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New vice president pledges student support

by Chip Chandler
Editor-in-Chief

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New Southwestern vice president Dr. Paulette Chaffin sat in the active university snack bar with a good-natured smile and sharply intelligent eyes.

She was trying to explain her views on a subject she finds vitally important, AIDS education.

As a way to illustrate her feelings, she fell back on a time-honored folk tale.

"A young boy walked along the shore of a beach, picking up small starfish that had been thrown upon the shore in a storm, and tossing them back into the sea," she began.

"An older man came up to the boy and asked him 'Son, why are you doing that? There are hundreds of starfish on this beach. Why does it matter that you are just throwing back a few?'"

The boy looked at the old man, then picked up another starfish and threw it into the ocean. He looked once again to the man and said 'It matters to that one.'"

She continued with a very personal example. "Two acquaintances of mine died of AIDS. Their bright futures could have been saved through education," she recalled.

Realizing that perhaps AIDS has not actively been a part of the lives of many in this area, she said "If it hasn't touched your life, it is hard to understand.

"When you experience a loss, that stamp is forever on you and you must decide what you will do.

"As educators, we haven't made the impact possible, but if we just save one person it is worth it. That's true not only of AIDS, but also other diseases and addictions."

Dr. Chaffin, Southwestern's new vice president of student services, began work here June 15, replacing Dr. Fred Janzen in the post. Dr. Steve Hilterbran served in the interim.

A graduate of Altus High School, Dr. Chaffin was most recently employed at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

At Southwestern, she oversees the dean of students, director of student housing, director of high school and college relations, student health services, student housing and the campus Department of Public Safety.



Dr. Paulette Chaffin

She moved to town June 11 and will be joined this month by her son Dave, who will be a senior at Weatherford High School in the fall. She says she was struck immediately by her warm welcome.

"Many people volunteered to help. I'm very impressed with the warmth and personality of both the town and the campus and I appreciate the number of people who have said to call if I need help."

A woman with a great sense of what she wants to accomplish, she realizes that it will take time to begin her work in earnest.

"I've got a lot to learn about the interactions

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BSU starts to rebuild *Suspect arrested in alleged arson*

A juvenile male was arrested in connection to the Baptist Student Union arson Friday, said Police Detective Lt. Don Smalling.

The suspect confessed to authorities while being questioned. The 13 year-old's name will not be released, but he did match the description given by witnesses.

Meanwhile, repairs have begun on the fire, smoke and water damage caused by the blaze.

Police were looking for what witnesses described as a boy with long brown hair and about five feet tall.

Witnesses also said that he was wearing jeans and a T-shirt when seen. He entered the building through a back door that was said to be unlocked.

Lt. Smalling described the bicycle as a 24-inch mountain bike, red in the front, yellow in the middle and purple in the rear.

As reported in the *Weatherford Daily News*, the fire could have been a classic backdraft situation according to Weatherford Fire Chief

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Budget crisis resolved—for this year

by Don Price
Staff Reporter

Because of increases in tuition and fees and savings that colleges have instituted since the budget crisis began this winter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education is announcing an overall increase in their budget of .5 percent over last year.

The budget was cut by legislators by \$18.8 million dollars, but because of the cost cutting measures the budget actually increased from \$847.9 million to \$852.3 million.

At Southwestern's budget was reduced by about 5 percent, a decrease in monies from \$23.43 million to \$22.18 million for fiscal year 1993-94.

The overall reduction in the work force on campus totaled 20, with the losses equally divided between the faculty and staff positions.

"Without being too complex, the university budgeted some one-

time money last year that we won't be budgeting this year; therein lies the difference in the budgets," said John Hayes, executive vice-president.

Institutions have eliminated 911 faculty and staff positions, including 379 filled positions and 535 unfilled positions. Cutbacks included the deletion of 147 adjunct faculty positions, 35 graduate positions, and 220 student positions, according to information supplied by the Board.

"Because current funding cannot support all the efforts needed to strengthen Oklahoma higher education, colleges and universities are centering resources on programs and activities directly related to their central academic missions and on efforts that will prepare students to compete and succeed in an increasingly complex society and technologically advanced workplace," said Chancellor Hans Brisch.

The administration started

bracing for this budget decline when Governor David Walters asked the legislators for an across the board 9 percent reduction in all state appropriations. This 9 percent figure would have cost the university \$1.4 million dollars and possibly as much as one-third of the course curriculum.

The reductions in the faculty and staff positions constituted a realignment of some personnel and cuts brought on by the APRA program. The Academic Planning/Resources Allocation is designed to shift resources from low priority programs to higher priority programs.

A total of 67 academic programs were approved for deletion by the state regents during the budget approval meeting.

The initial results of implementing the APRA program at Southwestern are the elimination of the Bachelor of Art degree, the two year degree in

commercial arts, and the eventual phasing out of the Home Economics department within two years.

"Higher education's systemwide examination of academic priorities, program duplication, and efficiency will no doubt generate controversy," State Regents' Vice-Chairman Glenn A. Cox said.

"However, if we are to preserve and enhance the quality of programs and services, downsizing is essential because it enables institutions to focus funds on priority programs."

Despite the cuts in the state appropriations the State Regents are asking higher education institutions to consider reallocating funds for faculty merit adjustments. Presently the average salary at Oklahoma's colleges and universities was 16.2 percent below the national average.

"We must ensure that retaining and recruiting outstanding faculty remains a top priority," Brisch said.

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Dr. Chaffin promises open door policy

between people on this campus. I feel that before I make any major suggestions to President (Joe Anna) Hibler I'll meet with student groups and other interested students."

Her interest in meeting with and getting to know students was always near the forefront of her discussion.

"I have an open-door policy and I welcome students to call or come by to talk, make suggestions or even just to get acquainted."

Just as strong as her interest in students was her commitment to education.

"I have always believed in education and the opportunity to learn more and create an open mind.

"I believe very truly in lifelong learning, but many adult learners get so frightened of the

mountain that they forget to take the first step."

She continued, citing another bit of time-honored wisdom: "it is better to try and fail than to never try at all."

Dr. Chaffin says that she regards this job as yet another learning experience in her educational career.

"Education takes place in and out of the classroom. I'm a lifelong learner myself.

"I've had many opportunities in my life, as well as a lot of encouragement and lucky breaks. But I've worked very hard to continue learning."

She has high marks for her superiors and co-workers, calling Hibler, Executive Vice President Dr. John Hays and Academic Affairs Vice President Dr. Bob Brown "high-quality people" with whom she is already very

comfortable.

Those high marks were echoed by Hibler herself.

"We are pleased that she is here and I think that she will bring things concerning student services that will be beneficial to our campus," she said.

Dr. Chaffin reiterated her commitment to education, saying that everyone has been given talents and abilities and that those abilities should be used for the benefit of others.

In particular, she believes that she can in some way be helpful.

"I think I can make a difference. If I can bring some skills to this job from my other jobs and work within the system, I believe that I can help to create a positive situation."

Theatre production schedule announced

Trilogy set to open fall season

The Southwestern theatre department has chosen its productions for the 1993-94 season. Auditions for the fall production will be held within the first two weeks of the fall semester.

The season will open with the trilogy *New Music* by Reynolds Price. The production, directed by Steve Strickler, will offer theatre audiences a new experience.

The department will perform all three plays in the trilogy over a three week period—allowing audiences to follow the Avery family and their friends through 37 years in a North Carolina town.

Elegant melancholy follows these people as they live through the depression, World War II, Vietnam and a few private wars of their own.

The trilogy begins with *August Moon* on Nov. 4-6, proceeds the following week with *Night Dance* on Nov. 11-13, and concludes with *Better Days* on Nov. 18-20.

Thanks to the unique writing style of the playwright, each play stands alone as a well-rounded

production—yet the trilogy, as a whole, has a sense of dramatic momentum, culminating in a powerful conclusion.

The first production in the spring will be George Herman's *A Company of Wayward Saints*, directed by Claude Kezer. The "company" in this production is a *commedia dell'arte* group who wanders by mistake into an allegory (or fable).

They are humanity itself, all wayward saints, who are far from home and without means of returning. By putting on a show for a nobleman, they may find their way home.

The story they choose to present is the history of man from Eden to Everyman in birth, adolescence, marriage and death.

This play won the McKnight Foundation Humanities Award and is described by Strickler as "a wonderful comedy based on the procession of life redeemed by humor and human understanding."

The production is scheduled

to run from Feb. 17-19 and 24-26.

Strickler concludes the season with one of the most famous plays of the modern theatre—Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, April 14-16 and 21-23.

The play is centered around the Wingfield family. Amanda is a faded tragic remnant of Southern gentility obsessed with finding gentleman callers and a suitable career for her daughter Laura. Laura's only defense is to bury herself in her own fantasy world of spun-glass animals.

Tom, the son and narrator of the play, is also the victim of Amanda's bullying. When he brings home Jim, the one boy Laura fondly remembers from high school, Amanda pounces on

him as a possible son-in-law.

Amanda and Laura have created illusions in order to make life bearable. This menagerie of illusions has survived many years, but risks shattering on the one night that a gentleman caller invades the Wingfield's fragile environment.

Strickler says that this schedule of plays will provide audiences and those students studying theatre with a very diverse season. All theatre productions have open auditions for any student attending Southwestern.

Anyone interested in working on these productions, on stage or behind the scenes, may contact Strickler or Kezer in the Language Arts department.

Enrollment figures off slightly

Total of five students less

Official enrollment figures for the current summer term on both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses are almost identical to the 1992 final summer enrollment numbers.

The 1993 head count enrollment figure is 2,266, five students less than the 1992 count of 2,271, according to President Joe Anna Hibler.

The Weatherford campus has 2.1 percent fewer students

than last summer while the Sayre campus is up 23.5 percent.

At Weatherford, a total of 2,027 students are attending classes compared to 2,069 in 1992. A total of 268 students are attending Sayre classes, up from 217 last summer.

The 1993 session is the first summer that all classes—except those in the School of Pharmacy—are being held Monday through Thursday.

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Opinionated briefs

Last month we promised that we would come out on July 21, but we managed to beat our deadline by a full week. We hope that no inconvenience has been caused, but it would have been impossible to work on it this week due to band camp and summer conferences.

Here are a few brief items of editorial interest:

- The BSU fire was tragic, but fortunately insurance will cover the monetary damage. The building has long been a landmark of the campus and luckily it will remain so. What we don't really understand is an arrest has just now been made.

- Congratulations to the rodeo teams. They have once again performed outstandingly in their national competition. They were not listed as a reason the school won the All-Sports Award (see story page 7), but they obviously should have been.

- Many younger kids were on campus all summer participating in a variety of camps—from band camp to science camp to baseball camp. These programs are very beneficial for the college as recruitment tools and we hope to see them all continue.

- Last issue we thanked a handful of people who have been instrumental in getting this paper out. One name was inadvertently left out. Almost every story in both this and the last issue were press releases written by Brian Adler, director of the public information department. Without Brian's help we would have been hard pressed to find many of the stories. His help is also crucial during the regular school term and so we offer our sincere thanks.

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Liberally Speaking

By Chip Chandler

This summer I have been fortunate enough to find a wonderful job.

I have been a staff reporter at the *Weatherford Daily News* since the summer school session began. My responsibilities consist mainly of running down stories for the "Everyday People" page, including taking and developing my own photos. I have always disliked photography (probably because I'm not that good at it) but I have learned a great deal so far.

One of my assignments was to interview the new university vice president, Dr. Paulette Chaffin. That story originally ran in the June 18 issue of the *WDN*, and I am re-running it here because of the impact I believe Dr. Chaffin will have on the campus.

It was the second time I interviewed her. I first met her in March and talked to her for only about thirty minutes. Three months later, she still remembered my name and complemented me on the article. I was impressed and flattered, to say the least.

In both interviews she expressed a great desire to work with students to help the university and described her open-door policy.

Also, both in March and in June, she told me that an important part of her work here will deal with AIDS education. That impressed me more than her complement.

Dr. Chaffin realizes how very crucial AIDS education is, even in a part of the country just barely touched by the enormity of the crisis.

AIDS awareness is beginning to surface here it seems, though. A new AIDS support group has been started in town, good news as far as I am concerned.

Another part of my job at the *WDN* has been to run down the occasional "Man on the Street" poll. In fact, that was my assignment Thursday.

One of the questions I asked was "How would you grade President Bill Clinton's first six months in office?" Now, just to clear things up a bit, I did not come up with that question. It was assigned to me by my editor down there, Larry Adler. But I was very curious about how people would answer.

That curiosity turned to disappointment soon, though. The President's average grade was just that, average. The responses ranged from a high of a "B-" to a low of a "D-."

Honestly my grade is just a "B+." He hasn't accomplished everything I had hoped he would by this time, but I haven't lost faith. Neither should the rest of the country.

The President has run into something that he should have expected—stiff opposition. He has tried to make some changes, but the road has been made rough by the Republican congressmen as well as a disloyal David Boren. Things will improve in time. He has tried to make some difficult decisions and perhaps his popularity ratings mirror that, but he can't go anywhere but up.

One quick aside: Thanks to V.A.P. and M.B.—you know who you are and you know that April Fool's day can be any day. Watch your backs.

Grant to provide future teachers field experience

A \$25,000 grant from the Southwestern Bell Foundation will go to update the skills of teachers who will graduate from Southwestern next spring.

Grant monies will enhance the student teacher budgets of the cooperating school districts: Weatherford, Clinton and Western Heights.

In turn, supervising teachers will serve as one-on-one mentors to Southwestern education students the semesters immediately preceding the 12 weeks they spend student teaching in those schools.

"When we got out of teacher education, many of us felt we weren't prepared for teaching," said Priscilla Decker, curriculum supervisor for Clinton schools.

"There were things we didn't know, but couldn't learn any other way but by experience," she explained.

"Things like how to handle medical emergencies, lunch and

playground duty, or how to fold you lessons into what was happening in the special education or music classes."

Under Southwestern's new program, education students will spend about two days a week at the respective school sites the first semester of their senior years, said Dr. Donald Wilson, associate professor in the school of education.

Participating schools include East, West and Burcham elementaries in Weatherford; Washington, Southwest and Nance elementaries in Clinton; and Western Heights junior high and high school in northwest Oklahoma City.

"This will make our public school teachers clinical partners with us," said Wilson. The university graduates some 220 new teachers every year.

Similarly, Southwestern Bell Telephone hopes to partner with the schools to build a strong

educational system in Oklahoma, said Drew Roy, president of the Oklahoma division of Southwestern Bell Telephone, who presented the grant June 22 to President Joe Anna Hibler.

"A good educational system will attract new businesses and new jobs to Oklahoma, and provide the well-educated workforce needed to run our state's businesses," Roy said. "So we believe it is not only our responsibility, but our privilege to support our schools."

Under Southwestern's new program, mentor teachers will attend a seminar this summer on the Weatherford campus to plan comprehensive field-based opportunities.

Loretta Schmidt, curriculum coordinator for Weatherford schools, is extremely enthused.

"Teaching is so complex that having an extra semester to mentor with knowledgeable teachers will

turn out better teachers," she said. "And mentor teachers will sharpen their own skills by grooming someone else."

Schmidt cites numerous cutting-edge trends in education, including thematic teaching, where teachers build a multi-disciplinary lesson around a theme rather than a textbook, and cooperative learning, where students increase individual achievement by working in groups.

"Perhaps the neatest thing about this new program," she said, "is this is something that will immediately impact our children."

Southwestern was one of seven universities in five states to receive this particular type of grant from Southwestern Bell.

A total of 16 universities applied for the grant, and Southwestern was the only Oklahoma university selected. Dr. Wilson wrote the university's grant application.

Final summer Panorama event Tuesday night

The final Panorama event of the summer will be a concert by Harvey and the Wallbangers Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

The band describes their style of music as "all-time favorites from rock's roots to country's best." Their song list consists of countless top hits ranging from rock's beginnings to rhythm and blues, traditional, and today's country sounds.

The nine-year-old

Oklahoma City-based band has gained popularity by making its audiences feel good, by bringing back memories and by creating new ones.

Since their arrival in 1984, the Wallbangers have played to a wide variety of audiences including such acts as Frankie Avalon, Crystal Gayle and The Bellamy Brothers. Most notably, they have played for former President Bush and former Vice-President Dan Quayle.

from page 1 — \$65,000 in BSU damages covered by insurance

Dean Brown.

A neighbor smelled the smoke and called 911 at about 6 p.m.

Initial damage estimates listed \$50,000 damage to the building and \$15,000 in damage to its contents. BSU Director Jim Morrison said Friday though that that cost may rise.

The BSU bought new furniture last fall and Morrison said that they still don't know if it can be salvaged or not.

The second floor of the building was severely burned with the rest suffering smoke and water damage.

Both police and fire department officials said that the

fire was definitely set in an upstairs library and an accelerant, possibly charcoal lighter fluid, was used.

Morrison, the BSU director since 1965, said the building and its contents are insured to their replacement value and that repairs would hopefully be complete by the time the BSU's fall program starts.

The smoke damage has been cleared out of the building, Morrison said.

The summer program has been shifted to homes and apartments. The BSU is still using one of the back offices in the building that was undamaged.

School officials attend nat'l conference

Four university administrators and the Weatherford Public Schools superintendent recently attended the second session of a national conference on "Teach America: Teacher Preparation for the New American School" in Washington, D.C.

Southwestern president Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, vice president Dr. Bob Brown, School of Education dean Dr. Gary Gilliland, School of Arts and Sciences dean Dr. Dan Dill and WPS superintendent Dr. Greg Moss attended the three-day session June 10-12.

Southwestern was one of 35 universities represented at the conference, which dealt with reforms in teacher education programs across the United States.

Among the speakers were Richard Riley, Secretary of the US Department of Education; Floretta Dukes McKenzie, president of The McKenzie Group and former superintendent of the D.C. Public Schools; and Thomas C. Boysen, commissioner of education for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Riley addressed President Bill Clinton's national service program and his proposal to replace the current student loan system with a program of direct lending. McKenzie gave a speech on the reasons she feels the United States has lost passion for classroom teaching, while Boysen gave results on Kentucky's statewide educational reform program.

Dr. Hibler said the conference was very beneficial in that participants were given the opportunity to hear from several universities, with similar missions to Southwestern, and their results in teacher education reforms.

The local delegation hear ideas to strengthen Southwestern's teacher education program and ways to meet the needs of both new teachers and teachers already in the classrooms.

"Continued collaborative efforts between area public schools and Southwestern is very important," Hibler said. "We need to share resources to provide learning experiences for all levels of educators."

The first session of the Teach America conference was held in June of 1992. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities, a higher education association representing 375 public colleges and universities and 30 state systems nationwide, was sponsor with the main intent to propose a national policy on teacher preparation and retraining.

NOTICE

All students who graduate at the end of the summer term must have all business office holds cleared.

Pharmacy school admits twenty for summer term

The admissions committee of Southwestern's school of pharmacy had admitted twenty students into the professional program for the summer term.

Chosen from 85 applicants, the class has an average cumulative grade point average of 3.48. The class is composed of 11 men and nine women.

The class includes: Tamara Babcock, Reydon; Stephen Barnes, Wilburton; Julie Borchardt, Borger, TX; Kristen Chesterfield, Mustang; Gregory Clyde, Lawton; Thomas Dinh, OKC; Allen Edwards, Pep, TX; Mark Hohstadt, Norman; Heather Kline, Alva; Amy Johnell

Kocurek, Clarksville, TX; Clendon Lovell, Anadarko; Philip Lowther, OKC; Khanh Nguyen, Durant; Melissa Rains, Clovis, NM;

And Teri Rorabaugh, Liberal, KS; Thomas Sheer, Sulphur Springs, TX; Chad Simpson, Amarillo, TX; William Springer, Weatherford; Jyme Kay Williams, Idabel, OK; and Jennifer Wyand, Laverne.

Minimum requirements for admission to the school of pharmacy include the completion of at least 60 semester hours of specified pre-pharmacy courses with at least a two-point cumulative grade point average.

Library receives unusual gift

The Al Harris Library was recently the recipient of an unusual gift.

John Corr, vice president of KMRS, Inc., in Oklahoma City, gave the library a gift of nine magazine subscriptions of the library's choice.

Corr gave the gift through the Gift Division of EBSCO Industries, Inc., which furnishes

supplementary, recreational magazines which most library budgets do not allow.

Library Director Sheila Hoke said the library will soon be receiving the following magazines as a result of the gift: *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Elle*, *Essence*, *Four Wheeler*, *Gourmet*, *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, *Skiing*, *Sport* and *Tennis*.

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September 9. Enjoy the rest
of the summer break.**

Men's rodeo team wins second title

The men's rodeo team was victorious for the second straight time as they won the national championship title at the 1993 College National Finals Rodeo.

The women's team, led by Shelley Johnston, nearly claimed a national team title but ended up second to the University of Wyoming. Johnston did win the women's all-around and goat tying national titles.

Dr. Don Mitchell's cowboys captured the team title by accumulating 702.5 points during the week-long CNFR. Right behind Southwestern was in-state rival Panhandle State with 632.5 total points. Rounding out the top five were College of Southern Idaho, 610; West Hills College, CA, 587.5; and Vernon, TX, Junior College, 460.

Southwestern's men's team has now won three national titles under Mitchell, the only coach the teams have had since the program started in 1968. The first title was won in 1985.

In individual competition, Southwestern had two cowboys who claimed national runner-up titles. Jack Sims, a senior from

Rome, GA, finished second in bareback, while Chad Johnson, a junior from Cut Bank, MT, paired up with Panhandle State's Jhett Johnson to finish second in team roping.

Sims had scores of 64, 78 and 76 for a total of 218. The 76 score in the short go finals was good enough for first place. Johnson and Johnson had a remarkable week at the CNFR as the two cowboys finished in the top four in the first go, second go, short go and average.

Other members of the national title team are Brian Rice of Midwest City, Steve Gussert of Guthrie, Scott Mullen of Tecumseh, Shawn Rameriz of Chandler, AZ, and Matt Fenhaus of Rapid City, SD.

Rice and Fenhaus also did well in bareback riding. Rice ended up splitting fifth and sixth in the average with a score of 210. Rice also had the fourth-best ride on Sunday with a 71. Fenhaus was in the top five in both the first and second go rounds but had no score on Sunday in the short go.

Rameriz won the first go in bull riding with a score of 83. He



The national champion men's rodeo team

finished second in the short go with an 82 and wound up fourth in the average. Rameriz also tied for sixth in the second go of saddlebrones. Other top performances were turned in by Mullen and Gussert. Mullen had a 10 in the second go of calf roping for fourth place, and Gussert scored a 69 on his first ride in the bulls, tying for eighth.

Southwestern's women's team came close to winning a national title with 290 points, only 30 behind the winning University of Wyoming. Others in the top five were Montana State, 220; New Mexico State, 215; and Cal State

at Fresno, 198.33.

Johnston won both the all-around and goat tying national titles. She scored all 290 team points for Southwestern. Johnston had times of 9.4, 7.7, and 8.7 in goat tying for a total of 25.8 seconds. She also had a 2.6 time in the second go of breakaway, good enough for first place. Johnston was already the 1992-93 Central Plains Regional all-around and goat tying champion.

Mitchell has now coached 20 individual national champions and four national championship title teams (the women's team won the CNFR in 1988).

SPORTS BRIEFS

• Southwestern has won the All-Sports Award in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference for the 1992-93 school year.

Each year the OIC schools compete for the award which is based on conference performances in football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball. Southwestern was the co-winner of the award in 1991-92.

OIC Commissioner Bill Currens of Shawnee recently notified Athletic Director Cecil Perkins about the results. Southwestern tied for the OIC championship in football and won the title in women's basketball.

Currens also announced that Perkins was named OIC Golf Coach of the Year as he guided the Bulldogs to the 1993 OIC title with a 15-shot victory over eventual district champion East Central. It is the

seventh time Perkins has been honored by the OIC.

• John Wichert has been named to the 1993 C.M. Frank Small University Pre-Season All-American Football 1st team.

Wichert was one of three Oklahoma players named to the squad, comprised of NCAA Division II and NAIA Division I players. Wichert and Ira Richards of the University of

Central Oklahoma were first team defensive line selections. Northeastern's Rick Caesar was a third team defensive line pick.

Wichert will be a senior tackle on this year's squad. He was a first team NAIA All-American and was the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Year in 1992.

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