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Many stories can be written about the settlers of Western Oklahoma, but we don't realize that young, intelligent men and women are also attracted to this area today. These people become Western Oklahomans for only a few years, but they are part of a great tradition, studying at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. These modern short-term settlers come to Western Oklahoma's state university for a few exceptional reasons.

Although SOSU as a whole is outstanding, probably the main attraction is the Pharmacy School within the university. After any bright student has chosen a major, he then decides on the best possible school for his area of study. Any Pharmacy major who cares about his education knows that the small town Weatherford, Oklahoma, boasts a top-five-in-the-nation Pharmacy School. Such an impressive statistic will not only attract good students, but it will also pull in some of the best faculty members available. After a good reputation is established, a tradition is on its way to stir the attention of Pharmacy students.

Another respectable quality of SOSU that attracts students is the low tuition for in-state studying. Parents are always looking for the economical way to send their sons

and daughters to college. Even the out-of-state tuition isn't prohibitive--a reality well supported by the number of students from other states, such as Texas and Arkansas, enrolled at SOSU. All the Pharmacy students are getting the best possible professional education for their money.

In addition to the reasons already mentioned, students go to SOSU because of the atmosphere in Weatherford. Most of the people who live in this small town are very kind, caring, and thoughtful. When people are of such calibre, it is easy for students to choose a place like SOSU. Oklahoma Pharmacy majors must choose between OU and SOSU for an in-state Pharmacy degree. The students from a small town are more likely to go to SOSU. Such a small-town atmosphere can make a pleasant place to live.

There can be many other reasons for students to come to Pharmacy School in Weatherford. People come from around the world to go to school here for four years. These settlers may not come here to stay, but more and more keep coming every year as some leave. The real settlers of Western Oklahoma can be proud of the professional attraction they have established. ●



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