Butch Groves, Edmond; and Robert Burns, Weatherford.

PHOTO BY ALANNA BRADLEY



Members of the men's soccer raise funds at Carls Jr.

Soccer team to play one more season

The Southwestern men's soccer team has raised enough funds to cover the operational portion of their budget for the 2003-2004 soccer season, which will be its last season before being discontinued.

Due to budget constraints, the university is eliminating the men's soccer program.

Coach Joe Bradley will remain at SWOSU as women's soccer team coach and part-time director of the new fitness center.

President John Hays said the decision was based solely on budget problems, which all state agencies are facing right now. SWOSU expects to save around \$50,000 each year with the cost-cutting move. SWOSU will still offer nine NCAA Division II collegiate athletic teams including football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, women's cross country, women's soccer, women's golf and men's golf. In addition, SWOSU also has men's and women's rodeo.

Edwards wins broadcaster award

Chuck Edwards, the "voice of the Bulldogs" has been recognized as the broadcaster of the year for the Lone Star Conference. Edwards has completed his 26th year behind the microphone as Southwestern's broadcaster. Edwards has covered well over 200 football games and 2,000 men and women basketball games. Edwards reports on all 12 Southwestern Oklahoma sports, including over 10 trips to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Dispatches

The women's basketball team recorded the biggest upset of the year when it beat top-ranked Angelo State ---- in the first round of the Lone Star Conference playoffs. The Lady Bulldogs lost the next game to West Texas A&M, 89-71, to end the season.

Freshmen Christina Foraker, designated player, of Moore, OK and Candace Brown, outfielder, of OKC, OK earned first team Lone Star All-Conference softball honors. Brown was also chosen as co-freshman of the year.

Southwestern women's golfer Sara Bond and men's golfer Brian Hostetler were named to the Lone Star Conference All-Academic team. To be eligible for the team, the student-athlete must carry a 3.2 GPA. Bond is a freshman from Broken Bow majoring in pre-pharmacy with a 3.89 GPA. Hostetler is a junior from Arlington, TX and has a 3.7 GPA, majoring in accounting.

The women's basketball team had five players receive post season honors for their play this season. Kayla Horn received the Lone Star Conference freshman of the year award. Horn averaged 10.8 points per game and led the team in rebounding with 6.2 rebounds per game. Ashlee Hamar was named to the Lone Star Conference second team. Roxie Camden, Paige Adams, and Amanda Burris received honorable mention honors.

The Lone Star Conference all-conference baseball team included two players from Southwestern on the North Division second team. Sophomore pitcher Landon Harms and junior outfielder Cory Givens led the voting for Southwestern. Four Bulldogs earned honorable mention honors: junior first baseman Josh Kilhoffer, senior outfielder Josh Standifer, senior second baseman Gabe Boyd, and junior third baseman Jason Loooper. Southwestern placed a league-high four players on All-Academic Team: junior outfielder Dillon Ball, Loooper, Boyd, and Standifer.

Rodeo squads win region

several individuals go to nationals

By SPORTS INFORMATION STAFF

The men and women won the Central Plains Region title and are both nationally ranked. The women collected 1,235 points and finished 245 points ahead of Northwestern. The men earned 2,467 points and finished 498 ahead of Panhandle State.

Three cowboys and two cowgirls qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Wyoming.

The three men's team members who traveled to Wyoming were Cord McCoy, Marty Castor and Justin Hermanson. McCoy qualified in bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding. Castor earned a trip in the bareback riding. Hermanson qualified in the bull riding.

The two women's team members



Cord McCoy has another successful ride at a recent rodeo. McCoy was one of several SWOSU rodeo members who qualified for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo.

making the trip to Wyoming were Amy Clark and Jennifer Heisman. Clark and Heisman qualified in the goat tying competition.

The College National Finals Rodeo was held at Casper, Wyoming, June 8-14.

2003 Football schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 6	West Texas A&M ^	Weatherford, OK	7:00 PM
September 13	Bacone College \$	Weatherford, OK	7:00 PM
September 20	Midwestern State ^	Weatherford, OK	7:00 PM
September 27	at Angelo State ^	San Angelo, TX	7:00 PM
October 4	at Central Oklahoma *	Edmond, OK	2:00 PM
October 11	East Central *	Weatherford, OK	2:00 PM
October 18	at Southern Nazarene	Bethany, OK	1:30 PM
October 25	Southeastern Oklahoma *!	Weatherford, OK	2:30 PM
November 1	at Northeastern State *	Tahlequah, OK	3:30 PM
November 8	Tarleton State *	Weatherford, OK	2:00 PM
November 15	at Eastern New Mexico	Portales, NM	2:00 PM (MST)

Bold indicates home games.

^ Lone Star Conference Crossover Game

* LSC North Division Game

! 2003 Southwestern Homecoming

\$ Parent's Day

All times listed are Central Standard Time.

Reed named basketball coach

Southwestern announced the hiring of the new men's basketball coach, Scott Reed, in April.

"The committee has spent many hours trying to get a coach that will fit the mold that we want here at Southwestern and I want to be the first to say that we think we've found a very good one," stated athletic director Cecil Perkins.

Reed comes from Northeastern Oklahoma State University where he was an assistant coach for the Redmen's basketball team. Northeastern won the 2003 NCAA Division II National Championship this past March. He has 14 years of coaching experience under his belt.

He has coached at Northeastern State, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, and Bacone College.

Scott received his MS in College Teaching, Health & Physical Education from Northeastern State in 1996. He earned a BA



Scott Reed

in Spanish from Northeastern State in 1992 and Forester Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica in 1991.

Reed said that this day has been a long time

coming.

"I'm grateful for the coaches and players in my past that gave me this opportunity to be standing at this podium today," Reed said.

"I'm very excited and honored to take over the reigns of such a storied program as the Southwestern basketball team and I'm ready to build on what coach Hauser has done in the past."

Hauser retires after 27 years coaching

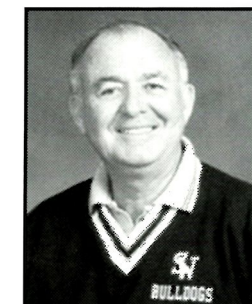
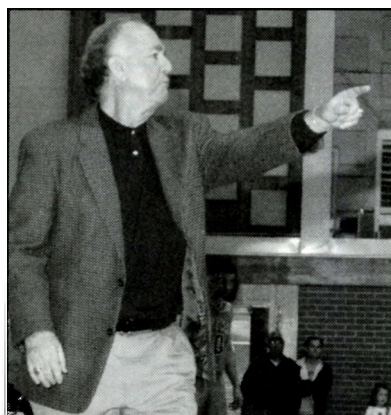
Head men's basketball coach George Hauser announced his retirement before the Southwestern-East Central basketball game on March 2. He coached the Bulldogs for 27 seasons.

Hauser's career record (including high school games) stands at 710-503, a winning percentage of 58.5%. Hauser guided the Bulldogs to conference titles in 1977-80, 1984 and 1987. His 1995 squad won the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference post-season tournament and qualified for the NAIA nationals. The 1977 team made the NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

Hauser's legacy

career record
710-503
SWOSU record

Conference titles
1977, 1978, 1979,
1980, 1984, 1987



Hauser directs play in his last game on March 2 against East Central.

The 1960 Central State University (UCO) graduate began his coaching career as a high school coach at Covington, before moving to Cherokee, Woodward and Choctaw. He coached at Bacone Junior College in Muskogee for five years. He then spent three years at American Christian College in Tulsa before joining the Bulldogs.

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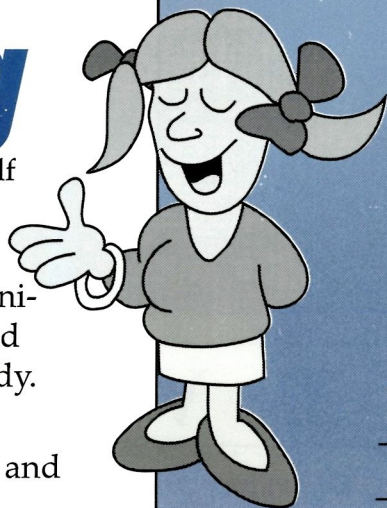
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