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GRANDPARENT

When life can be worse than death

My Grandpa

By Alodie Nimie

I miss my grandpa.
The one who used to
Buy me gum.
Take me to the park
And push me in the swing

The one who used to
Read me books.
Buy me Cokes and tell
Some jokes

The one who watched
GUNSMOKE and POPEYE
And fixed me lunch

I miss my grandpa.
The one who now
Sits patiently waiting
For whatever is to
Come to pass

The one who waits til
Three o'clock to pick
Me up from a school
I no longer attend

The one who has forgotten
The past and asks
Desperately for "Mama"

I miss my grandpa.
The one who now has been
Struck with some dreaded
Spreading disease

I miss the things he used to do —
Buy me ice cream
And sing with me in the pew

No, he's not gone yet
He lives on in my heart
As he used to be
But still sits in a nursing home
Waiting patiently

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

She may be nearly indispensable

Van Horn Is Named Representative

By the SOSU PR Staff

Sara Van Horn, who has served as executive assistant for two presidents at Southwestern State University, has been named the Southwestern Representative to the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma by Southwestern President Dr. Leonard Campbell.

Van Horn, who replaces retiring representative Dr. W. W. (Bill) Ward, will join HEACO'S effort to promote the interests of higher education in Oklahoma.

A native of Missouri, Van Horn received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University and her Master of Education degree from Southwestern.

In 1961, Van Horn was employed as secretary to Southwestern president Dr. Al Harris. After Harris' retirement in 1975, she continued as executive assistant to Dr. Campbell until she retired in 1981. Since her retirement, Van Horn has come back to Southwestern several months each year to work on the university's yearly budget.

"As I have been so involved in Southwestern's past," Van Horn said of her appointment, "I am very interested in its future."