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ECHOES FROM THE HILL

SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096 — February 1967



GOING UP: Southwestern's new \$1.3-million library, Completion of the building, located west of the Memorial shown here in an architect's drawing, is under construction. Student Center, is scheduled in November.

College on Building Spree

In a giant leap forward to catch up with its mushrooming enrollment, Southwestern State College is in the early stages of its greatest building boom. Money for expanded physical facilities has become available through the college's share of the state's capital improvement bond issue of \$54,570,000 approved by state voters in December, 1965, and by federal funds.

NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION: A completion date of late November, 1967, has been set for a \$1,332,000 library on the campus circle drive just north of the president's home. According to President Al Harris, a federal grant of \$444,000 from the Health, Education and Welfare department, Washington, D. C., will be included in construction costs. The structure will have 56,000 feet of floor space.

START SET JUNE 1: Meeting one of the most urgent campus needs, a new arts and sciences classroom building will likely be advertised for bids April 15. Dr. Harris is hopeful that construction will start June 1. Located just east of Oklahoma Hall on Davis Road, this building will contain 33 classrooms, 27 offices, and seminar and program learning rooms. Its cost will be \$724,000,

of which \$241,333 will be federal funds.

HIGH-RISER DORMITORY: The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has reserved \$2 million for the construction of two high-riser dormitories with a connecting cafeteria. The cafeteria will serve 400 students in the two new dormitories and 368 women living in Oklahoma Hall. Present plans call for the completion of the new complex in August, 1968. No state money can be used to repay this federal loan,

which will be retired by self-liquidating bonds from income.

WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE: An \$899,000 addition to the Chemistry, Pharmacy and Physics building; a \$237,000 addition, including a swimming pool, dressing rooms and possible classrooms, to the Health and Physical Education building; \$166,954 for conversion of the present library into a modern classroom building, and \$143,500 for repair and modernization of other present campus structures.



RALPH CRALL

Crall President Of Association

Ralph Crall, '29, Weatherford schoolman, was elected president of the Southwestern State College former students association at the Homecoming dinner and business session October 28. He succeeds M. A. Diel, Southwestern's registrar.

Gwen Mote, Lookeba, is the new vice-president. Officers re-elected are Millie Alexander Thomas, Weatherford, secretary, and Mark Mouse, Weatherford, treasurer.

IN MIDWEST CITY

DOLPH SHULTS, '41, and CHIQUITA SHULTS are teachers in the Midwest City schools. Mrs. Shults is a former Southwestern instructor. Their residence is 2828 Mockingbird Lane, Midwest City.

Enrollment Jumps

Not including 290 enrolled at the Clinton-Sherman AFB resident center, there are 3,921 students registered at Southwestern State during the spring, 1967, semester. This is the second highest total in history, second only to last fall's all-time peak of 4,180.

The decrease from the first to the second semester is only 259, or six per cent; the normal midyear drop is usually nearer 10 per cent.

January registration of recent years reflects the rapid growth of the college. In 1962 there were 2,049; in 1963 there were 2,586; there was a drop to 2,542 in 1964; an increase to 2,987 in 1965, and to 3,564 in 1966.

A record-breaking number of graduate students this semester, 452, has been a big factor.



BULLDOGS: (Left to right) BACK ROW---Archie McGill, Lloyd Lacy, Bert Rickner, Dennis Smith, James Holt, Jay Harris; FRONT ROW---Manager Art Earlich, Richard O'Hara, Gilbert Moll, Benny Looper, Skippy Cannon, Coach Jerry Jobe.

Bulldogs Take Playoff Berth

One of the most exciting, and undoubtedly one of the greatest Bulldog basketball teams of all time is tied for the league lead with national champion Oklahoma Baptist University in the tough collegiate conference and is assured of a playoff to represent Oklahoma in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City in March.

Jerry Jobe's team, without a senior on the squad, proved its greatness February 17-18 when they overpowered OBU at Shawnee, 63-62, and Central at Edmond, 73-70, to subdue their only remaining rivals on their home courts.

It has been a big team effort all season, with Bert Rickner, Gilbert Moll, Archie McGill, Loyd Lacy, Richard O'Hara and Skippy Cannon leading a balanced attack and Dennis Smith, James Holt and a half-dozen promising freshmen stepping in when needed.

The high finish of the cagers has made the 1966-67 sports season successful. Otis Delaporte's football team finished in a tie for second place, only one-half game back of the champion-ship East Central eleven.

GARY ABERCROMBIE, '64, is an assistant on the college coaching staff while doing graduate study toward a master's degree at Southwestern.

JOE ZINKIEWICZ, '66, is attending West Texas State University, Canyon, under a graduate assistantship in speech.

WINSTON SMITH, '61, is a pharmacist at Lompoc, Calif. His wife BEA (Ingram), '58, is a former editor of The Southwestern. Their Lompoc address is 616 B. North "E".

HACK WITHERSPOON, '37, can be reached at 1111 Ridge-wood Road, Omaha, Nebr.

JIM MCKOY, '53, all-conference quarterback for the Southwestern Bulldogs three years, lives at 3420 NW 68, Oklahoma City. One of his team-mates, JIM WILLIAMS, '52, Rte 1, Box 178, Oklahoma City, is a commercial pilot with an airline.

Living at 619 N. Custer in Weatherford are L. E. "Polly" WHEELER, '28, former school administrator, state senator and publishing company executive, and his wife, LUCILLE (Blair), '24, who was the first hostess for Stewart Hall after it was occupied in 1937.

Biennium Sees Big Changes

In many areas, the 1964-66 biennium was the period of greatest expansion and development in the history of Southwestern State College. This was particularly true of student enrollment, faculty upgrading, and curricular improvement.

Cumulative enrollment, including summer sessions, showed 3,809 in 1962-63; 3,838 in 1963-64; 5,045 in 1964-65; and 5,780 in 1965-66, an increase of approximately 50 per cent over this two-year span. Since 1960-61, the resident registration has almost doubled.

Faculty qualifications have also reached higher levels. Of 103 staff members in 1963-64 there were 27 with doctors degrees. Two years later there are 42 doctorates, a 55 per cent increase. The number of faculty personnel grew from 103 to 160.

Since 1964, six new major areas of study have been approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. They are in psychology, political science, sociology, German, French, and Spanish. The first degrees for psychology majors were conferred in May, 1966.

During the biennium there were 1,254 degrees earned. With the 1962-64 figures in parentheses, the totals for 1964-66 were: Master of Teaching, 237 (183); Bachelor of Science in Education, 398 (307); Bachelor of Science, 260 (152);

Bachelor of Arts in Education, 160 (109); Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, 117 (134); and Bachelor of Arts, 82 (59).

The number of teachers' certificates for which Southwestern State College graduates qualified during these same periods were 800 (636) in secondary fields and 429 (309) in elementary education.

Grants and matching funds from federal agencies had a strong impact in many instructional areas, particularly in the sciences. National Science Foundation grants during 1964-66 totaled \$193,552 for laboratory equipment in chemistry, biology, physics, and mathematics. This was a major factor in the development of undergraduate research and improved classroom techniques.

The School of Pharmacy benefited from two grants by the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. One was for student loans, totaling \$71,834, and the other for scholarships, \$25,000.

Under the National Defense Education Act, 1,035 students received loans during 1964-66 of \$457,877.50. During the preceding biennium 472 students borrowed \$179,784 under the federally-sponsored program.

Library facilities were improved by \$72,396 in the purchase of books and periodicals.

National Science Foundation institutes for junior high school

chemistry and mathematics teachers were continued in 1965 and for mathematics teachers in 1966. During the summer of 1966 a laboratory was set up for modern languages classes.

Emphasis in construction during the biennium was on student housing. The opening of Quannah Parker Hall for the September, 1964, session was a prime factor in the registration boom of 1964-65. Completed at the end of the 1963-64 year at a cost of \$1,100,000, it added living space for 308 men. Oklahoma Hall, a dormitory for 366 women, was built during 1965-66 at a contracted price of \$1,600,000.

These new dormitories, with Neff Hall for men, Stewart Hall for women, apartments for married students, and trailer areas, now provide living space for 1,360 students on the campus. Off-campus privately-owned student housing has also increased tremendously. Lacking only allocation of federal funds are plans for a high-riser dormitory and cafeteria the college administration is hopeful of completing during the coming biennium at a cost of \$2 millions.

Other construction includes an \$80,000 addition to the snack bar and recreation area of the Memorial Student Center. This is the third enlargement of the center during the past five years. The original building was opened in 1956.

A Time For Celebrating

Southwestern State

College Homecoming



Phi Delta Chi's Outstanding Parade Entry



Tau Kappa Epsilon Wins Its Division



Ready for the Big Game



Homecoming Queen Kaye Kelsay



Leading Bulldogs Onto the Field



Southwestern En Route to 35-14 Victory

NEWS ABOUT SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI

Among the better known columnists for the Daily Oklahoman are Southwestern graduates ROY P. STEWART, '29, "Country Boy," and FRANCIS THETFORD, '40, "Dateline Oklahoma."

TALBERT BROWN, '60, and CAROL (Cates) Brown, '61, are parents of a son, Scott Dean, born in October. They live at 8305 NW 35, Bethany. Brown is a teacher in the Oklahoma City schools. Scott Dean's grandmother, MRS. ZOLA CATES, '58, a Putnam City teacher, resides at 8313 NW 36 Terrace, Bethany.

SMITTY WILLIAMS, '42, and JESSIE (Ayres) WILLIAMS, '43, have a residence at 2301 E. Robinson, Norman. Williams, an all-around athlete at Southwestern and for many years a successful coach, teacher and administrator in public schools, is now the representative of a publishing company.

A former Southwestern State student photographer and photo-engraver, JAMES F. BURNHAM, '42, owner and publisher of the Canton Record, is a well-known state personality and a former legislator representing Blaine county. A daughter, MARILYN PARK, '66, is a teacher at Custer City.

Two former editors of The Southwestern live at 4736 Augusta Lane, Wichita Falls, Tex. GLENN SHELTON, '41, is a well-known Texas newspaperman and columnist with the Wichita Falls Times-Record. ELSIE BARNES SHELTON, '43, is a public school teacher. Their three oldest children are preparing for journalistic careers at the University of Texas.

A campus leader and outstanding student of his time, TERRY NOWKA, '52, and his wife, MARY MARTHA (Bullock), ex-'52, are residents of the Hydro community.

KINLEY A. MCCLURE, '48, and MARY (Schmidt) MCCLURE, ex-'48, live at 12 S. 45 St., Lawton. McClure, former editor of The Southwestern, for many years a state newspaperman, and more recently public relations director for Cameron State College, is now postmaster at Lawton. Mary McClure is associated with the Army public information office at Fort Sill.

GWEN MOTE, '59, is a teacher in the Lookaba-Sickles schools. Her son, DUANE MOTE, '64, is associated with boys club work at Odessa, Texas. He was year-book photographer while a student at Southwestern.

More Southwestern former students and graduates living in Weatherford: G. E. JONES, ex-'41, and NINA (Branigan) JONES, ex-'42, 606 N 6; HAROLD KAISER, '27, and NADINE KAISER, '28, MA '56, Davis Road, north of city; AL KENDALL, '33, 316 W Huber; FRANK EATON, '25, 823 N. Caddo; SUZY FALCONER, '66, 616 E Main.

Employed by Southwestern State College: LORAIN (Royal) WITCHER, ex-'48, secretary to the dean of the college (husband, GALE, ex-'48, is a postal employee in Weatherford); CAROL (Ensley) TEMPLETON, ex-'64, secretary in the business office (husband, R. H., ex-'60, also a postal employee).

MAX LEE, '47, former instructor in the watchmaking school, is owner of the Toot-n-Tell Grocery on N. Kansas in Weatherford. Former dean of the watchmaking school, L. M. LEWIS, is manager of the Kelley campus jewelry at 108 E. College.

Outstanding leaders as Southwestern State College undergraduates, both named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," BILL BROGDEN, '62, and KAY (Hill) BROGDEN, '62, live at 2612 SW 51, Oklahoma City. Brogden is an attorney and Mrs. Brogden is an elementary teacher.

CRYSTAL EADS MILLER, '31, 1922 Houston Street, Vernon, Texas, is a teacher in the Vernon public schools.

Wives of Weatherford businessmen operating campus shops are MARY NELLE HUTTO, ex-'34, Hutto's Poise 'n Ivy, and ELWANDA MILLER, ex-'41, Miller's Drug.

TROY L. JOHNSTON, '63, is Civil Service examiner and an employee of the Weatherford Post Office. His wife, DARLENE (Headrick) JOHNSON, is a senior at Southwestern.

Former Bulldog baseball and basketball great LOSEY WITHERSPOON, '40, lives at 8531 E. Pasadena Ave., Scottsdale, Arizona.

Another Southwestern student living in Scottsdale is BOB HAWK, ex-'26, famous radio personality of the 1930's. His address is 7660 E. Thornwood Drive.

DR. LE ROY FORD, '43, Sayre, former educational director for the First Baptist Church, Erick, has been named professor of programmed instruction and

principles of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

LOETA (Allen) KELLY, ex-'42, a former secretary in the college public relations office, is a civil service employee at the Altus Air Force Base.

COL. RAMEY WILSON, ex-'42, and IRIS (Savage) WILSON, '42, live at Iowa Park, Texas. Col. Wilson, former Bulldog football letterman and college sports writer, is director of special services at Sheppard Air Force Base. Mrs. Wilson was a popular student entertainer during her undergraduate days at Southwestern State College.

JAY JONES, '60, Bulldog basketball and baseball standout, is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with an office on the Southwestern State campus.

Former Southwestern students on the Weatherford public schools faculty include: JOE BATTLES, '60; ARLENE GREEN, '44; FLORENCE PAIR, '41; TOMMY GAGE, '64; OLENE TYLER, '52; GOLDIE HAYS, '38.

Manager of the college Student Center is VIRGIL DOWNING, '49, who has been elected the 1967 president of the Weatherford Kiwanis club. His son, CHARLES DOWNING, '62 is a hospital technician at Chickasha. MARJORIE GOSS, ex-'58, is manager of the book store in the Student Center.

EUGENE E. HUGHES, '54, has assumed his duties as chairman of the Southwestern State College language arts division, succeeding Dr. Gladys C. Bellamy, who has retired.

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Hughes has been on leave from the staff since 1964 completing requirements for a Ph. D. at the University of Missouri.

His wife, the former Lynn Lundgaard, has been a member of the Southwestern State English faculty.

L. WARREN REED, '66, Duke, is associated with the Gulf Oil Corporation Agricultural Center in Sturgis, Kentucky.

BILL PORTEUS, '46, and MARGE (Cook) PORTEUS, '43, are residents of Paonia, Colorado.

Southwestern alumni and former students now employed by the Dow Chemical Company include DONALD DEE GISH, '65, sales trainee, Detroit, Michigan; HOWARD O. HUGHES, '59, chemist, Laboratory Styrene, Freeport, Texas; FLOYD LEROY KUTCH, ex-'49, industry manager, Cape Kennedy, Florida; DR. HERBERT W. McCORMICK, '51, assistant director, Physics Lab, Midland, Michigan; BILLY WELDON NICHOLS, '57, analytical chemist, Central Laboratory, Freeport, Texas; ROGER DOYNE SIEMENS, '61, chemist, Central Laboratory, Freeport, Texas; RICHARD LOYNE SIEMENS, '61, chemist, Central Laboratory, Freeport, Texas; W. J. BUEHLER, ex-'31, district office manager, Denver, Colorado; DR. G. H. CROOK, '41, senior production chemist, Freeport, Texas; O. R. DAUGHERTY, ex-'40, manager's assistant, General Operations, Tulsa, Oklahoma; C. M. STOUT, '52, supervisor, Applied Research and Development, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

LOUIS O. "BILL" FOLKS, '37, former manager of the Southwestern State student center, is in the insurance business at Alva. His wife ESTHER, '61, is placement director at Northwestern State College.