FLOODLIGHTS HELP TO show the magnificence of South­western’s new Library Building, just completed and ready for occupancy. Containing 56,000 square feet, the two-story structure was constructed at a cost of $1.3 million. Architects designed it so that another floor can be added when more library space is needed.

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New Library Is ‘Something’

It’s too big for a Christmas stocking, and its 56,000 square feet are just too much for old Santa’s pack.

But Southwestern’s new Library Building will be like a mammoth belated Christmas gift to the more than 4,550 students and to the faculty members.

Final inspection of the spacious facilities has been completed, and acceptance by the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Colleges precedes perhaps the greatest moving project ever undertaken at the college.

In their cramped quarters in the 9,172-square-foot old Library, Miss Anne Cramer, Southwestern librarian, and her staff are marking time until they are permitted to occupy the new $1.3-million one, located a stone’s throw to the south.

According to President Al Harris, installation of $166,000 worth of movable equipment like shelves, desks, copiers, micro­-film machines, etc., will begin soon after the Christmas holidays. It will take 30 to 40 days to complete.

There’s space in the new Library for 200,000 volumes, as well as for periodicals, reference materials, study and reading areas and offices.

The architects designed the structure for future addition of a third floor.

Expected to become a feature attraction is the Southwestern Room, which will contain rare books and other items depicting the history of Southwestern State College.

Four pictures of the college’s only national AAU championship wrestling teams have already been received for the room. R. W. Moore of Altus, vice-president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co. and a former champion wrestler at the college, recently presented the photographs to Dr. Harris.

Not nearly enough books are owned by the college to fill new Library shelves. However, volumes are being purchased as rapidly as money is available.

Miss Cramer said in excess of $80,000 is available this fiscal year for new books and periodicals, and similar amounts are expected to be spent for the same purpose in the future.

Take a Moment...
Send Those Addresses

There’s something about the yuletide that causes people to think of friends they haven’t thought of since the same season the year before.

As a result, Christmas cards are exchanged—and new addresses are learned.

You can be of great assistance to the Echoes From the Hill staff when a card comes to your house from an old Southwestern State College classmate. We need that classmate’s address for our mailing list.

Why not send it along to Echoes From the Hill, Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Okla. 73096?

A year ago approximately 800 Southwestern alumni and former students were receiving Echoes. This issue is going out to more than 3,300.

With your help, the December 1968 Echoes From the Hill can be mailed to 5,000 or more.

May we count on you?
First Lettermen’s Reunion Attracts Many to SWSC

An added attraction at last fall’s Homecoming celebration was the first Lettermen’s Reunion, attended by more than 80 former Southwestern athletes.

It was the first time many of those present had returned to their alma mater for Homecoming, and all took advantage of the opportunity to reminisce.

Arrangements for the event were made by Don Prock, associate professor of mathematics at Southwestern and a Bulldog letterman himself.

Plans are being made to hold similar reunions at future Homecomings.

Registering at this year’s reunion were:

Gary Abercromble, Abnormality, Texas; Jerry Ayers, Altus; Bob Banister, Enid; Bill Baker, Lawton; Hayden Battles, Hobart; Joe Battles, Weatherford; Roscoe “Bo” Belcher, Chandler; Doyle Bergner, Weatherford; Kenny Bibb, Liberal, Kan.; Richard Boone, Mountain View; Orral Bo Bowman, Lawton; Orin E. Elwood “Woody” Pryor, Slatford, Kan.; Roger Pryor, Fort Cobb; Harvey Reimer, Hobart; Joe D. Reynolds, Weatherford; Mike Riley, Clovis, N. M.; Leonard “Tex” Selvidge, Claremore, Texas; Donald Shadid, Weatherford; J. E. “Jeans” Simmons, El Reno.

And Kenneth C. “Catfish” Sims, Watonga; Trump Smith, Frederick; George Stack, Elk City; Elton Stewart, Guymon; Joe D. Reynolds, Weatherford; Mike Riley, Clovis, N. M.; Leonard “Tex” Selvidge, Claremore, Texas; Donald Shadid, Weatherford; J. E. “Jeans” Simmons, El Reno.

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AMONG THE MORE THAN 80 former Southwestern State College athletes attending the first Lettermen’s Reunion were (from left) Rankin Williams, Weatherford; Kenneth C. “Catfish” Sims, Watonga; Elmer P. Cecil, Clinton; Ernest “Jake” Locker, Muleshoe, Texas; Jimmy Craddock, Weatherford; Roscoe “Bo” Belcher, Chandler.

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JIMMYE O. WILLIAMS (BS in business education, '52) is shown at left receiving a sustained superior performance citation from Dale Crawford, his supervisor at the Federal Aviation Administration Center in Oklahoma City. A graduate of Okie­man High School, Williams also was cited for a beneficial sug­gestion to the agency. He has been a flight standards pilot with the FAA for eight years, and he lives with his wife, Mary, and their three children---Marcus, Paul and Elizabeth---in Okla­home City.

Retirement Means Travel Time for the Ripples

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Ripple have now “had the pleasure of seeing and visiting the first 48 of our beautiful states,” after last summer’s trip which also brought them back to Oklahoma for several days.

Both are graduates of South­western, and both have retired from the teaching profession in California. They make their home at 913 Sheridan Ave, in Bakers­field.

“Elk City is our hometown and we come back each year to visit some of our relatives and old

childfriends and classmates of Elk City High School and our own Southwestern,” Ripple recently wrote Southwestern President Al Harris.

During the past summer they were on hand for the “wild and exciting” Stampede held each year in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Ripple considers his selection in 1963 as the recipient of a Freedom Foundation Medal one of the most “wonderful things” ever to happen to him.

He and some 14,000 other re­tired California teachers were asked that year to write an open letter to the youth of the nation, Ripple’s letter was chosen the best submitted.

He is a Baptist Church deacon and counselor and was an educ­ator, school administrator and athletic coach for 37 years be­fore his retirement in 1960.

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Claude Hostetter, Clinton, has been re-elected president of the Southwestern Thirty-Year Club.

Ernest Kendalls,Silver Springs, Md., is vice-president, and Frank Eaton, Weatherford, is secre­tery.

Their election came at the club’s 29th annual reunion in October. More than 40 persons attended the Thirty-Year Club luncheon, a feature of the college Homecoming on Oct. 14.
College Gets Grants for Institutes

Two National Science Foundation grants totaling $110,120 have been received by Southwestern State College for institutes next summer for junior high school teachers of mathematics and general science.

The institutes—one in mathematics, the other in chemistry—will be held simultaneously from June 3 to July 26, Dr. Al Harris, Southwestern president, said in announcing the grants.

Dr. Earl A. Reynolds, chairman of the division of mathematics and physical sciences, will serve as director of both institutes, and division staff members will instruct the institute sessions.

Associate director of the mathematics institute will be Dr. Raymond McKellips, mathematics professor, while Dr. Donald I. Hamm, chemistry professor, will be assistant director of the chemistry institute.

Other staff members include Dr. Kevin Casebeer and Dr. Philip Gibbons, mathematics; Dr. Rolen Decker and Dr. Harold White, chemistry.

Junior high school teachers (grades seven through nine) actively engaged in teaching mathematics or general science will be considered for acceptance by the institutes. A maximum of 40 persons may be selected for each.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution is required, following which the applicant must plan to teach the following school year.

Preference will be given to applicants for the mathematics institute who have three or more years teaching experience and less than 21 hours of mathematics, with little or no exposure to "modern mathematics."

Among persons seeking to attend the chemistry institute preference will be given to those with three or more years of general science teaching experience and less than 15 hours of chemistry.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15 to assure consideration. Selected teachers will be notified by March 15.

A stipend of $600, plus $120 for each dependent up to four, will be awarded to each participant. Travel allowance is set at eight cents per mile for one round trip from the participant's home to Weatherford. However, the maximum travel allowance is $120.

Eight semester hours of advanced professional credit are offered to persons attending the institutes.

Application forms and additional information concerning the institutes may be obtained by writing to Dr. Reynolds.

John Shoemaker is 'Veteran Educator'

John Shoemaker unquestionably can be classified as a "veteran educator."

John retired in June, 1966, as superintendent of Lawton Public Schools—a position he had held for 20 years. But his career in education began long before his elevation to head of one of Oklahoma's largest school systems.

For 19 years he was Lawton High Principal, and for six years he taught industrial arts—one in Weatherford and five in Lawton.

John graduated two times from Southwestern. The first was in 1922 when SW was a two-year college; the second in the summer of 1924. His major was industrial arts and his minor social studies.

While at the college, he lettered in three sports—football, basketball and track.

"Home!" is at 915 Columbia in Lawton.

Harry Mabry Recalls Years Here, Gives $25

Harry C. Mabry, prominent Los Angeles, Calif., attorney and Southwestern alumnus, has contributed $25 to the college scholarship fund.

A check for this amount was received from Mabry early in the fall, along with interesting biographical information and a recording of a song, "Rainbow of Hawaii," written by Mabry.


He received his law degree from Yale in 1925, and since that time he has been a practicing attorney in Los Angeles.

He has been appointed chairman of the 45th anniversary reunion of his class scheduled next April at Yale.

Mabry attended the recent meeting of the American Bar Association in the Hawaiian Islands, where he served for the 16th year on the resolutions committee. He chairman of the committee in 1965-66.

In a letter to Echoes From the Hill, Mabry recalled that "by hard work, fervent prayer and the grace of Heaven, I received enough A-plus grades to bring up to A the average grades I had below the A level, with the result that for my Southern credits for the six years, six years then being required to graduate, I had a straight A, or 90 per cent average."
Alumni in the News

Airman Jerry O. Taylor (BS, '67) of Carnegie has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and is now a communications specialist with the Air Force Communications Service at Randolph AFB, Texas. His wife is the former LaVonna Mullenix of Sayre.

Thomas Jackson (MT, '67) is employed as a teacher in Lawton public schools. His residence is at 826 Southeast 10th.

A 1963 graduate of Southwestern, Sharon Lee Franz Prentice, is living at 1408 Quincy NE in Albuquerque, N. M., and teaching in her school system.

Dr. Robert B. Todd Jr. (Class of '62) is a dentist in Niles, Mich., where his address is P. O. Box 462.

Roy E. Ayres (Class of '47), 1502 West 11th, Stillwater, is state supervisor for trades and industrial education.

Sherri Cordry (Class of '67) is teaching sixth grade in the Wheeler Elementary School, Oklahoma City, and lives at 1111 Southwest 24th Avenue in Norman.

Principal of Mountain View High School is Dennis D. Haxton, Class of '57.

Army Specialist-4 Gary G. Mattlage (BS, '63) has been assigned to duties at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. A medical supply specialist, Mattlage entered the Army in 1965 and was in Vietnam before receiving his latest assignment. His home is in Elk City.

Dr. Roger Duncan, Southwestern alumnus, is consultant in the division of research and development for the Colorado Department of Education. Prior to his current position he was an associate professor at Western State College, Gunnison, Colo. He resides at 17 Newland Court, Lakewood, Colo.

Roddy Merl Conrad (BS, '63) took his oral examination for the doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry early this fall at the University of Southern California Graduate School.

Jack L. Arnold (Pharmacy '65) has been elected vice-president of the Tulsa-Creek Counties Pharmaceutical Association.

Jack Helm (BS, '66) has been promoted to the rank of major at Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base, Okla. Maj. Helm, whose hometown is Memphis, Texas, is a B-52 Stratofortress pilot with the Strategic Air Command. His wife is the former Billie Blakely of Perryton, Texas.

Steve T. Frans (BS, '64) is with the wire and cable department of General Electric in New Orleans, La.

Horace O. Watson, Box 124, Viola, Ark., is employed by the welfare department in Salem, Ark. He lettered in basketball while at Southwestern several years ago.

Serving as counselor and coach in the Keys' school system is Lindel Bailey, a spring '67 Southwestern graduate.

Victor E. Hill (AB, '38) is chief of school management at Fairfax, Va. His mailing address there is 4310 Andes Drive.

Dr. Ben Gerald Harris (C62) is teaching in the Rice University department of biology in Houston, Texas.

Lloyd C. English ('66 grad) is art instructor in Elk City High School. He resides at 303A North Jefferson.

Vada Marie Adams ('52 grad) is in the University of Colorado Graduate School at Boulder.

Phil Southall (BS in pharmacy, '57) is a pharmacist in Fort Worth, Texas. Phil, formerly of Altus, and his wife, Sandra Adams of Lone Wolf, have two boys, ages 9 and 7. Their address is 5004 Stacey Avenue, Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robert McLendon's mailing address is Route 2, Box 128, Weatherford.

Jerry Noel Lee, BS in chemistry and biology, '65, and MS from Kansas State Teachers College, '67, now teaches science at Burns Flat High School. Jerry, formerly of Vinson, married Stanna Gene Brewer of Roosevelt. Their address is P. O. Box 592, Burns Flat.

F. R. Hancock Jr., BS in pharmacy, '61, now owns a drug store in Glenpool, Texas.

After one semester of teaching at Sentinel, Yvonne Fransen Carpenter, BS in education, '66, returned to care for her young daughter, Jill. Yvonne, Jill and husband Jack are engaged in farming at Route 2, Box 10, Clinton.

Active in civic affairs in Selling, Charles R. Weeks, BS in business education and physical education, '60, is now self-employed in an insurance agency and gift shop there. He served as a coach and teacher at Lawton High School four years before buying a partnership in the Selling stores. His wife, Jody Brady, attended SWSC '58-'59, and they now have one child, Jay Charles, age 4-1/2. Their address is Box 6, Selling.

Presently employed as an elementary principal in Waynoka Public Schools, Robert Stallings graduated from SWSC with a BS in industrial arts, '61, and a master of teaching from NWSC, Alva, '65. Raised in Hydro, Robert and his wife, Esther Willius, own the tiny diner, now live at 304 South Rose, Waynoka.

After graduating with a BS in '52, Jimmye Oliver Williams has spent much of his time flying in the Air Force, with TWA and several governmental agencies, primarily the Federal Aviation Administration. He and his wife have lived in Oklahoma City since 1959. She teaches in the St. Anthony Hospital RN School. They have two boys, ages 10 and 11, and one girl, age 6.

L. D. and Josephine (Sugden) Schreiner now operate an insurance business in Clinton. L. D. quit school his senior year to work for a savings and loan company in Weatherford where he was employed 16 years. He also served in the Navy during World War II. His wife graduated in May, '31, with a major in English. Their son, L. D. Jr., graduated in '58. Their mailing address is Box 355, Clinton.

After receiving his BS in pharmacy in '54, Don Barker is now co-owner of two drug stores in Midwest City. He and his wife, Beverly Ann Bush, have four daughters. His hometown is Lawton, and she was raised in Altus.

Gall Tate Wedel, BS in English, '41, and MS in secondary education from OU, '46, now lives at 1412 Sooner Drive, Fairview. Formerly from Locohba, Gall is married to Mervin Wedel, '20 OU graduate in business.

Gall sends the addresses of several other alumni: Miss Verla Tate, Lookahoma; Mrs. Harold Matt­ his (formerly Lois Reno-Vin­ son), 3905 Halstead Road, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Marvin Casel (formerly Willie Mae Rae Grant), 8505 Ravieller Drive, Downman, Calif., and Mrs. Bill Arborgight (formerly Madeline Graves) Al­ va.

Joe R. Brown, BS in pharmacy, '66, owns and operates Brown's Pharmacy in Stratford, Texas, which he opened in October, 1966.

Gordon Kaiser, formerly of Clinton, is employed by the Red­ wood Junior High School, Napa, Calif., and lives at 779 South Jefferson, Apt. L. His mailing address is Box 2093, Napa, Calif.

Eugene E. Carter, BS in pharmacy, '57, has been self-em­ ployed in his pharmacy in Groom, Texas, for the past eight years. He is a member of the Groom City Council and the Groom Hos­ pital Board. He and his wife, Patti Peck, are both originally from Lawton, and they have five children.

Dwane Suduth, BS in business, '65, owns the Tiny Diner Restau­ rant in Weatherford and the Royal Cafe in Thomas. He and his wife, Toni Lee Wood, live at 1024 Krest Drive, Weather­ ford.

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