Digital Repository Launched at SWOSU Library

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More than 70 years of memories have gone online with the launch of the SWOSU Digital Repository for the Al Harris Library at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The site officially opens during an open house this Friday, April 17, from 10-12 at the library. The event is free and open to the public.

Participants will see a demonstration and then have the opportunity to try the site. On hand to help participants will be Serials, Government Documents, and Electronic Resources Librarian Phillip Fitzsimmons and Digitization Technician Jason Henderson.

Dr. Jon Sparks, director of libraries, said the publicly accessible site features SWOSU's entire collection of yearbooks dating from 1906 to 1993 and will soon include the archive of the annual senior photographic publication, *The Graduate Record*, the successor of the yearbook, and the student newspaper *The Southwestern.*

The site can be accessed at http://site.ebrary.com/lib/swosudr or by clicking the link "SWOSU yearbooks go digital!" on the Al Harris Library home page.

"This makes SWOSU's historical documents freely available to the public, and we look forward to making more of our digital materials available to anyone," Sparks said.

The next phase in the development of the site will be to upload *The Graduate Record, The Southwestern,* and other periodicals and documents from the Southwestern Room at the Library, including Dr. Melvin Frank Fiegel's thesis, *A History of Southwestern State College, 1903-1953; Southwestern Oklahoma State University: The First 100 Years,* by Dr. Jerry G. Nye; and the 1651 edition of Nicholai Culpeper's *A Physical Directory.* All of these resources will be keyword searchable.

The SWOSU Digital Repository is hosted by ebrary® (www.ebrary.com) a leading provider of e-content services and technology. The company helps libraries, publishers, and other organizations worldwide disseminate valuable information to users, while improving their research and document interaction.

Users of the digital repository can:

- Search documents by keyword.
- Print or save pages electronically.
- Create a password-protected "bookshelf" on which any books can be set aside for repeated viewings and use.
- Highlight documents.
- Add repositionable software notes on items on the Personal Bookshelf.
- Provides ADA-compliant software to read the text for those users with visual impairments.

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