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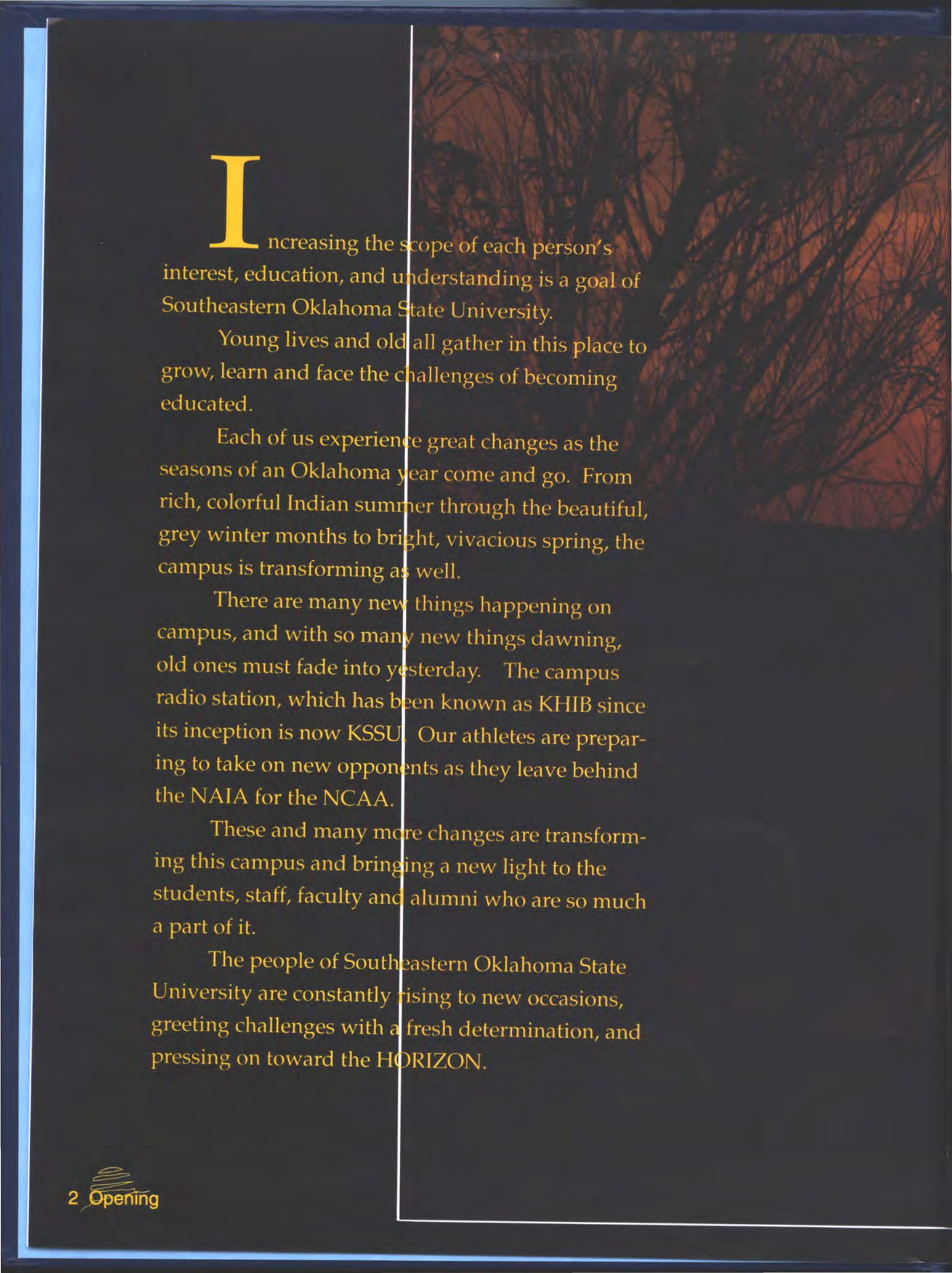


A view from the air over the campus flying from east to west. *(photo by Kim Bumstead)*

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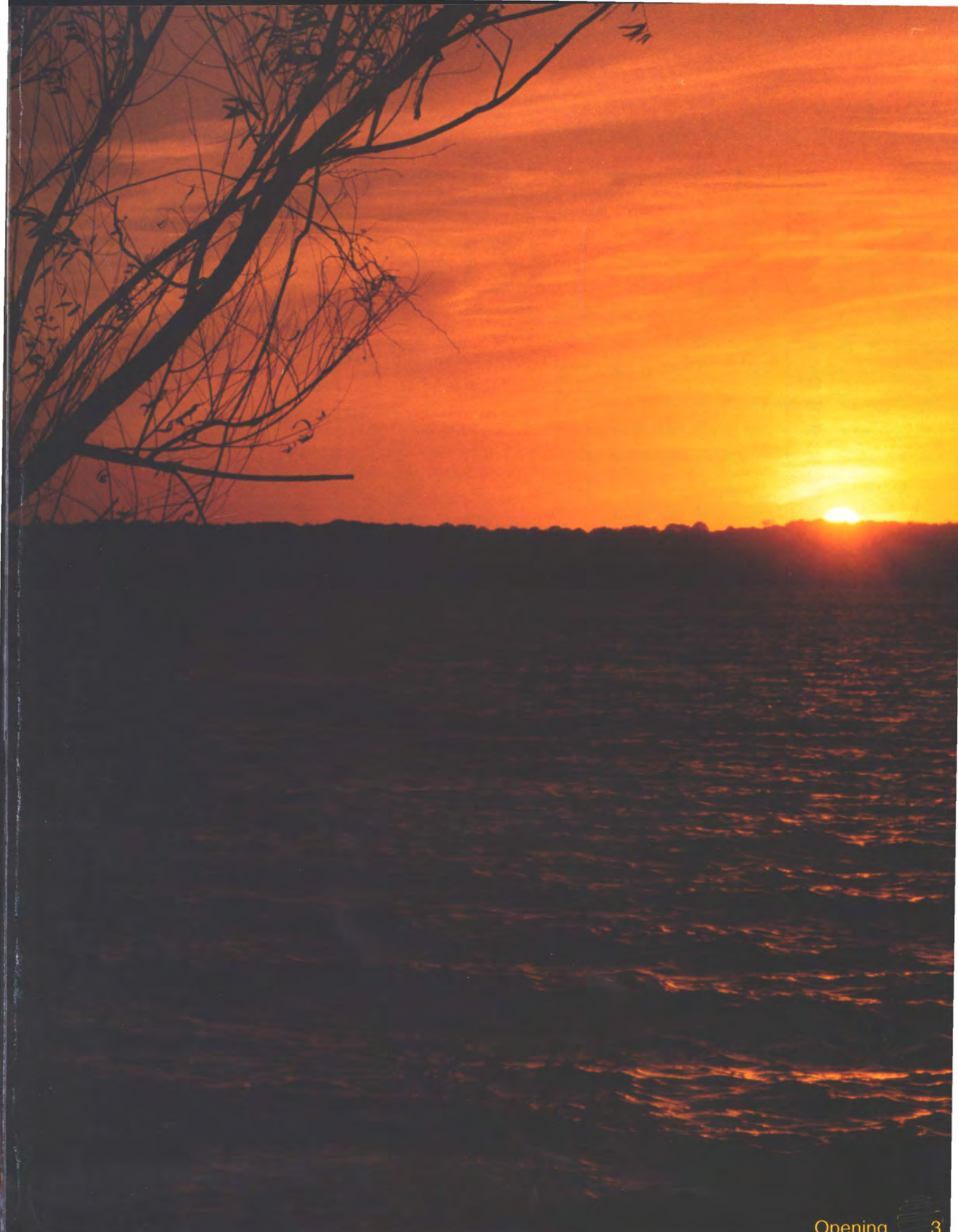
Young lives and old all gather in this place to grow, learn and face the challenges of becoming educated.

Each of us experience great changes as the seasons of an Oklahoma year come and go. From rich, colorful Indian summer through the beautiful, grey winter months to bright, vivacious spring, the campus is transforming as well.

There are many new things happening on campus, and with so many new things dawning, old ones must fade into yesterday. The campus radio station, which has been known as KHIB since its inception is now KSSU. Our athletes are preparing to take on new opponents as they leave behind the NAIA for the NCAA.

These and many more changes are transforming this campus and bringing a new light to the students, staff, faculty and alumni who are so much a part of it.

The people of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are constantly rising to new occasions, greeting challenges with a fresh determination, and pressing on toward the HORIZON.



past connects with
FUTURE

by Patrick Barrett

A look at the history of Southeastern Oklahoma State University shows that the school is as strongly connected with Oklahoma's past as it is with its future.

The school has seen many changes since it was first founded on March 5, 1909, by the state's first Legislature as Southeastern Normal School.

The school's first president was Marcus Egbert Moore who recruited five seniors and 12 juniors to enroll in the school's first fall semester which began Sept. 12, 1904.

SNS originally offered a two-year program which culminated in graduates receiving their teaching certificates.

The program was taught by 22 faculty members and an additional five instructors who worked in a model training school.

Classes were held in rented buildings until January 1911 when workers finished construction on the campus' first building, a three-story brick and granite edifice which was later named Morrison Hall.

The entire campus consisted of just 20 acres of land given to the school by the city.

Since that time, the school has undergone two name changes. It became Southeastern Oklahoma State Teachers College in 1920, and in 1974, it received the name it holds today.

Under the leadership of 14 different presidents, the school has grown from 260 students in 1910 to 3,831 undergraduate and 430 graduate students in 1996.

These students can receive instruction from

any of the 153 members of the teaching faculty.

The school also employs another 316 staff members who work in the campus' 46 buildings which cover 176 acres.

Both undergraduates and graduates have four degree programs from which to choose.

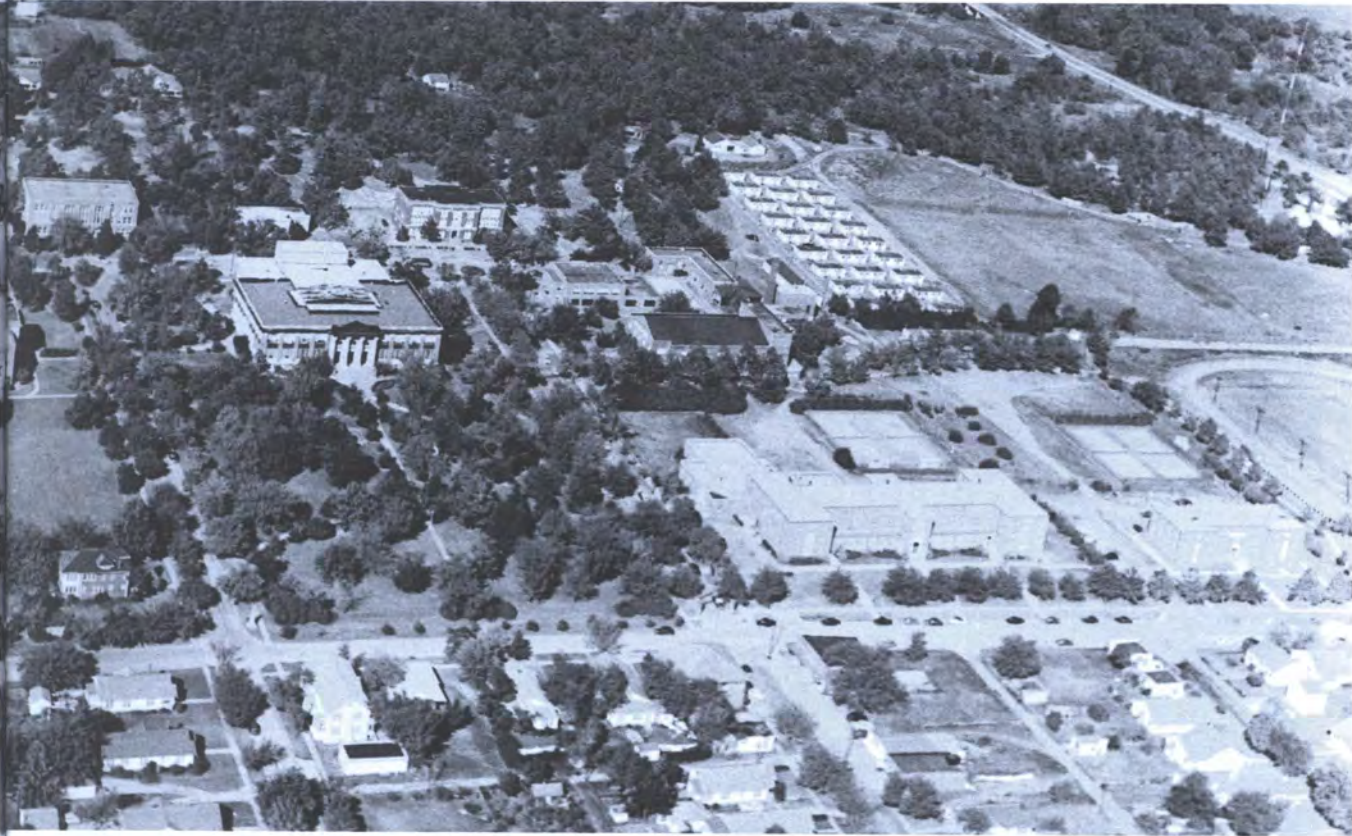
Fields of study now range from the original area of education to new fields such as aeronautics, criminal justice, psychology and technology.

Southeastern President Larry Williams said he sees a broadening role for the university in Oklahoma's future.

"We have taken a leadership role in the academic arena," Williams said. "The faculty is aggressive and very bright, and I continue to see them serving an important role here in the state."



The Administration Building in the early 1900's when the common mode of transportation was the horse



A view of Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the air taken in the late 1940's.



The Savage gymnasium, the Industrial Arts Building (which is now the Visual Arts Building) and the Student Union Building around 1950.

Campus Life

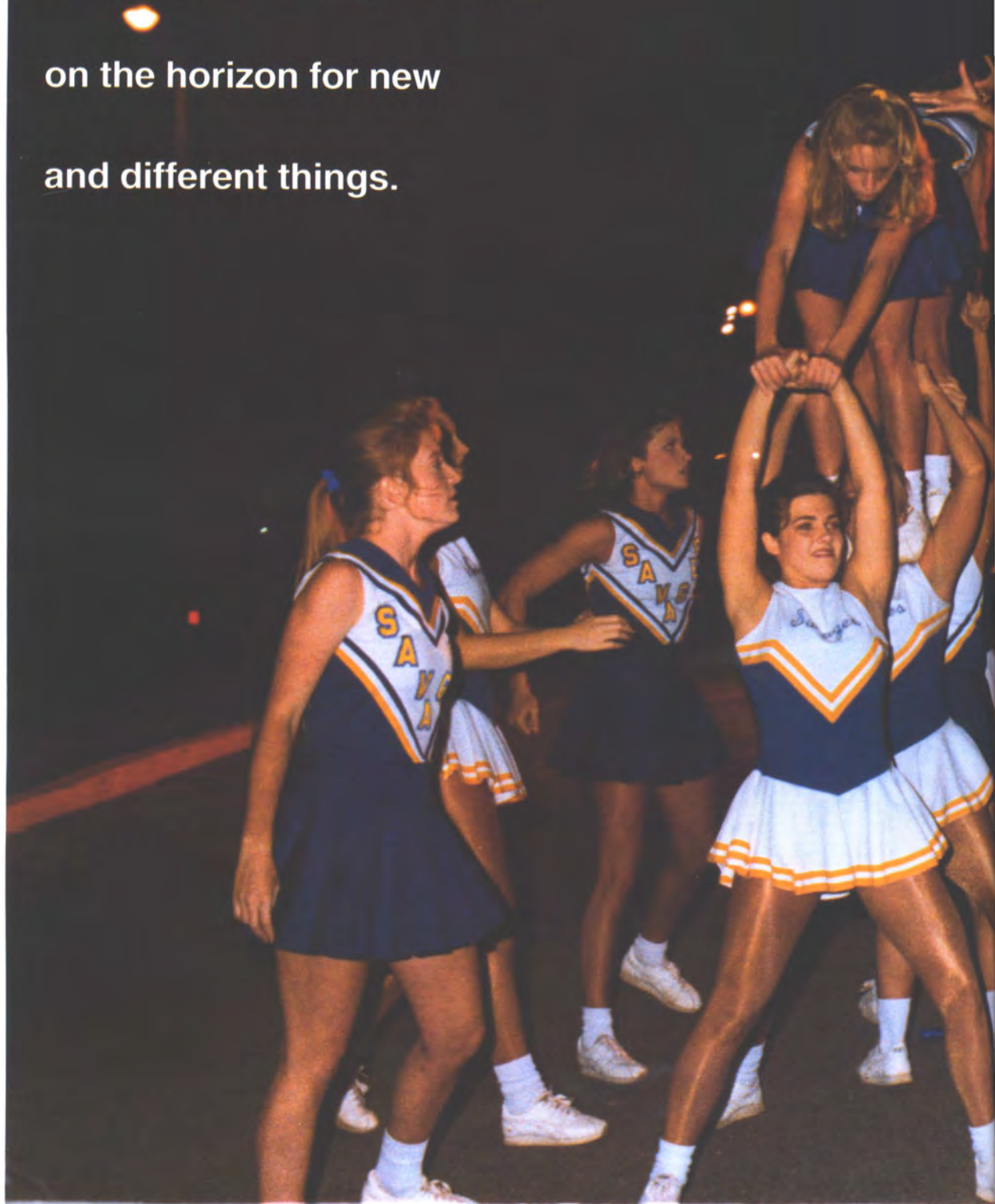
Students at Southeastern enjoy
a varied group of activities --

some tame -- some not so tame.

But they are always looking

on the horizon for new

and different things.





Campus Life



queen announcement CONFUSING

by Jason Hicks

There was a little confusion on Homecoming Saturday about who to crown Queen.

The announcer said, "Your Homecoming Queen, representing Sigma Sigma Sigma, is Vickie Arnett."

"At first I didn't think I had won," said Arnett, senior in elementary education, who represented Kappa Sigma fraternity, but she was so excited. I went out onto the field and of us knew won," said

"I was looking at the name on the sign and I realized I had been announced as Vickie Arnett. I was so excited. I went out onto the field and of us knew won," said Andrea Pyle, senior in biology, the Sigma Sigma Sigma candidate, "It was just a little glitch. I'm thrilled for Vickie. I'm not mad at anyone."



There was no confusion, however, over who was first runner-up. Kelli Robinson, junior in physical education, represented the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

The Baptist Student Union's candidate, Michelle Kiehn, senior in physical education, was second runner-up.

Also winning on Homecoming day was Dax West who was voted Big Man on Campus.

West represented Kappa Sigma fraternity and is a senior in physical education.

The SOEA float was one of several organizational floats during the Homecoming parade. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Alpha Sigma Tau sorority won first place in the regular floats for the Homecoming parade on Saturday, Oct. 5. (photo by Kim Bumstead)





Members of the Lady Savages (and Lady Savage wannabes) show their school spirit on their float during the Homecoming parade. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity ride their "Redneck Olympic" float during the Homecoming parade. (photo by Dana Bell)

Mary Jane Snider, senior in communication, participates in halftime activities as part of the Savage Marching Band flag corps. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Jason Hicks, senior in communication, shows his feelings at the Homecoming game on Saturday. (photo by Dana Bell)



savages win NAILBITER

by Cindy Ellis

The Savages won their Homecoming game on a hot Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5, but it was a close one.

Playing against the Midwestern State University Indians, Southeastern played a fairly even game--so even, it had to go into overtime, for the first time in the history of either school.

At the end of the first quarter of play the score was 14-10 with Southeastern leading. Southeastern scored again in the second quarter making the score, 21-10 at halftime.

Following the crowing of the queen, Vickie Arnett, and presentation of the Big Man on Campus, Dax West, the Savage Marching Band entertained the more than 4,000 attendees during halftime activities.

The Savages did nothing in the third quarter while the Indians scored 12 points.

Both teams scored in

the fourth quarter, Southeastern with 8 and Midwestern with 7 points -- tying up the score at 29 all at the end of regulation play.

Because of the rule change this year for col-

was 32-29, Savages.

The game was a culmination of Homecoming/Parents' Day activities that began on Thursday with the traditional bonfire, continued on Friday with the Whang-Bang golf tournament and scooted into Saturday morning with the annual Homecoming parade.

More than 20 organizations participated with queen candidates, floats and booths to round out the annual activities.

The 1996 Distinguished Alumni were Gerald H. Sanders and W. Scott Nobles who had participated and won in the 1946 National Debate Tournament.

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity won first place in the super float category. Alpha Sigma Tau sorority picked up the first place honors in the regular float category as well as winning the sweepstakes trophy by participating in the most Homecoming events.



The Spirit Pony (James Kinney, freshman in general studies) dances in his pajamas at the Thursday night bonfire. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity won first place in the super float category as well as winning the sweepstakes trophy by participating in the most Homecoming events. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

shakespearean festival

The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival (OSF) opened June 28, 1996, for its 17th season with five summer theatre productions.

Hosted annually on the campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the Festival ran through July 28.

The Festival began with "Yankee Doodle" by Aurand Harris, presented by the Children's Theatre workshop and involved more than 80 area children. The children aged six to 12 delighted and amazed audiences as they unraveled 200 years of American history through song, dance and drama.

More than 25 area teens wrote and created their own script called Theatricks to highlight their talents and tune audiences into the thoughts, challenges and aspirations of today's teens.


A motley troupe of thespians attempted to produce Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but a few things got in the way during the season's

dinner theatre, "Patched Fools." Written exclusively for OSF by Southeastern graduate Max Baker, it was comedy with loads of laughs.

The story of a naughty nun sent to care for the rambunctious children of an Austrian widower was told in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music." Using community members as well as OSF talent, the musical was a great success.

William Shakespeare's terrifying tragedy "Macbeth" retraced the rise and fall of a ruthless leader and his ambitious wife.

Max Baker returned to the OSF stage to perform "Catching the Dickens!", a delightful one-man theatrical experience. Adapted from Charles Dickens' "Hard Times", the audience was transported back to the changing world of the 19th century to see life as seen through the eyes of Mr. Gradgrind and over 20 of his colorful cohorts.



More than 80 area children performed Yankee Doodle in the Children's Workshop, part of the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival during the summer 1996.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)





Members of the cast of *Theatricks*, the Teen Theatre production, pose for a picture as part of their script created and developed by them as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespear-ean Festival. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



The dinner theatre, "*Patched Fools*", was an original script written by Max Baker as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespear-ean Festival. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

shakespearean festival wows

AUDIENCES

Max Baker portrays Mr. Gradgrind in the original script, "Catching the Dickens," as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival. *(photos by Kim Bumstead)*



The three witches cast their spell in Shakespeare's "MacBeth" as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.





The Von Trapp family are caught in the final scene of "The Sound of Music" as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.



Maria and Captain VonTrapp marry in the wedding scene in "The Sound of Music" as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.



MacBeth and Lady MacBeth discuss the upcoming danger in Shakespeare's "Macbeth" as part of the 1996 Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival.

Casey Graham, Scott Lowrance and DeAnne Trotter shovel dirt into the redbud tree planted by the Student Government Association. The tree was planted to remember the children of the Oklahoma City bombing. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



students remember the **BOMBING**

by Amanda McDonald

On April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m., the Heartland of America was wounded and maimed.

On April 19, 1996, at 12:30 p.m., Southeastern Oklahoma State University students, faculty and staff remembered.

The site of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City has been transformed into an empty lot. However, the Heartland is full of hope.

Scars of the bombing are evident throughout Oklahoma City, but the healing has begun. The broken Heartland is being repaired through Oklahomans' endurance. We will always remember.

In April 1995, President Clinton planted a dogwood tree on the lawn of the White House.

Later, 168 dogwood trees were planted on a grid at the state capitol in Oklahoma City -- one tree planted for each person who was killed at the bombing.

The Greek community at Southeastern planted a dogwood on our campus to help us remember that day. It is the hope of the entire Greek community that with the dogwood tree the spirit of the Oklahoma City children will outlive us all. It is for them we remember.

Across the street from the bombing site, there is a tree that has become known as "The Survivor Tree." This tree, talked about during the Southeastern ceremony, survived the unforgettable Ryder van incident, as all the buildings around it crumbled.

To paraphrase President Bill Clinton: this tree is ugly, it's bent, but it's alive. The reason it's alive is because of those roots. Oklahoma has suffered a great deal, but it will recover because its roots run deep, and it will recover because of those roots.

A redbud, the Oklahoma state tree, was planted by the Southeastern Student Government Association in honor of the countless acts of selflessness and heroism given by the citizens of Oklahoma during and after the bombing of the Murrah building.

Southeastern's hope is that those roots will stretch forever and hold the tree strongly from the stormy winds and allow its shade to comfort us all.

We must always remember.



Leaves from the redbud planted in April 1996 by the Student Government Association in remembrance of the Murrah Building bombing in Oklahoma City. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Kappa Sigma wins 1996 SPRINGFEST

by Jennifer Kruchowski

Dead Daze : What a long Strange Week It's Been" was the theme for the 1996 Springfest activities.

Springfest activities took place April 22-25. Dead Daze, name inspired by the band, "the Greatful Dead" and the stress filled days before finals, is an annual event that began in 1984.

"Springfest was basically started to give students a chance to let their hair down and play," said Liz McCraw, director of Student Affairs. "The Student Senate created it in response to the need for students to have fun during a usually stressful time of the semester."

More than 20 teams participated in games throughout the week. Each team represented a separate organization.

The games played this year were earth ball, egg toss, mini golf, mud volleyball, name that tune and twister. Participants could also run an obstacle course and participate in a scavenger hunt.

Points were given to each winning team. This year's winning team was the Kappa Sigma fraternity, fourth-time consecutive winner.

"I was extremely proud of the way our members came together to form a great team despite all of their various

responsibilities," said Scott Lowrance, president of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Besides the games there are other events such as the Savage Scandals, a talent show which anyone can enter. The first place winners this year, Tone Def, won a cash prize of \$100. Coming in close behind were second and third placers Gaines Duvall and Pamela Worden.

The Springfest activities concluded with a dance at the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC).

The VPAC was transformed into "Club Savage" for a

night and was host to the final contest "Savage Body."

The winners of this contest were Sherrain Johnson and Derrik Anderson.

The trophy for the team with the most points was awarded to the Kappa Sigmas at the dance.

All in all Springfest '96 was a success and did what it set out to do. It gave more than 300 students a break from the stress of finals and a variety of ways to unwind.

"The thing about Springfest is that it's one of the few campus events that all sorts of students can participate in," said Liz McCraw. "It has appeal on several different levels."



Students enjoy getting muddy during a game of mud volleyball part of Springfest 1996 activities.



A group of students play with the medicine ball as part of 1996 Springfest activities in April.



And the winner is ... Jason Hicks announces the winner of the Savage Body Building Contest during 1996 Springfest activities.

savages give **BLOOD**

by Tanya Sprabary

For the last six years Southeastern students, faculty and staff have been in competition with East Central University in Ada to donate the most blood.

And for the last six years, Southeastern has won the competition.

In 1996 Southeastern collected 171 pints of blood and East Central donated 170 pints of blood.

"Many of the faculty are willing to give extra credit when you donate and get a bandaid on your arm," said Vickie Hollcum, a representative from the Southern Oklahoma Blood Institute. "When you are finished donating, you get to stick around, eat cookies and drink soda, and receive a free T-shirt."

Students offer many reasons for giving blood.

"Our teacher offered to raise our lowest grade," said Tracy Jackson, a junior undecided.

"I've given three or four times before, I'm not nervous," said Todd Caves, a freshman in general studies. "I gave blood in April, and they were very nice. I didn't need it anyway."

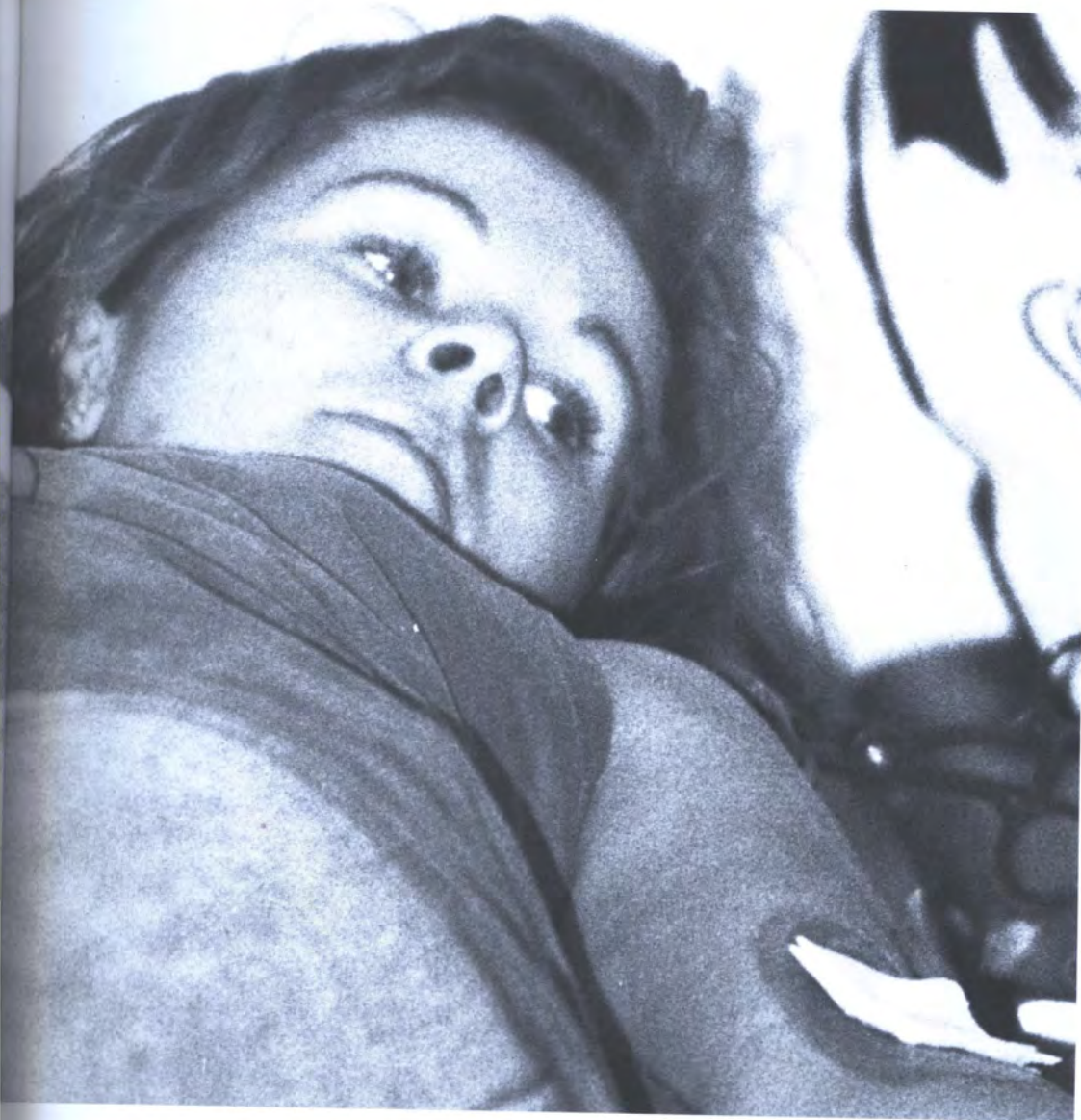
Besides involving the students, many others provide help in making the blood drive a success including Larry Williams, president of Southeastern; Liz McCraw, director of Student Life; and members of the Presidents' Club and Auxiliary Services.

Vanessa Burton, senior in biology, patiently lays on the table donating blood for the bi-annual drive. Southeastern students, faculty and staff donate more than 100 pints each semester. (photo by Dana Bell)



Kathy Gordon, senior in psychology, has her vital signs taken prior to donating blood at the October drive. (photo by Dana Bell)





Charla Hall, sophomore in pre-medicine, listens to instructions from an unidentified Southern Oklahoma Blood Institute nurse about giving blood.
(photo by Dana Bell)

drinking and driving laws **HIT HARD**

by Deborah Mitchell

Local law enforcement has cracked down on underage drinking, thanks to new laws that went into effect Nov. 1. In the second regular session of the 45th legislature, laws were passed to prevent underage drinkers from driving.



It is now unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to drive, operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle if he or she has any measurable quantity of alcohol in the person's blood or on that person's breath.

"The key words are '*any measurable quantity of alcohol.*' That means, if an officer smells beer on a person's breath, they can be arrested," said Southeastern campus policeman Jackie Coker.

An underage drinker caught driving will also receive an automatic fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500. In addition to a fine, the driver will have driving privileges revoked, as ordered by the court, and the driver's license seized from up to six months to two years.

These actions, according to the new laws, will be automatic upon arrest.

"Law makers want to stop teenage drinking," said Coker.

"When a teen turns 16 and gets a license, they think it's the greatest thing. Maybe when the law goes into effect, they'll think twice about drinking and driving. It has to happen to wake a lot of them up."

The title of the act will be cited as the "Drunk Driving Prevention Act." According to Coker, the law will have an effect on Southeastern's campus.

"This is a campus issue," he said. "The kids need to be aware. This will affect a lot of people. So many kids have one or two beers and say that it doesn't hurt, but it does."

Underage drinkers might also be asked to take a breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol consumed.

Now, because of the new law, if an officer smells alcohol, the driver (if underage) will be required to take a breath test. If the person refuses to take the test, it is an automatic refusal charge from police.

Different levels of penalties have been established for the level of alcohol detected.

Anything under .01 up to .05 is a violation of the Drunk Driving Prevention Act. Detection of .05 to .09 is a "Driving While Intoxicated" charge, and a .10 and up is a "Driving under the Influence." A "Driving Under the Influence" charge carries at least a \$609 bond to get released from an arrest.

"The most important thing to remember is that the law requires any measurable amount of alcohol," Coker explained.

"If [an under-aged drinker] has a few drinks and hits someone in their car and kills them, now they will be charged with manslaughter. That's a big change. The new law is going to be stiff."

Coker says that each officer handles situations differently, but as long as students are driving okay on campus, they won't be bothered.

But if students are caught drinking and driving, they will be handled according to the law.

"If a student has made it to the parking lot, I'm going to see that he gets to his room," said Coker. "I'm here for the students—for their safety and welfare. We have a large area to patrol. We just want everyone to be safe."

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graduation thrice **YEARLY**

Southeastern has a tradition -- three times a year -- in May, July and December. No, it's not legal holidays. It's graduation.

Yes, three times a year, faculty members don their formal commencement regalia for the fall, summer and spring graduations.

Invariably (due to weather conditions, either too hot, too cold or too wet) graduation takes place in Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium.

Because of the size of the graduating classes, the School of Arts and Letters and the School of Educa-

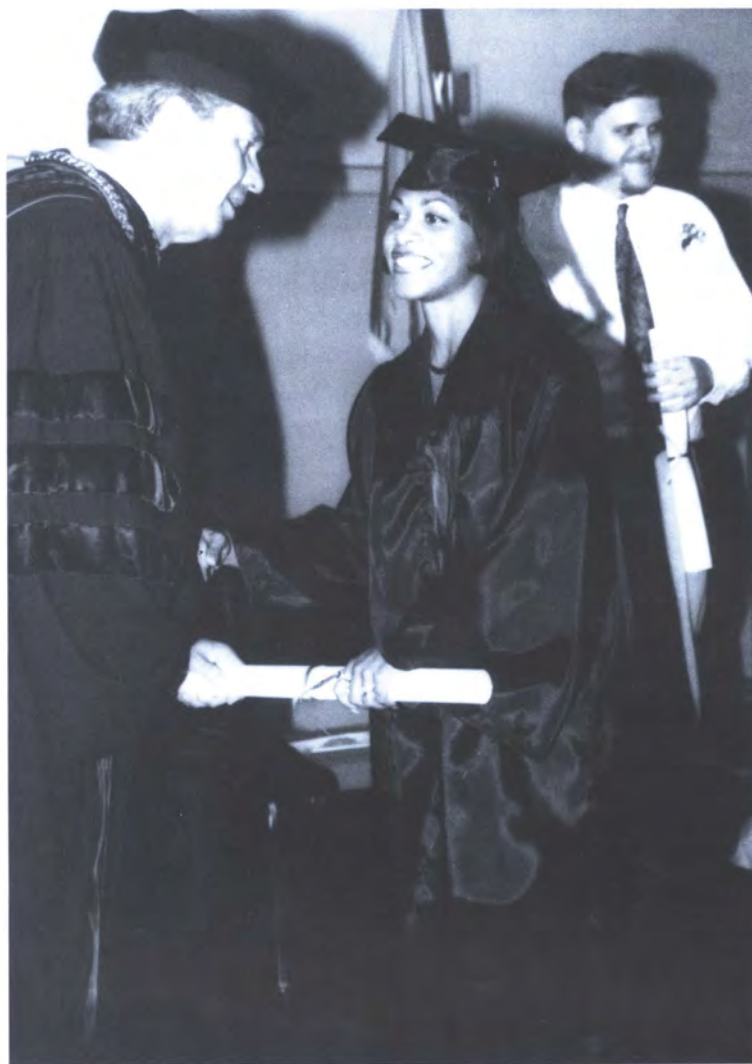
tion and Behavioral Sciences team up for their graduation first. Then the School of Business and the School of Science and Technology follow about two hours later.

Playing to a packed house any way it's done, there are the usual tears, laughs, pictures and screams from the crowd as graduates walk over the stage and are handed their degrees.

The theme of the graduation varies from time to time, but nonetheless, it is the end of one era and the beginning of another for Southeastern graduates.

Steve Hardy receives his degree and a handshake from President Larry Williams during graduation. (photo by Dan Hoke)





President Larry Williams confers a bachelor's degree on Lisa Reyford as part of summer graduation. (photo by Dan Hoke)



Family and friends show their love and support to Marti during graduation. (photo by Dan Hoke)

taking classes while TEACHING

by Mary Holt

Many students on the Southeastern campus never stop to think of the title of those who guide them throughout their education.

It has been said that in order for faculty to get promotion or tenure they must earn a doctorate.

A total of 58 percent of the faculty already have earned their doctorate (or terminal degrees).

But, out of the four different schools at Southeastern, there are 14 faculty members who are currently working toward their doctorates.

One such instructor is David Christy, director of bands.

Christy began working on his doctorate in summer 1996 at the University of Oklahoma in music education and instrumental conducting.

Commitment to the students and his responsibilities at Southeastern are very important to Christy.

"Students are my number one priority," said Christy, "They are never a bother to me."

With his busy class schedule he must also save some time for recruiting.

Since he began at Southeastern, the marching band's roster has grown from 18 members to 85.

Christy said he spends every waking hour between studying, teaching and preparing, but he says he must also have at least seven hours of sleep.

"The experience I gain at OU is very beneficial, and they are very understanding," Christy said. "They realize my responsibility here (at Southeastern) takes precedence, and not every place would be that understanding," said Christy.

Another instructor Patty Pool, instructor in business, is also working on her doctorate. She attends at the University of North Texas in allied technology and training and development.

Pool is a full time wife and mom, with three children, instructor, and is taking one class towards her studies

"I am only taking one class during a term, it's balancing three hours during the spring and fall semesters and picking up six during the summer,"

said Pool.

Pool goes on to say that with her kids extracurricular activities, she must save time for them.

Pool chose to attend the University of North Texas because it was closer to her home.

"I chose to attend University of North Texas because I live in Denison and it is only an hour and five minutes from my house," said Pool.

"Working towards a doctorate is something I always wanted to do, and with teaching I can plan six weeks into the semester, and work around that schedule," said Pool.

According to President Williams there is no written document that states that an instructor must get his or her doctorate. There is, however, incentive to earn a higher degree of education.

"The encouragement given to get a doctorate is not to be difficult towards any of the faculty, it all leads to the underlying reason that everything is done at this university. The reason is simple, a better education for the students," said Williams.

David Christy, director of bands, is one of several faculty members who is both teaching and attending classes for advanced degrees.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)

Patty Pool instructor in marketing and management talks with a student. Balancing her teaching load with taking classes as well as being a mom makes her a very busy woman.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)



Amy Williams and her parents take a break during Lunch on the Lawn part of Homecoming activities. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



President Larry Williams stands with Vickie Arnett, Dax West and Amy Williams following Arnett's Homecoming coronation.



Student Government Association—Front Row: Chad Mannsfield, Lori Crawford, Amy Williams, Tim Cannon, Johnny Tonnika, Jason Smith; Second Row: Adrienne Johnson, Jason Parker, Sherrain Johnson, Eric Huffman, Linda (Lou) Penz, Brad Duncan, Amanda Cox, Kara Cox, Amy Stephenson, J.B. Lilley, Stephanie Stephens, Rodney Blankenship; Back Row: Sharon Berish, Jeremy Bell, Brian Burkhart, Tammy D'Angelo, Dax West, Amy Chapman, Christy Flowers, Rick Reding, Jared McIntire, Daniel Hall.



Young Democrats—Front Row: Sarah Howser, Daren Wards, Court McCarroll, Rhonda Head; Back Row: Allison Roberts, Amanda Ritter, St Williams, Theresa Bruce.

amy williams, three times a PRESIDENT

by Amanda McDonald

Even though Amy Williams has held more offices on campus than anyone who has come before her, she still has two feet planted firmly on the ground . . . Well, most of the time.

Currently president of Cardinal Key, President's Club, and the Student Government Association, Amy loves to fly airplanes and gliders and skydive in her free time.

When Amy left Denison High School and enrolled at Southeastern four years ago, she had to leave her 14 cats, five dogs, two ferrets, a chinchilla, and a slew of fantail goldfish at home with her mom and dad.

But because Durant

has a humane society, Amy doesn't miss her pets as much as she probably would have because she volunteers her extra time to animals that nobody wants.

How does she keep up with all these things? Lots of energy and a stuffed planner!

Amy is glad she has had the opportunity to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"I love the small-school feel of Southeastern, but at the same time we have the diversity of a regional university," said Williams. "The students and faculty are extremely helpful and friendly. I feel like this is my home away from home. Southeastern

is one of the best kept secrets in the state of Oklahoma."

A communication senior, Amy graduates from Southeastern this year.

After graduation she hopes to attend law school.

"My goal is to be happy and lead a productive life," said Williams. "It's so important to be a contributing member of your community, where ever you may live. Hopefully, one day, I will have my own law practice."

The advice Amy gives to Southeastern students she will be leaving behind is, "Whatever you do, give back to those who have made you what you are—remember, they believed in you first."

Amy Williams enjoys a drink while talking with other about picking up trash. This service is one of many activities she is involved in while working with several organizations on campus. (photo by Dana Bell)



Young Republicans—Darren Hayes, Dion Hayes, Randy Massey, Edwin Stuart and Brian Holloway.



Sigma Tau Delta—Front row: Trevor Via, Debbie Dunman, Todd Southard, Dustee McKinney, Jennifer Amant, Shanon Blankenship, Kara Gallagher; back row: Randy Prus (adviser), Amy Rawlings, Amanda McDonald, Amy Chapman, Melissa Hickman, Amanda Jarrett.

middle schoolers use talent
SEARCH

by Amanda McDonald

Talent Search is the link for many low-income, first generation students to a brighter horizon.

Southeastern's Talent Search program is funded by the federal government and is mutually beneficial to the university, the community and the kids.

Al White, director of Southeastern's Talent Search, has worked within Bryan, Marshall, Choctaw and McCurtain counties discovering educational talent in middle school students for the past 19 years. There are approximately 750 students enrolled in the program.

"Students are given college and career information, job skills, tutoring sessions, and self-esteem through Talent Search," White said.

While the students are in high school, they participate in campus activities.

"In the summer we bring them to Southeastern for a week and introduce them to college," White said. "They live in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria and attend classes. It provides a unique experience for the college community."

Half of the the \$1,500 that is required for this summer camp is spent toward students' room and board fees, which is very economically beneficial for Southeastern.

More than 80 percent of the Talent Search clients enroll in college making the program very worthwhile.

"The feedback I get from formal clients and from moving around in the schools," said White, "is that more than half of those clients who enroll complete college. The Talent Search students' aspirations, dedication and goals will take them as far as they desire to go."



A group of international students enjoy the delights of roller skating during a party sponsored by Student Affairs in the fall. (photo by Dana Bell)

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James Wade, lecturer in art, poses next to his sculpture in front of the Visual Arts Building. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Students are not allowed to have pets in the dorms; however, that does not stop the feeding of this stray seen around the campus. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

presidential and student government
ELECTIONS

by Amanda McDonald

As the horizon for America remains the same with Bill Clinton being re-elected as President of the United States for four more years, the horizon at Southeastern is broadening.

Females are being seen in United States government more often each year.

How long will it be before we have a "first-man" of the White House?

Southeastern already has the ball rolling. The 1995-96 student body president was DeAnn Trotter, a female student. And again for the 1996-97 school year the students elected another female president, Amy Williams.

Since the student government of Southeastern

is the voice for its students, selecting representation is very important. However, only a fourth of the students vote at elections.

The vote was also down in the presidential elections. Not even half the voters voted for the president.

A hotly contested seat was the race for third district congress between Wes Watkins, running in this election as a Republican (previously, he has run as a Democrat and as an independent) and Southeastern alumnus Daryl Roberts.

Much controversy was shown on the pages of the Southeastern newspaper.

But Watkins went on to win the seat.



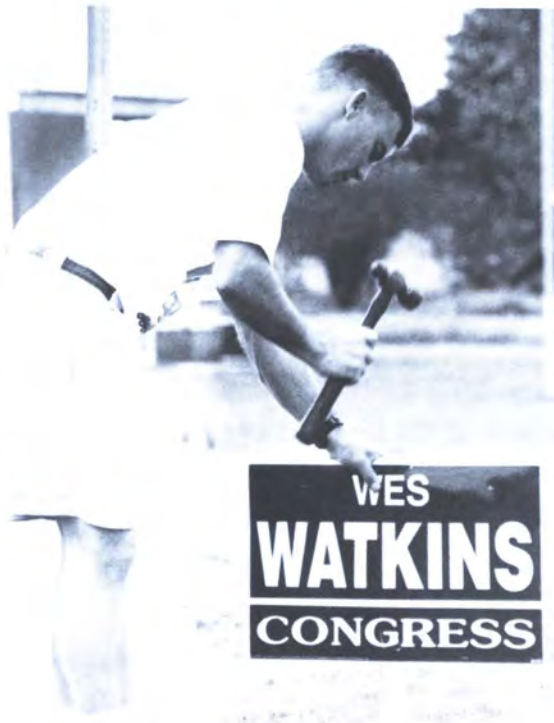
Sherrain Johnson waits for voters to vote in the Student Government elections at Southeastern. (photo by Dana Bell)

Voters line up in front of the Campus Book Exchange to vote for their choices of candidates for Student Government elections. (photo by Dana Bell)





**Cam-
paigners** autograph a sign at the Democratic watch party for Daryl Roberts. He lost to Wes Watkins for Congress. *(photo by Tracy Moore)*



Trey Bryant puts up a lawn sign as part of his job while working on the Wes Watkins for Congress campaign. Watkins ran for Third District Congressman in Oklahoma. *(photo by Dana Bell)*



Amy Stevenson and Sherrain Johnson tally up the votes for Student Government elections at Southeastern. *(photo by Dana Bell)*

one department boasts oldest and newest HONOR SOCIETIES

by Amanda McDonald

The English, Humanities and Languages department has the "honor" of being home to both the oldest and newest nationally recognized honor societies on Southeastern.

The purpose of an honor society is to confer appreciation and distinction for high achievement and knowledge in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.

Participating in one or more honor societies is a very fulfilling experience for students.

Sigma Tau Delta, the oldest nationally recognized Greek organization on campus, is the International English Honor Society.

The purpose of Sigma Tau Delta is to promote interest in literature and the English language on Southeastern's campus and to encourage creative and critical writing by its members.

Members help teach others how to read and hold workshops to advance community writing.

To join, English ma-

jors and minors must rank in the highest 35% of their class in general scholarship.

Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate foreign language honor society, is one of the newest nationally recognized Greek organizations on campus.

The purpose of Alpha Mu Gamma is to honor students with outstanding achievement during their first year of foreign-language study in college.

Every year the organization sponsors Na-

tional Foreign Language Week by distributing posters to local schools.

Southeastern students who have received two grades of A in university or college courses of foreign language qualify for membership.

Non-native speakers of English can also apply if they complete two semesters of college work conducted in English with at least two grades of A.

Membership in Alpha Mu Gamma is growing by leaps and bounds every semester.



Foreign Language—front row: Marla Estes, Shannon Blankenship, Jessica Hardy, Lanita Schwartz, Cheryl Clark, Marlana Brown and Lisa Hill (adviser); second row: Jamie Braziel, Debra Dunman, Tammie D'Angelo, Nancy Smithson, Shawn Mason and Richard Hartman.



Criminal Justice—Tamla Hill, Donna ClarkTynes, Flora Brand Patricia Stubblefield (adviser), Tracie Hooks and Paulette Rose



Oklahoma weather changes rapidly. As the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather today, wait until tomorrow." (photo by Kim Bumstead)



A student enjoys one of the many warm afternoons during the fall by sitting on a bench in front of the Morrison Building. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Southeastern Oklahoma Education Association—Allyson Williams, Delann Pugh, Beverly Tully, Pat Dunham, Carol Shown and Marlena Brown.



Alpha Chi Sigma (professional chemistry fraternity)—front row: Lori Allen, Julie Marlow, SuzAnn Musgrove, Teresa Owens, Mid Reeves and Tammie D'Angelo; back row: John Hairell, Tim Moyer, Kevin Gordon, Eric Wall, Scott Grigory, Kris Wood, Jeremey Bell and Kent Denson.

Kyle Thomas, chief flight instructor, is at the controls of the aircraft during one of his many flights. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



This plane is flying over the eastern edge of Durant. It is one of several used during flight team competitions.



southeastern flight team

COMPETES

by Kari Washington

Look up in the sky it's a bird... it's a plane... it's *really* a plane?

That's right, it's really a plane, and from Southeastern, too!

As well as having an aerospace department, The department also sponsors one of the top flight teams in the country.

Known to everyone as the "Flying Savages", the flight team is very active. The team participates in a variety of competitions throughout the school year.

The "Flying Savages" participate in the National Intercollegiate Flying Associations and national meets.

Southeastern is a member of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association.

"The purpose of intercollegiate flying is to provide practical experiences in the training of future pilots, to give participants the opportunity to develop leadership and societal skills as well as development of safety awareness," said Gary Odom, aerospace department chair.

The flight team placed fourth in the regional competition at Kansas State University in Salina the week of Oct. 14-19, 1996.

This competition included universities from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

"We have the more schools competing than in any other region in the country," said Odom.

Competitions include

groundwork and flying technique.

"All students are evaluated on their performance and skill shown in these areas during the competition," said Odom.

The flight team has been competing for a number of years and they always show outstanding leadership and teamwork during the events, Odom said.

"The flight team placed second in the flying aspect of the competition, but it was the overall score that put us in fourth," said Kyle Thomas, chief flight instructor.

Southeastern's team members were recognized for an outstanding performance during the awards banquet given on the final night of competition.

One of several planes used during competitions. This plane is flying over Lake Texoma in Southeast Oklahoma.

miss southeastern PAGEANT

Shelia Alley from Tulsa was crowned 1997 Miss Southeastern Oklahoma Jan. 25, 1997, in the Montgomery Auditorium with Southeastern student, Heather Hillburn, being named runner up.

Alley also won the talent portion of the scholarship pageant singing "Stormy Weather."

Judges scored contestants in four areas: talent, personal interviews, with talent being 40 percent of the competition total, 30 percent from interviews with judges earlier in the day and physical fitness and evening gown each with 15 percent.

Hilburn won the crowd-pleaser award with her dance and twirl presentation to "Coming to America" as well as the

physical fitness portion of the pageant.

With her win as first runner up, Hillburn will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship from Southeastern.

"I was so excited and thrilled to do so well," Hillburn said. "This was my first pageant ever, and it was a lot of fun. I had such a wonderful experience."

The theme for the pageant was "In the Mood: A salute to the U.S.O."

Miss Oklahoma 1996, Amy Duncan, was the Mistress of Ceremonies performing along with the Jazz Band and Chorvettes.

Along with the crowning of a new Miss Southeastern Oklahoma, other awards were also given.

The Miss Congeniality award was given to Charity Hodge of Poteau, a student at Carl Albert State College.

The second runner-up was Meggan Craig of Norman who is attending the University of Central Oklahoma. She is also the sister of Miss 1994 Oklahoma, Tiffany Craig.

The third runner-up was Monica Miller of Granfield who is a student at the University of Oklahoma School of Law.

Fourth runner-up was Stephanie Leonard of Tulsa a senior from Bishop Kelley High School.

Miss Southeastern Oklahoma will compete for the Miss Oklahoma crown in June. Winning there, she will vie for the Miss America crown.

Winner of Miss Fitness and first runnerup to Miss Southeastern 1997, Southeastern student Heather Hillburn, models her swimsuit for the judges at the pageant. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Miss Southeastern 1997 winners were announced on Saturday, Jan. 25: Monica Miller, third runner-up; Heather Hillburn, first runner-up; Sheila Alley, Miss 1997 Southeastern, Meggan Craig, second runner-up, and Stephanie Leonard, fourth runner up. (photo by Dan Hoke)





Miss Oklahoma 1996, Amy Duncan, autographs a Miss Southeastern pageant program. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Ashlee Johnson, Southeastern student, introduces herself to the audience while members of the Chorvettes sing 1940s songs. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Newly crowned Miss Southeastern 1997, Sheila Alley, is congratulated by her competitors. (photo by Dan Hoke)

students get airtime on KSSU RADIO

by Patrick Barrett

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's student radio station, 320-watt KSSU 91.9 FM, underwent some radical changes this year when it received a new call sign and director.

The station was named KHIB after former university President Leon Hibbs, whom the station was founded under in 1970.

The station also said goodbye to Ben "Doc" Chappell who started overseeing the station in 1976 when it was taken over by the Speech Depart-

ment. He was replaced by Communication and Theatre Department Chairman C.W. Mangrum.

Most student disk jockeys were enrolled in the Fundamentals of Radio class taught by undergraduate student Chris Poursharif, but some also underwent out-of-class training so they could fill up more air time.

DJs play an open format of all types of music, and broadcast times varied depending on when students were willing to work their three-hour shifts.

One of the reasons for inconsistent programming, was that at least two students needed to be willing to work consecutively so that there could be six hours of programming.

Students brought their own music or played selections from the many items sent to the station by record companies.

After completing the class, students could apply for their own professional operator's license, but some of the students took the class just for the experience of going on the air.

Paul Curtis works as a disc jockey on the air at the campus radio station, KSSU. (photo by Dana Bell)

Paul Curtis and Trey Packard (sitting) put together a playlist for their time on the air on KSSU, the campus radio station. (photo by Dana Bell)





Lisa Kilbourne, station manager, and Paul Curtis take an opportunity to relax between shifts at the campus radio station, KSSU. (photo by Dana Bell)

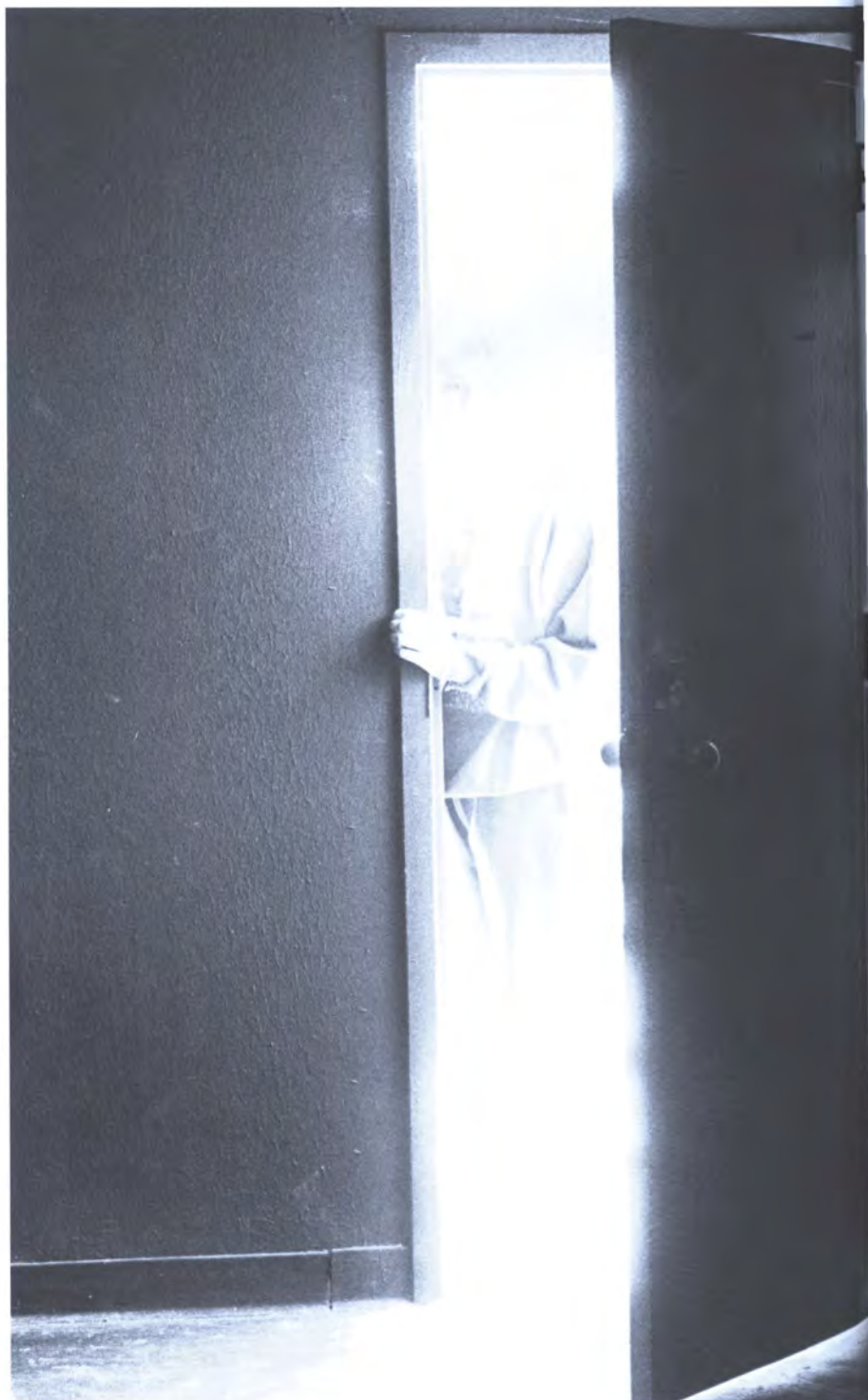


KSSU Radio Station--Chris Poursharif, Paul Curtis, Lisa Kilbourne, C.W. Mangrum (acting adviser) and Gary McIntire.

a different kind of
DIVERSITY

by Patrick Barrett

Although many would think of college as the kind of place where students can learn about diversity, many students have found the climate at Southeastern Oklahoma State University to be intolerant, especially toward homosexuals.



Jane Gainey, director of the Counseling Center at Southeastern, said this negative attitude toward gays and lesbians is very common in this geographic region.

"Oklahoma is a very conservative-thinking state," Gainey said. "It's in a traditional Bible Belt section of the country."

The prevailing attitude is so hostile that most of the gay and lesbian students on campus are afraid to reveal their sexuality because of fears of being physically attacked, she said.

Consequently, there are no gay and lesbian student organizations at Southeastern like those found at larger universities or those in other regions.

Gainey said she has not even been able to start a successful support group for these students because they are afraid to go to meetings.

Gainey said the university's administration has been cooperative in incorporating gay and lesbian issues into certain areas of the college experience like orientation, but not all faculty and staff

are echoing these sentiments.

One way for the university to improve the atmosphere toward gays and lesbians would be to include classes relating to gay and lesbian issues, similar to other multicultural related courses, she said.

Although there are currently no courses related specifically to those issues, Robin Murray, assistant professor in English, Humanities and Languages, said she has incorporated some of these ideas into her gender studies and freshman composition classes.

Murray said she saw the need for this sort of inclusion when she read a

student paper describing how a friend had been "basically run off campus" for being a lesbian.

Murray said she does not know when a specific class could be offered in this area, but she agrees there is a need to do something to improve the attitude here.

Even if there were such a class, however, many people might be afraid to go to it, she said.

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traditions help students celebrate **CHRISTMAS**

by Tracy Moore

Southeastern added new traditions to its Christmas list this year while also keeping up with its old traditions.

This year was the first time to have a tree lighting. The tree lighting took place before the annual candlelighting ceremony. The tree lighting was sponsored by the Greek council.

The candlelighting is a favorite tradition at Southeastern that has been going on for more than 30 years. This year the candlelighting ushered in the Christmas festivities on Dec. 3.

"The candlelighting always symbolizes the beginning of the Christmas season," said Liz McCraw, director of Student Life.

"This is a long standing tradition which brings joy to Durant for the holiday season," said April McCurry, senior in biology.

The candles are lit by members of Cardinal Key. When the women light the candles it represents students, faculty and staff joining together in the celebration of Christmas.

Another tradition at Southeastern is the presidential partners, sponsored by the Presidents' Club. Various organizations on campus sponsor a child for a day. The students are picked out by teachers who believe that they need some special attention.

"This is one of the best programs that we have on campus and it is very rewarding," said McCraw. "The sponsors share time one-on-one with a child.

Many sponsors and children keep in touch with each other through out the year."

This year they had a bowling party at the bowling alley. They bowled and played games and had a dinner, that was provided by Taco Bell. Each student received a \$25 gift certificate at Wal-Mart from their sponsor.

This year there were 25 organizations and 35 children participating in the event. Some organizations sponsored more than one child.

Southeastern also had "A Christmas in the Clouds," for the Student Government Association's Christmas Ball. The ballroom was decorated with white and silver balloons and stars. DJ's from Mobile Music made students feel as if they were on cloud nine as they danced the night away.

"The ball always gives students the chance to dress up and feel festive," said Amy Williams, student government president.

The Chorvettes had their fifth annual Christmas Dinner Gala. The group performed old and new Christmas songs. They also had an auction which featured fudge, crafts and goodies made by the group and their families.

Decorations around campus were a little different this year also. Organizations decorated light poles around campus with garland and red ribbons, instead of putting up the Christmas cards on the lawn in front of Morrison.



The Christmas trees on the front lawn of the Morrison Building viewed from behind the fountain (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Christmas on the front lawn of the Morrison Building was a sight to behold with snowy weather and sparkling lights.



love of family SHINES

by Mary Holt

Pamela Sue Williams doesn't just sit back and watch the world pass her by. She takes an active role in Durant as well as the Southeastern community.

Williams is visible both in her role as executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, and as the wife of Southeastern's President Larry Williams.

As part of her job in the Chamber, she acts as the spokesperson for the community.

Williams enjoys the job because she wants to make a difference.

"Before the chamber, I worked as the Director of Business Development Division and did all of the in-state business division, and helped businesses get financing for 11 years," said Williams. "I helped business get financing. It's been good for both the city of Durant and the state."

While working in Oklahoma City, Williams came to Durant on the weekends. She moved her parents here, and the entire Williams family help out.

"My parents are

physically handicapped, and we made the decision for them to stay here," said Williams. "Larry helped me by taking care of them while I was working in the city, and it was very special to me that he helped and cared for them."

To further illustrate her evident love of family, Williams considers Southeastern part of her family also.

"I try to get involved with campus organizations, but I can't do as much as I like. I have worked with the Presidents' Club, and also with Dr. (Bob) Hays with the internship program and Dr. (Bob) Semonisck in safety."

In what little spare time she has, Williams enjoys reading, especially lis-

tening to books-on-tape. Some of her other hobbies include playing the piano, which she admits it's not something that she

does well, but she does enjoy it, and good, old-fashioned rock and roll.

"I don't have much time to actually sit and read the books, but I have gotten hooked to books on tape," said Williams.

To get away on the weekends, the Williams have a small cabin at Lake

Texoma and a pontoon boat, with no telephones allowed.

"We have jet skis that we hook to the boat," said Williams. "They are a lot of fun."

Williams is a primary example that when you want something bad enough, you will do what-

ever it takes to get it.

"I worked 40 hours a week, as a court reporter for the Tinker Air Force Base during the day, and was taking nine to 13 hours of classes at night for five nights a week. But I do not regret anything, I have a wonderful life now," said Williams.

President and Pamela Williams have been married for three years, and have five kids.

"I have two kids, and Larry has three, which makes me a total of five," said Williams. "We do talk about them as six children. Larry has been good to my kids and I think that I have been good to his."

Williams is a remarkable woman who never meets a stranger so she doesn't find it hard to talk to anyone. She also speaks her mind and gives students some good advice.

"Every class you take someday, somewhere, you will use it. The most menial tasks will help you down the line. That's why you must keep learning; you need to be well rounded," said Williams.





Despite Pam Williams' outside duties, the dishes still need to be done.
(photos by Kim Bumstead)



President Larry Williams and Pam work on stuffed bell peppers for their dinner.

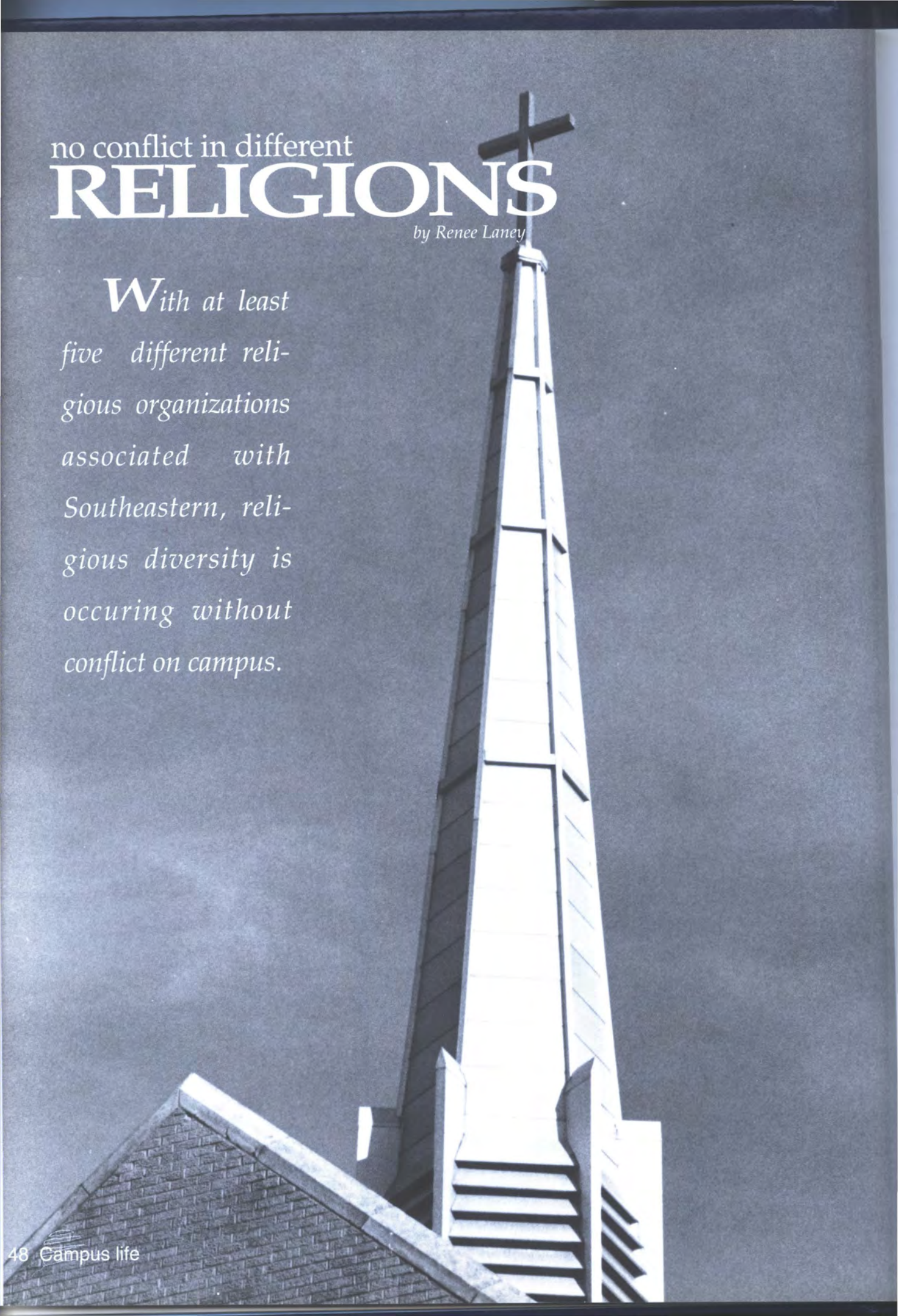
Pam Williams, Jason Hicks (administrative assistant) and Elicia Dodd (office manager) work on a project in the Durant Chamber of Commerce.

no conflict in different

RELIGIONS

by Renee Laney

With at least five different religious organizations associated with Southeastern, religious diversity is occurring without conflict on campus.



The five religious organizations are the Baptist Student Union, Wesley Center, Church of Christ Bible Center, the Muslim Student Association and the Newman Club.

With each different organization goes a different set of beliefs.

"We believe that God is one God who reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit," says Greg Idell, director of the Baptist Student Union, "and Jesus is the only way to salvation."

Beliefs at the Student Bible Center, sponsored by the Church of Christ at Seventh and Beech, run about the same, but have a few differences.

"We believe God has revealed Himself in three forms," said Layne Heitz, director of the Bible center. "We know God the Creator, the Father, and that Jesus who is considered the Son of God is also a part of God. Jesus is the one who lived on the earth and provided redemption for sin. The Holy Spirit is given to every believer who is baptised and It is alive and dwelling inside of the Christian."

According to Muhammad Betz, faculty adviser for the Muslim Student Association, the Islam religion believes in God and all the prophets.

"You have to be careful not to worship any people," Betz said.

The Islam religion fasts once a year from sun-up to sun-down from mid-January to mid-February. The fasting period is called Ramadan, according to Betz.

At the Wesley Center denominations are mixed and therefore, so are beliefs. According to Patrick Nobels, students have different graduate intern of the Wesley Center, opinions about God.

"We may disagree on dunking or sprinkling, but in the end it's not a central issue. There are too many problems in this world without the church arguing about an issue," Nobels said. "Going out and ministering to these kids is really more important".

With diversity, conflict can sometimes come. However, that's not the case at Southeastern.

"We may not all agree on the same things," Nobels said, "but we get along well".

Betz agrees.

"We were put on red-alert at the time of the Oklahoma City bombing," Betz said, "because when it happened some thought it might be a Muslim group, and the administration feared political problems. Had the bomber been part of a Muslim group, it may have turned out different, but there have been no problems".

"Moreover", says Betz, "people are more interested in the Muslim's Islam religion".

According to Idell the BSU hasn't experienced any conflicts between groups.

Heitz from the Church of Christ sees only a "healthy rivalry" between the different organizations. It seems that everytime one organization wins something, the other sets a goal to beat them next time.

That's not conflict, that diversity.

"There are too many problems in this world without the church arguing about an issue."

hanging out with different RELIGIONS

by Renee Laney

Five different organizations offer students a place to worship in the religion of their choice, meet others from their religious affiliation or just to "hang out."

Southeastern offers the Baptist Student Union, the Wesley Center, the Student Bible Center, the Muslim Student Association and the Newman Club.

"The Baptist Student Union is a place where young Christians can grow in their faith," said Greg Idell, director of the BSU. "The BSU sees more than 1,000 different students throughout every semester."

"The focus of the BSU is to spread the gospel and bring people to a personal relationship with God," Idell said.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, the BSU offers students Vespers (a weekly worship service) on Thursday, a noon lunch each Wednesday as well as fel-

lowships, devotional groups and Bible studies.

The Wesley Center, funded by the United Methodist Church, has been on campus more than 20 years, according to Patrick Nobels, graduate intern.

"A lot of churches have a big effective youth group," said Nobels, "but a lot of kids graduate and go to college and they're not ministered to. They tend to drift out of the church, and we're here to help fight that."

The center opens its doors to all denominations according to Nobels.

The Wesley Center's freshman group meets every other Monday night. On Tuesday nights the band Breakaway plays. In addition, the Wesley Center offers free lunch on Thursday and at other times the center offers biblical teachings, fellowships, and standard preaching, according to Nobels.

The Student Bible

Center, sponsored by the Church of Christ at Seventh and Beech, has about 35 active students according to Layne Heitz, director.

The Center sponsors a variety of service projects including dinners for senior citizens

"Every week we go to an area church and do a Sunday night service," said Heitz. "Students actually get opportunities to preach, lead prayer, sing and be with young people."

The organization provides a way to train students for leadership in the future for various congregations said Heitz.

"We provide a Christian atmosphere for students who want to get away from the pressures of college," said Heitz. "Students can play pool, ping-pong, study in our library or just hang-out."

The Church of Christ center also offers other activities including devotionals on Monday nights,

a weekly worship service and sponsorship of Alpha Omega, a Christian fellowship organization on campus.

The Muslim Student Association is beginning its fourth year on campus says Muhammad B. faculty adviser.

"The association provides a religious outlet for the international students who practice Islam," said B.

The Durant Islamic Center, located just off campus, has between 10 to 20 people attending religious services once a week on Friday, said B.

In addition they have prayer services every night.

"In Islam," said B. "there are five prayers every day. The center offers the guys from overseas a place and a chance to practice their religion."

In addition to the organizations, the Newman Club is a Catholic student organization with weekly meetings



Brian Gardner and Kelli Fluellen sing at Vespers at the BSU.



Students enjoy noontime lunch every Wednesday from 11:45 to 1 p.m. at the BSU.



Josh Craig, Brad Finley, Patric Nobles, Jason Williams, Rob Price, Kathy Pate and John Butenschoen sing in the Breakaway band at the Wesley Center.



Kara Cox, Marla Rippy, Robert Thomason and Song Won Shin invite everyone to "Join the Revolution" at the BSU.

students attend school on full-ride SCHOLARSHIPS

by Patrick Barrett

At least 11 first-year Southeastern students were broadening their horizons for free in 1996.

These fortunate individuals were recipients of the school's two full academic scholarship programs, the Parsons Scholars and the Regional University Scholars.

Jack Robinson said there are usually four Parsons Scholars and five Regional Scholars, but the school was allowed to admit two extra regional students in 1996.

"The Regional University Scholarship program is part of a state-wide project which rewards academic excellence with full academic scholarships," Robinson said.

Scholarship recipients have to maintain a grade point average of 3.25 and take at least 24 hours a year.

The Parsons program is unique to Southeastern.

Founded by alumnus David L. Parsons, who graduated from the university in 1928, he became a pharmacist and settled in Lubbock, Texas, making a fortune in oil and gas.

Parsons willed most of his money to Southeastern, and the scholarship program was set up from a special trust.

Robinson said the Parsons program used to be linked to the whims of the oil and gas commodities market. But with the oil bust in the 1980s it had been difficult to run the

program. Now it is a part of the Southeastern honors program, he said.

Parsons scholars are required to keep a GPA of 3.0 but they must complete at least 30 hours a semester.

Students in both scholarship programs take a specialized curriculum as part of the university's honors program. This means they have separate sections of their basic undergraduate classes like English, history and political science.

"In order to qualify for the honors program, you have to have an ACT of 25 or higher," he said. "Then you participate in an honors day where you are interviewed."

Robinson said the school uses a Rubric to

evaluate students from several different perspectives including their overall high school GPA, their interviewing skills at the completion of an interview.

"It's mainly to make a judgment about how well a student handles himself or herself when they deal with other people," Robinson said. "We ask questions about things like President Clinton's proposed dress codes."

The Parsons Scholars were Jeremy Bowles, Rick Manous, Johnathan Sample and Britany Scott.

The Regional students were: Joe Dodson, Thomas Faulkenberry, Gary Glover, Stephen Johnson, Seth Watts, Megana Wakelee and Dewayne Webb.

Alpha Sigma Tau: front—Allyson Roberts, Heidi Butler (adviser), Lori Crawford, Amber Guy; row 2—Trubee Craig, Marissa Cax, Heather Smith, Amy Wilson, Mindi Smith, Shawna Hall, Cheryl Moore, Misty Wade; row 3—Alicia Flowers, Kari Anderson, Kelli Robinson, Brandi Burson, Taysha Masters, Amber Tune, Sarah McCornack; row 4—Alicia Wright, Tammy Sandlin, Kasey Kelso, Jeani Dandridge, Elizabeth Ranallo, Stephanie Stephens, Sarah Hocutt, Angie Nichols, Natalie Parrish, Allyson Roberts, Katy Rainbolt, Mandy Chambers, Allison Owen, Krystal Womble, Tiffany Sallee, Dana Logan, Jennifer Dennard, Kelly Walla; row 5—Jennifer Clinton, Tara Reebles, Amanda Cox, Marcia Brunson, Danette Norwood, Zoe Buchanan, Kelly Templin, Valerie Wooten, Kathy McDonald, Lawta Mink, Andrea Rogers, Jana Haggard, Angie Scott





Kent Denson, and Darin Allen, both seniors in chemistry, use the library to study for finals in the fall semester. (photo by Dana Bell)



Sigma Sigma Sigma—front : Kaylene Conditt, Andrea Pyle, Vickie Arnett, Monica Riner; row 2: Jill Mayes, Jennifer Powers, Cindy Hester, Lindsey Stahl, Charity Walkup, Christina Fenners, Kandi Bray, Tina Cantrell, Crystal McNeil, Mandi Mayes, row 3: Amy Chapman, Karen Prince, Angela Dollarhide, Tammy Hammet, Laurie Brown, Michelle Lowther, Ali McCaughey, Nichole Droese; row 4: Nicole Snyder, Missy O'Kelly, Khristina Harris, Julie Nelson, Angela Tucker, Erica Bluethman, Candace Jones, Heather Nabors; row 5: Laura Childers, Devynna Smith, Amy Stephenson, Cinnamon Kennemer, Ginger Stiles, Amber Foxx, Keri Ketchum.

gathering for **PRAYER**

More than 100 students, faculty, staff and community members gathered around the flag poles on the front lawn of the Morrison Building for the annual day of prayer, "See You at the Pole."

Promptly at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, thousands of other people also gathered at various locations throughout the country to pray for the country, their families and problems facing the nation.

"See You at the Pole" is a national day of prayer organized by religious groups to provide a day of prayer for all people no matter what their religious affiliation.

The Southeastern community participates each year with students and religious leaders from the Baptist Student Union and the Wesley Foundation coordinating efforts.

Students gather around the flag pole on the lawn of Morrison for a national day of prayer.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)



Several students participate in the early morning "See You at the Pole", a national day of prayer.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)





Rob Price, minister of the Wesley Foundation, gathers with a few students for a day of prayer on "See You at the Pole." (photo by Kim Bumstead)

new group forms to DANCE

by Dana Bell

This year Southeastern welcomes the addition of the SOSU Dance Theater. Headed by Jill Spencer, adjunct in theater, the troupe consists of 27 students.

Auditions for the troupe were at the beginning of the fall semester and open to any student wishing to dance. No prior dance experience was required.

Many hours of hard work and determination went into their routines.

They got to show "their stuff" performing two pieces at Kaleidoscope, the School of Arts and Letters scholarship fundraiser in November.

They also performed their first dance concert, the Fall Festival of Dance, Nov. 23, 1996.

"This is not the first dance troupe at Southeast-

ern," said Spencer. "There just hasn't been one at Southeastern since the 1970s."

Freshman dancers include Brad Allen, art education; Manlyo Black, chemistry; Jody Coates, theatre; Juli Dowe, music education; Carla Garrett, chemistry; Misty Gormley; Christina Grider, communication; Ashley Hocking, general studies; James Kinney, undecided; Jeremy Magouirk, theatre; Jill Oetker, music education; Allison Owen, elementary education; Katy Pogue, undecided; Sherry Quaid, general studies; Ashley Rutherford, elementary education; Joey Sanchez, theatre; Tammy Sandlin, undecided; Kate Thomas, general studies; and Penni VanZandt, music education.

Sophomores include Jeanine Bedwell, accounting; Adrienne "Tootie" Johnson, undecided; and Jason Kirkpatrick in theatre.

Juniors are Radawn Ely, criminal justice; Emily Rogers, music education; and Devynna Smith, marketing.

Latha Champion, senior in theatre, and Jerry Lane, graduate round out the roster.

Spencer said she is very happy all their time and hard work has turned out so wonderfully. But she adds that hard work doesn't make these students give up, if anything it makes them want to work even harder.

Katy Pogue sums it up quite nicely.

"If it wasn't hard work," said Pogue. "We wouldn't be doing it."

A student practices warming up prior to learning new dance routines as part of Southeastern's Dance Troupe. (photos by Dana Bell)





South-eastern's newly formed Dance Troupe reach for the sky while practicing for their performances during November.



Students from Southeastern's Dance Troupe practice a pattern to music.

students, faculty showcase

TALENT

"Kaleidoscope: A Fine Arts Showcase" was presented on Friday, Nov. 15 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Likened to a kaleidoscope which focuses on constantly shifting patterns of bright colors, student art work was on display, students from the English, humanities and languages department presented readings of their original works, the Chamber Singers sang, the Jazz Band played, the Chorvettes entertained, the Dance Troupe danced and theatre students presented several acting ensembles.

In addition to showcasing the many

talented performers in the School of Arts and Letters, Kaleidoscope was also designed to raise funds for fine arts scholarships across the disciplines -- music, theatre, dancing, art and writing.

Directed by Molly Risso, professor in theatre, Kaleidoscope also used the talents of several other faculty members including Jill Spencer, adjunct in theatre; Michael Miles, director of Jazz Band; and Mary Ann Craige, director of the Chorvettes.

Faculty members from the art department and the English, humanities and languages departments also provided assistance with the evening.

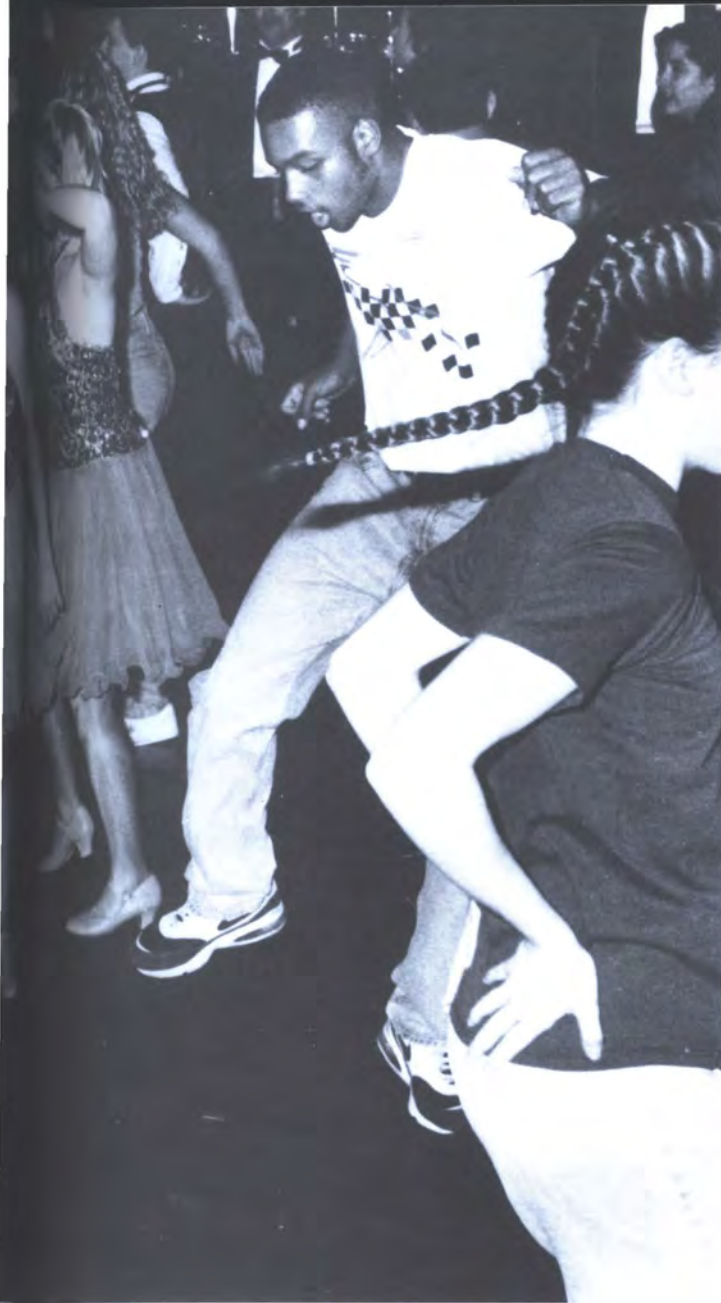
The audience takes part with the entertainers to dance to the "Macarena".
(photos by Kim Bumstead)



Math Club—front row: Karla Oty (co-adviser), Sylvia Miller, Chris Jones and Teresa Coffey; middle row: Angela Duncan, Ed Sims, Becky Pierce, and Krista Beasley; back row: Kashif Uh-Rehmen, Brian Holloway, John Wall, Brett Elliott (co-adviser), Thomas Faulkenberry, Kevin Lewis and Randy Massey.



Cardinal Key— front row: Kerry Anderson, Amy Jane Clampet, Clymore, Kaylene Conditt, Tammy D'Angelo, Mouziane Deeb, McCurry, Tracie Hooks, Traci Herzer, Jennifer Powers, Jenny Pa, Melissa Wood, Jennifer Workman, Stella Williams; back row: Steph Houx, Kelly Walla, Kelli Fluellen, Shelly Henry, Michelle Kiehn, Arnett, Angela Duncan, Amy Leigh Williams, Trena Young, Kandi Amy Chapman, Marla Slmpson, Vanessa Bryan, Tina Madsen.



Dancers from the newly formed **Dance Troupe** entertain the audience in "Kaleidoscope".



Jason Kirkpatrick and **Brooklyn Matthews** perform as part of "Kaleidoscope".



Phi Beta Lambda—front row: Marilyn Standridge, Bobbie Crawford, Cherri Howard; middle row: Iva Jean Clark, Amy Wilson, Randy Hayes; top row: Denise Stewart, Darlene Boatner; and not shown: Marcia Brunson, Darren Hayes, Dion Bradley Hayes, J.B. Lilley, Joseph Madden, Terry Sisk, Rafael Pinto, Dixie Washer.



Council for Exceptional Children—front row: Charlotte Mapp, Nora Parker, Christene Hack, Carol Shown, Kelly McLemore, Sheila Barnes (adviser); back row: Nancy Rodgers, Susan Bailey, Danna Percell, Nena Hudson and Kim Raley.

English professor loves TEACHING

Randy Prus, associate professor of English, has been teaching at Southeastern since 1991. He is the adviser for Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society and Southeastern's literary journal, *Green Eggs and Hamlet*.

"He's the type of adviser who gives advice but doesn't hover over shoulders and control everything," said *Green Eggs and Hamlet* editor and Sigma Tau Delta president, Amanda McDonald.

When Prus is not involved with Sigma Tau Delta or the journal, he is participating in several committees on campus: Arts and Letters Newsletter Committee, Arts and Letters Lecture Series Committee Chair, North Central Self-Study Committee, and he is the organizer of the poetry readings on campus.

Poetry readings are a time when guest speakers, faculty and students come together during the semester to share and hear poetry and short stories. Members of all walks of the Durant community enjoy the original and favorite poems and prose.

Prus said after a normal day of teaching, advising students, and attending committee meetings in the afternoon,

he goes home and writes for a while.

When asked how many hours he writes each week, he responded, "I write in bursts. It isn't the writing, it's the being in the position to write."

Last year alone he had more than a dozen of his poems published.

Working on *Green Eggs and Hamlet* with art professor, Brad Cushman, Prus understands how important it is to have a piece of writing published.

The literary journal is composed each year of both literary pieces and art work. This student-only publication derived its name from Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham* and Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

All of these events make Randy Prus a very, very busy individual.

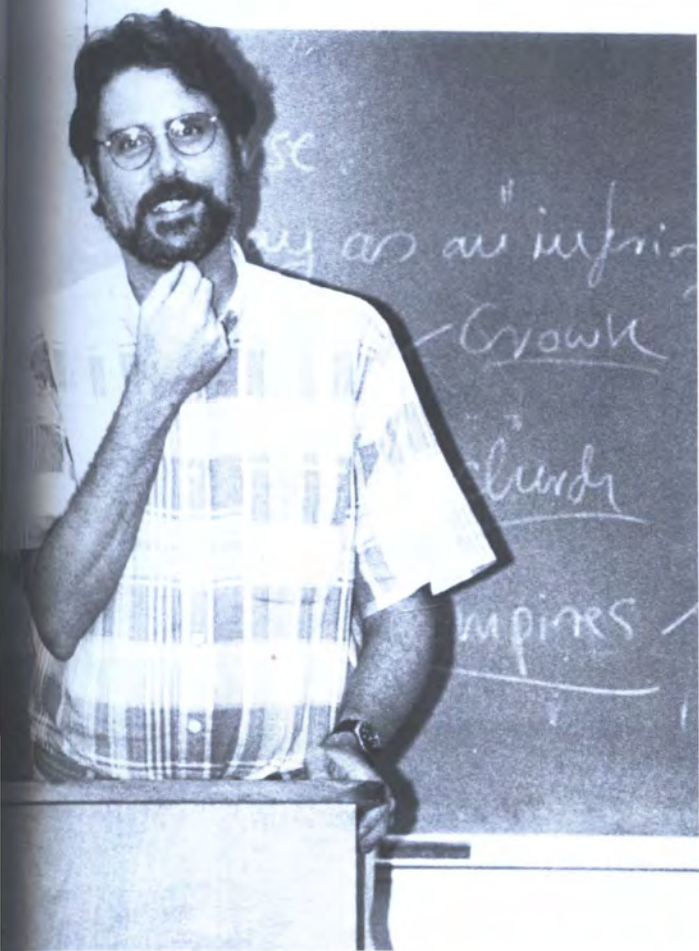
"I chuckle every time I get a paycheck for teaching at Southeastern. I'm where I want to be, I am with people I enjoy, and I'm really doing what I want to do," said Prus.

Regardless of how much time goes into being an English professor and writer, Prus always has time to be a father to his seven-year-old son, Ethan, and to watch the "intense sunsets on the Oklahoma horizons."

Randy Prus, lectures to an English class on the finer points of literature.

Amanda McDonald and Randy Prus examine a copy of the literary journal, *Green Eggs and Hamlet*. (photos by Dana Bell)





**Ethan, 7,
and his dad,
Randy Prus,
love to
watch the
coming
attractions
at the
movies to
plan what
they will
watch next.
(photo by
Dana Bell)**

play and hard WORK

The staff of Southeastern student publications work weekly on the Southeastern newspaper which is circulated on Thursdays and the Savage yearbook which is delivered annually in the spring.

The newspaper staff changes each semester with new editors and people on the staff.

There are no requirements to work on the staff other than a desire to learn and to put in long hours with little pay.

Those long hours pay off, however, as the spring 1995 Southeastern newspaper received a gold medal and the 1996 Savage yearbook received a silver medal from the National Scholastic Press Association. The Southeastern also received All-Columbian Honors in the areas of content and presentation. All-Columbian Honors are given when a publication has achieved the 95th percentile or

higher in each category.

The publications staffs also took time from their busy schedule to visit University Relations where they received a tour and a better understanding of their purpose on campus.

As part of a Christmas project, the staff placed boxes in the community grocery stores in an effort to collect pet food and supplies for the Bryan County Humane Society.

Besides providing a service to readers by tracking the history of campus in the Southeastern and Savage, staff members get real world experience through their weekly publications plus trips to the annual convention.

This year's convention was in Orlando, Fla. where three staff members accompanied the adviser for critique of the newspaper and workshops suited to each staff member's job responsibilities.

The homecoming float for Student Publications indicates the first-ever gold award received from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. (photo by Dana Bell)





The Southeastern newspaper staff visited University Relations for a tour. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Southeastern newspaper staff (fall 1996) -- seated: Pam Bumstead (adviser), Bryan Gunter, Tracy Moore, Cindy Ellis and Mary Holt; standing: Jennifer Krupchowski, Janice Postoak, Kary Washington, Jason Hicks, Chad Pate, Renee Laney, Dana Bell, Chris Manrey, Debbie Mitchell, Kim Bumstead and Tammy Flieger. Not pictured: Terry Jones.

Mary Holt and Brian Gunter at Homecoming. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Tameka Butler loads her clothes into her car in preparation of leaving for home during the Christmas break. (photo by Dana Bell)



Presidents Club— front row: Sherrain Johnson, Layne Heitz, Mary Holt, Chris Jones, Vickie Arnett, Amy Williams, Denise Stewart, Bryan Nickel, Jane Gainey; second row: Liz McCraw, Lori Crawford, Patti Pyle, Amanda McDonald, Michelle Kiehn, Paulette Ross, Rakib Khandaker, Ryan Brown; third row: Brian Holloway, Jeremy Bell, Tammy D'Angelo, Christy Flowers, Amanda Ritter, Rikki Clymote; last row: Gaines DuVall, Daniel Moore, Joshua Kirby, Phillip Roberts, Chad Mansfield, Ruiel Doonkeen, Delann Pugh, Johnny Tonihka, Tony Lehrling.



mold and mildew cause PROBLEMS

by Kary Washington

During the fall semester, mold and mildew were responsible for the temporary move of the offices of Admissions and Registrar.

Old air conditioner units were producing excessive amounts of moisture which in return were effecting the ventilation.

"Several employees had been complaining of headaches and scratchy throats, but we could not figure out why they were getting sick," said Raymond Johnson, assistant vice president of Business Affairs.

After the employees realized what the problem was they immediately

evacuated the offices.

"Our main concern was the safety of the employees," said Johnson.

Because of the health problems associated with the move, other administrative offices were examined also.

"All offices in the administration building have been checked for similar problems, but they all checked out," said Johnson.

A firm was called in to clean the units and remodel the offices according to Johnson.

The Admissions and Registrar offices were temporarily moved to the third floor of the administration building.

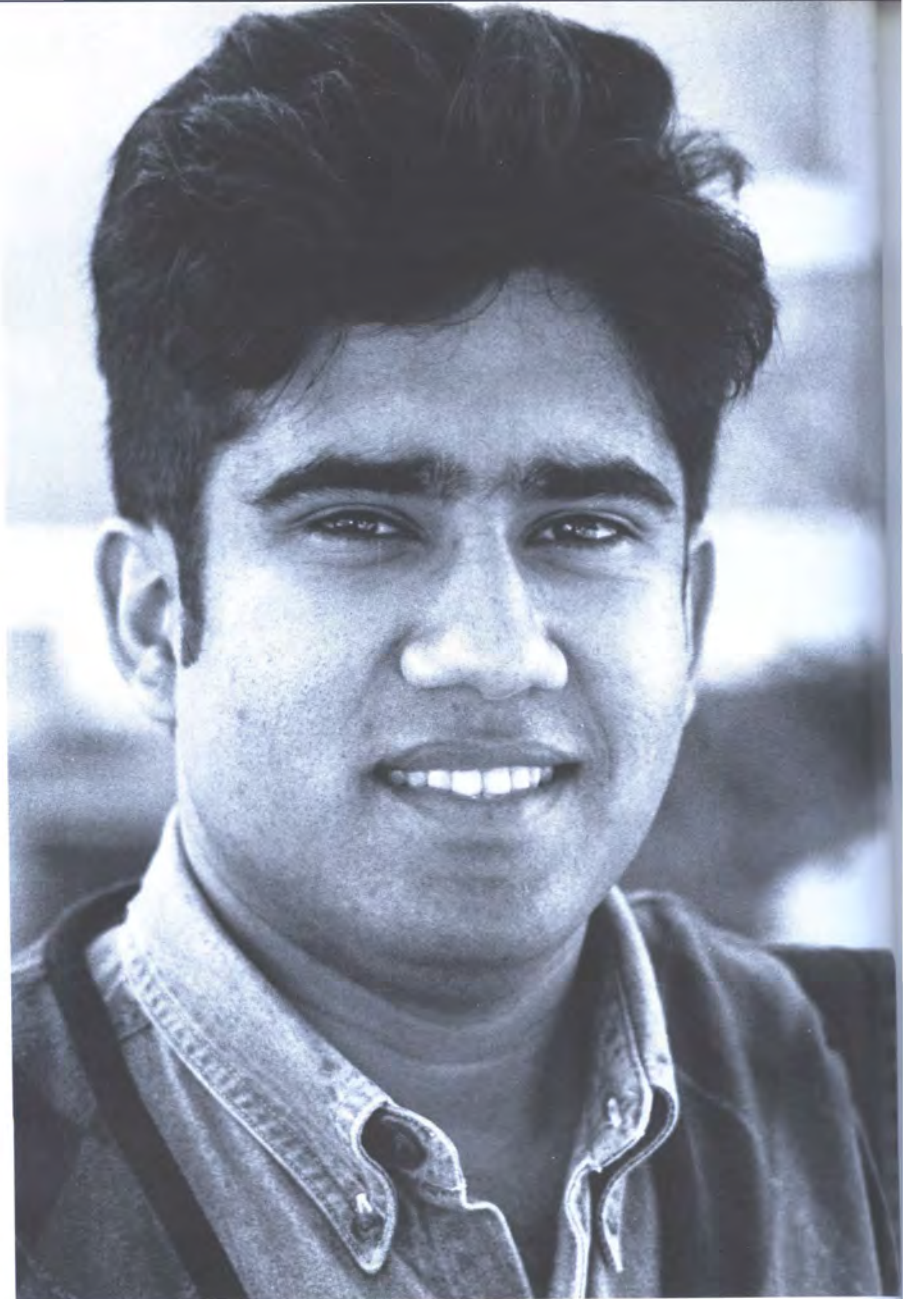


Phi Sigma Kappa—ground: Gary Guthrie, Kevin Nwyuen, Kyle McDonald, Jared Hyda, Brian McHaney, John Peterson; couch: A.J. Thompson, Mike Naifeh, Trevor Ward, Wes Singleton; standing: Cooper Jane, Clint Miller, Jay Cuesta, Russel Compton.



Delta Tau Delta—front row: Eric Venors, John Walker, Todd M., Taylor F, Chad Peck; second row: Chris, Kevin Niles, Larry, John; third row: Manlyo Black, Country, Steve E. Arin Waters and Tony Lerhling.

Md. Rezaul Ahasan, an international student from Bangladesh, points to a map of his home country. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Bangladesh Student Association—front: Md Rezaul Ahasan, Syed A. Ahmed, Duke Joseph Costa, M.N. Momen; back: Mohammed hasan, Mosharrat Hossain, Sumit Rahman, M. Riaz Zaman, M. Chowdhury, Md. Sirajul Islam, Nasser.



Kappa Sigma—front: Jason Streeter, Justin Ross, Clint Glasson, C. Reese, Rick Reding, Bryan Nikkel, Chris Reding, Justin Herron; row 2: Brandt Stewart, Clay Archey, J.B. Lilley, Marc Patrick, Pledge Young, Brian Burkhardt, Derrick Bates, Neil Marable, Rusty Callicot, Matt Gerber; row 3: Jason McHenry, Josh Gibson, Dax West, Jerry Dollins, Billy Bell DJ Maxwell, Andrew Cantrell, Josh Dawson, Billy Cravens; row 4: Sam Keeler, Chris Dvorak, Shane Hardy, Micah Hunt, Matt Osborn, Evan Scaggs, Shane Braum, Jason Reding, Taylor Shaw; back: Tre Durbin, Shane Martin, Greg Guymon, Ruel Dunkin, Tom Canedo, David Gibson, Chad Mansfield, Brad Snider, Enos Jones, Jon Lee, Preston Harbuck.

international student RETURNS

by Kim Bumstead

Md.Rezaul Ahasan returned to Southeastern in August to begin work on his master's degree -- an MBA.

A former Super Savage leader, student government senator, Blue Key and Phi Beta Lambda honor society member, and May 1995 graduate, Ahasan returned from Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Been there, done that. So why did he return.

"A degree from the United States counts in Bangladesh as well as all over the world," said Ahasan. "Back home while working on my internship, I met a guy who had a degree from Russia who couldn't get a job."

"Back home in my country, unless you have an MBA from Harvard, MIT or Stanford, an MBA from Southeastern is the same as anywhere else in the United States," added Ahasan. "The international exposure helps back home."

The former Bangladesh professional soccer player was elected president of the Bangladesh Student Association during the fall semester.

As the leader of the Bangladesh students, he works at making the transition easier for all international students.

They come here thousands of miles away from home and don't know any-

body. His previous experiences here in Durant help him explain the local culture to other international students.

"There are people in Durant that never go to Dallas in their whole life," said Ahasan. "So how can you expect those people here not to treat you differently. After realizing that they don't have any experience with foreigners, it makes it easier to understand why we get treated differently."

As such, he thinks that the university can use international students from China, Japan, Bangladesh and Pakistan as a learning resource for students on campus.

Md. Rezaul Ahasan, alumnus of Southeastern, returned to campus last fall to work toward an MBA.



Newman Club




Alpha Chi

issues divide the
RACES
by Alyson Farmer

The issue of racism on campus is a sensitive one, but an important one nonetheless. Some Southeastern students have offered their thoughts on the subject.





"There doesn't seem to be much racism on campus, but in the community, a discriminatory attitude is evident," said James Kinney, freshman undecided. "The main problem I've encountered on-campus is a fear of inter-racial dating. 'Be friends with different people but don't date them.' This seems to be a belief that is common throughout this part of the country. I do believe that people are here to get an advanced education and should be open to the idea that we are all equal. We all have different values and beliefs, but the actual color of our skin is simply a matter of biology. The world wouldn't be nearly as beautiful if we were all the same color, shape and size."

"It's easy to blame beliefs on your background and the people who raised you," said Summer Baggett, freshman in education, "but once you get to college it's time to open up and realize that things aren't always the way other people tell you they are—especially when you come from a small town. Even though the problem of discrimination is worse off-campus than on, Southeastern does have a problem. School officials seem to be trying to make the student body, an ethnically diverse group of people, fit into a single mold. It's almost as though the idea of equality has been replaced by conformity."

"I think there is a belief among whites in general that attending meetings of ethnic-oriented groups such as the Black Student Association or the Native American worship service is awkward," said Zack Whittington, freshman in music. "Those meetings seem to be geared toward the ethnic group they represent even though they are open to people of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds."

"I think there is a serious lack of interest in intercultural activities and organizations on campus," said Sherrain Johnson, senior in marketing. "We have very few of our total population attending these activities, and very few forums and programs that are offered. We need more cultural studies classes, and we need to be more involved in increasing awareness on and off campus. These things are here for the students—all students, no matter what their ethnic or cultural background."

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non-degree seeking but continuing EDUCATION

by Patrick Barrett

Southeastern offers educational opportunities to those not seeking degrees in the form of continuing education classes.

Kay Hughes, director of continuing education, said her department's goal is to provide educational services for the 10-county region served by Southeastern.

"We want to provide meaningful classes and courses," Hughes said. "It's not just something for senior citizens."

Class topics ranged from professional staff development courses like those for certified public accountants to dance instruction seminars.

"We make our facilities available to the community," Hughes said. "It also serves to generate funds for the university."

Class sizes can be as small as five, but Hughes said there must be enough participants enrolled to at

least cover the cost of conducting the class and pay the instructor.

Continuing education students earn points toward certificates for attending a total of 10 50-minute class sessions, but there are no degrees given for the classes, she said.

Hughes said she got ideas for class offerings come from a variety of places including students and would-be instructors who come to her wanting to teach a class.

She believes that the class experience is often enriching for both students and instructors.

One instructor, Becky Williamson, agrees. She said she found teaching her country line dancing class very rewarding.

"I like to see people when they've learned to dance," Williamson said. "It's really good to see them enjoy themselves."

Williamson said she

taught to all ages and ability levels, but her students always learned something.

"They seem to have a good time and get a lot of exercise," she said.

Williamson said some of the dances she taught included traditional moves like "Slapping Leather" and "Four Corners, but she also worked in the non-country "Macarena."

Another instructor, Terry Sisk said he was glad to teach people in an area he has always enjoyed, computers.

"Everyone needs to know how to use a computer," Sisk said. "I try to get people to enjoy computers like I do."

Sisk taught two classes, one on the Internet and another titled, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Computers but Were Afraid to Ask."

Gymnastics is just one of many continuing education classes taken by local children. Kari Bertram is helping Sarah Osuna over the vault. (photos by Kim Bumstead)

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Kara Randby is learning first position in ballet as one of the many continuing education classes.

Shanetha Collier and Kari Bertram are cooling down after gymnastics practice in continuing education class.



Erin Scaggs points out to her class the correct footing in ballet.

Computer training is a popular continuing education class.
(photo by Dana Bell)

not your average-aged STUDENTS

by Patrick Barrett

Southeastern Oklahoma State University was home to more than just the typical college-age crowd in the 1996-97 school year.

About 48 percent of its students, or 1,743 of them, were over the age of 22. Of these, 1,500 of them were over the age of 25.

One such student was Steve Rigazzi, 42. Rigazzi decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in music after serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Rigazzi said he was involved with music in the Air Force band until 1992, but when he left the service he decided to go to culinary school in Cambridge, Mass.

After working as a chef's intern, however, Rigazzi learned the cooking business is a "young man's profession."

At that point, Rigazzi, a McAlester, Okla. native,

said he decided he wanted to teach music, so he came to Southeastern in January 1993.

Rigazzi has been very busy since that point. He plays in the school jazz ensemble, acts with the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival and practice teaches at the college and Durant High School.

On top of all that, he received enough credits to graduate after only three years.

Rigazzi said his college experience has been incredibly positive.

"I've been very fortunate," he said. "It's been a great thing for me."

Rigazzi said he plans to go on to graduate school after getting his bachelor's degree so he can teach music at the college level.

Another nontraditional student, Lou Scott, said she decided to get her

degree in safety after she was passed over for a promotion because she did not have a college education.

"To get into management, you have to have training," Scott said.

"I deal well with people, but you've got to have both. It's hard to be aggressive without knowing what you're doing," she continued.

Scott said she receives a lot of support from her family members because all of them are enrolled in college.

Her husband, J.D., is a drafting and design student at Southeastern. Her eldest daughter, Tricia, is a freshman at Oklahoma City University, and her youngest daughter, Natalie, is taking algebra at Southeastern while still attending Madill High School.



Steve Rigazzi, retired from the Air Force, is very visible non-traditional student playing in the Jazz Band and other musical groups. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



J.D., Tricia, Natalie and Lou Scott all are attending college. Tricia attends Oklahoma City University; the rest are here. *(courtesy photo)*



Pamela Nichols takes time out from her classes to ride the bumper cars with her son at the Bryan County Fair. *(photo by Dana Bell)*



Renee Laney, works several jobs to provide for her and her daughter while attending school full time. *(photo by Kim Bumstead)*

**Icicles on
the Magnolia
leaves .**

**Students
and faculty
enjoy the
sunshine
and clear
sidewalks
on Tuesday
morning
following an
ice storm.**



**Barbara
Decker,
dean of the
School of
Education
and Behavioral
Sciences,
walks by a
downed tree
limb on her
way to her
office.**





Two of the few students walk to class on Monday morning following an ice storm in November. They had to dodge downed tree limbs and traverse slick sidewalks to get to class. (photos by Kim Bumstead)

ice storm causes **HAVOC**

Sunday all day and into the evening on Nov. 24, the rains came. However, it was so cold that the rains were really ice -- three inches of ice.

From McKinney, Texas to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, it was the same story.

Downed powerlines, broken tree limbs, power outages, no school for area public schools, no night classes on Monday evening for Southeastern students, a 36-car pile up in Oklahoma City and at least eight deaths across the state were attributed

to the ice storm of '96.

Roads were treacherous to drive because of the freezing rain especially on the bridges and overpasses.



Robert McFadden, associate professor of music, drinks a cup of coffee and watches the weather and students from the front doors of the Fine Arts Building.

Traffic was backed up for five miles in the attempts of crossing the Red

River bridge in either direction (from Texas into Oklahoma or the other way).

Of course, once the sun made its way into the sky on Tuesday, it became a winter wonderland for all eyes to behold but rather dangerous to walk because of falling ice.



Footprints in the snow and ice are evident when looking from the second floor of the Russell Building.



campers breed SUCCESS

by Patrick Barrett

Twenty Southeastern Oklahoma State University students got college credit and performed community service while working as counselors at the 1996 summer Camp Success.

The 18 undergraduate and two graduate students were enrolled in a course called "Camp Counseling for Children with Disabilities." This course offers special needs children from the area the exciting experience of camping.

The program takes place each year at the Texoma Christian Camp. The camp provides Southeastern students the opportunity for training 24 hours a day while working with special needs youngsters.

Each counselor was assigned their own camper whom they worked with

during their five-day stay from August 5 to 9.

The camping experience was designed to enable the special needs children to successfully learn basic skills and build self-esteem.

Activities during Camp Success included horseback riding, swimming, arts and crafts as well as other traditional camp events.

Before the campers arrived, the counselors received a day-long training session. Following the camper's departure, each counselor participated in group discussions covering what they had learned during the week.

The camp is an annual event during the week immediately following the summer session.



Black Student Association—Front row: Christina DeHorney, Tyrell Hill, Tameka Butler, Evangela Thomas, Sherrain Johnson, Alfreda White, Lachelle Maddox, Monica Morris; back row—James Kinney, Jakarta Washington, Adrienne Johnson, Bryckton Payne, Derrick Anderson, Misty Gordon, Kenya Pannell.



Computer Club—Front row: Fan Li, unidentified, Rachel Box, Norignuch (Mae) Thongkhrua; back row: Michael Hogan, Sean Gilliam, Lewis Newcomb, Steven Bray, Peter Macpherson (advisor), unidentified, Donna Frazier, unidentified, Scott Satterfield, Kashif Uh-Rehmen, John Frazier, Josh Kirby, unidentified.

Students
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the begin-
ning of the
school year.

A new
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rising sun
was imple-
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year. *(photo*
by Kim
Bumstead)



Lieutenant
Bill Moore
writes a
ticket for an
illegally
parked car.
(photo by
Tracy
Moore)





The Boule Memorial Fountain situated on the front lawn of the campus receives its traditional soap sudsing at least once a semester as a prank. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Panhellenic—Left (bottom to top): Amber Guy, Karen Prince, Laurie Brown, Devynna Smith, Candace Jones; Right: Jill Mayes, Jennifer Powers, Danette Norwood, Liz McCraw.



Students in Free Enterprise—Front row: Shelly Bowen, James Hoppers, Christina Grider, Sandy Truett, Deborah Lamb; back row: Jim Willingham, Brian Wilson, Chris Manery Randy Hayes, Dion Hayes, Debbie Barnes.

tickets small part of
POLICE

by Amanda McDonald

"PD to 214."

"Go ahead."

"There is a blue Beretta parked in a fire zone on the loop."

"En route."

The Southeastern campus is considered a community within Durant, thus needing its own certified officers to serve it.

It takes up about 10 square blocks within the city of Durant.

The Southeastern Campus Police Department employs eight certified officers to protect and enforce the law.

There is an officer available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The Southeastern Police Department has also hired a new chief.

Rex Brown replaced J.R. Jones, who after 13 years of service, retired this year.

Brown, is not a new

face at Southeastern. He has been the transportation manager for eight years, a job he will be keeping as well as the job of police chief.

Brown worked with the Durant Police Department for five years and has served with the Durant Reserve force for more than 15 years.

Brown hopes to focus on improving the image of campus security.

"We will be more of a PR department," Brown said, "but that's basically all we need to improve."

When all of the trees, buildings, lawns, sidewalks and streets are considered, there isn't much room for the more than 5,000 cars belonging to the students, visitors, faculty and staff.

According to Southeastern police officers, parking and traffic control is their biggest problem.

Even though they

have the right to tow away cars for parking violations, they don't like to.

Full-time officers just don't have the time to enforce the parking and traffic laws, so they call upon Southeastern students who have an interest in law enforcement.

Student officer Chad Burden, senior in criminal justice, who writes most of the tickets said, "It's a pretty fun job. People get mad at me though."

Fine amounts range from \$5 to \$25 for violations such as parking in a fire zone, no parking zone, handicapped zone, and without a permit.

The most common are \$5 tickets which can add up to more than \$12,000 per semester when the department averages 30 tickets a day.

The money collected from tickets goes back into the General Revenue fund for use by the campus.

Police Officer Jon Clouse, campus security, helps a student get into a locked car. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



greeks pick up
TRASH

by Alyson Farmer

Southeastern students showed their concern for the environment this year through activities and service projects.

The most noticeable ones were the clean-up projects sponsored by the fraternities and sororities.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity has adopted a stretch of highway 70 just outside of town, and its members pick up trash there twice a semester, according to Kevin Niles, member.

"This is a project we have participated in for the last three years," said Niles.

Other Greeks participating in clean-up projects are Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma. They have cleaned up areas along highway 75, Candy Cane Lane and Rocket Park.

Sometimes the fraternities and sororities work together and make a social activity out of it. But all believe that it's really important to take care of the planet.

**Stephanie
Everett and
Laurie
Brown,
members of
Sigma
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Sigma take
part in trash
pickup as a
community
service
project.
(photo by
Dana Bell)**





Members of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority pickup trash at Rocket Park as part of a community service project. (photo by Dana Bell)



Sorority and fraternity members take time out from picking up trash to play on the merry-go-round at Rocket Park in Durant. (photo by Dana Bell)



Fraternity members from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity pickup trash along Highway 75 in Durant as part of the Adopt a highway program.

Ken Johnson and his family visit Chickasaw Hall residents and receive treats as part of Fright Fest on Halloween. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Winnie the Pooh (wanna-be) receives treats from Chickasaw Hall residents on Halloween night.





A bag of M & M's and a fairy princess celebrate the end of Fright Fest on Halloween night while providing trick-or-treaters goodies in Chickasaw Hall.

residents provide TREATS

Fright Fest activities were planned during the week of Halloween beginning Monday, Oct. 28 with a Great Pumpkin Party.

The party consisted of carving or painting pumpkins.

"The finished products were taken to area children at the hospital and to various shelters," said Liz McCraw, director of student affairs.

On Tuesday, Robert Henderson, professor in English, humanities and languages, told Tales from

the Dark Side. Others also shared their own ghost stories

Wednesday evening's activities included Midnight Movie Madness complete with popcorn. For those not wanting such spine-chilling fare, a Boogie Bash costume party took place at the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Area children were invited on Halloween night for trick or treating in Chickasaw Hall. The residents gave out candy to the children.



Residents of Chickasaw Hall celebrate Halloween.

home away from **HOME**

by Patrick Barrett

Life in the dormitories had both its benefits and its drawbacks.

At the end of her third year in the dorms, Amy Rawlings said she has had some scary experiences in that time.

"It seems that they always stuck me with suitemates that are first-semester freshman, and they discover, 'I can drink, I can smoke,'" Rawlings said.

Rawlings said she has also usually had noisy neighbors who were into "big bass music."

However, the worst part of dorm life was the mandatory food plan, she said.

Rawlings said she probably ate in the cafeteria three times a week at most, but she was forced to pay for the entire plan.

Despite these drawbacks, dorm life still had some positive points, she said.

"It's convenient in terms of safety, and in terms of things like heating and cooling bills," Rawlings said.

Rawlings added that repairs were always done promptly when needed,

but the elevators almost never worked.

Her ultimate suggestion to new students was, "Don't live in the dorms."

Freshman Pepe Martin said his dorm experience was much more positive.

Martin said he really enjoyed meeting all of the new people and being in the center of so much activity.

"It's like being in a small hotel where your friends provide room service," he said.

Martin said the biggest drawback was the problem with getting women into the rooms after visiting hours ended, but he did not think his resident advisers were too strict.

Dorm life also provided easy access to the university's educational facilities, he said.

"It's easy to get information because you're right here," Martin said. "If you need something you can just get up and go."

Overall, Martin said he would recommend dorm life to most people, and he planned to return.



Psi Chi—front: Keli Allison Yee, Lea Briley, Reba Newman, Jon Reid (adviser); Row 2: Wanda Rankins, Paula Gaylynn Pierce, Virginia Davis, Elizabeth Kennedy, Jane Gainey; Karen Elizabeth Qualls, Cynthia Oakes, Pam Ashcraft; Row 3: Jim Douglas, Gary Shelly, Carol Lynn Garvin, Laura Wilson, Claud Edward Jones, Joyce Prock, Laura Denise Garrison.



Native American Council



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Three dorm residents socialize together through a game of cards. (photo by Jenipher Kruchowski)



A dorm resident uses a cordless phone in her room rather than using the many pay phones located in the dormitories. (photo by Jenipher Kruchowski)



Cardinal Key and Blue Key—front row: Kerry Anderson, Jenny Parnell, Stephanie Houx, Jennifer Workman, Michelle Kiehn, Marla Simpson, Tracie Hooks, Vanessa Bryan, Vickie Arnett, Jennifer Powers, Michelle Claxton, adviser; row 2: Kelli Doolen, Melissa Wood, Kandi Bray, April McCurry; back row: Kaylene Conditt, Jodie Arnett, Amy Chapman, Ryan Brown, Mo Deeb, Dax West, Nicole Pierce, Jason DeVault, Eric Wooly, unidentified, Kevin Gordon, Stella Williams, Amy Leigh Williams, Nick Mackley, Chad Mannsfield, Mark Brown, Kelli Fluellen, Gaines DuVell, Trena Young, Cheryl Moore, Kelly Walla.



Teresa Owens, resident adviser for Chickasaw Tower, and **Wendy Banks** help women adjust to dorm life.

Students enjoy life in the dorms with many social activities including this Christmas party. *(photos by Dana Bell)*



RAs manage the DORMS

by Patrick Barrett

If there is one thing worse than living in a dorm, it might be having to manage one, but Southeastern's resident advisers said they enjoyed the job.

Teresa Owens said she has worked as the manager of Chickasaw Tower so she knew what she was doing and enjoyed it.

Owens said she viewed her primary responsibilities were to enforce the rules and to be there when students needed her.

One of the biggest plusses about her job was that she got to know most of the residents pretty well, she said.

Owens said she was also appreciative of the help of her six-member resident adviser staff.

"They help me enforce the rules," she said. "They hear things I don't hear."

Despite having 160 student residents, however, Owens said rule breaking was not that big a problem.

"Most of them are cooperative," she said. But, there are always some students who want to test their limits.

Owens said one of the most challenging parts of her job was to get new students to interact.

"At the beginning, we had a few who wouldn't come out of their rooms, so I put them with some of the girls who had been here before," she said.

Owens said she found that planning special activities like holiday events also helped students interact.

Over on the men's side in Choctaw Tower, Brandon Lyons said he enjoyed his first year as a resident adviser.

"I guess it's been all right," Lyons said. "It's been a lot of hard work."

Dorm life can get pretty chaotic sometimes, and it is up to the RA to be able to handle this, he said.

"You have got to be patient. They kind of ask a lot of you," Lyons said. "Somebody's always losing something or locking themselves out of their room."

Despite this tumultuous environment, Lyons said his residents were still cooperative when it came to enforcing the dormitory rules.

"You might have a few who try to get over people, but they pretty much obey the rules," he said.

Lyons said he enjoyed the experience of being an RA and planned to do it again.

Brandon Lyons, adviser for the men's dormitory, Choctaw Tower, and Brandon Lyons help men settle into their rooms at Southeastern. (photo by Dana Bell)



students govern in **SENATE**

by Tracy Moore

Most students at Southeastern know that there is a Student Government Association (SGA), but they do not know what the SGA does.

"We had a wonderful group of senators, and I think we made a lot of progress on campus this year," said Amy Williams, senate president.

Williams said some of the things the senate did was listen to students concerns and then tried to fix the problem if it was in their jurisdiction.

Some of the things the senate dealt with were lighting in the parking lots, improvements for the volleyball pit, and trying to get a big screen television back in the coffee shop.

The senate met every Thursday at 6:30 p.m..

The senate also did more than just fix things on campus. They sponsored many campus events. This year the SGA sponsored Election 96'.

"During Oct. 21-24 the senate sponsored programs to inform voters on campus as well as in the community about

the elections," said Williams.

The week began with a program that helped students decide what party they wanted to be. Williams said the senate thought it was important to educate voters.

Another big part of Election 96' was Project Vote Smart. A group of people from Oregon came to the campus to discuss the different candidates' platforms.

The senate also attended a conference for the Oklahoma State Government Association at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Talequah.

They participated in the senate exchange program. They went to other schools and other schools came to Southeastern to see how the different senates work.

"This year's senators were more active in senate than they have been in the last several years. These senators were exceedingly concerned about the welfare and equal representation of the students," said Williams.

Super Savage Leaders -- front: Jeani Dandridge, Song Won Shin, Syed Ahmed, Lisa Ptacek, Mark Brown, Vickie Arnett, Stephanie Copeland; row 2: Stephanie Houx, Kelli Robinson, Kelly McLemore, Deborah Richards, Alfreda White, Kaylene Conditt, Chris Lesch, Jay Cuesta; row 3: Julie Cheek, April McCurry, Sherrain Johnson, Amber Peckio, Christina Grider, Christy Flowers; row 4: Rakib Khandaker, Stella Williams, Amy Chapman, Theresa Bruce; row 5: Tim Cannon, Jeremy Bell, Jill Mayes, Tony Lehrling, Michy Speed; back: Jason Hicks, Johnny Tonikha.





Student Government Association members decorate the trees outside on the lawn in front of the Morrison Building and inside the Ballroom for the Magnolia Ball at Christmas. (photos by Kim Bumstead and Dana Bell)



Student Bible Center -- front: Tiffany Sallee, Connie Vails, Jenny Keitz, Cindy Ellis, Christy Flowers, Karen Harville; **center:** Amanda Whitmire, Any Parsons, Andrea Pyle; **back:** unidentified, Jason Stillwell, Erik Henson, Layne Heitz (sponsor), Walt Weeks, Richard Baggs, Stephanie Whitmire, Brandon Henson, Monica Whitmire, Logan Cates, Jeremey Bell.



Inter-fraternity Council -- seated: Chad Mansfield; **standing:** Greg Thrift, Kevin Nguyen, Todd Nankivil, Tim Cannon, Kevin Niles, Todd McGrath, Chad Ellard and Dave Hilton.

opinions differ concerning
ALCOHOL

by Patrick Barrett

While drinking at Southeastern Oklahoma State University might just be part of the college experience for most students, for some it is a real problem, according to Jane Gainey, director of the Counseling Center.



Studies have shown about 80 percent of college students drink during their college careers, Gainey said. Fifty-five percent of adults who drink can do so without abuse, but 20 percent develop problems and seven to 10 percent become alcoholics, she said.

"Alcohol is a major problem here," Gainey said. "There is a direct correlation between consumption, grades, number of absences and missing deadlines."

Gainey said she can help these students through various levels of intervention ranging from counseling sessions to inclusion in an in-patient alcohol treatment programs. However, the large majority of students with a problem never seek help, she said.

"They'll withdraw from the university or stop attending classes," Gainey said. "It may end up in their death."

Gainey said the lives of people in relationships with alcoholics can also be adversely affected.

"There is a direct correlation between alcohol use and violence," she said. "Alcohol and drugs are a factor in over half of all dating violence incidents."

Gainey said her main goal when seeing people involved with problem drinkers is to ensure their safety, and sometimes this means removing them from their homes and helping them get legal advice regarding how to protect themselves.

Not everyone believes alcohol is such a major problem at Southeastern, however.

Lt. Bill Moore of the Southeastern Police Department said he thinks the use of alcohol on campus has dropped dramatically in the last few years.

"We don't have a big problem on campus," Moore said. "Most of the kids have their mind on their studies."

Moore admitted some newer students might get carried away with the new freedoms they are experiencing on campus, but tougher drinking laws and a zero-tolerance, on-campus alcohol policy have caused the number of alcohol-related incidents to drop.

"This is one of the safest campuses anywhere," said Jon Clouse, officer for Southeastern Police Department, "and our numbers prove it. I think a lot of it is because we do clamp down on alcohol."

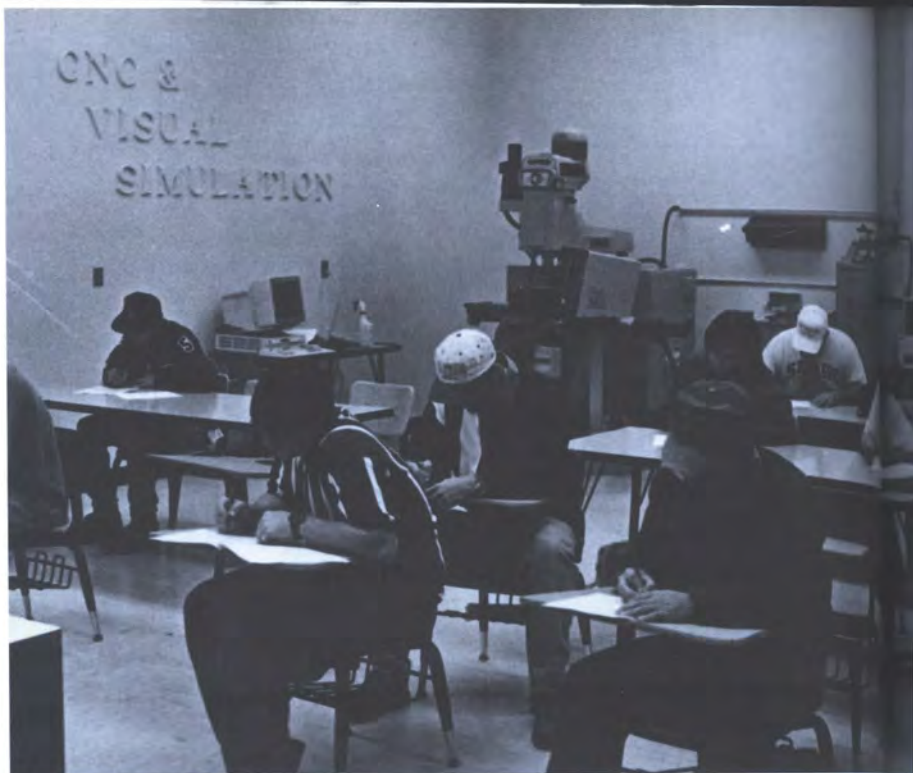
Clouse added that there has also been a trend toward more responsible drinking among Southeastern students including an upswing in the number of designated drivers.

Overall, Moore said he is pleased with the attitudes regarding drinking among Southeastern students.

"They're just a bunch of good kids," he said.

"There is a direct correlation between alcohol and violence."

Students work in the CNC & Visual Simulation lab. (photo by J.D. Scott)



Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival flag flies on a pole by the football field this past the summer. (photo by Todd Tigert)



The loop at the entrance of South-eastern looking north toward the Russell Building. (photo by Lacrechia Johnson)



graduates return to SCHOOL

by Patrick Barrett

Southeastern Oklahoma State University helped expand the horizons of hundreds of graduate students in 1996.

According to Sue Dill in the Office of Academic Affairs, Southeastern was home to 430 graduate scholars.

There were 269 people who participated in one of four master's programs in seven different study areas: business administration, counseling and psychology, elementary education, secondary education, school counseling, school administration and technology.

Darren Riddle of Tushka said he saw the need to get his master's degree in school administration. He has been working as a coach in his city's school district for the last

five years.

Riddle received his bachelor's degree from Southeastern, and he said he has been happy with the graduate program since he came back.

Riddle was working through Southeastern's internship program. This allowed him to practice working as an administrator in Tushka's elementary school while still teaching his regular course load.

Dill said the remaining graduate students are "non-degree seeking" and are either working on teacher certification requirements or taking classes for other purposes.

One such student is Gay Miller of McAlester.

Miller said she decided to go back to school to get her certification in English after raising two

children and working in a series of relatively unchallenging positions.

Miller received a bachelor's degree in radio, television and film/production performance from Oklahoma State University 18 years ago. She admitted that returning to school after so long a break was a bit daunting.

"Part of the reason I wanted to come back to school was to see if I could still do it," Miller said. "I had something to prove to myself."

Miller said she realized she enjoyed working with children after spending five years as registrar at Parker Mid High School in McAlester.

She thought that teaching would be a great way to enhance her abilities to work with them.

Students
lunch in
cafete-
ria. (photo
by J.D.
Scott)

geography in **TEXAS**

by Alyson Farmer

For several years, the Office of Continuing Education has offered a tour to San Antonio during fall break in October.

The trip offers three hours of geography (liberal arts) credit for students and is "a great experience," according to Shelly Bowen, senior in office systems management and trip instructor's assistant.

"This is the only trip offered through the college that has optional credit," said Marvis Moore, secretary of continuing education. "All of the other trips are for credit only, and students must sign up through the Office of Admissions."

Most of the 54 students on the tour took it for class credit.

These students were not only required to go on the tour, but were also expected to complete a 10-15 page paper, turn in a trip itinerary and journal, and write three other three-five page papers on various topics relating to San Antonio and/or Spanish America.

Grades are assigned according to the amount and quality of the work completed and turned in.

This year, the tour included tours of all five missions, the San Fernando cathedral, and the Spanish governor's palace.

"There are things we visit every year, like the Lyndon B. Johnson ranch and the Alamo, but each year we try to do something different," said L. David Norris, professor of social sciences, and trip instructor.

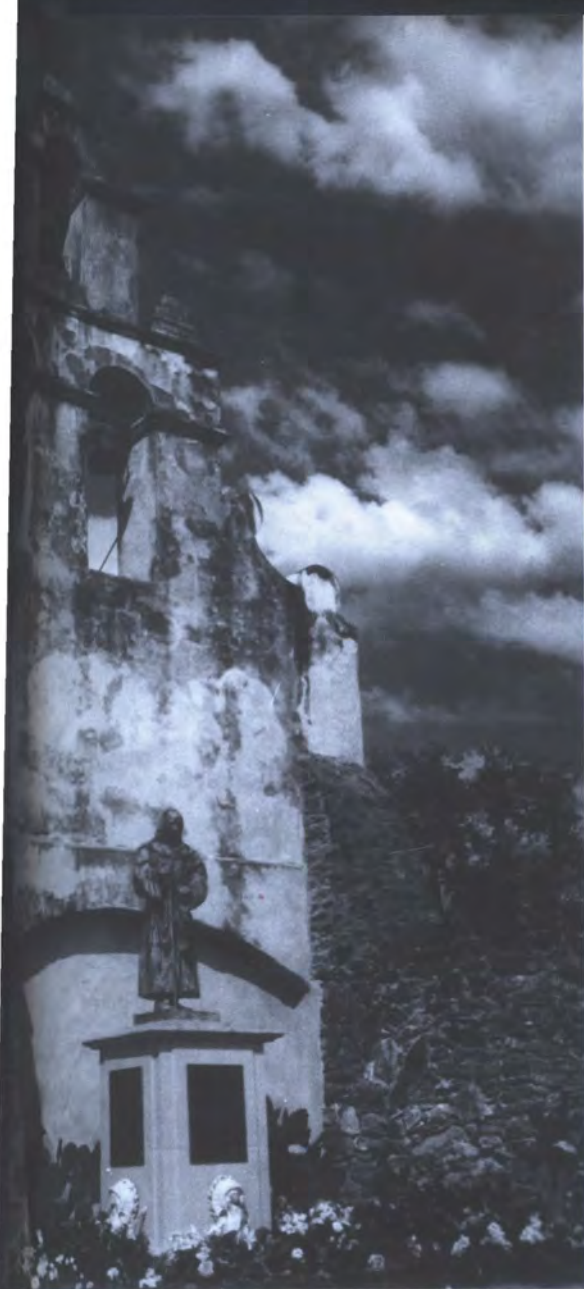
"Previously we had only visited three of the five missions, but this year we visited all of them," added Norris. "This trip has always been popular, and is still gaining popularity."

Bowen agrees.

"It was great, and seeing the cultural diversity evident due to the large Mexican American population was an intriguing experience," said Bowen. "I'm so glad I was asked to go. It was a unique and rewarding opportunity."

The Alamo was visited as part of the fall semester trip to San Antonio by more than 50 geography students.
(photos by Mark Brown)





Students visited five different missions as part of a fall semester trip to San Antonio.



One of the five missions where students from the fall break tour to San Antonio visited.

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instructor views presidential INAUGURATION

by Tracy Moore

After the 1996 election Shannon McCraw, instructor in communication and theatre, began his search to find tickets to the Presidential Inauguration.

McCraw and his friend, John Gossett, began calling senators and other political figures to see if they could get tickets to see President Clinton sworn in for his second term.

The tickets were on a first-come first-serve basis. The inaugural committee distributed the tickets on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Once they knew they had tickets it was still not known if they could get a hotel room. McCraw said they had to call in reservations.

"Everyone's name was put in a hopper and names were drawn to see who would get a room,"

McCraw said.

After getting a room they had to pay ahead of time and stay a minimum of four nights.

McCraw ended up staying at the Hotel Washington on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the Department of Treasury. It was a perfect location because his window overlooked the parade route.

McCraw said that being at the inauguration was important because it serves as a ritual that demonstrates a rite of passage.

"We elect a president but he is not the president until he takes the oath of office," said McCraw.

"It's a vision for what America can be. It is a moment in history that will always be remembered as the 53rd Inaugural address," said McCraw.

Once people got through the gate to see the swearing in process, it was like a rock concert. Everyone was running to get to their spots. McCraw said he got as close as 750 feet from the President's podium.

After the ceremony the crowd went crazy. McCraw described it like being at a football game.

"Watching it on television is not the same as being in the crowd watching it in person," said McCraw. "It makes them seem more real."

McCraw believes that a trip to Washington adds to a sense of history.

"I have been to Washington on several occasions," said McCraw. "On each occasion I feel a deeper sense of what it's like to live in America because of its history."

Preparations go late into the night prior to the inauguration ceremonies the next day. (photos by Shannon McCraw)

Bill Clinton gives the oath of office to become the President of the United States for a second term.



campus jobs for student **WORKERS**

by Amanda McDonald

More than 500 students at Southeastern are student workers.

What do student workers do? Just sit around answering the phone? Handling all the jobs nobody else on campus wants to do? Well, not exactly.

Dawn Wainscott, a senior in history education, does answer the phone, but probably not like you would imagine. She is one of the familiar voices heard when you call the campus at Southeastern.

"Good afternoon. Southeastern. How can I help you?" says Dawn.

Dawn is in charge of 10 lines on the campus switchboard. She knows most of the extensions on campus by heart.

Since someone is required to be by the switchboard 24 hours a day, it makes Dawn's work hours more flexible here than if she was to get a job off campus.

"The evening and week-end hours allow me time to attend classes, study and provide for my infant daughter, Amber," said Dawn.

Besides answering the phones student workers do a lot of other things on campus, but it isn't as if they help run it or anything.

However, Sonya Wharton, President William's student worker would beg to disagree.

Sonya goes from her elementary education classes to the most important office on campus, A201.

There, she meets representatives of

other Oklahoma colleges and VIPs almost every day who drop by to see the president. Because of that, Sonya is one of the only student workers on campus who has no control over her work attire.

"I have to wear a dress or nice slacks every day. I can't ever just bum out," said Sonya.

Sonya's main job is as a student secretary answering the phone, addressing letters, and xeroxing files.

But do student workers ever have to do any "dirty work"?


Jeremy McDonald, senior in science and physical education, does plenty of dirty work.

His work at the Physical Plant includes a variety of jobs. He moves furniture, paints the football stadium, sets up and takes down platforms and chairs, hangs pictures, and other physical tasks day after day.

His hours go beyond the normal 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. Many times he works past midnight and on the week-ends.

"I like having a Physical Plant student worker job on campus because it allows me to work with great people and really earn my degree," said Jeremy.

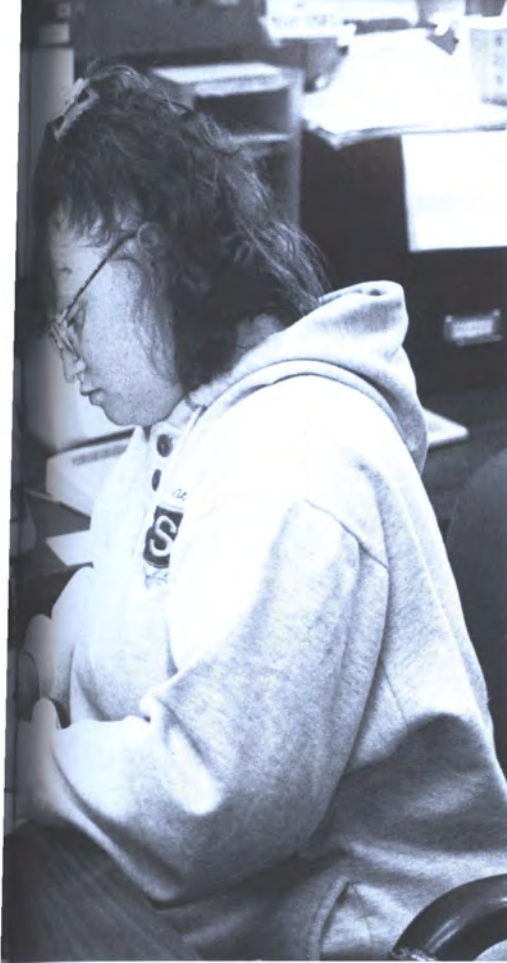
But student workers, no matter if they work as one of the president's secretaries, operate the switchboard, or do physical labor, they have one thing in common -- they all get the same pay -- minimum wage.



Dawn Wainscott spends her out-of-class time answering the switchboard for the campus.
(photo by Dana Bell)



Wharton works with President Larry Williams in his office.
(photo by Dana Bell)



Janeen Zhu, library assistant, and Adrienne Stockton, library student worker, check out books to a student as part of their regular duties in the library.
(photo by Dana Bell)

Academics

From aviation to zoology, Southeastern students get the chance to broaden their horizons on many diverse topics.





Academics

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A day in the life of the

by Patrick Barrett



Accounting Department -- Susan Anderson, Ed Hobbs, Robert Oliver (department chair), Vicki Anderson, Theresa Hrcncir and Betty Nolan.



Aramark -- front row: Nathan Yates, Nora Kizer, Scott Vandarsdel; middle row: Sheila Gosten, Stephen Coomer, Wanda Heurtevant, Janice DeSilva, Gary Crouch, Doris Kirk; back row: Betty Ham, Dewayne May, Pam Smith, Sandy Knowles and Jerry Finch (food service director).



Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department -- front row: Don Ferguson, Lisa Cannon, Pat Mauldin, Ron Faubion; middle row: Vicki Hudson, Nick Keith, Clint Morris, Keith Baxter; back row: Roberta Wescott (department chair), Ray Richards, Mike Metheny, Morris Sloan, Tony Robinson, Lanny Pettit, Don Parham



Communication/Theatre Department — front row: Molly Risso, C.W. Mangrum (department chair), Pam Bumstead, Barbara Alkofer, Faye Gothard Mangrum; back Row: Tom Green, Bob Hays, Shannon McCraw, Marsha Sample, Jacque Hocking and Kirk Ashton.

Anyone who thinks it must be nice being the president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University should check Larry Williams' appointment book.

His assistant, Pat Norris, said a typical day for President Williams begins early in the morning with meetings or conferences and ends late at night at university functions. Norris said he also has to work in trips to Oklahoma City for board meetings with the Oklahoma State Regents or the Presidents Council.

"I imagine most people if they followed him around for a week wouldn't believe the amount of time he puts in," Norris said.

The president said this kind of commitment was worth it when he could see that his efforts resulted in well-educated students.

Williams said he does not want university graduates who are only educated in their major area.

"The thing that we're here for is to provide an educational opportunity or environment where someone can come in and study a particular discipline and at the completion of that study be able to perform in their area and have a university education," he said.

To accomplish this task, Williams said his main goal is to insure the university is the kind of place where people of all races, backgrounds and beliefs can come together and develop a greater understanding of each other.

But, Williams said this understanding begins with him because he is the person people come to when they had a problem they need solved or a suggestion for the university.

"You have to feel that because it is important to them, you have to get on their side of the desk and make sure you really understand what they're talking about," Williams said.

Williams said his job is important, but teachers have the ultimate impact on students.

"Some students will not be successful unless there is that faculty member that really takes them by the hand and helps them," he said.

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**President
Larry Williams
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**Southeast-
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Larry Williams
awaits a
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(photos by
Kim
Bumstead)**

40 years as faculty

by Mary Holt



Math Department -- front: Jennifer Rutherford, Karla Oty, Karen Feerspiel, Scott Randby and Jimmy Martin; back: Nevyle Pierce, Brett Elliott, Patrick reardon and Vonn Walter.



Aerospace Department -- Alan Davis, Paul Smith, Kyle Thomas, Tina Madsen, Ken Stege, Eunice Davis, Richard Holt, Gary Odom and George Jacox.



Educational Instruction and Leadership— Susan Girvin, Toni Stiefer, Saundra Dipento, Muhammad Betz, Mary Hitchcock; second row: Katherine Stroup, Beverly Tully, Pat Dunham, Billie Cox, James Mitchell, Michael McDougal; third row: Hugh Fant, Sheila Barnes, Charles Weiner, Sandra Garrette.



Student Life -- front: Kristie Sheffield, Liz McCraw, Amy Chapman, Kyle Uber; back: April McCurry, Jared McIntire, Vickie Arnett and Everett Gathron.

Have you ever stopped to think what faculty member has been at Southeastern the longest?

Pat Powers, professor of psychology and counseling, has been here since 1957.

Powers came from Granfield, Okla. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma, and his doctorate from the University of Missouri.

Powers said when he first came here he had intentions of going to a larger university. At first, he said he didn't even want to be here, but there was something here that made him stay.

"I didn't intend to stay here," said Powers, "but I had strong feelings for it and decided to stay. I originally wanted to go to a larger school when the opportunity came."

Along with his teaching at Southeastern, Powers also drives to Idabel twice a week to teach at the higher education center.

For 25 years he served as the Dean of Student Affairs while also teaching part time.

As for hobbies, Powers said that he used to enjoy riding horses, and fishing, but he hasn't done that in years.

He also really doesn't like to travel.

"I like it here, but my wife may make me travel," said Powers.

Powers has been married to his wife, Loeta, for 45 years. She is an adjunct faculty member in the department of psychology.

Powers' only child, a son named Rockie, is an associate district judge. He also received a bachelor's degree from Southeastern.



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Pat Powers, professor of psychology and counseling, has been a faculty member at Southeastern longer than any other person. *(photos by Kim Bumstead)*



Continuing Education -- Keri Campbell, Marvis Moore, Shelley Bowen, Tracie Hooks, Kay Hughes and Kari Bertram.



High School/College Relations -- front row: Heather Hillburn, Heather Hohenberger, Tammy Simpson, Michan Zulkey; middle row: Deborah Richards, Jody Pollock, Shannon Baker, Geoffrey Brasel; back row: Jon Livingston (director), Jason Williams and Kathy Fuss-Blair.



Library -- front row: Dorothy Davis (director), Sandra Thomas, Reba Titsworth, Marilyn Trimble, Pat Williams; back row: Dennis Miles, Ann Latham, Owen Grimes and Janeen Zhu.



Music Department — front row: Ken Johansen, Betty Wintle, Steven Emge, Charles Coltman; middle row: James Wintle, Mary Ann Craige; back row: Walter Britt (department chair), Michael Miles and Robert McFadden.

teaching

Taking a stab at

by Deborah Mitchell

Elementary education students received a treat last fall when they no longer took on the roles of pupils, but as teachers.

Southeastern elementary education majors took time to learn with the kindergarten students from George Washington Elementary. The visit from kindergartners was an activity for their elementary class taught by Toni Stiefer, assistant professor in educational instruction and leadership.

"These students are learning about literacy development," said Stiefer, "which includes speaking listening, reading and writing."

Southeastern students were to prepare two books for a read-aloud with the kindergartners -- one to read to the children, and another to tell with the use of props. Stiefer encourages the students to be as creative as possible.

"There is one woman who made a felt board out of a pizza box, another who used magnets on a cookie sheet, and then a student who used a woman made from a bottle to tell the story of the woman who swallowed a fly," Stiefer said.

Children and Southeastern students sat on blankets on the lawn, beneath the magnolias. Each student worked with no more than two children at a time. This activity, says Stiefer, allows the elementary ed. students to learn different aspects of working with small children.

"We try to do as many activities as we can to involve students with public school children," she explained. "This is our big activity. We do this every semester."

Following the completion of the read-aloud, students wrote a reflection paper on what happened, what they learned and what they would do differently, said Stiefer.

"These [elementary education] students are wonderful. They do some of the most creative stuff," said Stiefer.

The Morris lawn is filled with Southeastern elementary education majors and kindergartners participating in a reading project promoting literacy development. (photo by M. Bumstein)





Jennifer Brown and Allen, a kindergarten student from George Washington Elementary School read the book, Wacky Wednesday, as part of a project on literacy development. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Jason Kirkpatrick and Latha Champion in one of several roles they played in the Greek tragedy "Oresteia".

Chris Nash, Latha Champion, Robby Mosley and Jason Kirkpatrick play a scene in the Greek tragedy "Oresteia".
(photos by Dana Bell)



Cast members share an ancient Greek trilogy about a tale of murder, mischief and revenge. "Oresteia" won the critics choice award in the regional American Collegiate Theatre Festival last fall.



theatre

Career planning in

by Patrick Barrett

Theatre at Southeastern offered students many new experiences.

Jerry Lame, interim general manager for the Oklahoma Shakespearean Foundation (OSF), said the department's many performances went well.

In November, the cast of *Oresteia* won the Critic's Choice Award at the University of the Ozark's American College Theatre Festival in Clarksville, Ark.

Lame said this award is given for the best overall production design including costumes, set, light, sound and publicity promotion.

This rendition of the Greek trilogy by Aeschylus also won the honors of excellence in staging and choreography and excellence in ensemble performance.

Other notable theatre department projects included Kaleidoscope: the Fine Arts Showcase and the Fall Festival of Dance in November; a production of "Black Comedy" in December a benefit for the Charles Warthen Memorial Scholarship; and a production of "Dirty Work at the Cross-

roads" in February a benefit for OSF.

However, the theatre department offered students more than just an opportunity to perform on stage. Students were also given an opportunity to prepare for a career in show business in the many classes offered by the department. Classes offered ranged in subjects on stage management, set, scene and lighting design and directing.

Classes in dance were also taught to students.

Freshman Julie Dowe said she enjoyed the movement and jazz dance classes.

Even though she had been dancing all her life, Dowe said her instructor, Jill Spencer, took her technique to a new level.

It's more challenging," she said. "I've never had an instructor as experienced as Jill."

Dowe said the only drawback to her experience at Southeastern is that the school does not offer a major or even a minor in dance.

Another student, Misti Gormley, said she has not stopped learning since she

changed her major from art to technical theater.

Gormley said her classes gave her an outlet for her artistic talents that allowed her to see how her efforts combined to form a final product that was also a theatrical production.

These experience of these classes, like stage makeup and set design, were enhanced and allowed her to learn about more than just the basics, she said.

"You learn not only how the makeup goes but also about all of these different people's backgrounds," she said. "In the tech design class, you do research about when the play takes place."

Gormley said she wants to use her education to teach at either the high school or junior college level, and she is glad she is getting first-hand experience instead of just learning about the subject from books.

"I designed a set for a children's opera," she said. "Having to design it wasn't the hard part, it was having to build it. It's all hands on, and I learn more by doing it than anything."

learning through flying

by Kary Washington

It's located on the outskirts of town, rarely visited by outsiders, and more than half of the students don't even know we have one to call our own... it's the Aerospace Department.

Founded on Southeastern's campus in 1966, the aerospace department didn't even have a plane to fly. It wasn't until two years later when the department purchased its first plane.

"The university owns all of its planes, and we have had up to 22 planes at one time," said Gary Odom, department chair.

The department is also equipped with its own full-time maintenance shop and a staff of full-time well qualified mechanics.

"All maintenance is accomplished by the department thus providing convenience and less down time," said Kyle Thomas, chief flight instructor.

Southeastern is one of the few universities offering a bachelor's degree in aviation. Southeastern's aviation curriculum is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and will prepare students for a number of career opportunities in the field of aviation.

There are three options offered in the aerospace curriculum at Southeastern. Students

can choose between two majors or one minor through the aviation program.

"Before admission to the curriculum leading to a major/minor field study, the student must obtain a first-class medical certificate issued by a physician designated by the Federal Aviation Administration," said Odom. "The student who wishes to minor in aviation must obtain a second-class medical certificate."



For those students further interested in aviation the international aviation fraternity, Alpha Eta Rho is very active.

With its Greek letters meaning

"AIR," the fraternity was founded on the campus of the University of Southern California in 1929. The Omicron chapter was founded on Southeastern's campus in 1966.

According to Thomas, the fraternity provides opportunities for members to attend field trips, seminars, lectures and social activities. The fraternity also offers numerous opportunities after college by offering insight into the wide field of the aerospace industry.

"The Omicron chapter is currently one of the most active chapters in the country," said Thomas.

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Maintaining the aircraft is part of the daily operations of the aerospace department.

Classroom teaching is part of the aerospace department's function to train pilots.



Part of aerospace operations is taking care of the airplanes, both inside and out.

Children enjoy Opera

The classic fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood" was presented to school children in a not so classic way -- opera.

The week before Thanksgiving, Montgomery Auditorium was filled with children from area schools.

"The response to the children's opera has grown in the last few years as teachers and schools have become more interested in art education," said Betty Wintle, director of the opera. "At first only one or two children would raise their hands when the audience was asked if anyone had ever seen an opera. Now, there are hundreds who raise their hands."

The cast featured tenor Steven Emge, assistant profes-

sor of music, as the Wolf. The other cast members were Southeastern students: Little Red Riding Hood was played by sophomore Courtney Vinson. Angela McGehee and

Shannah Arthur took turns playing the part of the Mother. Emily Rogers and Stephanie Carter played the grandmother and James Richerson played the Woodsman.

This was Wintle's first year to direct the opera. She received assistance from Ken Johansen as accompanist, Barbara Alkofer and Bobbie Pendleton as costume designers, Jill Spencer as movement consultant, Misti Gormley as set designer and Larry Lenington as lighting.



Courtney Vinson portrays Little Red Riding Hood in an opera by the same name. More than 1,000 elementary school children saw the performances. (photos by Kim Bumstead)

Steven Emge portrays the Wolf in the children's opera "Little Red Riding Hood" in November in Montgomery Auditorium.



Angela Price
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Steven Emge
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Student Support Services—front: Jan Anderson (director), Michelle Claxton, Kim Smith, TeLoa Butler; back: Kristie Thrasher, Karen Cantrell, Andy Parker and Jennifer Clinton.



Student Affairs—front row: Tony Lehrling, Jana Purser, Jennifer Workman; back row: Jannista Wood, Sharon Berish, Taysha Masters and Trena Young.



Academic Affairs—Joe Wiley, Bridgette Hammill, Jack Robinson, Kristie Luke and Sue Dill.



Business Information Management Department—David Whitlock, Debbie Barnes, Janet Radasinovich, Skip Robinson and Janice Dill.

governs

Faculty senate

by Patrick Barrett

Faculty Senate chairman Walter Britt said there were two main goals of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Faculty Senate in 1996: to improve the educational skills of all instructors and to increase the faculty's role at the university.

Britt, also chairman of the music department, said the senate was working with the education department to come up with effective workshops for instructor training. They were also considering having award-winning faculty members run some of the workshops.

The Senate also sought to expand its role in the operations of the university's standing committees which handles a large portion of the school's business.

Britt was serving his second year of a six-year term in 1996. The past chairman and chairman-elect also serve on the Senate.

There are six senators from each of the university's schools and one from the library. They serve three-year terms and are nominated by the faculty members in the schools each fall. The senators' terms are staggered so that one-third are replaced each year.

Meetings convene once a month on the second Wednesday of each month.

Britt said most business brought before the Senate by senators, but the meetings are open.

"Anyone that has an issue of concern is welcome to come to the meetings and present it," he said.



Doug McMillan, representative from psychology and counseling, argues a point in the November meeting. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Jan Moore, secretary of the senate and representative from the School of Business, passes out minutes to the November meeting.

Senate members look over the minutes to the previous meeting.

cultures

Presenting different

"Speaking Aloud/Allowed: Native American Voices Past, Present and Future," was the theme for the first Native American Symposium.

More than 300 people attended the symposium on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9, at Southeastern. The symposium was open to students, faculty and staff, as well as the community.

"We were wonderfully pleased we had such a great attendance," said Annette Trefzer, assistant professor of English, humanities and languages.

Presenters came from many universities throughout the United States as well as Southeastern. They presented papers on their research about Native Americans.

The presentations were grouped together on related topics including putting myth in perspective, clashing cultures and acceptance, reclaim-

ing cultures and Native American voices heard and read.

Vincent Mendoza, an award-winning novelist, read from his recent autobiography, *Son of Two Bloods*. The book portrayed the racism he experienced as a child.

Alfonso Ortiz, a nationally known Native American activist, scholar, teacher and writer, gave a keynote address over changing historical relationships between Native Americans and Euro-Americans.

There was also a Native American art exhibit featuring art from Chickasaw Aisah, Berenice Fairchild's collection, Charles B. Hogan's collection and art from Anthony Mitchell, a creek Indian.

Other events at the symposium were a round table discussion, a dance performance by the Chickasaw Dancers, flute music by D.J. Battist-Tomasi, a member of the Choctaw Nation.

Members of the Chickasaw Indian Dancers perform at the first Native American Symposium.
(photo by Dana Bell)

Tribal members from the Chickasaw Indian Dancers perform at the first Native American Symposium at Southeastern following Saturday night's keynote address.
(photo by Dana Bell)





Alfonso Ortiz, a nationally known Native American activist, scholar, teacher and writer, gave the keynote address Saturday night at the Native American Symposium. *(photo by Dan Hoke)*



Art exhibits were on display in the Visual and Performing Arts Center as part of the first Native American Symposium in November at Southeastern. *(photo by Dana Bell)*

Library

Technology in the

by Dana Bell



English, Humanities and Languages Department—front row: Doris Andrews, Randy Prus, Robert Henerson, Kim McGehee and Robin Murray; back row: Richard Hartman, Robert Swearingin, Lisa Hill, Elbert Hill, Glenda Zumwalt, John Mischo and Annette Trefzer.



Technology Department—front row: Todd Raborn, Bob Semonisck (chair), Maya Morales, James Britton, Jim Cunningham, Shaun Adams and Larry Nolan; back row: Paul Wiley, Mike Burnett and Jim Harmon.



Economics and Finance Department—Kenneth Chinn, George Collier, Barry Ellis and Edwin Stuart.



Social Sciences Department—front row: Jerry Cantrell, Brooks Flippen, Ingrid Westmoreland (chair), Corie Delashaw and Bruce Johnson; back row: Glenn Melancon, Richard Pearlstein, Richard Hackett, Jim Pate and David Norris.

With technology changing so rapidly, the library is trying to help students keep up with the changes.

The library has gone through many changes this year which involves bringing in new sources of information and new ways to access it for both students and faculty.

One such change implemented this year is First Search. First Search is an online data base that gives students access to 50 available resources. The resources give students a chance to access information that is not available in our library.

"This is a way of providing access to information outside our library," said Dorothy Davis, director of libraries, "And we only pay for the information we use."

Campus-wide network is another new project this year. Some faculty members are able to access information at the library from the comfort of their office. The library is also

making it possible for students to be able to do the same from one of the many computer labs on campus.

Interlibrary loan is hooked up to a world-wide library with access to more than 50 million libraries. Through interlibrary loan, students are able to acquire articles from international, state or regional libraries.

"We want our students to have the same opportunities for information as any other student nation wide," Davis said., "This provides students access to information they otherwise wouldn't have access

Other new projects are the internet work station located in the reference area, a government documents depository system and upgrading of the infotrack. Upgrading includes access to 900 journal articles with 260 of those being full text articles.

The library is hoping to expand the number of full text journals next year.





Janine Kinney, circulation worker in the library, uses a computer to check out books to customers. *(photos by Dana Bell)*

Students use computers in the library to search for information on various topics.



Jason McHenry and **Marc Patrick** take advantage of the numerous tables and chairs in the library to work on homework.

changes

Programs undergoing

Master's programs in the School of Business and in the field of psychology have seen some changes this past year.

For the first time ever, the School of Business is offering a master's in business administration (MBA). A motion was passed by the members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the summer of 1996 to transform the Master of Administrative Study (MAS) program into the MBA program.

"We're very pleased by this very important vote by the state regents," said Larry Williams, president of Southeastern.

In 1977, the MAS was designed and offered to the non-business person who was wanting to earn a degree in business. After several years of surveys and program reviews, the decision was made to design a program that could meet the needs of both business graduates and non-business graduates.

Students who graduate with a business degree may enter the program upon acceptance. Those graduates who did not receive an undergraduate degree in business may enter if they show competency in undergraduate business subjects.

"If there has been a topic that has dominated all conversations I have had with students, alumni and employers since I arrived as

dean, the MBA degree certainly ranks number one," said Robert Masters, dean of the School of Business.

The MBA program offers quality study with business professors who are all doctorally qualified and a new building that houses the latest technologies.

"I was thrilled to hear that an MBA program would be available at Southeastern," said Mike Citty, Weyerhaeuser vice president. "The MBA is one of the degrees that is very useful in almost any industry or business, both large and small. This will help Southeastern Oklahoma continue to grow."

Because of changes in the licensing of counselors in Oklahoma, a change of standards will take place in the 1997-98 school year for a master's degree in psychology.

The changes would allow graduates to take 48 hours of required studies on the graduate level, instead of 45 hours. In addition, graduate students will also need 12 hours of electives. Also, the grade point average for students applying for graduate studies in psychology is higher and a GRE score is now required.

According to Douglas McMillan, psychology chair, the new standards for counselors will become state law in four years.



Students have several opportunities to attend career fairs sponsored through the Placement Center to secure full-time employment following graduation. (photos by Kim Bumstead)

debate

Researching

by Amanda McDonald

The debate program, started on campus in 1911, has been very active, according to what C.W. Mangrum is finding out.

Mangrum, chair of the Communication and Theatre department, received a grant from the Institutional Research and Planning, to compile Southeastern's Debate Team history. He was a debater at Southeastern in the 1960s, and he coached the Southeastern Debate team from 1970 to 1977.

The first national competition for debate was not until 1947 at West Point.

"There are no divisions and anyone may compete in debate. Southeastern participated at West Point and won. Our kids, from small towns in Oklahoma, were just as smart as kids who were able to attend Yale, Harvard, or even Southern Cal," said Mangrum, referring to old newspaper clippings on the tournament.

In 1951, when West Point traveled to Durant to debate with Southeastern, the Montgomery Auditorium was packed to its 1,200 maximum capacity.

Debates were very entertaining for the public, and the year-long topics would just become more interesting as more angles on the topics arose.

Every time Mangrum speaks to debaters from the '40s and '50s, Coach Tom Houston's name pops up. Houston, a Southeastern his-

tory teacher in the faculty hall of fame, was very well remembered by his students.

"He believed in the Socrates method of teaching. He wanted students to come up with ideas of their own and be willing to argue their point," said one debater.

Mangrum has interviewed several past debaters from the '40s through the '70s, traveling as far as California to speak with them in person.

"We are planning a reunion for the debaters in October," said Mangrum. "I hope to have a rough draft of the history completed by then."

The debate team is still very strong at Southeastern. Southeastern has had four awarding years in a row.

"Debate is hard academic training," said Mangrum. "Students must be creative, be willing to do hours of research, and be able to come up with powerful thoughts and ideas."

Debates usually last one hour and 20 minutes. However popular it once was, few people pack the auditorium today to watch debates.

After the '60s, debaters began developing their own language (acronyms) to get as much information into the timed sessions as possible.

"It's a loss, but we can't go back," said Mangrum.

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Tom Houston, a well-known and well liked debate coach from Southeastern with a team from the 1940s.

Four members of a 1940s team from Southeastern pose during the Mid-South Finals debate tournament. (courtesy photos)



spirit

Band provides

Led onto the field by drum majors, Aaron Ollila, sophomore in music, and Eric Wilson, senior in occupational safety and health, the Southeastern marching band has continued to build upon the improvements begun last year.

According to David Christy, in his second year as Southeastern's director of bands, the marching band numbers more than 90 strong which is an increase from 55 last year and around 20 the year before.

They have grown in numbers so much so that there were not enough band uniforms for everyone. Therefore, during the early part of the fall season, the "Spirit of the Savages" performed in khaki pants and navy polo shirts embroidered with Southeastern Marching Band. During the latter part of the fall, they sported newly designed navy blue sweatshirts and khaki pants.

They could be seen at halftime of the home football games and they traveled to East Central University on Nov. 16.

Their shows featured music of various artists rang-

ing from Glenn Miller to Chuck Mangione as well as playing the latest rock music in the stands.

"We are definitely in the entertainment business at the level and our mission is to do just that as well as work with the cheerleaders and pom pon squads to do our part to boost school spirit and assist the football team in winning," said Christy.

Katy Pogue, freshman undecided, was the feature twirler this year with Adrienne "Tootie" Johnson, freshman undecided, as the flag captain. Marc White, Southeastern percussion instructor, is the assistant director of the band.

The marching band rehearsed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. on the football field, between the Science and Fine Arts buildings, and in the amphitheatre.

"We do appreciate the support of the administration, faculty and students," said Christy. "I have thoroughly enjoyed the spirit of cooperation that exists at Southeastern."

Aaron Ollila and Eric Wilson lead the band onto the field at all halftimes of home football games. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Katy Pogue is the feature twirler for the Spirit of the Savages Marching Band. (photo by Kim Bumstead)





Southeastern Marching Band: front row—Penni Van Zandt, Everett Butler, Scott McKinley, Scott McKinley, Sean Welborn, Jana Haggard, Aaron Ollila, Eric Wilson; Row 2—Kevin Lamb, David Ellis, Chris Kaminski, Adam Doty, Billy Smith, Johnathan Francis, J. Matthew Freeman, Harley Thomas Jr., Rob Smith, Tim Mitchell, Matt R. Freeman, Matt Hinchey, Daniel Moore, Katy Pogue; Row 3—Mary Jane Snider, Christy Flowers, Angela Hayes, Alicia Flowers, Lisa Riner, April Tepe, Jill Oetker, Amanda King, Erica Stevenson, Tara Slawson, Heidi McIntyre, Sara McMichael, Mary Lentz, Kristi Ferguson, Angela Kemp, Tootie Johnson; Row 4—Kathy Pinson, Sayla Jones, Angela Price, Jared Johnson, April Branan, Amy Chapman, Andrew Sikes, Jason Matherly, Ryan Lashley, Misty Sherwood; Row 5—Mollie Winkler, Nick Girard, Steven Potter, Keith Robinson, Stella Williams, Janel Berghauser, Elizabeth Wright, Armando Braxton, David Sturch, Billy Raines, Josh Potts, Nathan Thomas, Derrick Nunn, Ron Potter, Paula Gray; row 6—Billie Yarbrough, Myron Dick, Mark Shelton, Jerry McCraw, Greg Morgan, Chris Smith, Bryan Robinson, Jason Girard, Jarod Lewia, Kyle Hendrix, Ben Bond, Jeremy Bell, Staci Acker, Christina Corkins, Elizabeth Wylie; back row—Brenda Edwards (flag instructor), Marc White (assistant director), David Christy (director of bands), Charlie Woodson, Scott Shelton, Brent Reubin, Eric Thompson, Zachary Whittington, Kevin Thompson, Shawn Ballard, Karen Cantrell



The Savage
 marching
 band practices
 on the field
 every Monday,
 Wednesday
 and Friday
 from 3 to 5
 p.m. for
 halftime
 performances
 during football
 season.
*(photo by
 Dana Bell)*

One of four deans

by Amanda McDonald

The horizon for teachers looks bright according to the only female dean of the four schools at Southeastern.

"There is so much you can do with a teaching degree," said Barbara Decker, dean of the school of Educational Leadership and Instruction.

A teaching degree opens doors beyond just teaching. Businesses need qualities in their employees that teachers possess —

"A teacher must be well-organized, a self-starter, able to make decisions, and reliable," said Decker.

"My favorite thing about Southeastern is that teachers' education is important to Southeastern — all the way up to the president," said Decker.

Although Dean Decker says that now is the age of BIG change, she believes that Southeastern has a strong education program and will not need too many changes.

Decker has been the dean of the school of Education and Behavioral Sciences for three years and loves that Southeastern is such a compact college, full of so many wonderful things and well-rounded people.

She grew up in Alaska and ironically her favorite place is the beach.

In Decker's free time she enjoys reading and growing roses.

Her advice for students? "Advice is worth as much as you pay for it — nothing."

Dean Barbara Decker and Sharon Canan, secretary, for the school of Education and Behavioral Sciences.
(photos by Kim Bumstead)





Dean Robert Masters and secretary Robert Current from the School of Business.



Dean Doyle Bostic and secretary Lori Boehme from the School of Science and Technology.

Dean Jim Pate and secretary Sandra Levins from the School of Arts and Letters.

perform

Chorvettes love to

by Patrick Barrett

Taking part in the Chorvettes offered a whole world of new horizons to the 26 students who participated in the singing and dancing group this year.

The performers traveled frequently across the state, country and even internationally while treating audiences to light music selections from pop, gospel and rock. They were exposed to many different regions and cultures in the process.

Over the summer, the Chorvettes were featured on the Commodore Cruise Line's ship the Enchanted Isle as it traveled to Cozumel, Mexico; the Grand Cayman Islands and Montigo Bay Jamaica.

The students raised money for the trip themselves through a variety of fund-raising activities.

Traveling, plus local performances as Picnic in the Park, also gave students a chance to learn about the world of the stage. This prepared some participants for careers in music.

Other Chorvettes practiced their skills as apprentice music teachers when they worked with the High School Honor Show Choir and local music education programs.

The show choir continued work with the public is what prompted former Gov. David Walters to name the group The Goodwill Ambassadors of Oklahoma.

The group has provided valuable learning experiences to participants for 28 years. They continue to work to insure their role in the future of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Ashlee Johnson, freshman in general studies, and **Bryan Nikkel**, sophomore in general studies, dance and sing together as part of a performance at the Visual and Performing Arts Center in the fall. (photo by **Kim Bumstead**)





Angela Kemp, freshman in music, sings a solo as part of many performances presented throughout the year by the Chorvettes.



Derek King, senior in music, choreographs the latest steps for a performance.

The Chorvettes sing and dance at one of their many concerts during the year. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Management and Marketing Department -- Patty Pool, Larry Minks, Jack Dye, Jan Moore, Kitty Campbell and Bert Tollison.



Physical Sciences Department -- front row: Arnold Walker, Loide Wasmund and Jerry Polson; back row: Gordon Eggleton, John McArthur, Stephen McKim, John Wright and Tim Smith.



Student Support Services -- front row: Jan Anderson (director), Michelle Claxton, Kim Smith and TeLoa Butler; back row: Kristie Thrasher, Karen Cantrell, Andy Parker and Jennifer Clinton.



Placement Services -- front row: Margaret Kapchinsky and Barbara Rackley; back row: Mike Gelsthorpe, Trent Bass and Mike Davis; not pictured: Jason Dodson.

education

A&L lectures provide

by Amanda McDonald

The School of Arts and Letters Lecture Series offered a vast variety of presentations from Southeastern's professors during the 1996-97 school year.

Presenting lectures were Richard M. Pearlstein, assistant professor of social sciences; Annette Trefzer, assistant professor of English, humanities and languages; Randy Prus, associate professor of English, humanities and languages; Lisa L. Hill, instructor in English, humanities and languages; Faye Gothard Mangrum, assistant professor of communication; Mary Ann Craige, associate professor of music; Robert McFadden, associate professor of music; Pam Bumstead, assistant professor of communication; Corie Delashaw, instructor of social sciences; Shannon McCraw, instructor in communication; and J. Brooks

Flippen, assistant professor of social sciences.

It was a different type of learning experience for Southeastern students who attended. Watching the professors lecture outside of the classroom to an audience of their peers was very entertaining as well as educational.

Hill said it was fun having an audience of different disciplines responding to her work. Students just had to back and wait for the debate to begin.

Professors from all of the fields of study at Southeastern were present for most of the lectures. Each professor had a new way of viewing the topics.

Exchanges of ideas occurred about all of the topics which ranged from Fred Douglass to Team Piano Playing to the stereotyping of minorities in the mass media.



The front facade of Morrison Hall.
(photo by Brett Dobbs)



Paul Laird Field, the site for all of Southeastern's home football games.
(photo by Dana Bell)



The Boule Memorial Fountain and flag poles on the front lawn of Southeastern's campus.
(photo by Lacrechia Johnson)



A view of the west side of the loop with the administration building and The Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library.
(photo by Rikki Clymore)

jazz band

Swinging tunes from the

by Patrick Barrett

Members of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Jazz Band did more than just play in a band, they also prepared for their futures.

Michael Miles, assistant professor in music and the band's director, said the students in his 22-member big band learned from "the dance book". This features swing-era, '30s-style jazz that is still popular today.

"Once a student leaves college," Miles said, "these are the tunes that they'll be playing."

Students also learned about the history of jazz and the culture surrounding it at events like the New Orleans' Jazz Heritage Festival which the band attended.

The varied blend of foods, people and languages provided an ideal setting for learning about the roots of jazz, he said.

The group has no travel budget, and it is forced to pay for its travel expenses through fund-raising shows like *Struttin' with Some Barbecue* each fall, Miles said.

The band also presented other concerts during the year, like being the house band for the Arts and Letters Showcase "Kaleidoscope" in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, and performing at homecoming activities and at the annual Juliet Guild Ball (a fundraiser for the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival) on New Year's Eve.

Eric Wilson, senior in occupational safety and health, plays during "Kaleidoscope", a benefit for the School of Arts and Letters.
(photo by Kim Bumstead)

The 1996-97 Jazz Band directed by Michael Miles playing at "Kaleidoscope."
(photo by Kim Bumstead)





Jazz Band members play an up-beat song during Homecoming activities. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Michael Miles directs the Jazz Band while Aaron Ollila plays a solo during Homecoming activities. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Rob Price, Robert Clift and Steve Rigazzi play at "Kaleidoscope". (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Upward Bound -- front row: Sue Heath; back row: Corey Hammel, Jana Bacon and Bob Hamilton.



Upward Bound (math/science) -- Natalie Aucutt, Nancy Ryan (director) and Sherrie Odom.



Educational Opportunity Center -- front row: Deborah Godwin, Amy Vaughn, Becky Corbin, Kris Simpson; back row: Sara Hutchings, Gretchen Horton, Liz Ashton and J.B. Brinlee.



Talent Search -- front row: Al White (director); middle row: Kristi Stubbs, Cindy Northcutt; back row: Monona Putman, Larry Dresser and Karen Andrews.

The experience of college

by Jerry Hunter

Upward bound -- College Bound! is the slogan for the program on campus which offers students opportunity to experience college life while still in high school.

A college-based program, Upward Bound takes place on campus each June and July for six weeks for high school juniors, seven weeks for seniors and eight weeks for bridge students (those taking college credit concurrently with high school credit). It offers students instruction in English, mathematics, science, computer science, reading and writing, plus individualized tutoring.

Students begin with a battery of tests to determine their academic strengths and weaknesses. Instruction is then individualized to meet each student's needs. Individual and group counseling is another important element of the Upward Bound program.

On selected Saturdays during the academic year, Upward Bound students receive academic instruction, tutoring and counseling. Advisors follow each student's progress in high school. The students learn about the college application process and how to apply for financial assistance.

Upward Bound staff selects students from the 10th grade who may need academic enrichment to pursue post-secondary education. Recommendations by high school counselors and teachers are considered in the selection process. Upward Bound seeks students whose potential abilities may be lost to society unless they can be motivated to apply their talents and energies constructively. From the large number of applications received, the Upward Bound staff strives to select students who are genuinely interested in improving their chances for success in college.

Upward Bound is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Education.

Aaron Ollila, sophomore in music, practices his saxophone on the steps of the Science Building. (photo by Amy Chapman)





The audience brings chairs and blankets to sit and listen to the Community Summer Band on the lawn of the Morrison Building.
(photo by Dan Hoke)



The Community Summer Band is made up of members of the Southeastern and Durant communities and play to audiences in front of the Morrison Building during the summer evenings.
(photo by Dan Hoke)

**Ryan Brown
and LaChelle
Maddox use
lab equipment
during a
science
experiment in
class. (photo
by Dana Bell)**



research

Taking a chance on

by Jason Hicks

Someone you know could win a Nobel Prize.

A Southeastern student might find a cure for cancer or a new amino acid, thanks to a \$717,758 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

The Minority Biomedical Research Support Grant (MBRS) will allow some Southeastern students to get introductory experiences in biomedical research.

John Wright and Joel T. Smith, both professors of physical sciences, served as faculty investigators for the MBRS.

Wright's project involves finding boron-based compounds that will target and destroy cancer cells.

Smith's project involves using cutting-edge technology to analyze the smallest known amino acids and also finding new ones.

"This will be like looking for a needle in a haystack," said Jack Robinson, project director and assistant vice president for academic affairs, "This is one of the longest

funded grants on campus. The first of which started in 1972."


But research is still continuing and adds positive benefits to those who work.

"Research like this has led some students on to more advanced degrees," said John Williamson, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (NMR) technician and research technician, "Dr. Smith, for instance, was once the NMR tech at Southeastern. This also allows students to present their work at seminars across the country."

And by working with this grant, students get an opportunity even as undergraduates to learn to research.

"I enjoy this work," said Ryan Brown, senior in chemistry/biology, "As an undergraduate assistant, this research is very challenging to me," said Ryan Brown, senior in chemistry/biology. "Both professors are good at building confidence, intelligence and developing skills."

"This is an enrichment project for these students," said Robinson, "they will use everything they've learned in chemistry and biology."

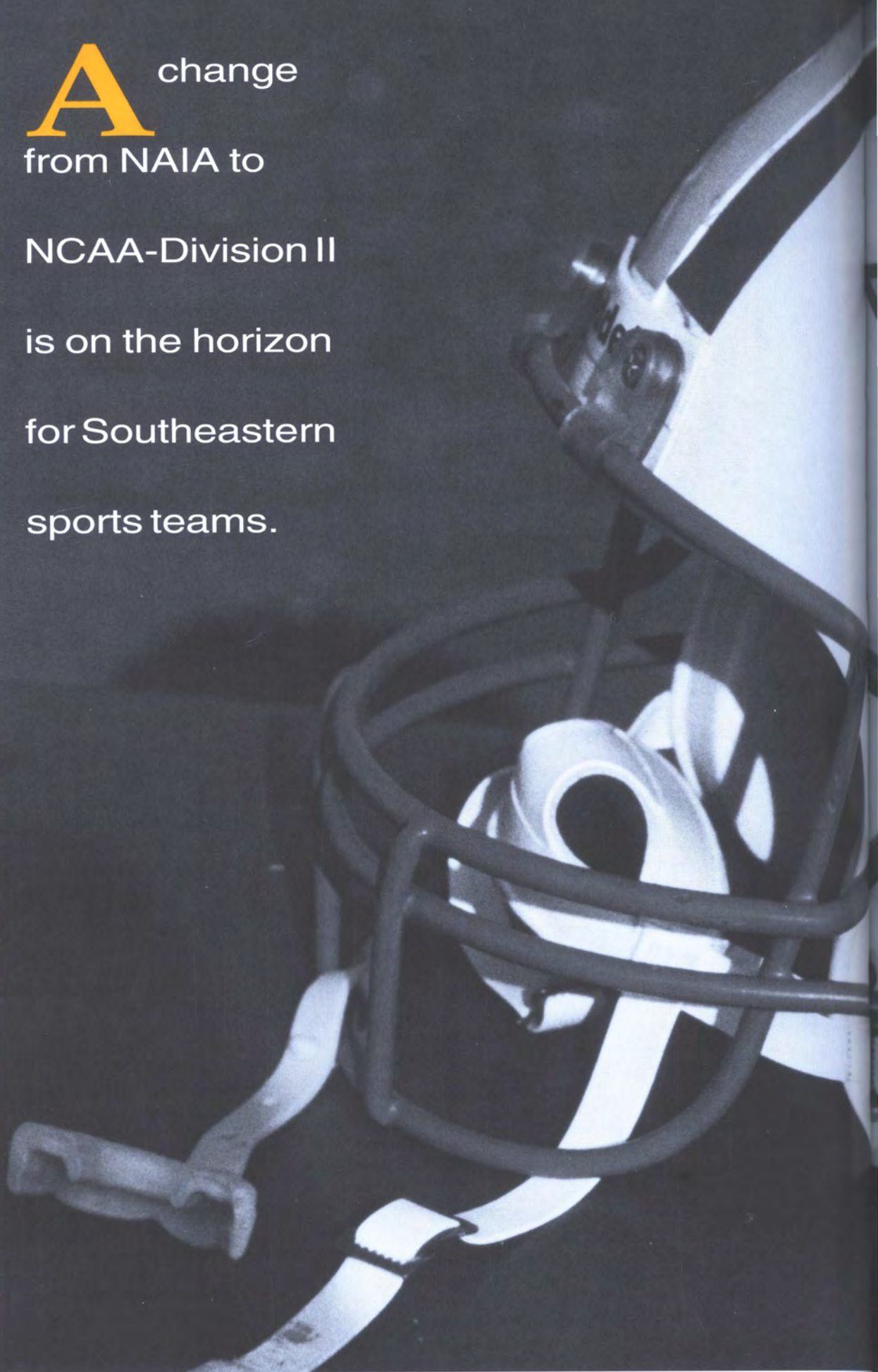


Rod Davis uses a net to search through the water looking for algae and small animal life. (photo by Michael Haynie)

Students from limnology class use a rowboat and waders to get into the water to search for bacteria and small animal life. (photo by Michael Haynie)

Sports

A change
from NAIA to
NCAA-Division II
is on the horizon
for Southeastern
sports teams.





Sports

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in 1997 the savages will move from the NAIA to level II of the

NCAA

by Jason Hicks

For years, Southeastern has had one of the best athletic programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Within the next few years, however, the athletic program will be going through some changes.

In fall 1997, Southeastern will begin play in the Lone Star Conference (LSC) of Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Southeastern will become a full member of the NCAA in fall 1998, bringing many advantages to Southeastern's athletic program.

One of the advantages of the move will be in the form of recruiting.

"The move will draw more athletes to Southeastern," said Donald 'Doc' Parham, director of athletics, "because of the prestige of the NCAA. There is a perception that bigger is better. I think there will be more students who are attracted to our school because of the upgrading."

The program will also benefit financially. Though the

program will have to spend more money updating equipment and facilities, Southeastern will be given more money by the NCAA.

"After the first full year of membership," said Parham, "Southeastern will receive a portion of the television money from the NCAA."

The upgrading to the NCAA will also expand Southeastern's athletic program. In fall 1998, the program will add a women's soccer team.

"The soccer team will be the only addition for sometime," said Parham, "we cannot get spread out so thin that we cannot compete well."

Southeastern is one of the many Oklahoma schools making the change.

Southeastern will join Central State University, Cameron University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Northeastern Oklahoma State University and East Central University in the LSC.

The move to the NCAA is one of the first steps of the growth of Southeastern's athletic program.

*in 1996 the Savages
played for a second place
finish in the conference in*

BASEBALL

by Cynthia Ellis

Southeastern Savage Baseball in the 1996 season finished with a 35-17-1 record which placed them second in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference.

Southeastern from the 1996 team had two players go on and sign professional contracts. Those players were catcher Chris Anderson and pitcher R.J. Howerton.

The Savages during the season had a 14-game winning streak that propelled the them in the final half of the season.

The Savages also overall had a winning percentage of 94 percent when they led after six innings of play.

Jarod Bible led the Savages with a .380 batting average.

Chris Anderson led the homerun total with eight. Josh Briscoe led the Savages fielding percentage with a 1.000 average.

Southeastern looks to return a good core group of players from this 1996 team for the 1997 team.

**Southeastern hits a homerun at Paul Laird Field as the catcher watches it leave the field.
(photos by Kim Bumstead)**

Chris Holson digs a breaking ball out of the dirt. Holson had the highest batting average for the Savages during 1996.





Tony Ramos connects with a ball for a hit during a game at Paul Laird Field.

Scoreboard

Okla. Baptist	2-8	3-0	Northwestern	11-1	2-0
E. Texas Baptist	10-7	4-10	E. Texas Baptist	5-9	7-6
Okla. Christian	10-7	4-10	East Central	5-0	4-3
Okla. Baptist	6-11	6-6	Northwestern	9-4	1-2
Northeastern	1-10	4-8	Oklahoma City	5-4	6-4
Oklahoma City	6-5	4-3	Northwood	3-6	2-6
St. Francis	2-5	3-10	USAO	9-3	8-0
Texas Lutheran	9-10		Northeastern	7-6	5-7
St. Mary's	6-3		Southwestern	8-7	3-8
Hastings	14-0	8-3	Cameron	20-5	11-10
Southwestern	4-2		Tournament		
Cameron	11-6	1-0	Southwestern	7-9	
S. Arkansas	16-0	6-5	East Central	13-1	
USAO	15-2	10-3	Southwestern	8-3	
East Central	5-0	7-1	Northeastern	2-3	



Joel Gonzalez waits for the ball before swinging for a strike.

**Julie Savage
and Janie
Savage get set
to field the
ball. (photos
by Kim
Bumstead)**



*in 1996 the lady savages
finished one game away
from going to nationals in*

SOFTBALL

by Cynthia Ellis

The Lady Savage softball team took a giant leap in the 1996 season. A program that was started only three years ago, the Lady Savages finished with a 37-23 record, one game shy of qualifying for an at-large bid to the 1996 National Tournament.

The Lady Savages finished second in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference tournament by defeating Cameron and East Central then in the championship game losing to North-eastern Oklahoma State University 3-2.

The Lady Savages then traveled to Okla-

homa City to play in the sub-regional tournament from there they received the at-large bid to go to Regionals.

In Regionals the Lady Savages finished 1-2 with the losses coming to the National Champion Oklahoma City Lady Chiefs and to the #2 ranked University of Mobile.

During regular season, the Lady Savages brought home the program's first ever trophy with a consolation trophy in both the Cowtown Classic Tournament in Fort Worth and the Hall of Fame Classic tournament in Oklahoma City.

Julie Savage attempts to get the ball for an out on first base.



*in 1996 the savages beat
East Central and North-
eastern on the road in*

FOOTBALL

by Cynthia Ellis

For its final year in the NAIA, the 1996 Southeastern Savage football team finished third overall in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference. They had a 3-2 conference record and a 6-4 record, overall.

The Savages beat archrival East Central University to round out their season schedule. The team also defeated Northeastern Oklahoma State University, which gave Head Coach Morris Sloan his first-ever road victory against the Redmen.

The Savages had some outstanding indi-

vidual achievements from several players, but especially in Jeff Moser. Moser was named First Team All-Conference and Co-offensive player of the year in the OIC.

Also this season, Moser set the all-time passing yardage mark in the OIC.

The Savages also had four other players make First Team All-Conference they were Joel Luper, Greg Ray, Brad O'Steen and Steve Hohenberger.

Southeastern will debut in the Lone Star Conference and NCAA Division II during the 1997 season.

Jeff Moser
quarterback
for the Sav-
ages, passes
during the
Homecoming
game against
Midwestern.
The Savages
won, 32-28
(photos by
Kim
Bumstead)

Savage Jay Jones extends the ball across the goal line for a two-point conversion following a touchdown in the Langston game. The Savages won the game, 28-27.





Linebacker Jason Heath intercepts a Langston Lion pass. Linebacker Steve Hohenberger and Heath were defending in the secondary before the interception. The Savages beat Langston, 28-27.



Wide receiver Lamar Lowe carries the ball after catching a pass from quarterback Jeff Moser during the Southwestern game, Oct. 19, 1996. The Savages lost, 13-19.

Football

SCOREBOARD

Tarleton State, Texas	25	31
Oklahoma Panhandle	55	29
Harding, Ark.	33	22
Midwestern State	32	29
Ouchita Baptist	16	19
Southwestern	13	19
Northeastern	23	16
Northwestern	3	17
Langston	28	27
East Central	19	12

Quarterback

Jeff Moser calls out the signals in the homecoming game against Midwestern. Moser set the all-time yardage mark for the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference.

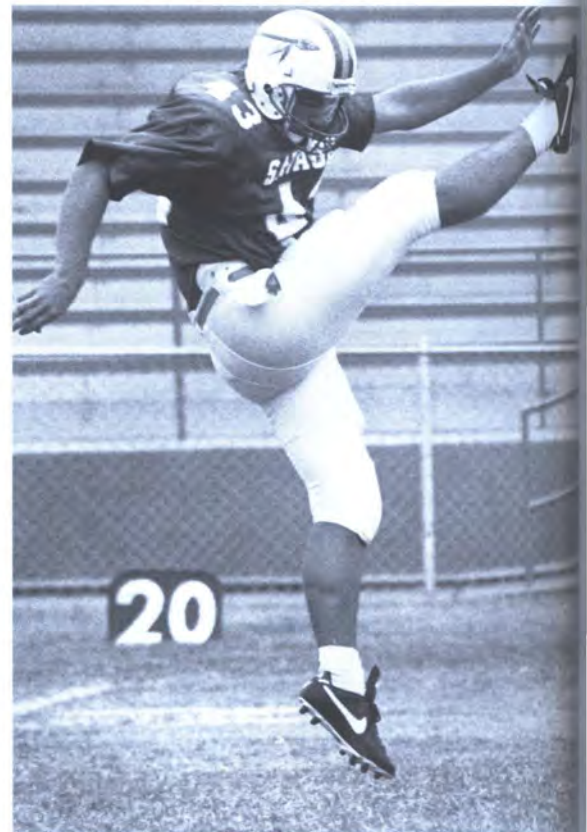
(photos by Kim Bumstead)



The Savage defense surround the Indians during the homecoming game against Midwestern on Oct. 5.

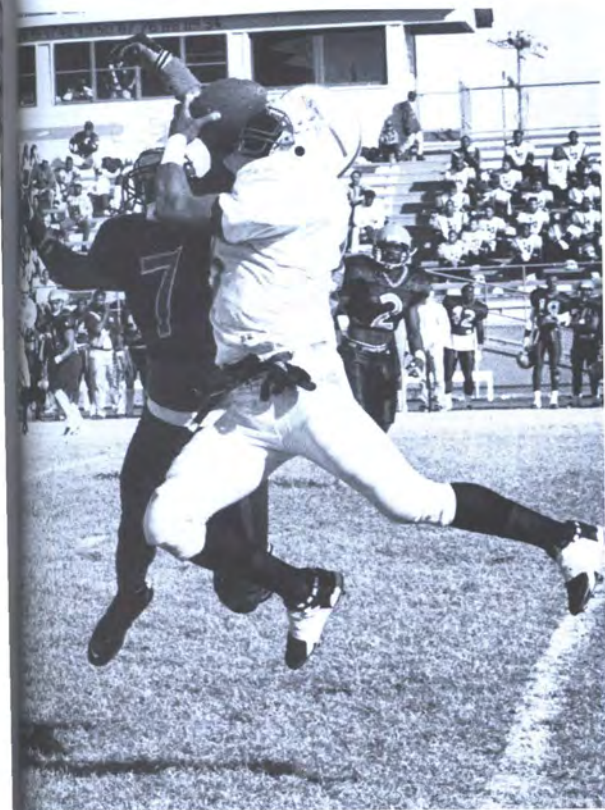


Punter Kyle Harris follows through on a punt during the Southwestern game on Nov. 2.





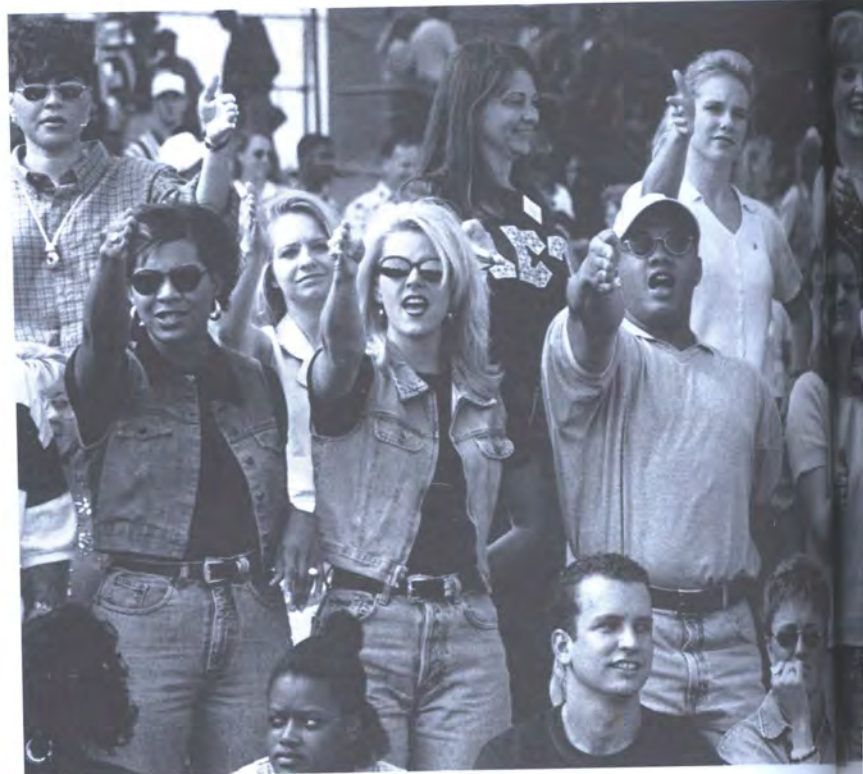
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Defensive
end Scott
Mercer rushes
Langston's
quarterback
on Nov. 9. The
Savages won
by one point,
28-27.

Wide receiver
Joel Luper
catches a pass
during the
Langston
game.

The Savage and Spirit Pony watch a home football game from the sidelines. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



John Wilmoth, a senior from Idabel, walks onto the field with his parents for Senior Appreciation Day. The Savages won, 28-27.



*in 1998 women will have
five varsity sports from
which to choose including*
SOCCER
by Cynthia Ellis



The crowd enjoys the warm weather and a winning game for Homecoming by doing the tomahawk chop. The Savages won against Midwestern State, 32-29.

Southeastern Athletics will be adding soccer to its women's varsity sports, according to athletic director Don Parham, starting in the fall of 1998.

When it begins, the soccer program will be in NCAA Division II and will play in the Lone Star Conference.

Southeastern already has five women's varsity sports: basketball and golf headed by coach Nick Keith; softball headed by coach Ron Faubion; track/cross country with head coach Lanny Pettit; and tennis coached by Pat Mauldin. Softball is the newest of those be-

ing added three years ago.

"We had an opportunity to pick either soccer or volleyball. We chose soccer because it is very popular and well established in our area. Volleyball, on the other hand, would be very hard to recruit for since volleyball isn't very popular in southeastern Oklahoma," said Parham.

At this point, after deciding which sport to include all that's left to do is name a head coach.

"We hope to have a coach named by the fall of 1997. We will be getting equipment and the facilities ready during that year as well," said Parham.



The spirit squad and band members cheer the Savages onto the field at the beginning of the first home game of the season with Harding University.

*the 1997 season has an
even brighter outlook for
Southeastern runners in*
CROSS COUNTRY

by Cynthia Ellis

Southeastern's cross country team ran very well in the 1996 season, according to Lanny Pettit, head coach.

The 1996 team had the best runner in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference in Angela Landre. Landre qualified for Nationals and set the Southeastern record for the best time of 20:01 at one of the meets during the fall season.

They also had emergent freshman Natalie Krieger from Durant High School who showed

that the transition from high school to college really wasn't too difficult.

The cross country team finished third in the OIC conference meet overall.

They also placed well in many meets where the courses were very tough as well as running against very tough competition, according to Pettit.

The Cross Country team will return its top three runners next fall for their 1997 season which has an even brighter outlook.



Natalie Krieger is held by her coaches and her father following an injury she sustained in a meet.

Angela Landre clutches her coach as she determines her time for a race.





Angela Landre helps Natalie Krieger with the assistance of Krieger's father following a meet at East Central University. Krieger injured her knee while running and did not qualify for nationals.



1996 Cross Country Team -- Natalie Krieger, Natalie Gray, Kathy Gordon, Melissa Morrison, Angela Landre and Jaci Chatham

Angela Landre ran her way to national competition in the fall 1996 on the Southeastern cross country team.

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HONORS

Seven players from the Southeastern Savage football team received first-team honors or honorable mention on the NAIA All-America squads and Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette team for 1996.

Greg Ray, a freshman running back, was named first team on both the NAIA All-America squad and the Football Gazette team. He carried the ball 187 times for 986 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He averaged 5.3 yards per carry with a long run of 71 yards. He also caught eight passes for 49 yards (6.1 per catch) and one touchdown.

Steve Hohenberger, a junior linebacker, was named first team on the Football Gazette and received honorable mention on the NAIA squad.

The leading tackler for the Savages with 124 tackles, he turned in 61 solo tackles with

seven tackles for losses of 11 yards. He forced one fumble, recovered two fumbles, intercepted two passes, broke up four passes and had two quarterback sacks for minus 24 yards.

David Garza, junior defensive back, was named first team on the Football Gazette and also received honorable mention as a punt returner on the Football Gazette team. He had 45 total tackles with 23 unassisted and two tackles for losses of seven yards.

He recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, broke up a pass, had one quarterback sack for minus seven yards and led the Savages in punt returns with 14 for 156 yards, an average of 11.1 yards per return.

Quarterback Jeff Moser, senior, received honorable mention on the NAIA squad and Football Gazette team.

He was Southeastern's all-time career passing yard-

age leader hitting 575 of 1,096 passes (52.5 percent) for 7,969 yards and 54 touchdowns. Moser was 26-12-1 (68.4 percent) as Southeastern's starting quarterback over a four-year period.

Senior Lamar Lowe, kickoff returner, received honorable mention on both the NAIA squad and Football Gazette team. He had 11 returns for 250 yards, an average of 22.7 yards per return.

Wide-receiver Joel Luper, senior, received honorable mention as a kickoff returner on the Football Gazette team. He led the Savages with 53 catches for 807 yards and four touchdowns averaging 15.2 yards per catch. He had 12 kickoff returns for 266 yards, averaging 22.2 yards per return.

Center Brad O'Steen, junior, received honorable mention All-America on the NAIA squad.

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RODEO

by Justin Ross

The Southeastern Rodeo team has great numbers in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

Through the years, the men's rodeo team has won five national team championships and 45 regional and national individual titles. The women's team has won four national team championships, three runner-up team championships and 35 regional and national individual titles.

In 1996, the women's team went back-to-back as national team champs, also winning in 1995. However, it was an unusual experience, because Southeastern only sent three women — Caryn Snyder, Tachana McCurley and Brenna Winship.

"These young ladies are

an exceptional group of athletes. "All three won points toward the team championship," said coach Betty Gayle Cooper-Ratliff. "All the other teams that qualified for the finals sent four-team members. Southeastern won with only three women, which indicates how outstanding they really are."

Snyder was also named by the NIRA as All-around Cowgirl for 1995 and 1996.

Another honor for Southeastern following the 1996 championships was that Ratliff was named by the NIRA as the "winningest coach in NIRA history."

In the last 22 years, Southeastern rodeo has received more than \$130,000 in scholarships from the Copenhagen Skoal program.

Caryn Snyder won All-around Cowgirl honors at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in 1996. (photo by JJJ Photo)



Caryn Snyder races around a barrel at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in 1996. (photo by JJJ Photo)



1996 Southeastern Rodeo Team

Women's Team

Caryn Snyder-BR, GT, BAW	Janea Dyer - GT, BAW
Chandy Trapp-BR, GT, BAW	Lynetta Patton-BAW
Brenna Winship- GT, BAW	Robin Skiles-BAW, GT
Christie Berthod-BAW	Julie Cook-BAW, BR, GT
Monica Riner-BAW	Carrie Potashnick-BAW

Men's Team

Spud Duvall-TR, SW	Jud McLeod-TR
Billy Hamilton-CR	Matt Rampy-CR, TR
Jerrel Hoffman-TR	Ernie Taylor-CR,TR
Tracey Rapier-TR	

BR-barrel racing
 GT-goat tying
 BAW-breakaway roping
 CR-calf roping
 TR-team roping
 SW-steer wrestling



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BASKETBALL

by Kim Bumstead

Head basketball coach Tony Robinson and his team set three goals for 1996-97: win the conference title, win the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference post-season tournament and compete in the NAIA National Tournament.

With a win over East Central University on Feb. 22 in Ada, the Savages met their first goal of winning the OIC conference title. They won, 82-75, and beat the Tigers for the first time in five years in Ada.

"It was really exciting the way it (the season) finished out with a win at East Central," Robinson said. "That was just an added thing. The last Southeastern team to win the OIC conference title was in 1990."

The Savages won the conference title with a 13-1 record. A home court loss to East Central, 74-80, was the only blemish in conference play.

The Savages consistently

stayed in the national rankings finishing the regular season at the seventh spot in the nation. They were 11-1 in non-conference play for an overall regular season record of 24-2. The Savages other loss was to Texas A&M-Commerce, 69-77.

By winning the conference title and staying in the top 10 rankings of the NAIA poll throughout the season, the Savages didn't have to win the OIC post-season tournament in order to go to the national tournament in Tulsa.

The Savages strength came from a long bench of players whose chemistry was the key to a successful season.

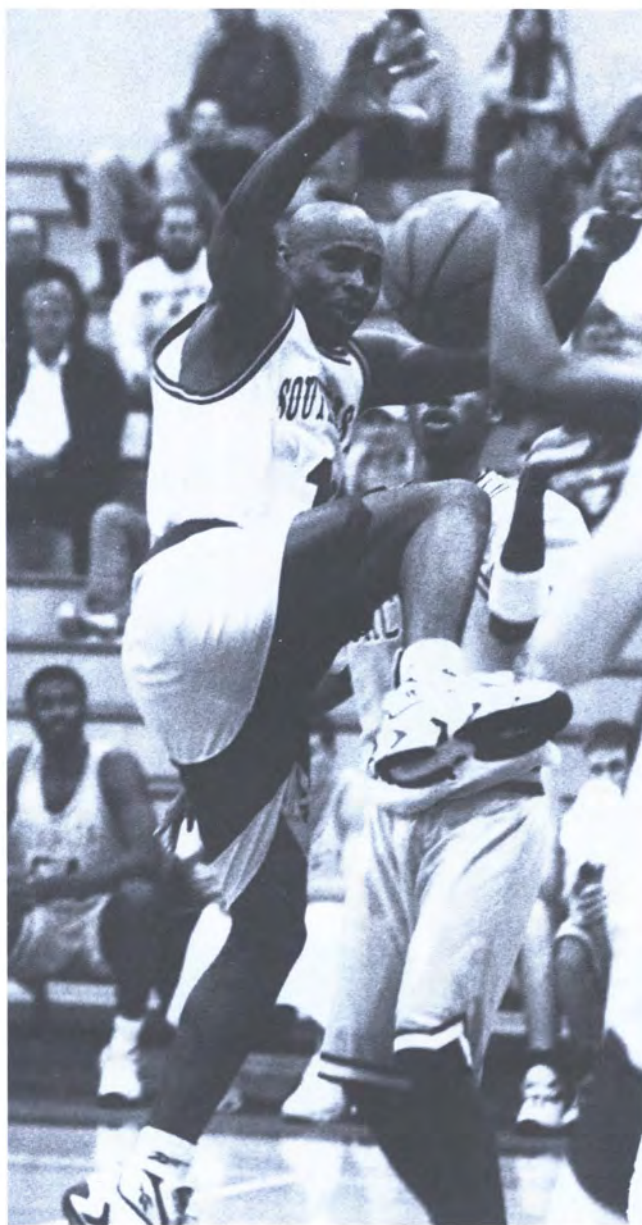
"We try to rely on our chemistry, being very sound and playing extremely hard," Robinson said. "It's the most intense team I've had since coming to Southeastern. Our seniors have stepped up and supplied excellent leadership, have done things well and made everybody on the team better."



Brandon Lee, a 6-6 sophomore forward, holds up a shirt showing their OIC title which they claimed following their win over East Central University. (photos by Kim Bumstead)

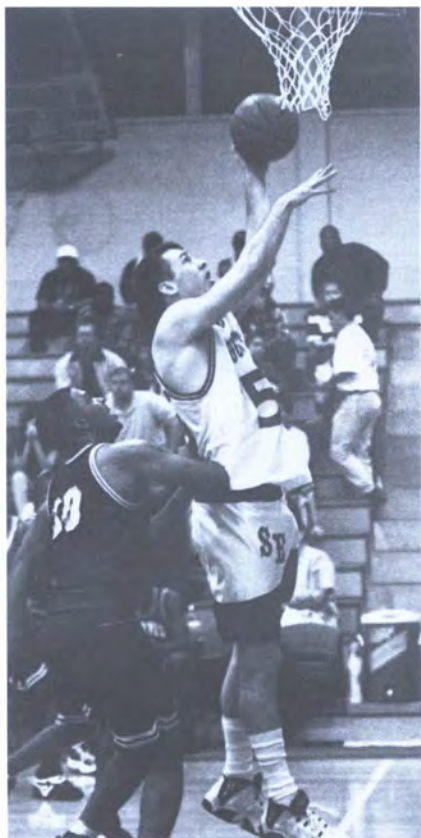
David Glover, a 6-5 junior center, puts one in for two points at the East Central University game at Ada. This game clinched the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference title for the Savages.

Head coach Tony Robinson and student assistants Adrian Beverage and Dax Trent watch the final seconds of the clock in the game against East Central University. The Savages won, 82-75 and clinched the OIC title.



Eddie Powell,
a 6-1 junior
guard, demon-
strated his
quickness
during the
1996-97
season. He
led the team in
steals and
assists.

Jeff McCullough, a 6-7 senior center, helped the Savages win the first game of the season against Jarvis Christian College, 106-53. (photos by Kim Bumstead)



Eric Woolley, a 6-6 senior forward, was the team's leading rebounder, averaging 6.3 rebounds per game.



Dan Kobiske, a 6-8 junior center, helped the Savages bring home the OIC title, 82-75.



Kristian Pipkins, a 6-6 sophomore forward, waits for a rebound during the Midwestern State University game. The Savages won, 88-75.



Corey Carter, a 6-2 senior guard, was the Savages leading scorer, averaging 16.5 points per game. He was named OIC player of the week twice during the season.

Scoreboard

11/22	Jarvis Christian	106-53
11/29	Texas A&M-Commerce	70-66
11/30	Midwestern	88-75
12/3	Texas Wesleyan	82-56
12/12	Southwest Christian	111-46
12/14	Jarvis Christian	91-57
12/19	Midwestern	89-79
1/11	Panhandle State	88-63
1/15	USAO	81-69
1/18	Southwestern	68-61
1/20	Cameron	78-64
1/22	Northeastern	91-74
1/25	Ouachita Baptist	77-66
1/27	East Central	74-80
1/29	Langston	98-62
2/1	Northwestern	84-66
2/5	Panhandle State	84-59
2/6	Ouachita Baptist	70-50
2/8	Cameron	55-48
2/10	USAO	84-69
2/12	Southwestern	84-74
2/15	Northeastern	85-68
2/17	Northwestern	88-53
2/19	Texas A&M-Commerce	69-77
2/22	East Central	82-75
2/24	Langston	96-87

Games in boldface were played at home.

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with a solid nucleus in*

BASKETBALL

by Kim Bumstead

The Lady Savages continued their winning tradition during the 1996-97 season finishing 22-4 overall and 11-3 in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference.

They finished the regular season in second place behind Southwestern Oklahoma State University and proved there is life after Crystal.

However, it took them a while to prove they could compete without Crystal Robinson.

Robinson, 1995-96 National Player of the Year, led the Lady Savages to three consecutive national tournament appearances and to two consecutive heartbreaking one-point losses in the national championship game.

"We're still struggling to find our identity," said head coach Nick Keith after his Lady Savages went 9-1 early in the season. "We've got a good nucleus back, and we've got a lot of new women on the team."

The Lady Savages discovered themselves during the

year learning to play their respective part and win as a team.

Five players averaged more than 10 points per game during the regular season: Mo Deeb (15.5), Vicky Shved (14.3), Tifney Kelly (12.2), Natalie Gray (11.6) and Tracy Bougere (11.2).

Three-point specialist Lari Ann Watson also contributed by averaging 9.4 points per game.

DeShunda Babb averaged 7.6 points per game starting in 25 of 26 games. She also led the Lady Savages with 127 assists on the season.

The Lady Savages returned to the big show again this year earning everyone's respect and proving they weren't a one-person team.

Vicky Shved gave the fans plenty to cheer about when she hit a free-throw with four-tenths of a second left on the clock to beat the East Central Lady Tigers, 72-71.

Shved also had a team-leading season high 30 points against the Lady Tigers in a 80-84 loss at Ada.



Natalie Gray, a 5-7 senior guard, was third in the OIC at the end of regular season play for Individual three-point field goals. She was 60-125 for the season, or .480 percent. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Tifney Kelly, a 6-2 sophomore forward, transferred from Baylor University playing the second semester. She scored 28 points against Ouachita Baptist University. The Lady Savages won, 94-72. *(photo by Kim Bumstead)*



Mo Deeb, a 6-1 junior center, helped the Lady Savages win against East Central University, 72-71. *(photo by Dana Bell)*



Lari Ann Watson, a 5-7 sophomore guard, scored 19 points against Jarvis Christian. The Lady Savages won, 91-39. *(photo by Kim Bumstead)*

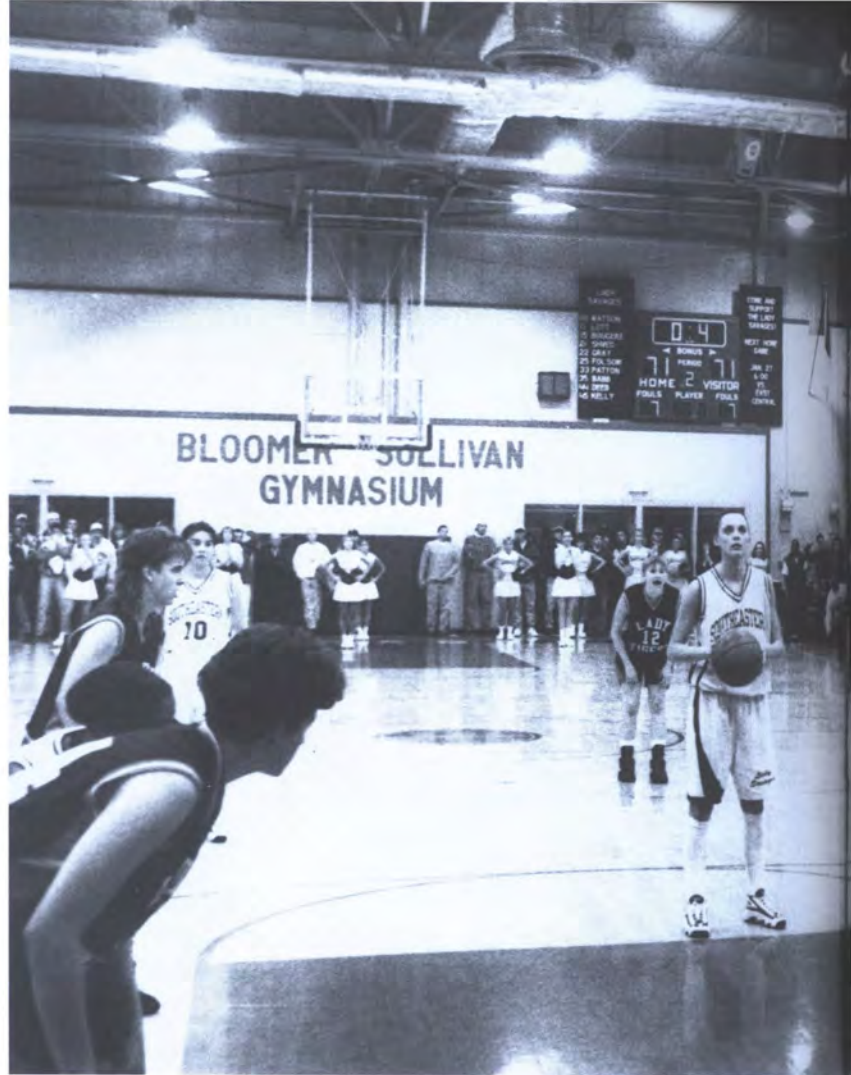
Mo Deeb, a 6-1 junior center, shoots a basket in Ada against East Central University.

The Lady Savages lost, 80-84. (photo by Kim Bumstead)



Vicky Shved, a 5-10 senior guard, stands at the line for her final free throw of three with the game tied against East Central.

She made the shot and won the game, 72-71. (photo by Dan Hoke)



Shawna Folsom, a 5-10 senior forward, runs the ball in for a basket. The Lady Savages won against Schriener, 103-62. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Lynetta Patton, a 5-6 junior guard, played 15 games this season. Here she attempts a basket against Schreiner who lost, 103-62. (photo by Kim Bumstead)





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2/6	Ouachita Baptist	94-72
2/8	Cameron	88-81
2/10	USAO	80-53
2/12	Southwestern	85-90
2/15	Northeastern	85-75
2/17	Northwestern	65-55
2/22	East Central	80-84
2/24	Langston	83-52

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Head coach Nick Keith instructs Vicky Schved on some points of the basketball game. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

good grades, lots of
enthusiasm and energy
help build Southeastern's
SPIRIT

by Kim Bumstead

Wanted: Young women wanting to work while earning a college education. Tuition scholarships are offered to those women selected to represent the university as yell leaders at sporting events during the fall and spring semesters. Must enjoy being in front of a crowd and be able to entertain a crowd while tumbling, jumping and building stunts. Long practice hours are required each week along with attendance at summer camp. If interested in one of the eight spots, please contact Liz McCraw, spirit program adviser, about tryouts for this highly demanding and rewarding opportunity.

Heather Hillburn, sophomore majoring in social studies education, answered the ad. Why does she do it?

"I enjoy it a lot. I get a scholarship, chance to get involved on campus, and opportunity to meet a lot of really neat people," said Hillburn.

Hillburn started cheerleading relatively late in high school.

"I started as a sophomore in high school," said Hillburn. "Most girls start earlier."

But she has made 14 years of dance and five years of gymnastic classes pay off. Besides being selected as a cheerleader for Southeastern the past two years, she works at summer camps sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA). She travels throughout the United States each summer with the UCA giving private cheerleading camps, teaching and choreographing.

According to Liz McCraw, seven members from this year's squad have been asked to apply to work at the UCA summer camps.

Last summer, James Kinney, Southeastern's mascot--Spirit Pony, was voted the outstanding mascot instructor for UCA. Shelly Douglas also joined Kinney and Hillburn as cheerleading instructors during the summer.

During the school year, squad members serve as judges at high school tryouts. Accord-

ing to McCraw, they also give private coaching to local high school teams "getting them ready for competition all for the cost of getting the squad members there."

Jana Purser, a second year squad member majoring in marketing, has been a cheerleader every year since the sixth grade.

"All little girls want to be a cheerleader," said Purser.

However, years of cheerleading experience can't prepare you for those games when the team isn't winning.

"It is very hard at times," she said. "You just have to try to be positive at all times."

Purser recalled a game last year when the Savages weren't winning.

"The Savages were losing and we went up into the stands to cheer," said Purser. "The crowd wasn't responding to our cheers and we thought if we went up into the stands and stood and cheered, maybe the crowd would respond."

That attitude reflects the positive outlook a successful cheerleader takes with them the rest of their lives.

McCraw is especially proud of the fact that her cheerleaders graduate.

"They are here to be students first," said McCraw who rewards those earning a 4.0 GPA with the addition of their name to an academic plaque in the cheerleaders' room.

Heather Hillburn cheers from the top of the stunt as Shelly Douglas, Joni Marie Kimbro and Kasey Kelso support her. Joett Heim cheers in front of the group.

The Spirit and Pom squads perform a routine during half time of a football game. (photos by Kim Bumstead)





Shelly Douglas does a back hand spring in front of Joni Marie Kimbro at a football game.

Joett Heim free falls into the arms of Joni Marie Kimbro, Shannon Brown and Christina Grider.



*Tammy Gowens placed
14th in the national
competition of Miss*
FITNESS

by Kim Bumstead

Tammy Gowens, graduate student from Madill, competed in the national Miss Fitness America competition in Redondo Beach, Calif. televised on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday.

Eighty-nine qualifiers competed for the title with Gowens finishing 14th overall with a strong seventh-place finish in the aerobics portion of the competition.

"My aerobic routine has always been my strong point," Gowens said. "That's what I do really well in."

Gowens qualified for nationals by placing second in the September regional contest in Norman.

The competition includes a swimsuit portion along with the aerobic routine. The fitness contestants are judged on strength, flexibility, endurance, appearance and personality.

According to Gowens, "the judges are looking for good symmetry and muscle

tone, but not the body building look. They also judge how you come across to the audience while on stage."

Preparation for the annual competition requires year-round training. Gowens, a fitness counselor and aerobics instructor at Excel Fitness Center in Durant, trains at least six days a week.

"It's almost like having a second job," Gowens said about her training.

She endures the long hours of individual training because of the thrill of competition.

"I like to compete," Gowens said. "I miss the competition of track and basketball (in high school). The competition keeps me motivated."

Gowens has an undergraduate major in health and physical education from Southeastern and has always been involved in health and fitness.

"I'll still work out even when I'm not competing," said Gowens.



Tammy Gowens placed 14th out of 89 competitors in Miss Fitness America. (photo by Kim Bumstead)

Tammy Gowens poses in front of the Morrison Building in her aerobic routine outfit.

Tammy Gowens does the splits in front of the fountain on the front lawn of Southeastern.





Tammy Gowens demonstrates a body lift which shows her upper body strength.

Tammy Gowens uses the hand to do push ups as part of her daily workouts.



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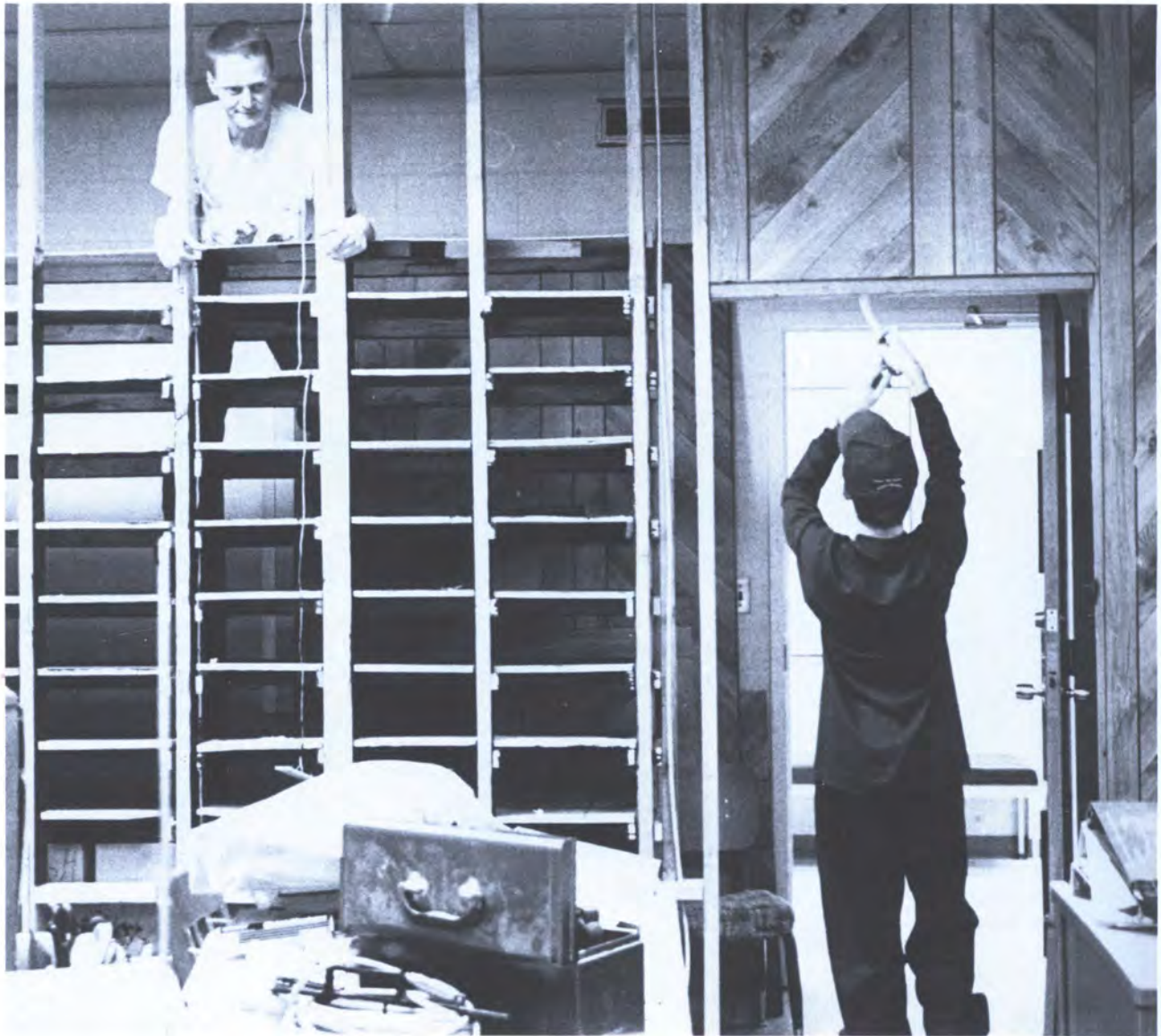
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In Memory of

Johnny Ray Davidson



Johnny Ray Davidson, 22, a sophomore majoring in health, physical education and recreation, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 1996, in a two-vehicle accident.

Earl Dewayne Miller, the driver of the other vehicle, was charged with first degree manslaughter, failure to remain at the scene of an accident and operating a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and cocaine.

The accident, resulting in Davidson's death, occurred on highway 109 east in Frogville (65 miles east of Durant).

E.T. Dunlap

E.T. Dunlap, 82, a former state representative and long-time chancellor of Oklahoma's colleges and universities, died Friday, Jan. 31, 1997, of a stroke.

"Dr. Dunlap was an untiring public servant," said Larry Williams, Southeastern president. "He was a pioneer for higher education in Oklahoma and was reknowned as a champion for higher education through the nation."

The E.T. Dunlap Medal and Lectureship Program at Southeastern, named after him, was started in 1990 as a perpetual memorial to the chancellor emeritus of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and a 1940 gradu-

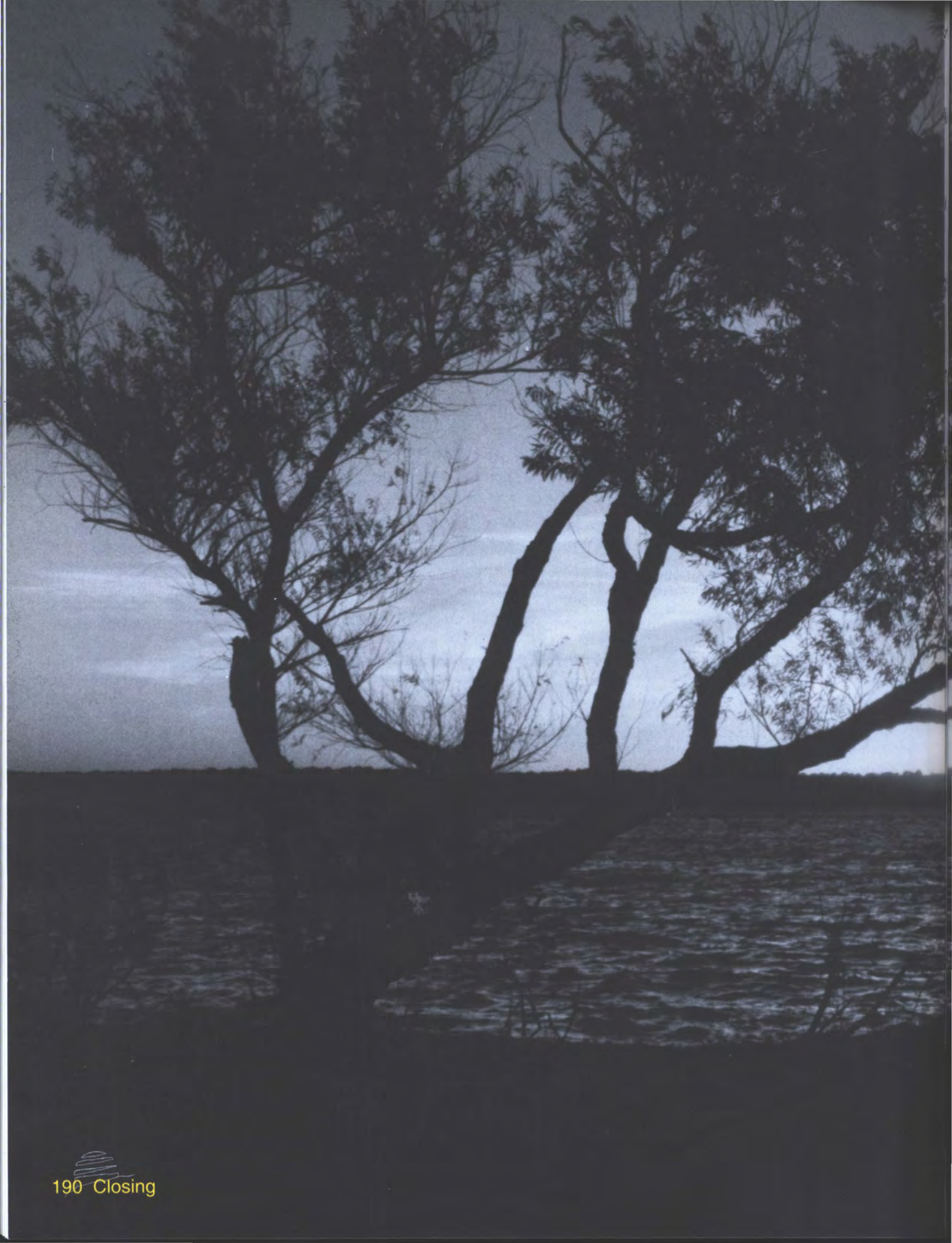
ate of Southeastern.


He served as higher education chancellor from 1961 to 1982 and was a Democratic member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1947 to 1951.

Dunlap is a former president of Eastern Oklahoma State College and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as chairman of the Sallie Mae Corporation, an organization specializing in college loans in Washington D.C. and was reappointed by President Ronald Reagan.

"Our state has lost a great leader, but his legacy will continue on college and university campuses throughout the state," said Chancellor Hans Brisch.







As the year begins to fade, a new one will unfold before us.

The experiences of the people of Southeastern Oklahoma State University may come to be distant memories, but will never fade away completely.

Those who touched our lives, our roommates, classmates and professors will forever be a part of the most important time in our academic life. They helped us prepare for the future, while remembering the past.

Not just our past, but the pasts of our forefathers, our nation, and our universe.

The things we have experienced this year, from the thrill of competition to the agony of studying for finals, have definitely changed us.

Hopefully, it has made us more aware of the world around us and ideally broadened our HORIZONS.

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is flying
toward the
east over the
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