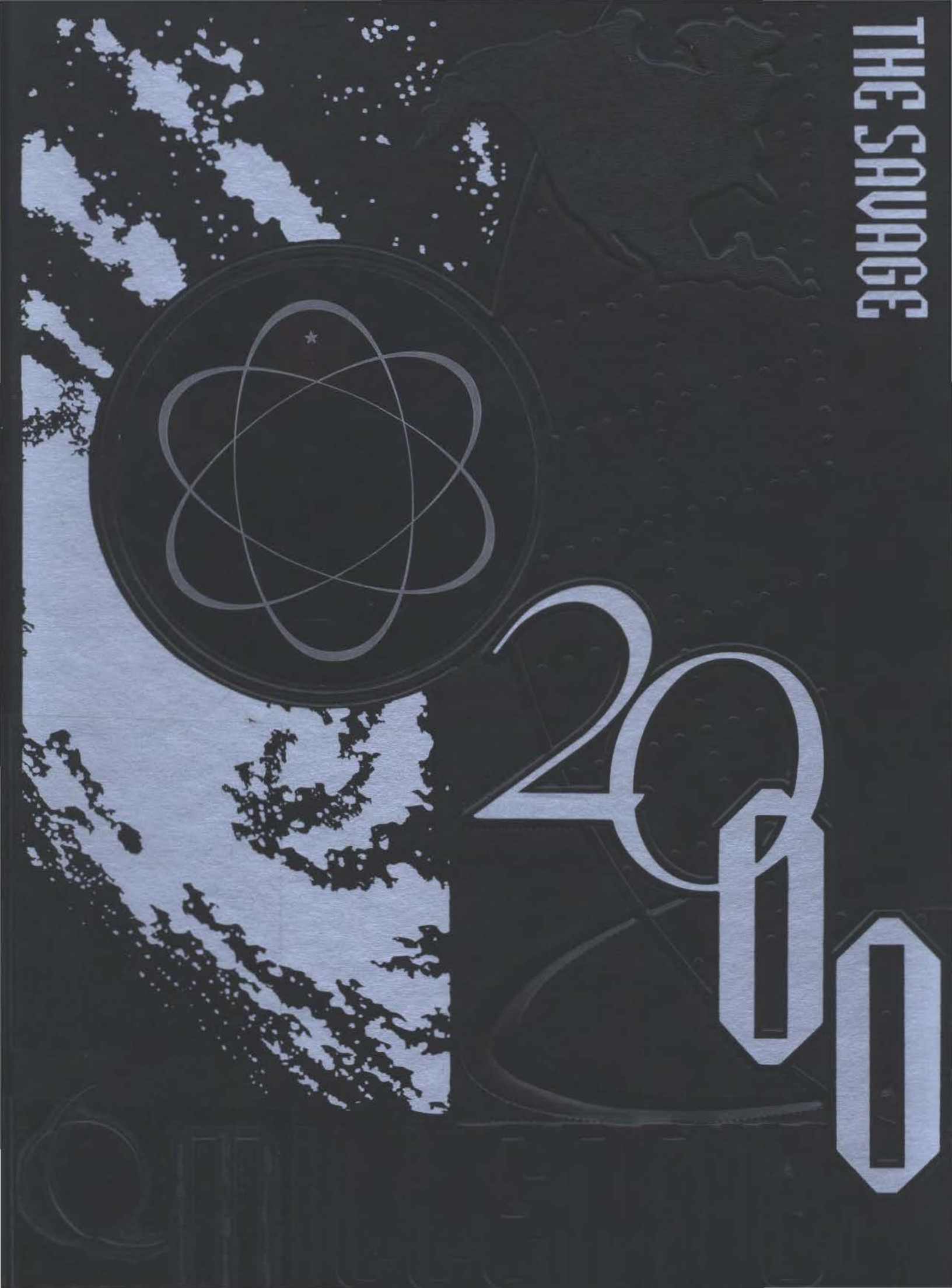


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A Look Back . . .

and a Step Forward

Student Life

Paula Steifer Last Homecoming Queen of the Millennium

A Family Tradition

And the winner is...

Following in her mothers footsteps, Paula Steifer is voted 1999 Homecoming Queen.

Paula is pictured here with President Glen D. Johnson.



photo by Sarah Martinez



photo by Michelle Newn

In the Limelight

Billie Mocabee, a sophomore from Ohio representing *The Southeastern*, was selected as the second runner-up. Billie is pictured here with her escort Justin Ross.

Riding In Style

Waving to the crowd is Mindi Smith, who represented the International Radio and Television Society.



photo by Sarah Mart



Making Every Vote Count

Voted 1999 Big Man on Campus Greg McCourt and Homecoming Queen Paula Steifer pause for a moment with President Glen D. Johnson.

Passing the Honor on

1998 Homecoming Queen Summer Smith presented 1999 first runner-up Mindi Smith with a of yellow roses.



photo by Michelle Newman

photo by Sarah Martinez



photo by Sarah Martinez



photo by Sarah Martin

Representing SOSU

(L to R) Rick Reding, Student Government President, 1999 Homecoming Queen Paula Steifer, President Glen Johnson and 1998 Homecoming Queen Summer Smith smile for the camera

Sharing the Moment

All smiles! Queen Paula, and her court are presented to the crowd.

Leading the Way

Under the direction of David Christy, the band steadily increased in membership over the past few years.

Family Homecoming

Sharing Homecoming with family Erica Young, a senior representing Pi Omega Pi, is escorted by her brother.



photo by Sarah Martinez



photo by Michelle N



photo by Michelle N

Homecoming '99

Closing out a Millennium

It's a game!

It's a float!

No, it's Homecoming at Southeastern!

And in the end the football team captured a stunning victory behind the sure-footed performance of Scott Martin.

Who could forget that third-and-10 run by Martin from the SOSU one-yard line, that resulted in a 49-yard scamper to seal the win over the Harding University Bysons.

Paula Steifer, a junior from Durant, won Homecoming Queen honors, while Mindy Paige Smith, a senior from Denison, Texas, finished as first runner-up and Billie Mocabee, a sophomore from

Cleveland, Ohio, finished as second runner-up. In all, 19 women were in the running for the title.

The title of "Big Man on Campus" went to Alpha Sigma Tau's Greg McCourt, a senior from Tulsa.

The parade was seemingly a success, with *Rocky* shouting we are the champions, after claiming the Homecoming Float title for the men of Kappa Sigma.

Three we honored with the title of Distinguished Alumnae - Mr. Albert H. Brigance, Representative Guy G. Davis (Posthumously) and Dr. Dina Stallings.

-Todd Fischer

Crowd Pleaser

The Squad put on a great show this year during the Homecoming festivities.

Bozo Showin' Out

One of the many, entertainers during the Homecoming parade, Bozo riding high.



photo by Michelle Newman



photo by Sarah Martinez



photo by Michelle Newman



photo by Michelle Newman

Crowd Pleaser

Valerie Ford walks with the Spirit Pony. It's a wonder that the Spirit Pony was able to walk off the field after a hot day in that costume.

Yo Adrian'

This 1999 winning float was created by the Kappa Sigma fraternity. They chose the *Rocky*-based theme and proved to be the winning punch for the parade.

Spirits High

The graduating seniors were full of excitement, while lining up during ceremonies.



photo by Charles C

And the Rest of the Story...

SOSU graduates take time to talk about their futures and reminisce of fond memories they have experienced at Southeastern.



photo by Charles Coley



photo by Charles Coley

How Sweet It Is

Congratulating each other, these classmates are ready to conquer the world!

The Pay Off

Southeastern graduating Class of 1999 await anxiously to hear their names announced and realize they are about to receive their rewards for all their hard work and efforts.



photo by Charles C

Doctor, Doctor

Graduates are not the only ones to dress up during graduation. Dr. C.W. Mangrum (left) and Dr. Mike Shirley display their degrees by the sashes on their gowns.



photo by Charles Coley



photo by Charles Coley

Addressing the Crowd

President Glen D. Johnson gives the Class of 1999 a few words of encouragement and wisdom.

SOSU 99 Graduation

For the first time in several years, summer commencement will not be held. Another new concept to Southeastern's May 1999 commencement is that graduation exercises were held on Saturday instead of the customary Friday ceremony.

According to Dean of Students, Sharon Berish, there were 451 graduates this year. This was a much larger class when compared to last May's 391 graduates.

"I will feel honored to be a Southeastern graduate," Alyson Farmer, senior communications major, said.

- Charles Coley



photo by Charles Coley

Excitement in the Air

The spring class of 99' receive their diplomas with great excitement. All 451 graduating students cross the stage with smiles and pride for their achievements





Most students at Southeastern Oklahoma State University would agree that the campus has one of the

greatest college atmospheres anywhere in the area.

"Part of the reason I chose SOSU was because of the great campus," said Francis Brandshaw, a freshman at Southeastern. "You can tell they really take care of the University."

The maintenance department is continuously making improvements to the University so that it is at its best for the students.



Maintenance Director Fred Hallman said that they are always doing something new to add to the campus and make it look its best.

"The students need a good working atmosphere and it sometimes helps bring in new students," Hallman said.

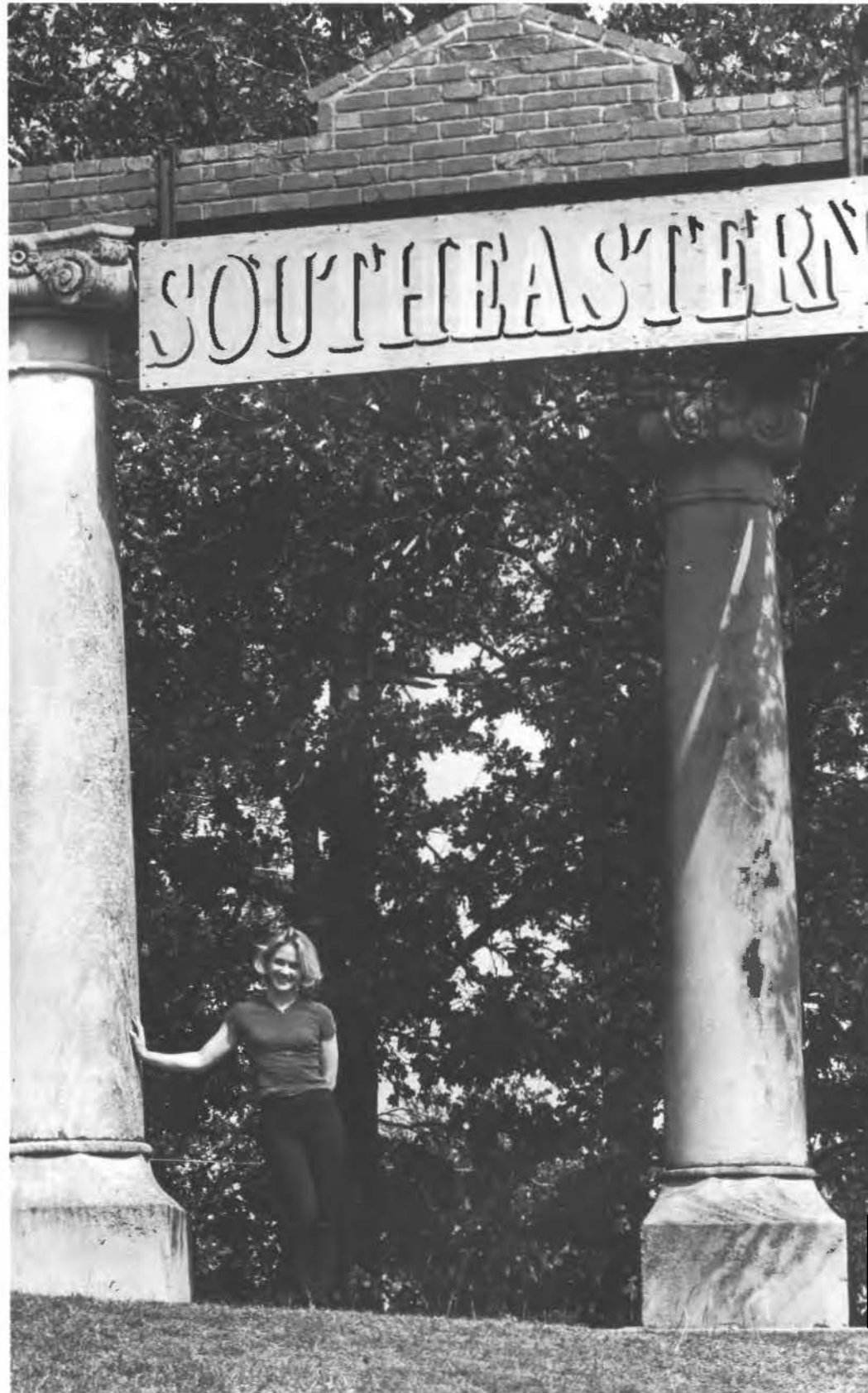
Each and every building or landmark on



Southeastern's campus is made to look its best. Projects are always lined up to be completed as

money comes in for such projects.

"There is never enough money to do what needs to be done," added Hallman. "We do it for the students, as well as the community in general."









After much anticipation, the new millennium has arrived . As you reflect back on the the 1999-2000 academic year, I think you will agree when I say it was a time of great accomplishment.

Some of your most cherished memories will be taken from Southeastern Oklahoma State University: Whether it be an unforgettable class or professor, a memorable athletic or special event, or the close friendships developed within the university community. These experiences have not only enriched your life, but also helped prepare you for the future.

For 90 years, Southeastern has established a tradition of building futures for our students. We continue to move forward with our commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of this future generation of leaders. Providing a quality education is not just a goal at Southeastern—it is a commitment.

Sincerely,

Glen D. Johnson
President
Southeastern Oklahoma State University



Yeah

For the 1999 Chorvette Gala, in Montgomery Auditorium, the Chorvettes performed to "Love Shack".

Psst, look at us

Becky Munn and Josh Buck climb in a German Bunker in Point Du Hoc, France. The Chorvettes spent a lot of their time sight-seeing while performing in Europe.



A quick bite
(clockwise from top right) Jason Smith, Becky Munn, Angela Burlison, Derrick King, LeaAnn Johnson, Craig McHorse and Dillon Bell have lunch with their bus driver Andy on the Chorvettes' trip to Europe.

Xcellent
The Barber Shop Quartet performed "Sound Xpress" during Mardi Gras as part of the Chorvettes' show.

Hot and sticky
During a short monologue entitled "Hot in New Orleans", by Derrick King, Chris Temple, Angela Kemp, Laura Martinkas and Joe Alvarez use their acting skills to illustrate the price





A Long Standing Tradition

The Chorvettes

The Chorvettes, a long standing tradition at Southeastern Oklahoma State University toured Europe for the sights and sounds of the country this past summer.

"I was looking forward to the performances, but the thrill of the travel was really exciting,"

said Nathan Riley, a native of Bokchito, Oklahoma.

The Chorvettes' tour included sights throughout France, Bel-

gium, and the Netherlands. The Chorvettes are a show choir made up of sixteen performers who sing and dance group numbers, as well as perform solo acts. They went to Europe to perform, but the chance to see the historical sights occupied much of their time.

The Chorvettes also serve as the Good Will ambassadors to the state of Oklahoma. They are directed by Dr. Mary Ann Craige

"I was looking forward to the performances, but the thrill of the travel was really exciting," said Nathan Riley.



The Chorvettes

(1st row) Derrick King, Joe Alvarez, Stacey Gibson, Chris Temple

(2nd row) LeeAnn Johnson, Lisa Henderson

(3rd row) Melissa Faulk, Angela Kemp

(4th row) Angela Burluson, Dillon Bell, Laura Martinkas

(5th row) Craig McHorse, Becky Munn, Kristin Kelly, Nathan Riley

(back row) Aimee Wolfe

Solo Act

Becky Munn performs her solo "Someone to Watch Over Me" for the 1999 Chorvette Spring Show.

Beatin' the Summer Heat

Many vendors chose to display their crafts in tents to stay out of the hot summer sun.

Takin' Time Off

SOSU student Charles Coley, takes time from working his booth, to make friends with "Billy," the goat.



photo by Jodie Duke



photo by Jodie Duke



courtesy photo

Marchin' with Pride

The United States Marine Corps marched proudly in the parade.

Round and Round

A Durant youngster rides a pony during the festival.



photo by Jodie Duke

Captivating the Crowds

One of the main attractions at the Magnolia Festival was the amount of artisans and craftsman that attended. This potter shows off one of his many pieces.



photo by Jodie Duke



CELEBRATE

The Magnolia Festival Kick's off the Summer for Durant

Durant's annual Magnolia Festival was held in the summer of 1999, amidst sunshine and blue skies. The 1999 festival offered the public arts and crafts, as well as a parade and entertainment. The three-day gala enjoyed record-breaking crowds and Durant was officially dubbed "The Magnolia Capital of Oklahoma." Honorary Marshall and author, Oklahoma First Lady Cathy Keating, made the official proclamation.

Several other authors including poet Dr. Donald Hines, made appearances at the festival.

According to Donna Dow, chair of the Oklahoma

Author's event, there is an enormous amount of literary talent in Oklahoma.

"Our community is very lucky to have had so many of them here during the Magnolia Festival. All of Durant had the opportunity to share in their talent and work," Dow said.

The Magnolia Festival Parade, which was open to more participants than in years past. All in all the festival was a success and brought the community together.

By Billie Mocabee



photo by Jodie Duke



courtesy photo

In Costume

Jana and Leslie Haggard pose for a photo during the Magnolia Festival.

Clownin' Around

This lovely lady takes time out of her busy clown schedule to smile for the camera.

Springfest



This w
The Big Peanuts work hard to gain the up
hand in this tug-o-war match. The Pe
were in their...



Almost there...

Eric Ventors gets closer to the end of the obstacle course during Springfest 1999.

Just for you

Springfest Chairman, Amber Russell, freshman English Education major, and Student Government President, Rick Reding, presented President Glen D. Johnson with an official 1999 Springfest t-shirt.



...no, it's ours

This opponent struggles to hold their ground. Teamwork is the most important aspect of a

Children's Theatre & Young Actors Studio

The Children's Theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz" kicked off a lineup of the most popular plays ever staged by OSF during its two decades of existence.

More than 100 area youngsters, ages 5 through 12, star in the musical story of Dorothy, her little dog Toto, a Kansas tornado, and a wonderful, if not totally competent, wizard. Performances of "Oz"

were in the Fine Arts Little Theatre on Southeastern's campus.

July 30 opened, "Millennium Daze," a showcase of acting talent by young people ages 13 through 20. Young Actors Studio performances were also held in the Fine Arts Little Theatre.

Children's Theatre and Young Actors Studio preceded the four major plays of the 1999 season.



Young Actors Studio 1999

- first row: Eric Blankenship, Jamie Brown, Aaron Umstead
 2nd row: Kayla Chavez, Tana Takeshorse, Kara McFadden, Dale Sullivan
 3rd row: S'Zann Ryan, Sarah Kelley, Jose Luis Sanchez, Jonathan McFadden
 back row: Nina Burch, Chase Jackson, Kim Shelton, Jon Moore, Lauren Ratcliff



Come here my pr
 As the Wicked Witch, Sara Arnett does her best to scare Dorothy and Toto. Sara is the daughter of Gary and Melissa Arnett of Potts



Singing children

Rehearsing a song are, front row, Daniel Miles, Meghan Comer, Jesse Risner, Jeremy Burnett and Kylie Collier; second row, from left, Logan Watson, Brody Davenport, Layne Watson and Grey Morrison; and third row, from left, Sydn Sheffield, Alyssa Lovell, Brittini Wheeler and Page Miller.

Stay back

Dorothy, Alison Moore, and Toto, Stephanie Miles, cower at one of the witches during Children's Theatre performance of The Wizard of Oz.



Surprise, surprise

The Tinman, Nick Bebout, Lion, Nate Lamb, and Scarecrow, Reanna Wilborn, are surprised when they find out who the Wizard, Stuart England, really is.



We like to party

Young Actors Studio kids Jon Moore, Jose Luis Sanchez and Chase Jackson celebrate New Year's Eve during their performance entitled Millennium Daze.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Visit Southeastern

Tibetan Monks Construct A Mandala Sand Painting

by Lauren Moffitt

The Red River Academy and the Musical Arts Society presented The Mystical Arts of Tibet in September 1999. The free informative program about Tibetan culture was presented in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Tibetan monks from Deprung Loseling Monastery constructed a mandala sand painting as part of their international tour for world healing. "Mandalas used to be performed every ten years, but they are now being done more often because the Tibetans believe that it is critical to help the world heal," said Dr. Michael A. Miles, president of the Red River Arts Academy.

Tibetan sand paintings are known as mandalas in Sanscrit. All mandalas, in general, have outer, inner, and secret meanings.

On the outer level they represent a sacred palace; on the inner level they represent a map by which the ordinary mind journeys into enlightenment; and on the secret level they represent the perfect balance of energies of the body and clear light dimension of the mind.

The creating of a sand painting is said to effect a purification and healing on these three levels.

After the mandala is completed, it will be ceremonially poured into the Red River, thus "dispersing the healing energies of the Mandala throughout the world."

Deprung Loseling Monastar is Tibet's largest and most prestigious spiritual institution. It was the home of the early Dalai Lamas, and was founded in 1416 to collect and transmit the ancient Buddhist arts and sciences.

The monks were not only trained in spiritual and philosophical traditions, but also in various sacred performing intones through the notes of a chord.

The monastery was closed by the Communists in 1959 after Chairman Mao's invasion of Tibet, and most of its monks were either killed or put into concentration camps. About 250 monks escaped to India where they re-established a replica of the institution in the refugee camps of Karnataka, India.

The public watched the monks as they constructed the mandala. There was also a large display of photographs of Tibet. The monks generally do not speak English and prefer to work in silence. The Tibetan culture is a highly endangered tradition. They live a fragile existence in the refugee camps of India. Our generation could be the last to see their artistic culture in its richness, integrity, and splendor.

Students Give the Gift of Life

SOSU Gives Blood to Benefit the Oklahoma Blood Institute

by Melissa Thompson

The Oklahoma Blood Institute held a blood drive during the summer of 1999. The institute originated in Ardmore but receives assistance from the Lawton and Ada Branches.

The Institute benefits people who need blood, plasma, and platelets.

Once the blood is collected, it is transported to Oklahoma City to be processed and tested. Many Students were donating blood.

They left with a good feeling of being able to help save a life. It's nice to see students giving to their community so willingly



Giving to the Cause

Fellow Southeastern students take part in the beneficial cause.







Miss Southeastern Pageant

Nine Ladies Die for the Title



2000

The Millennium Court
 Fourth Runner-up Joni Jones, Third Runner-up Kasey Kelso, President Glen D. Johnson, Miss Southeastern Chrisea Houser, First Runner-up JamieDale Sheppard, and Second Runner-up Nancy Flippo make up the 2000 Miss Southeastern Court.



MISS SOUTHEASTERN PAGEANT
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Contestant One	Nancy Flippo
Contestant Two	Chrissea Houser
Contestant Three	Joni Jones
Contestant Four	Kasey Kelso
Contestant Five	Kanasha King
Contestant Six	Iesha Sanders
Contestant Seven	Stephanie Searcy
Contestant Eight	JamieDale Sheppard

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MISS SOUTHEASTERN 2000

story by Misty Sherrick

Chrissea Houser walked away with the crown Feb. 4 when she was announced Miss Southeastern 2000. The annual scholarship pageant was held in the Montgomery Auditorium.

As Miss Southeastern, Houser will receive several awards and prizes. Awards include a \$2,480 scholarship from Southeastern and a \$1,402 Aramark scholarship. The scholarships will be divided to help pay for fall 2000 and spring 2001.

In the talent competition, Houser proved her singing abilities with Celine Dion's "Love Can Move A Mountain." In her interview, she stressed the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The event was lead by Miss Oklahoma 1989 Tami Marler. Marler began the evening with introductions of President Johnson and his wife Melinda, Executive Director Dr.

Barbara Rackley, and Co-director Liz McCraw.

A total of eight women competed for the crown and scholarships. The contestants were judged in 4 different categories: swimwear, talent, evening gown, and interview. The judges included Jerry Giordano, Gayle Gregory, Brenda Felkner-Hughes, Steve Lofton, Cynthia Perkins, and Brent Russell.

As Hilburn passed the crown over to Houser, the audience gave reigning title holder a standing ovation. Houser also won highest score in talent competition, crowd pleaser, tied with Nancy Flippo for highest score in interview competition.

Jamie Dale Sheppard won first runner-up. She tied with Stephanie Searcy for highest score in swimwear competition. Kasey Kelso followed

with second-up.



Tami Marler did her job well as the Master of Ceremonies for the 2000 Miss Southeastern Pageant.



Chrissea Houser makes her way across the stage as Miss Southeastern 2000.



Living out a Dream

Miss Southeastern 2000 Chrissea Houser receives her crown from Miss Southeastern 1999, Heather Hilburn.

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at southeastern



1st row: Jose Luis Sanchez, Brittny Roberts, Carra Lowe, Dell McLain
2nd row: Jennifer Wornom, Heather Surdukan, Sherri Quaid, Kathy Burnett, Christina Grider
3rd row: Michelle Piñeda, Sam McNeil
4th row: Todd Fischer, Starr Hardgrove, Christopher Cariker, Larissa Gomez
5th row: Barbara Alkofer, Jamie Burkheart, Daniel Oyler, Mike Harkins, J. Clark Bawcom, Jody Coates
6th row: Damon Eckle, Sarah Martinez, Nathan Riley, Alice Onco, David Stachowski, Steve Skidmore
back row: James G. Cunningham, Brent Surdukan, Chamella Stevens, Stacy Mattingly, Daniel Oyler



Gone Mad

Jose Luiz Sanchez, Heather Surdukan, and Mike Harkins are in character for "Raised in Captivity."





For the Kids

Jody Coats, as Squish; Heather Surdukan, as Maddy; and Nathan Riley rehearse for the new musical Maddy & Company first seen by the public in the Fall of 99'.

A Creative Twist to Drama
 Sherri Quaid, Mike Harkins, Heather Surdukan, Kathy Burnett, Brent Surdukan, Joey Sanchez, and Chris Cariker create a twist of comic drama in "Raised in Captivity."



Putting It All Together

Chamela Stevens and Director of Costuming, Barbara Alkofer get costumes ready for a show.



Heave' Ho

Far Bottom Left: David "Stack Stackowski" hard at work setting up theatre props.

Really into Her Work

Alice Onco puts her all into theatre work hall.

Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival

On June 25, 1999, "The Wizard of Oz" opened the celebration of 20 years of live theatre presented by the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.

A Children's Theatre Production, "Oz kicked off a lineup of the most popular plays ever staged by OSF during its' two decades of existence.

"We offered the best of the best as a way of celebrating our 20th birthday," said Riley Risso, Festival General Manager. "And we scheduled five performances of each play this past summer, so more people can enjoy their favorite shows."

Leading off the slate of principal plays was a dinner-theatre production of "Barefoot in the Park", one of Neil Simon's most enduring comedies. It opened July 7, 1999.

"Park" was followed by Shakespeare's famous

tale of love between warring families - "Romeo and Juliet" - presented not as an ancient story, but one equally suited for the 1990's.

High comedy in a Texas town is the theme of "Greater Tuna" which opened July 11, 1999, at an afternoon matinee.

Audiences cheered the encore presentation of OSF's most popular musical, "Oklahoma!", which opened July 13, 1999.

"We hope everyone realized the significance of this milestone in OSF history," said Risso. "The Festival began 20 years ago with the idea that people in this area would be interested in live theatre, and we've certainly proved that concept true. In 1998, for instance, we had several shows that were complete sell-outs. Our good reputation is firmly established."



Noooo

The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival gives students the opportunity to work with professional actors from all over the country.

In this summer's production of Romeo and Juliet, senior Jose Luis Sanchez, as Benvolio, comes between Tybalt, Josh Kaufmann, and Mercutio, David Parker.

I don't think so, honey

Kevin Murray and Lane Wright as Thurston, Arles and every other character in Greater Tuna brought the house down for OSF this past summer. The two man show had some of the best ticket sales of the entire festival.





Stop that

Newlyweds Corie and Paul go through all the little ups and downs of getting to know each other on a new level in OSF's dinner theatre *Barefoot in the Park*. Latha Champion, who plays Corie, is a recent SOSU graduate who is now in California working as a professional actor.

Everybody say hey

From the encore performance of the hit musical *Oklahoma!*, Aunt Eller, Ado Annie, Laurey, Will Parker, Curly, and Ali Hakim get together for a little fun in the park.



Sigh

Romeo, Matt Troyer, and Benvolio, Jose Luis Sanchez, gaze at Juliet, Kristin Prewitt. Both Troyer and Prewitt, who have a long list of starring roles on stage, spent their first summer

Student senators are responsible for bringing concerns of the student body before the Senate for discussion and possible action.

Student Government Association



photo by Jennifer Nabors

Ins and Outs

Student Senate members Justin Ross, Amber Russell and Christy Whetstone learned the ins and outs of government while participating in the SOSU forum.



photo by Jennifer Nabors

Accessible to Students

Senator Christy Whetstone takes time out of her busy schedule to talk with Cara Puryear. Senators are required to keep office hours in the University Center so that they are accessible to the students.



photo by Jennifer Nabors

Top Position

Doing some of his presidential duties, Rick Reding sits at the typewriter composing an important document. The president's position must be filled by a student with 51 completed semester hours.



Busy at Work

Nancy Flippo answers the phone during her posted time at the University Center. The SGA consists of 25 senators and a president, vice president, and secretary. They are responsible for such social events as Homecoming and Spring Fest.

A Student Voice

Cassandra Darling talks with Senator Wanda Carter between classes. The student senators serve as the voice of the student body. The SGA was formed in 1919 when Henry Garland Bennett became the president of Southeastern.



photo by Jennifer Nabors

photo by Jennifer Na



Smile

Senators Carrie Vaughn, Christy Whetstone, Pepe Martin, Amber Russell, Jana Haggard, and Rick Reding pose for a group photo.

photo by Jennifer Nabors

Cheering on the Savages

The band cheers on the Mighty Savages. Kappa Kappa Psi, a national band fraternity, became an active part of campus this year.



courtesy photo

And the Band Played On...

Music has always been one of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's most cherished traditions. The 1999-2000 academic year was no exception.

The Spirit of the Savages Marching Band was led through a successful season by drum majors Jeff Anastasio, Angie Kemp and Sydney Mackey. The band began the year with a half-time show featuring themes from the *Star Wars* movie as well as the most recent episode in the trilogy, "Phantom Menace." The show proved to be one of the most popular ever. Flag corps captain, Denise Olmstead, and the rest of the corps were featured in the dramatic piece "Duel of the Fates." Serena Shannon, freshman, was the band's feature twirler.

"I've had so much fun this year," Shannon said. "Being the twirler for the band is great."

The band concluded the fall with a show honoring the best of the James Bond themes. Tuba section leader Charlie Goodson wrote the marching drill for the opening piece.

by Charles Coley

Charge
Up and at'em. The Southeastern band blows the crowd away during halftime.

Pump Up the Jam

The band maintains its highly energetic flow to pump up the crowd throughout the game.



photo by Sarah



photo by Char



photo by Michelle Newman



Cheering on the Team
An example of a true Southeastern fan, Cornelious cheers on the team. The band does the chop to cheer on the crowd and the team.



photo by Sarah Martinez

Ready to Blare
Horns up! The brass section is ready to blare the audience away.



On Parade
The band marches down in front of the library during the Homecoming Parade.

Harlem Boys Choir

Boys Choir of Harlem Performs for SOSU



"The Boys Choir of Harlem is a testament to discipline, high standards and commitment. The thought of these young people joyously embracing the sort of challenge their music requires is nothing less than a clarion call to optimism." The *New York Times* has thus labeled The Boys Choir of Harlem as one of the premier choral ensembles of our time.

This season, The Boys Choir of Harlem is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding. The choir makes three or four national tours each year. The boys have performed in such prestigious locations as London's Cathedral of St. Paul and Royal Albert Hall.

The choir has grown from 20 members to an established American choral institution. The boys are selected based on academic performance, attendance and vocal quality.

On Monday, April 19, 1999, The Boys Choir of Harlem presented a concert in Montgomery Auditorium. Under the direction of Walter J. Turnbull, the choir presented a wide variety of songs ranging from jazz greats to

spirituals to contemporary hits.

"I thought it was really great that something like that came to Durant because it might have opened people's eyes to other cultures," Jennifer McMillan, a sophomore marketing major, said. "I thought it was really spiritual."

The program began with Monteverdi's "Laude, Jerusalem" from *Vespere* and continued with the "Lamentations of Jeremiah," composed by Argentinian Alberto Ginastera. According to several students, they especially enjoyed the concluding first half of the program, which consisted of five spirituals, including "Go Down Moses" and "The Battle of Jericho."

After a brief intermission, the concert continued with jazz greats such as "Take the 'A' Train," composed by Duke Ellington, and "The Maple Leaf Rag," composed by Scott Joplin. "The Boot Dance," conceived and choreographed by Tsepo Mokone, captivated the crowd. The program concluded with the emotional "Amazing Grace."

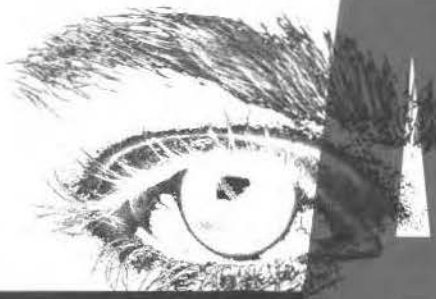
"
I thought it was a great learning experience
"

– Kimberly Shelton
sophomore music major

– Charles C

CAMPUS LIFE





ART SHOWS



this the year

2000

The faculty art exhibit opened spring 2000, displaying art from the faculty and the advanced students in Painting, Print Making, Sculpture, Ceramics, Figure Drawing, and 2D Design. These works ran from figurative to abstract art.

The title of this artistic fiasco was called "Y2K Uncensored." The title alone sparked interest in the general student population. Students and Durant residents alike were encouraged to view these pieces in the exhibition room of the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC). Works were presented by Brad Cushman (Art Department Chair), Amy Reimen, Jim Wade and Greg Reimen.

This year Greg Reimen displayed a faculty portrait which proved to be interesting, according to Cushman.

"They called it 'Faculty Meeting,'" Brad Cushman said.

Those interested in art and in viewing the works of renown artists as well as potential Picasos, made their way to the VPAC and caught "Y2K Uncensored."

by Todd Fischer



A Glowing Tradition

by Allison Roberts

"Tis the Season" is the theme for holiday activities at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The busiest month was this past December as Southeastern President and Mrs. Glen D. Johnson hosted a Christmas Open House for the university family and the community.

Following the open house, the traditional Symphony of Light tree lighting ceremony was held to officially begin the festivities at Southeastern. The Black Student Association Gospel Choir, the Low Brass Chorale performed traditional Christmas tunes.

"It was a beautiful evening to celebrate the holidays," campus staff member Sheila Hartman said.

Completing the evening's activities was the Candlelighting Concert, presented by the University Chorale. This is the longest continuous tradition held at Southeastern, according to Dr. Walter Britt, chairman of the Music Department. A new addition this year was the formation of the University Family Chorale, a volunteer group of faculty, staff and retired faculty, who sang Christmas carols during the concert.

"I really enjoyed the fellowship of the campus community," Southeastern Alumni Coordinator Stephanie Williams said.

Members of Cardinal Key served as acolytes at the concert. Student workers from the President's Office and the Office of Alumni and Public Information served as attendants at the open house.





Candlelighting '99' Festivities

Photos Provided by Dan Hoke

The Friendly Skies



Fuel Check

Flight instructor Matt Thatcher checks the fuel level on a plane during a pre-flight check.

Final Approach on Runway 17

Southeastern pilots find Runway 17 a common sight on final approach at the school's airfield.



A New Kid in Town

Southeastern added a new plane to the fleet in 2000. The purchase, an F-27 Fairchild, comes to SOSU from NASA's fleet.



Pre-Flight Paperwork

Southeastern Aviation



Taking Air

Southeastern pilot takes flight.



Operation Sidewinder

Senior Waldo Parent and junior Bryan Darrow arm an aircraft with a missile.



Tie-Down

Senior David Blair ties down his aircraft after a recent flight.



Filler' Up

Alcohol Use

The prominence of alcohol and other illegal substances on college campuses seems to have diminished over time. One of the main reasons for this is because college campuses are taking action to curb alcohol abuse among students. Southeastern Oklahoma State University has chosen to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 by enforcing the alcohol policy on campus, according to Liz McCraw, Associate Dean of Students.

The policy states, "The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, or illegal narcotics in any form, on the campus, in university housing (to include sorority and fraternity housing), or at any event sponsored activity for students, is forbidden."

Many students and student groups dispute the newly emphasized policy. "I don't think SOSU has any bigger alcohol problem than any other college. If anything, it is less a problem at Southeastern," J-Bo Carper, a senior at SOSU, said.

According to *Southeastern Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs*, the university emphasizes personal responsibility and its policies are intended to facilitate individual student growth and development. The university, however, recognizes the seriousness of alcohol and substance abuse problems which can threaten the fabric of the university community.

According to Detective Sergeant Donny Long, Durant Police Department, police reports for 1998 show 202 driving under the influence violations in Durant. Of that number, 62 had birth dates from 1974 to 1982, making them high school or college age.

"Please, please, please don't drink and drive, is the only and most important thing that I can tell you," Officer Long, said.

"College kids are going to drink, because that's what college kids do. People will drink at a club or at home regardless of what is right or wrong," Dillon Bell, an SOSU student, said.

Like most college campuses, Durant has its share of popular college nightspots. The Roadhouse, one of the local college hangouts, is popular for its discounted beer and inexpensive cover for college students. There are weekly specials of \$1 bottled beer and \$1 cover charge for college students.

"College kids drink because they are away from home and their parents, and feel a new freedom," Carper said, "not necessarily because the beer is cheap."

"Just because a club offers \$1 beer doesn't mean people are going to drink more. People are going to drink whether the beer costs \$1 or \$5," Dillon Bell, said.

The Roadhouse, as well as other nightspots allows students 18 and older to enter, but those under the legal drinking age are "stamped" and restricted from the bar area. According to one student questioned, the ease of obtaining a false ID, diminishes efforts made by nightspots to curb underage drinking.

"College is about being your own person and being away from your parents. Going to clubs and parties won't make people flunk out of school," Joshua Buck, SOSU freshman, said.

Being away from home for the first time can have a big impact on some students. Durant Independent School District Drug Education Coordinator, Kevin Matthews, says that counselors at Durant High do talk to seniors about peer pressure. DHS counselors let them know, "It's going to be different," Matthews said.

It is the younger students who tend to divulge in alcohol abuse on campus. "I know it is here and I know they get it in," Resident Manager of Choctaw Tower, Floyd Lilley, said. This semester marks Lilley's first as a resident manager. The janitor for Choctaw Tower informs him when discarded alcohol containers are found in the dumpster. Lilley said.

Telephone

story by Annie Rowe

Telephone enrollment at Southeastern is a relatively new addition to the campus. It was implemented in the Spring of 1997. However, the results have proven to be beneficial to both the students and the employees of the Registrars office.

Kristie Luke, Registrar, said that the telephone enrollment was a huge help to their office. The days of long lines and short tempers have since lessened. "(The system) has relieved the work load in the office and decreased lines for students. Its been very beneficial for all of us."

Early statistics have shown that Southeastern students find the telephone enrollment system to be both convenient and user-friendly. "Two-thirds of the students use the phone system to register." Luke said.

Luke also said that their office was looking into the possibilities of increased automation coming to Southeastern. Several ideas for improvements are currently being explored, including on-line registration. This could possibly reduce the lines further. "It's something that is being looked into." she said.



Registration SOSU Students

story by Christina Teague

Many Southeastern Oklahoma State University students are starting off the new millennium and the Spring 2000 semester by visiting the local bookstores, Campus Book Exchange and Thompson's.

"The books are easy to find and they have always had everything I needed." Amber Simmons, sophomore undecided major said.

Campus Book Exchange Manager, Steve Wright, recognizes the responsibilities and hectic schedules of the student body and said, "We try to make the transition as easy as possible for the students."

To ensure student satisfaction the bookstore communicates with school professors and orders textbooks accordingly. Though most classes require one book, students enrolled in humanities or accounting classes may need to purchase up to six books Wright said.

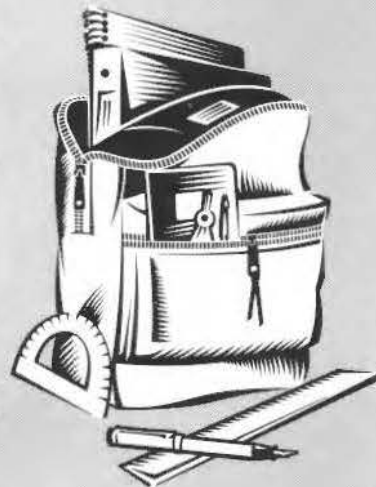
"Students will spend approximately 250 to 300 dollars on books per semester." Thompson's Book Store Manager Craig Smith said. In addition to buying books, students also purchase other supplies such as notebooks, pens, and art supplies Craig said.

"The lines are too long and the books are too expensive." Monica Thornton, junior chemistry major, said.

Some students have chosen to avoid the long lines of the bookstores by shopping on-line.

Christina Smith, junior computer science major, said, "It is a lot cheaper."

Even with the costs of shipping and handling Smith reported that she saved approximately twenty dollars a textbook. When ordering books on-line students need to know the book title, author, and a code called the ISBN code. It takes about a week and a half to receive the books through the mail.



Hit the Books





"If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest"

- - Benjamin Franklin

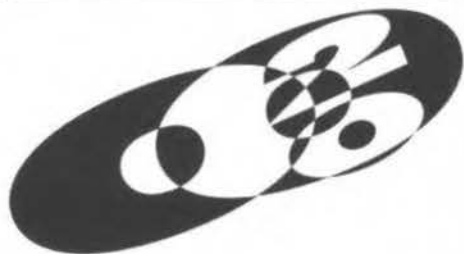


Academics

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Pictured from (L-R) Pat Norris, Dr. Debbie Barnes, Sheila Robinson, and President Glen D. Johnson



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Departments



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Vice Presidents



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Dean Barbara Decker _____
School of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Dean C.W. Mangrum _____
School of Arts & Sciences

Deans



Service with a Smile



Auxiliary

Services



Food Services



Two thousand



Maintenance

Southeastern Teaming Up with NASA



story by Todd Fischer

SOSU's Aerospace Department has gotten some new toys. This past year a Fairchild F-27 was received from NASA for the low price of \$5,000. This plane, usually manufactured by Fokker, is actually far more expensive. This reduction of

cost from NASA, due to a surplus, has saved the department tens of thousands of dollars.

"This is a great Benefit to the Program," said Keith Craft, Assistant Director of Aerospace/Chief Ground Instructor.

Keith continued to explain that it will be too expensive to fly, but it will be a great learning aid for those aviation student's studying advanced systems. He also added that it has a

lot of cargo room and could possibly be used to transport things for charge, which will bring in a lot more money.

The department also has a collection of Rolls Royces. That's not a fancy car, but the planes with engines created by the Rolls Royce company. In other words, they're pretty good planes.

The Aerospace Department is doing well in getting themselves together off the ground. So when you see one of our planes fly by, give them a thumbs up!





MAKING IT COUNT

Southeastern Celebrates its History...

...90 years worth

Clytie McCalib says a few words at Southeastern's 90th birthday celebration. The celebration was supposed to be held outside, but due to rain, was moved to the Magnolia Ballroom.

President Johnson greets guests as Mayor David L. Norris watches Georgia Brewer and Clytie McCalib cut Southeastern's 90th birthday cake.



Massey Makes Gift to Alma Mater

A \$250,000 gift from Durant banker and Southeastern Oklahoma State University distinguished alumnus John Massey resulted in a half-million dollar endowment for Southeastern. Massey's gift was matched by the Oklahoma State Regents' endowment

fund Program to establish the University's second endowed chair.

This is a significant day in the history of Southeastern," President Glen D. Johnson said. "A gift such as this will have a major impact on the quality of educational opportunities which our

students will receive well into the 21st century."

"I have fulfilled a promise that I made as a student," Regent

Massey said.

"Everything worthwhile traces its roots to education"

-Regent John Massey

"Everything worthwhile traces its roots to education.

Whether you're in business, doing research or teaching the next genera-

tion of children. I sincerely believe in the importance of professionals sharing their expertise with students."

"Regent Massey has been a pillar of support for many projects the School of Business has undertaken," Dr. Robert Masters, Dean of the School of Business, said.



courtesy photos



Regent John Massey presented the \$250,000 check to Southeastern, creating the Massey Endowed Chair in the School of Business. With matching funds from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the endowment stands at \$500,000.

Southeastern in...



...Action



S Stepping Through Time



Charles Darwin Visits SOSU

Dr. Stanley Rice became Charles Darwin in February of 1999, for two of his botany classes. "Darwin" came into the classroom on a stretcher and "rose from the dead," then told the students about his life and his studies which made him famous.





Southeastern's Trio Program

Trio Programs Creates Opportunities



Experimenting With Trio

Upward Bound Math and Science student, Casandra Canada, experiments in her chemistry I class. Over 1,200 colleges, universities, community colleges and agencies now offer Trio Programs.



courtesy photo

The Council for Opportunity in Education is a non-profit organization, which represents institutions of higher education, administrators, counselors and teachers, who are committed to advancing equal educational opportunity and to promoting diversity in America's colleges and universities. The council's primary concern is sustaining and improving educational opportunity program services. The majority of educational opportunity programs are the federally-funded Trio Program.

An estimated two million Trio students, have graduated from college. Students who receive a full range of Trio services, are twice as likely to be retained. Upward bound students are four times as likely to graduate from college than those students who do not participate in this program.



courtesy photo

Work the Camera

The Upward Bound Math & Science group poses at the St. Louis Zoo. Participants and Counselors include: Daniel Corbett, Jennifer Coffey, Darcy Miller, Sabrina Kemp, Lanrie Parker, Benjamin Voorhees, Andrea Spenser, and Anthony Jeffries.



courtesy photo

Break Time

Monet Gordon enjoys dinner after her long day of learning.

Headin' Out

Upward Bound students Amanda Wicks, Benjamin Voorhees and Seth Fairchild head out to Lake Texoma during the summer of 1999.



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Oh, What A Day

At Charleston's, in Oklahoma City, Back Row (Left to Right): Leslie Huey, Monet Gordon, Travis Maness, Sara Stanglin, Ben Todd, Curtis McClendon and Justin Ledford act up for the camera.

Summer Fun

Stephanie Battiest and Crystal Briley have fun as they endure the summer heat, during the 1999 ropes course.



courtesy photo



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Seein' the Sights

Members of the Upward Bound Math/Science group take a well deserved break at the St. Louis Arch last August.

It's a Zoo Out There

One of the many trips, that you get to embark on in Upward Bound Math/Science, is a trip to the St. Louis Zoo.

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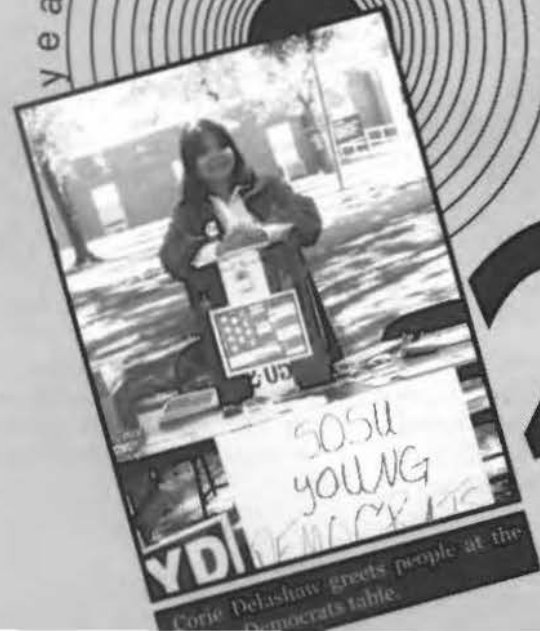
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J. B. Brinlee and Amy Gilbert (EOC) and Derrel Dority from the employment office prepare for "A Network of Information" - a career and educational workshop



Deborah Godwin and Gretchen Horton providing educational information at Ardmore Higher Education. Both work for EOC.



Corie Delashaw greets people at the Democrats table.

Southeastern

On

the year

the year



The Director of the Distance Learning Center, Wayne F. Coston, retires from Southeastern after years of dedication to excellence.

A Limited Edition

Dying to get one of these babies of her own, Billie Mocabee poses next to a limited edition \$200,000 Harley Davidson at the Hard Rock Cafe in Atlanta.



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Rising Above

The dome of the Georgia State Capital rises in the background of this street scene taken while the staff shopped at a nearby market for bottled water.

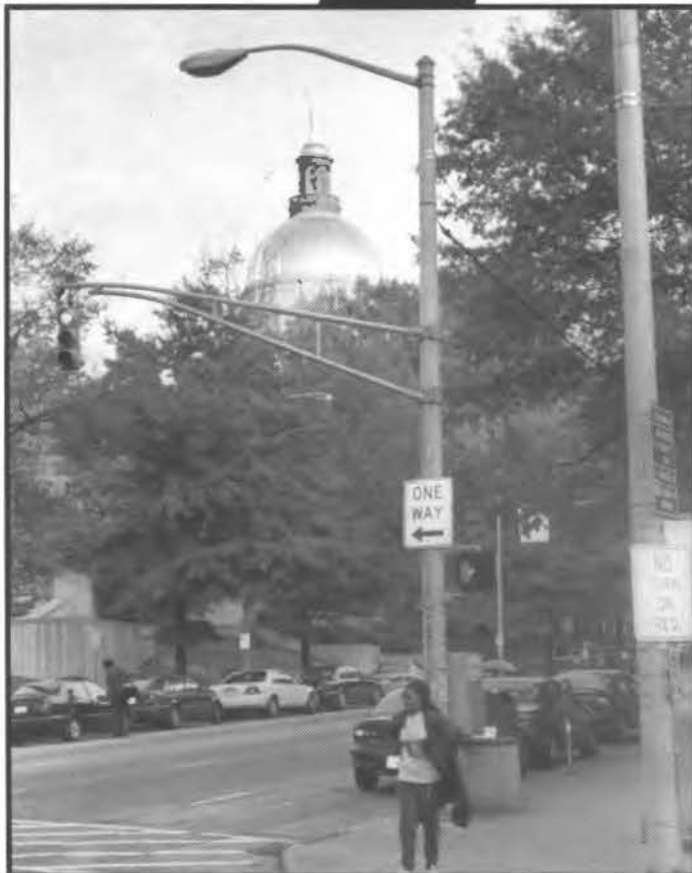


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At an angle

The longest escalator in the world (maybe) goes underground from the Peach Tree Street Courtyard of the Hyatt Hotel. The actual stairway creates the optical illusion that the riders are standing at an unnatural 60-70 degree angle for the long trip to the Dart station.



Atlanta

**Southeastern Student Publications
Staff
Takes on the Big City**



photo by Janet Reeder

Public Transportation

The trains offer public transportation all over Atlanta. Watching them approach from the station platforms can be both exciting and frightening.

In October of 1999, the Southeastern Student Publications staff traveled to Atlanta. The group participated in a four day convention to learn the new wave of media ethics and design. After a long day of seminars, they headed downtown to take in the sights.



photo by Janet Reeder

Waiting

Jodie Duke, Missie Thompson, Billie Mocabee and Sarah Martinez go underground waiting on the Marta subway train to give them a ride to one of Atlanta's popular sites.

Taking A Break

Taking time after a busy day of seminars, the staff stands in front of the home of *Gone With The Wind* author, Margaret Mitchell. A museum and gift shop also provided information about Mitchell.



photo by Janet Reeder

Students Head *SOUTH* for a History Lesson

by Tré Packard

Southeastern has numerous opportunities for students outside of the classroom. One of which is the tour of San Antonio sponsored by the History Department of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The tour is offered every fall semester and consists of four days of history, fun and excitement.

This year the tour kicked off on October 20. Leaving the school bright and early, the group set forth on their epic voyage to Old Texas. The first destination was the Lyndon B. Johnson Library on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. "The library was absolutely amazing. The history of the library is like nothing I have ever seen," Amy Crawford said. Crawford is a junior at Southeastern. "I enrolled in the tour because I thought it would be a fun fall break. I never realized it would be such a learning experience," Crawford said.

The next destination was dinner at the Gristmill in Gruene, TX. "Gruene is a really cool place, it almost resembles a sleepy town in a movie." Not to mention Gruene is the home of the oldest dance hall in Texas," Jack Reed said. The night would

then end with an educational and unforgettable night on San Antonio's famous river-walk.

The next day consisted of a visit to an IMAX theater, and then to the Alamo, where the students were given a tour of the historical structure. The remainder of the day, the group would tour the Spanish Governor's Palace and the Fort Sam Houston Medical Museum. Student's were then free to enjoy the evening in San Antonio.

The next morning the group would tour some of the city's most famous sites. Beginning with the Mission of San Juan Capistrano, then the Mission of San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, and last the Mission of Neustra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion. "The missions were awesome. I have seen pictures of them, but they are much more powerful when you are there." Jonathan

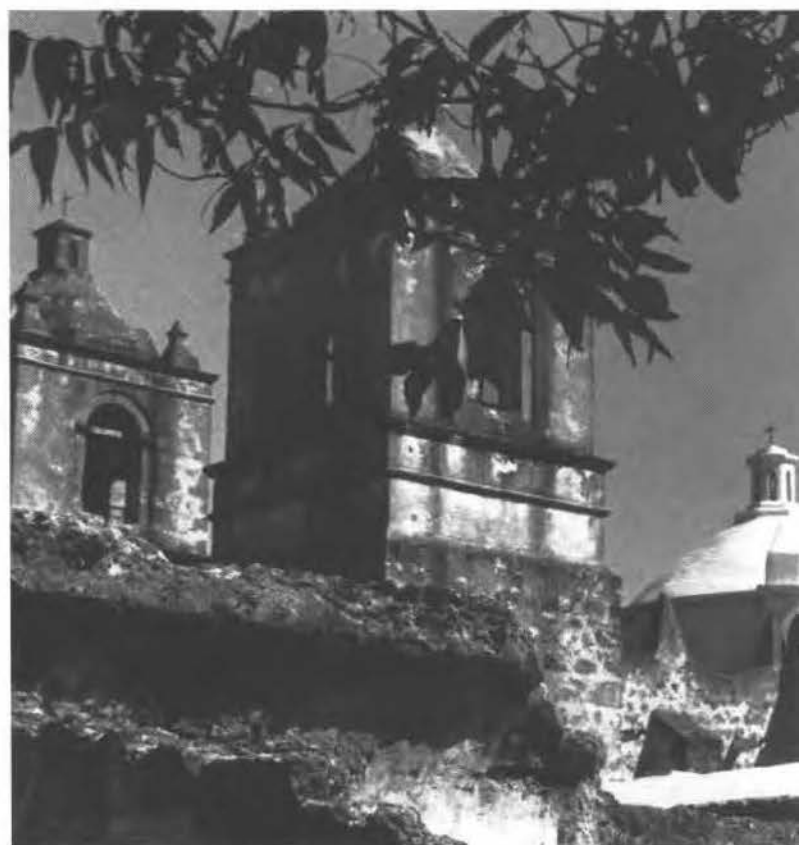
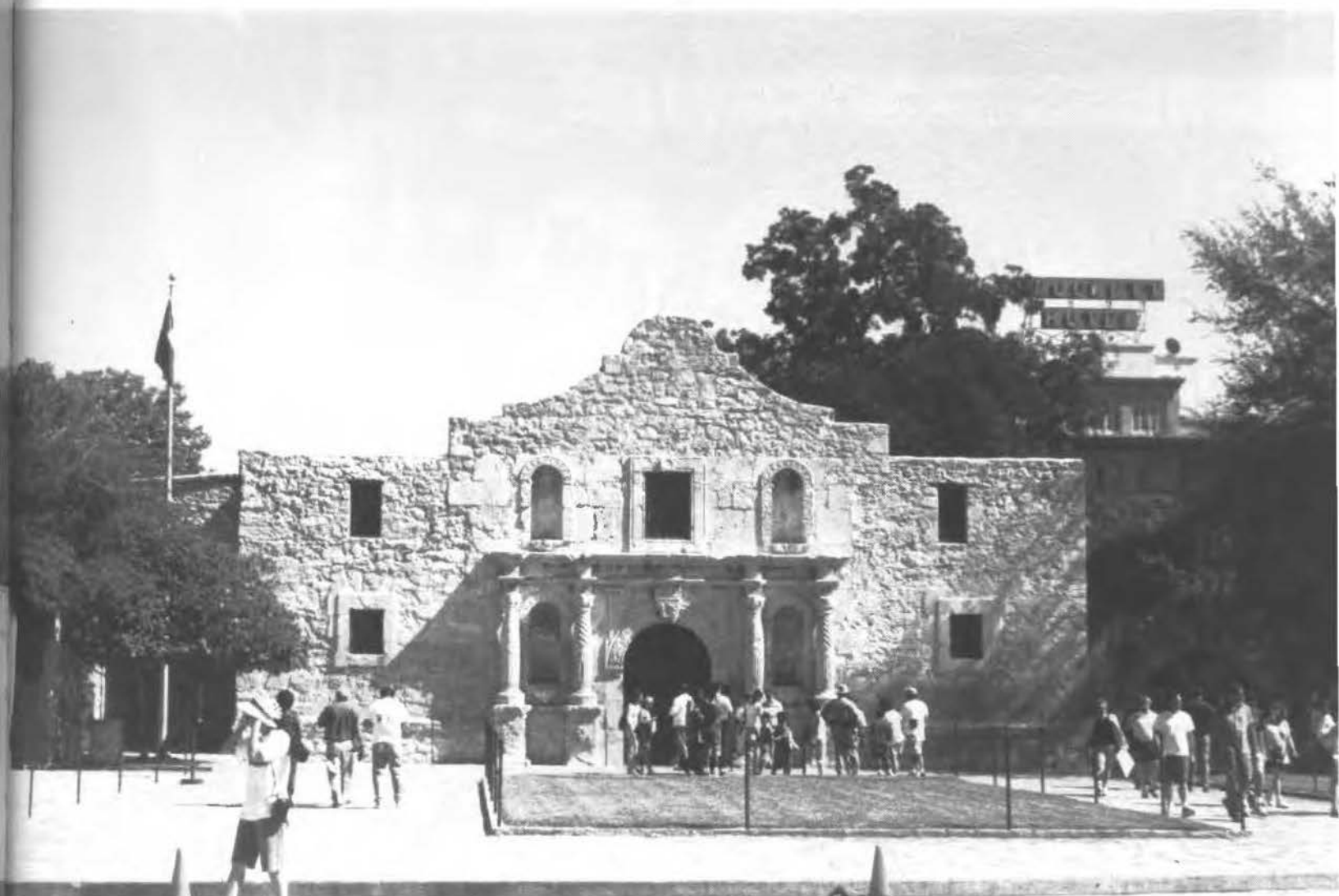
"I never realized it would be such a learning experience."

-Amy Crawford

Schenke said.

The next day the group left early in pursuit of the Lyndon B. Johnson Historical Park. Next, the group would head for home. "This tour was so much fun. Dr. Norris, the group's tour leader, Dasha Williams, who was our wonderful tour guide, and Randy Norman were all just the greatest," Lori Larose said.





Summer '99

SOSU



photo by Jodie Duke

Hustling to Class

Charity Angel walking to one of her many summer classes.

Soakin' Up the Sun

Charla Cline studies on the steps of Morrison Building enjoying the rays outside.



photo by Jodie Duke



photo by Jodie Duke

Enjoying the Great SOSU Doors

Dr. Elbert Hill, takes a break outside of the Morrison Building during the busy class schedule of summer.



photo by Jodie Duke

Sharing the College Experience

Alice Hargrove, Southeastern student, studies while her daughter looks on.

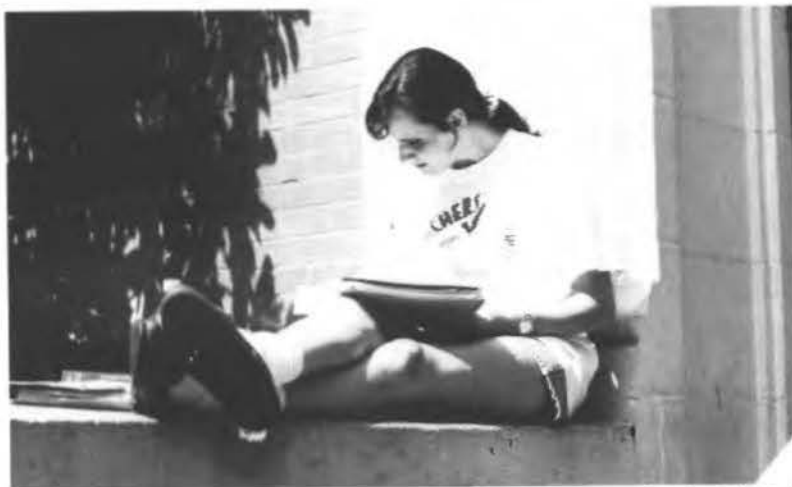


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Hitting the Books Outside

Misty Rowland takes the opportunity to study outside before it gets hot.



photo by Jodie Duke



Hard At Work

Pat Jones and Beth Phillips are already hard at work in the business office.

I S A



Springtime on the campus of Southeastern presents a special beauty. This beauty was reflected at a gathering of students from the International Student Association when they

“We have a good, hard-working organization to help new international students,” Jasim Akhter said of the International Students Association.

held their banquet in April of 1999.

There were about one hundred people representing 23



The dinner menu included Beef Biryani, spicy rice cooked with beef, Chicken Tikka and

countries. All had come together for this cultural event to present traditional meals, show artwork native to their respective countries and answer questions about the traditions of foreign lands.

Kheer, which is Pakastani rice pudding. After dinner, a cultural show was performed and concluded with a “Thank you” and “Good-night” from all of the members of the International Students Association.



all photos by Angie Killior

Little bit of everything

Members of the Internaitonal Student Association gathered for thier annual banquet on April 12, 1999. The association enjoyed dinner, a cultural show and words from such people as Vice President for Student Affairs Sharon Berish. Camille Phelps, ISA Advisor stated that there were around 100 people representing 23 countries at the banquet.



Computer lab enhances library

As a part of the Vision 2002 plan to make the campus more technologically accessible to students, a new computer lab has been opened in the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library.

The new lab, located on the first floor of the library, is opened the same hours as the library – a total of 92 hours per week. The new lab consists of 35 top-of-the-line Pentium III processors, scanners and internet access.

The lab is totally separate from the library, in terms of functioning. Printing and copying in the lab are free, but students will still be charged for copying library materials.

Lab assistants are available for questions and help, but in cases where lab assistants are not available, access is still available.

According to Sharon Berish, Vice President of Student Affairs, one of the deciding factors for the location of the new lab was the accessibility for students.

Because the library is open the most hours of any building on campus, "Students have a guarantee that the lab will always be open," said Berish.

Computer services closed three other computer labs around campus. The first floor lab in the Science Building, the second floor and basement labs in Morrison are no longer open.

Other computer labs available to students are in the Russell Building, Montgomery/Morrison Building and the Computer Technology Building. However, classes are taught at these locations, limiting the availability of these computers.

There are also small labs in the Choctaw Towers and in Shearer Hall.

—Shay Jones



photo by Jennifer Na

On-Line Assistance

Weuceslaus Magain, a senior computer science major, is one of the many computer lab assistants at the Henry G. Bennett Library computer lab.





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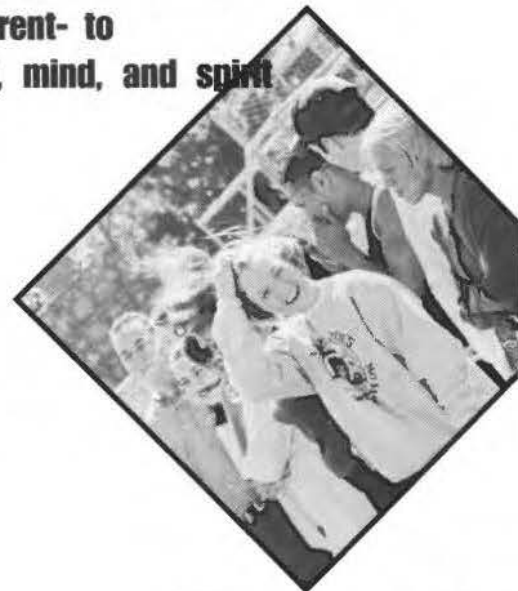
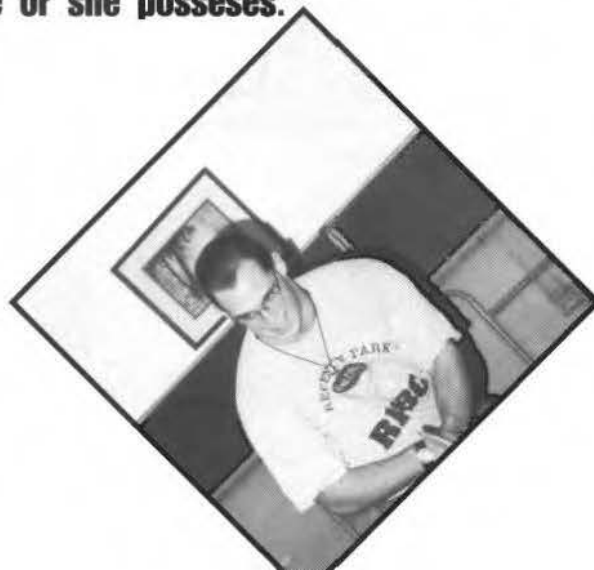
– Sharon Berish
Vice President of Student Affairs







"The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equality opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different- to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind, and spirit he or she possesses."



People

A LOOK BACK



A STEP FORWARD



FLY



SKY

HIGH





SNOW

DAZE





Dorm Life

Remember dorm life, the roommates, the living habits, and the hangouts? Now when you sit back and reminisce on what seemed like your most stressful days, you often think, "Yeah, good times."

Memory lane will take you to the places when your roommate used to walk around in their underwear all the time, even though you asked them to get a robe. When they would eat the last of your snack cakes and drink the last soda. Perhaps other such habits cross your mind.

Maybe your habits have changed a bit since you've left home. Your sleeping habits have most likely been altered since the beginning of your college career. If you had lax study habits in high school then you probably didn't study at all. If you did study it was all in one night during a cram session in one

person's room or at the group preferred coffee shop. The waitresses probably have your order memorized there.

If you lived in the towers you may have studied or congregated to shoot the breeze in the lobby of the floor you stayed in. If at North Hall you might have been a "Porch Monkey" out on the steps. If you lived in Hallie McKinney you might have hung out in the lobby of Auxiliary Services.

No matter where you were, you have the memories of the time good and bad, and most you will never forget. So whether you graduate this semester or not, when you pack the last thing left from your room into your barely legal stuffed car you most likely will get that reminiscent smile and whisper the words "Yeah, good times."

- Todd Fisch





The J-O-B

College is a time of hard work, both in class work and in extracurricular work. With the high costs of tuition, as well as the cost of living, most students must find some ways to earn money.

Some students must work full-time, as well as go to college. But the majority of college students work part-time to help offset some of their costs.

Some students prefer to work on campus to make their money.

On campus jobs also allow for most of the workers to have time off during school breaks and provides a flexible schedule to work around classes.

Students must file for financial aid to be able to work on campus. Depending on need, a student worker is classified as either work study or regular work.

Student workers can be found in every department on campus. Student workers do everything from working in offices doing clerical work, to grading papers for professors, to shelving books in the library.

One area on campus that uses student workers is the front desk in the dorms.

Melissa Neal, a sophomore finance major from Eufaula, works at the front desk of Chikasaw Towers, the female dorm on campus. Neal's duties as desk clerk include answering the phone, checking in visitors and checking out computers in the dorm computer lab.

"On campus jobs are flexible and my job as a desk clerk allows me to study while I work," said Neal.

Neal works about 10 hour per week. The amount of hours as student works is determined by their eligibility for financial aid.

The other option for students is to work off campus to fulfill their monetary needs.

Students work all sorts of jobs from waiting tables to checking groceries to building computers. Many times this allows students to work more hours and make more money per hour than they could make if they worked on campus.

- Jennifer Nabors



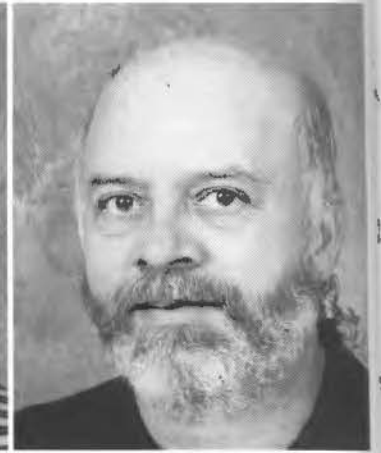
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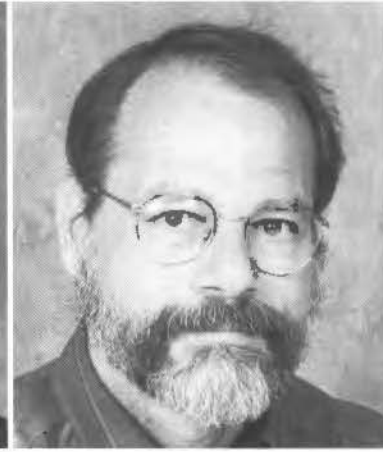
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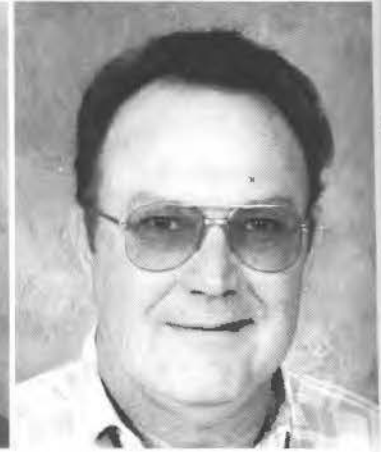
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Leading Us Forward...

Southeastern's

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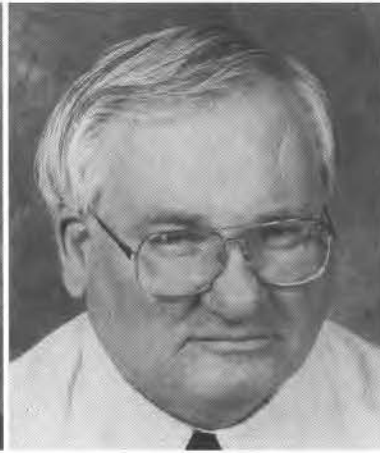
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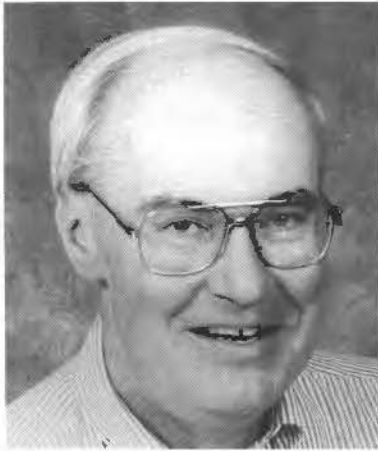
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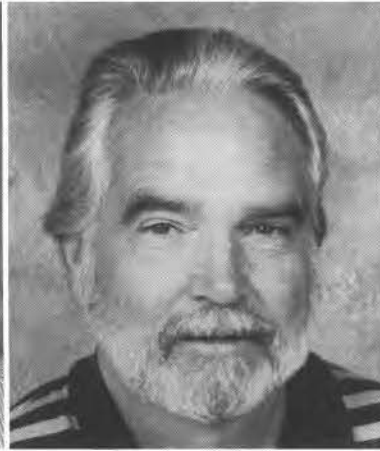
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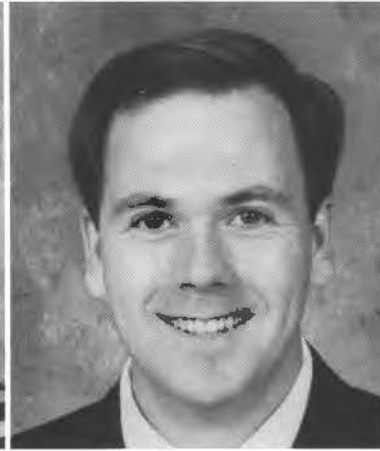
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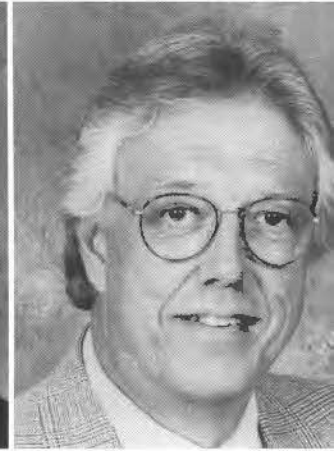
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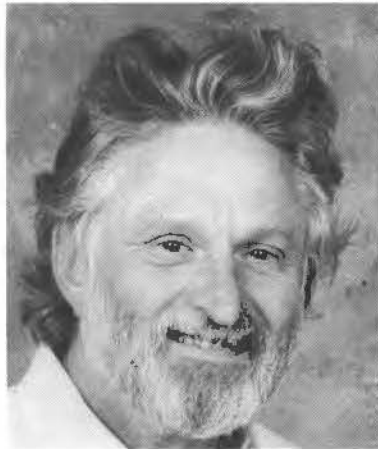
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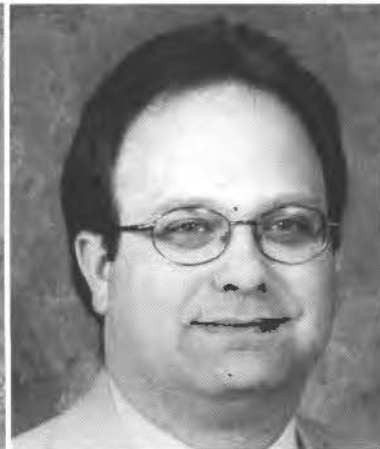
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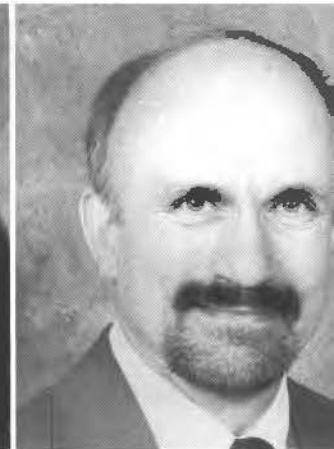
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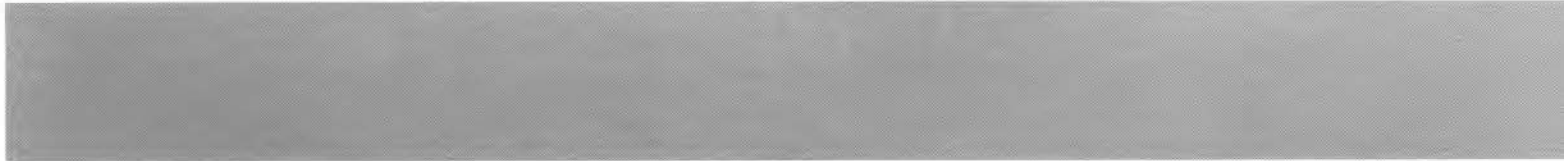
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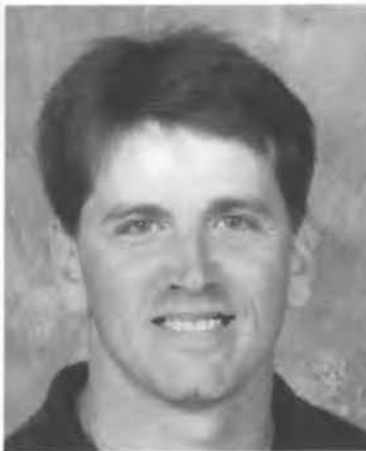
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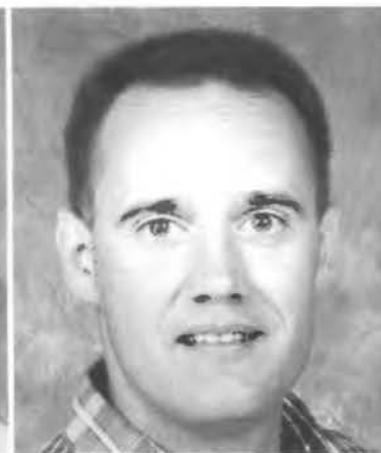
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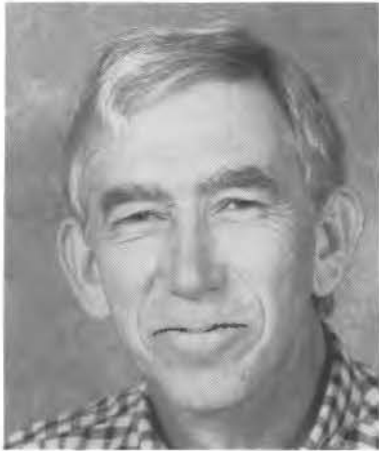
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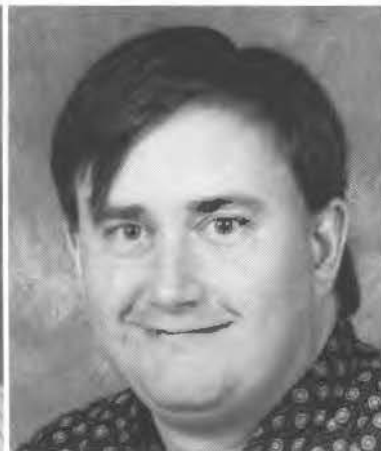
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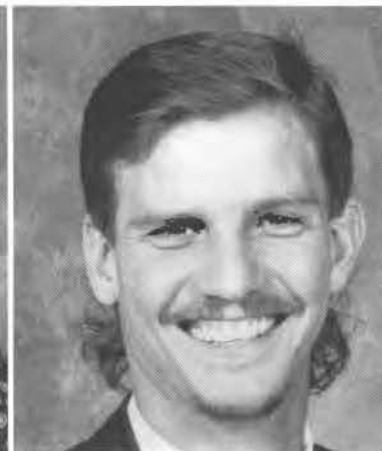
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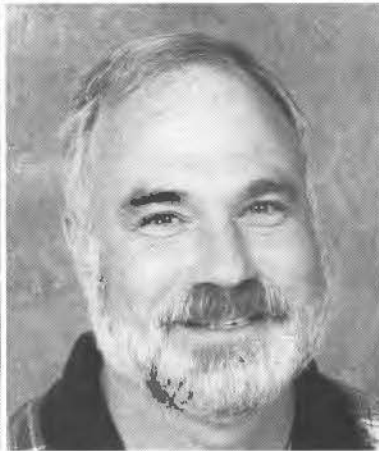




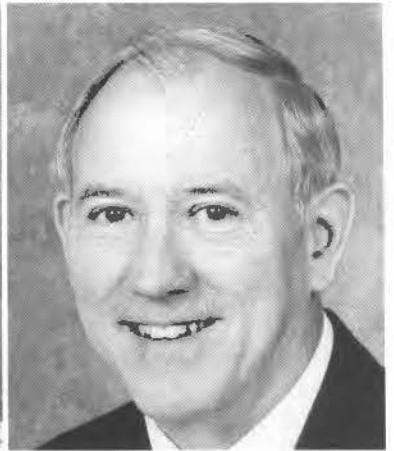
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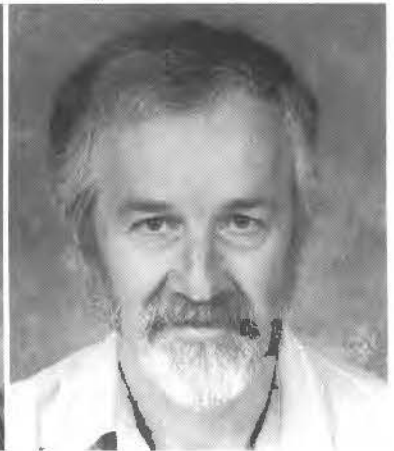
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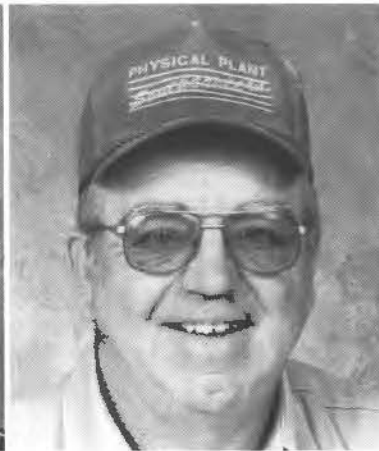
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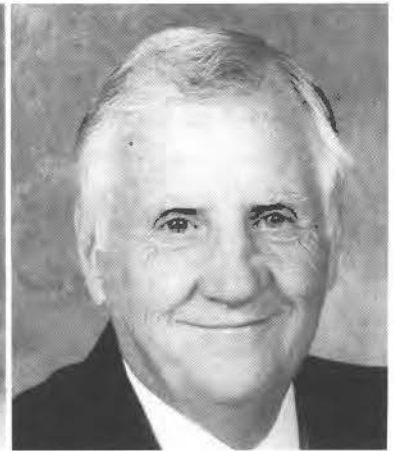
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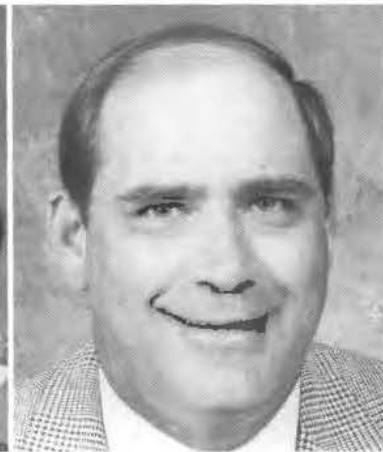
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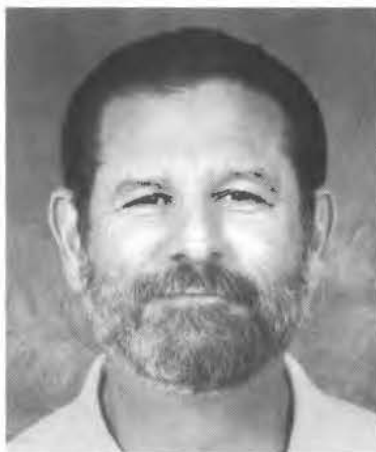
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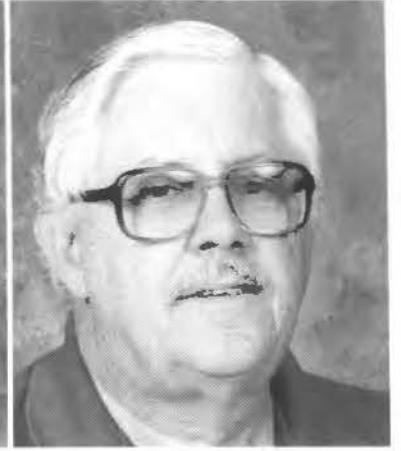
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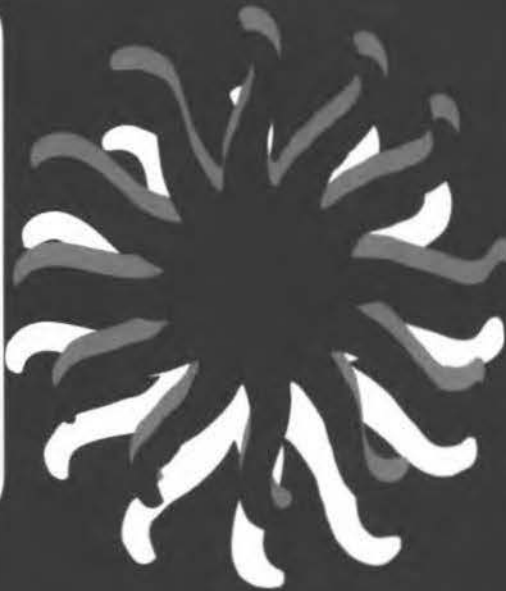
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Why They Make A Difference



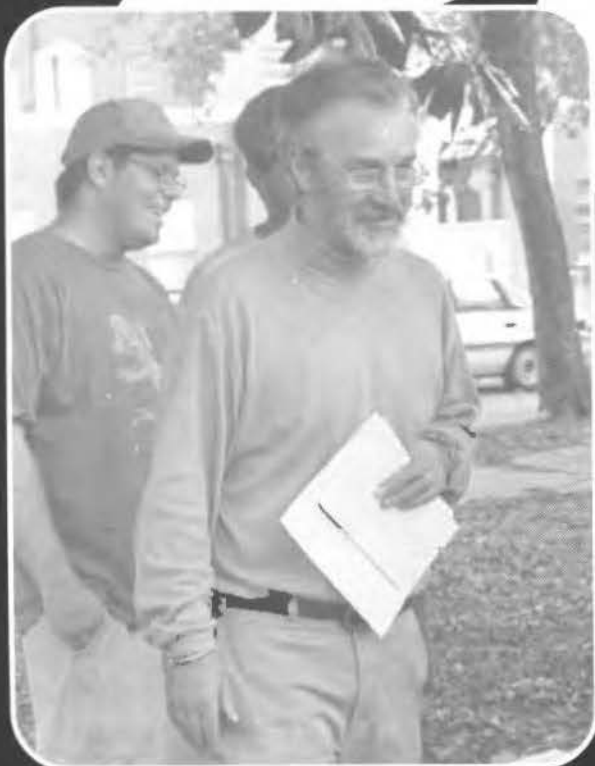
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Faculty & Staff

1999-2000







"We have been born to associate with our fellow-men, and to join in community with the human race."

- -Cicero



Clubs

International Radio

Television Society



Hangin' Out With the Funny and Famous

In March of 1999, The International Radio and Television Society hung out with the funny and famous. In Rockafella Plaza, they ran into news anchor and host of NBC's Today show Katie Couric. After that exciting encounter, they rubbed shoulders with funnyman Louie Armstrong.

A New York Experience

KSSU Power 92

KSSU Makes Improvements



KSSU, our campus radio station, has been making improvements since November of 1999. The first improvement involved placing the station online. After the fall semester, the process of going all digital began.

"We've made a lot of progress in the last two weeks. We are beginning to see the results of this endeavor," Dr. John Allen Hendricks said.

An antenna has already been installed on a 350 foot tower on the edge of Durant city limits, and a new transmitter has also been installed. Dr. Hendricks hopes to purchase the equipment to automate the station and be on air 24 hours a day by mid-summer 2000.

The wattage will be increased from 323 watts to 1500 watts to cover up to a 30 mile radius outside of Durant. Going entirely digital is important to the station's clarity and sound.

The improvements will end up costing under \$100,000. Dr. Hendricks knew when he came to Southeastern in 1997 that his goal was to find the funding to upgrade the radio station.

"President (Glen D.) Johnson, I think, saw that the radio station would be a good marketing tool for the University, and more importantly I think he saw the importance of the facility and how would it benefit the students," Dr. Hendricks said.

The radio station is not the only entertainment provided to our campus and the community, but it also a lab for the broadcasting students. All Fundamentals of Broadcasting students must run the board for two hours a week.

"We will always sound like we're operated by students, but we will try to make it sound the best we can," Dr. Hendricks said.

by Melissa Thompson



courtesy photo



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Canterbury Society

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Fun Fellowship
Hangin' out in the
St. John's parish hall.



Advising Priest
Father Jim Blagg is
the advising priest
over the Canterbury
Society.



Canterbury Society Members
L-R: Cameron Coley, Kevin Dunkin, Father
Jim Blagg, Penni VanZandt, and Kim Shelton.



Ping Pong

Charles King, Wesley Center Director, challenges Justin Johnson to a game of ping pong

Loaves and Fishes

The Wesley Center met and had a "Loaves and Fishes" lunch.



Lets Get Together

Wesley Foundation members L-R: Lara Mitchell, Sarah Blessing, Jennifer Mc Mullin, and Kathy Paris

Wesley Foundation

Black Student Association



A Moment of Togetherness

courtesy photo

Jone' Kimbro, Iesha Sanders, Tyrone Stafford, Tambra Gills, Sandi Johnson, and Kanesha King hangin' out!



Watch Out Spice Girls

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Make way for Kanesha King, Chrissiea Houser, and Erika Young!



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The Council for Exceptional Children



The Council for Exceptional Children 1999- 2000

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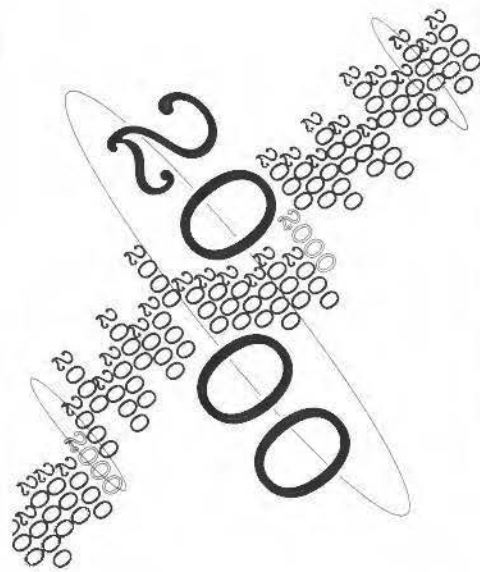
Pictured (L-R) Veronica Miller, Cameron Coley, Rhonda Bishop, Latisha Polk, Mattie Mackey, Beth Hardgrove, and Beth Farris.



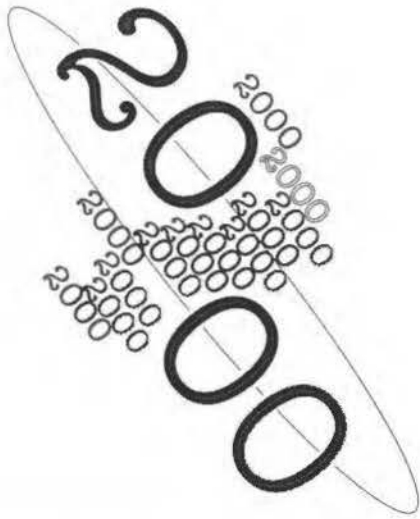
Green Club



Watching the Planet Grow
The Green Club is an active organization on the SOSU campus.



Canfest '99
Justin Thompson, member of the Green Club, cheerfully participate in the Canfest '99.



The 1999-2000 Math Club

Countin' It All Up

The Math Club at SOSU is like no other, this group is always "countin' up a storm," tutoring on the campus.



Math Club



Young Democrats



Campaign Time
Allison Roberts represents, The Young Democrats during the 1999 organizational fair.

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“look who’s”
TALKING



Makin' Votes Count
Representing The Young Democrats during 1999 Homecoming, is SOSU senior Kate Thomas, who graduated in December.

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Vote 2000

courtesy photo



Loud -n- Live 2000



All Together Now

Members of Kappa Kappa Psi pose for several snap shots of them in Action.

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Kappa Kappa Psi



courtesy photo



Alpha Mu Gamma



Alpha Mu Gamma 1999-2000

Front Row (L-R) Charles Coley, Cameron Coley, Ashley Belcher, Athena Dawson, and Grace Cincotta. Back Row (L-R) Dr. Althoff, Lance Offill, Carrie Vaughn, Shauna Dickenson, Katesse Bedwell, and Tommy Post.

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Listen to reason

Active On Campus



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Active In The Community



Computer Science Club



Getting Technical

Chris Lynch explains the finer points of computer technology to Dean McCraw.



Chi Alpha, a self supported ministry, began in the 1950's and has continued to fulfill its mission to build up students with a desire to serve Jesus Christ and to see other students to come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Chi Alpha is derived from the Greek word "christouapostoloi," which means Christ's anointed and sent ones and was begun by the Assembly of God Church to reach all the collegeage individuals.

The Chi Alpha organization is based out of Springfield, Missouri, with many affiliations all over the United States. Students members approach their affiliation with dedication to Christ. According to Chi Alpha member, Melissa Snow, "We are an organization that provides strong Christian values and witnessing to other college students. We are also a support system for each other.

by Christina Teague



Fun Fellowship

Chi Alpha members Nick Robinson and Melissa Stow entertaining the other members of Alpha Chi



Chi Alpha

Society of Physics Students

The Great Minds of SOSU 1999-2000



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Accept the CHALLENGE



Blue Key

Blue Key 1999-2000

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The Morning Show With Buck and Magic Wanda

This Is How We Do It

Vespers on Thursday Night



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Phi Sigma Kappa



The Men of Phi Sigma Kappa

Spending quality time these Phi Sig's, declare there manhood playing paint ball.



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Representing the Crew at the 1999 Organizational Fair

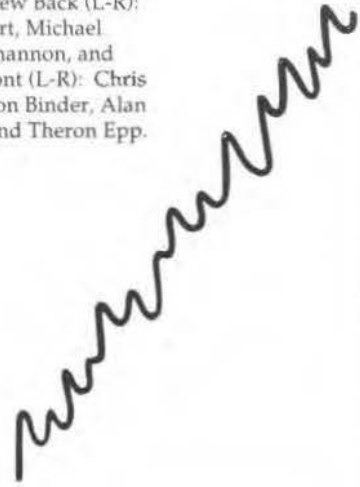
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Brothers 4-Life

The Sigma Tau Gamma crew Back (L-R): Jody Coates, Greg McCourt, Michael "Tree" Kiester, Calvin Bohannon, and Brian "Rube" Adams. Front (L-R): Chris "Crawdaddy" Ward, Aaron Binder, Alan Stephens, Wes Mitchell, and Theron Epp.



Sigma Tau Gamma was founded in the belief that all men are social creatures and that friendships made in college are lasting ones. The fraternity is dedicated to the highest ideals of brotherhood; the development of good personal traits; and loyalty and service to college, community, country and fraternity. Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity is an international brotherhood of men based of Priciples of Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefits, and Integrity. Its more than 50,000 members share a common commitment to leadership, scholarship, and service. Founded in 1920 at Central Missouri StateTeacher's College in Warrensburg, MO, Sigma Tau Gamma has grown to more than than 100 college campuses across the United States.



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PeeWee Football

The boys got together for a little "tag" football.



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Skip-Bo Anyone?

A few of the members of Sigma Tau Gamma enjoy a day playing games with the residents of Bonnie Plaza



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Sigma Tau Gamma

Kappa Sigma



The Perks of Brotherhood
The Kappa Sigma brothers share a day full of fun and football.



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"Formal at Last"
The men are all dressed up and ready to go!

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Ragin' Against the Rapids
The gentlemen of the Delta Tau Delta take on the ragin' rapids of the river.

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Makin' Delta Tau Delta Look Good
Ted Hasty works hard at the organizational fair.

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Delta Tau Delta

Two Thousand

Alpha Sigma Tau



Alpha Sigma Tau Bid Day '99



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Lookin' Like Jewels

The Alpha Tau's attend the Emerald Ball Formal in Fall of '99!

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Over 100 years ago eight women founded Sigma Sigma Sigma. This Nathional Panhellenic Sorority began April 20, 1898 at Longwood College in Farmville, VA.

According to a brochure distributed by Tri-Sigma. The aim of their organization is to form a perpetual bond of friendship, to develp strong womanly character, and to promote high standards of conduct.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sponsors the Nathional Social Service Project of Play Therapy through the Robbie Paige Memorial Foundation. The playrooms Tri-Sigma supports are located at the University of North Chapel Hill and at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Sailing Away in '99



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Two Thousand

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Sigma Sigma Sigma

Presidents Club



The 1999-2000 Presidents Club

The Fall Semester is always a busy one for The S.O.S.U. President's Club, an organization that gives fraternity, sorority, and private chapter leaders a chance to discuss events on campus. The club has been around nearly as long as the oldest Fraternity on the S.O.S.U. campus. Meetings are held once a month, in order to keep all the campus organizations up to date on upcoming events.

The club has been successful throughout the years as an "information engine" for S.O.S.U. students.

Fraternities and chapters aren't the only organizations that take part in the Presidents Club meetings. S.O.S.U. funded organizations such as Upward Bound, and KSSU Radio Station take part as well. According to KSSU Station Manager Stewart Hoffman, the meetings are well organized and thought out.

"They almost seem to fly by because I have such a good time," Stewart said.

Dean Liz McCraw and The Office of Student Life, where all organizational information can be accessed, do most of the on-campus footwork to organize and hold the meetings.

"We try to make it enjoyable, so that we can gain positive feedback from the organization," said one Student Life representative.

by Jason Nolan

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We try to make it enjoyable, so that we can gain positive feedback from the organization.

--Student Life Representative

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Baptist Student Union Coffee House

The Baptist Student Union was established by the Durant First Baptist Church in 1952. It was located across the street from the fountain on College Boulevard, now University Boulevard. The BSU did not have a full-time director in the first years. There were people from the church and upperclassmen to lead the activities.

The BSU had a Vespers service everyday and a noon day service two days a week. They also had an International day every Friday and after game activities. There were many Bible studies led by students and part-time directors.

S.A. Whale deeded the lot with a house on College Boulevard to the Baptist Student Union in 1952, and it was dedicated later that year. The church remodeled the residence to the present Day BSU.

In 1962, John Heath moved to Durant to become the new part-time director.

"I became the full-time director in 1966, and I've been here every since," Heath said.

In 1983, the BSU relocated into a new building across the Towers. The building was dedicated in October of that year.

The BSU has given a place for students to meet new people and fellowship for decades. "The BSU is an organization that can help you make on of the most important decisions of your life," James Jones, president said.

by Missie Thompson



The Savage Yearbook Staff



The Millennium Angels

Taking on the task of taming the 165 page *Savage* Yearbook, Dana Anderson and Billie Mocabee.



A Dedicated Editor

Billie Mocabee, promotes *The Savage*, at the organizational fair held in the fall semester.



Aye' Captain

Todd Fischer helps build the 1999 Homecoming Float. Todd was the entertainer of the yearbook group.

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Are we
done yet?

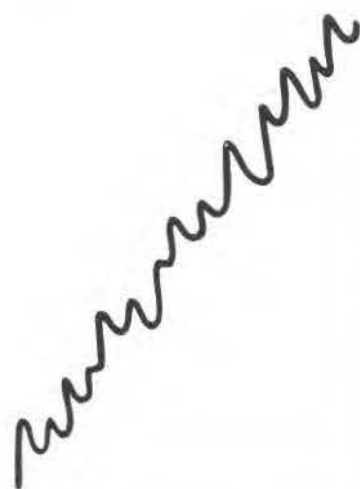
--Billie Mocabee

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Building Friendships

Charles Coley and Missie Thompson bond while being on the Student Publications Staff.



Advising Young Journalist

Shay Jones, *The Southeastern*, editor, shares with Image Action students facts about Student Publications.

Always Smiling

Lauren Moffit, *The Southern*, U-Wire editor, entertaining the staff.



The Southeastern

Office of Student Life

Picnic in the park

The Super Savage Leaders and Office of Student Life personnel enjoy a relaxing picnic in the park.



Graduate Assistants

Making a difficult job look easy, Tyrone Stafford and Song Shin are work as Graduate Assistants in the Office of Student Life.



Office of Student Life

Sitting L-R: Song Shin, Iesha Sanders, David Gibson, Jana Haggard, Toni Reed. Standing L-R: Dean Liz McCraw, Tyrone Stafford, Camille



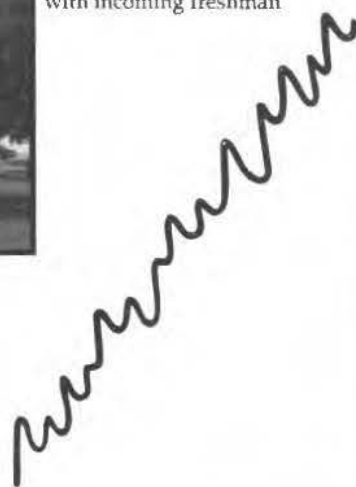
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Enjoying the company
Wanda Carter and Amber Russell are enjoying spending the day with incoming freshman

Trust

Pepe Martin is trusting his fellow Super Savage Leaders among each other.



Super Savage Leaders



Super Savage Leaders

Front row: L to R: Lelie Hollingsworth, Jennifer Beasley, Christy Whetstone, Amber Russell, Marsha Morris, De' Angelo Shanks, Valeriper and Ilesha Sanders. Middle row L-R: Ty Robinson, Jennifer McMillan, Wanda Carter, Jaime Piper, Jana Haggard, Tracey Cox, Latoya Toles, Erica Bluetham. Back row L-R: Greg McCoiurt, Shane Henry, Donald McIntyre, David Gibson, Wren baker, Justin Ross, Kandi Glover, Rick Reding, Alicia Pruitt, Candace Mclemore.



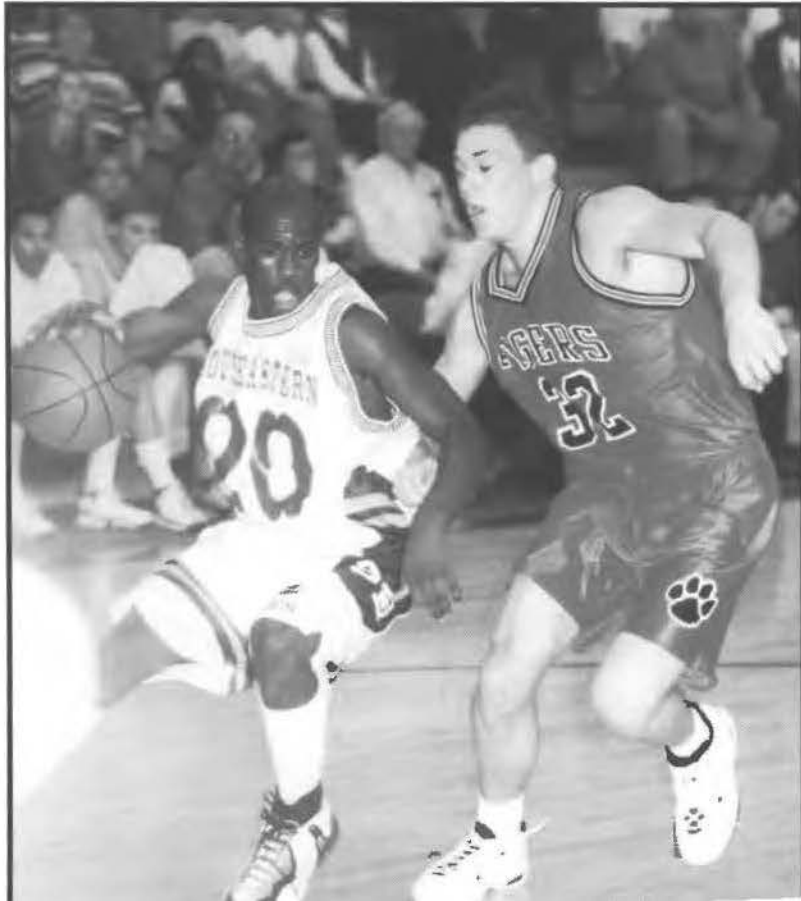
A tangled web

Valerie Ford, Crystal Cospers and David Gibson help Lelie Hollingsworth through the web.



I enjoy being able to warn incoming freshman about the things that I didn't know when I started college.
Donald McIntyre







"Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them--a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have last-minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have the skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skills."

- Muhammad Ali, The Greatest



Sports

Take 5

During the summer break the cheerleaders compete at various summer camps that change every year. On the second day of evaluation the whole squad takes a break and watches some of the other schools.

Just one more drink...

Steve Skidmore and Jamie Dale Sheppard take a break during the Homecoming Football game to catch their breath. It's important for the cheerleaders not to overdo it.



photo by sarah martinez

Out with a bang

The Spirit Squad ends their routine with this Charlie's Angel's look-alike pose. The squad not only performs during half-time, but during every break, not to mention the constant effort to keep the crowd hyped during every play.



photo by sarah



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Go Savages!!

story by Charles Coley

#1 IN SPIRIT

Cheerleaders not only well rounded, but dedicated in every aspect

Few other groups are as active at Southeastern as the Spirit Squad. Their presence on campus is not only the most obvious sign of school spirit, but it also bolsters the enthusiasm of the student body.

"I liked being a member of the squad because I got to meet more people than I would have otherwise," Stephanie Searcy, freshman biology major, said. "We worked so hard and I know it was reflected in our routines."

Tyrone Stafford, graduate assistant, was the squad coach for the second year in a row. According to Stafford, his experience with cheerleading was minimal before he began his position.

"I thought cheerleading would be easy, but I got in and got my hands dirty," Stafford said.

The team practiced twice a week for two hours in the Activity Center. They also practiced outside on tumbling mats. Besides their usual cheers, the Spirit Squad was also responsible for several

choreographed routines performed throughout the football and basketball seasons.

"Last year, we traveled to every football game and a couple of basketball games, but this year we only went to a few away as well as all the home games," Stafford said.

In the summer of 1999, the Spirit Squad attended a camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association at Southwest Missouri State University. This allowed the squad to successfully perform together and compete as a unit, Stafford said. The squad brought five trophies home in their division. Mascot Freddie Francis placed fourth among all the mascots present.

In an effort to broaden their community presence, the squad volunteered their time for several local causes. They visited elementary schools and the Headstart of Durant during the academic year. They read to children every spring semester as a part of this community service.



photo by mich

Go Spirit, Go

As the Spirit Pony, Freddie has many duties at football games. One of those is greeting fans and making himself seen. Spectators include joining in on cheers and occasionally helping out the



photo by sarah martinez

Basket Catch

Jessica Chumley does a spread eagle in mid air as Lenny Paris, Jamie Dale Sheppard and Steve Skidmore wait with open arms. A group effort is required so as no one gets hurt during routines like this one.

Super Squad

During the third day of cheer evaluation the Spirit Squad goes through its routine while other schools watch. Freshman Jessica Chumley and Megan Staats are the ones who get the air time in the first elevation.



courtesy photo



Spirit Squad

(top l-r) Freddy Francis, Steve Skidmore, Kasey Kelso, Lenny Paris, Leaha Hawkins (not shown - Jamie Dale Sheppard)
 (bottom l-r) Megan Staats, Jessica Chumley, Valerie Ford, Stephanie Searcy, Christina Grider



photo by charles colely

Burn, Baby, Burn

The Spirit Squad does it's best to rile up the crowd at the ECU bonfire. The game against East Central University is the next big game after homecoming. This is the second bonfire of the football season and it's especially for our biggest rivals.

1999 Football Results

Opponent	W/L	SOSU	OPP	ATTEND
at Missouri Western State	L	21	40	1,937
at Southern Arkansas	L	27	34	4,521
vs. Abilene Christian ^{^^}	W	43	30	5,473
at West Texas A&M	W	31	24	7,100
Harding University*#	W	41	27	4,113
at Ouachita Baptist*	W	49	19	2,300
Southwestern Oklahoma State*	W	21	16	2,783
Western New Mexico	W	46	36	2,476
at Northeastern State*	L	3	30	2,500
at East Central	L	13	14	4,000

^{^^} -- Indicates game played at North Richland Hills, Texas

* -- Indicates Lone Star Conference North Division Game

-- Indicates Southeastern Homecoming 1999

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING	G	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
Scott Martin	11	222	1,119	5.0	8
Johnny McHenry	9	167	1,006	6.0	12
PASSING	G	Cmp-Att-Int	Yards	TD	
Chris Enloe	11	93-236-7	1,364	12	
RECEIVING	G	Rec.	Yards	TD	
Paul Elvington	10	28	530	4	
Ben Pedigo	11	21	279	5	



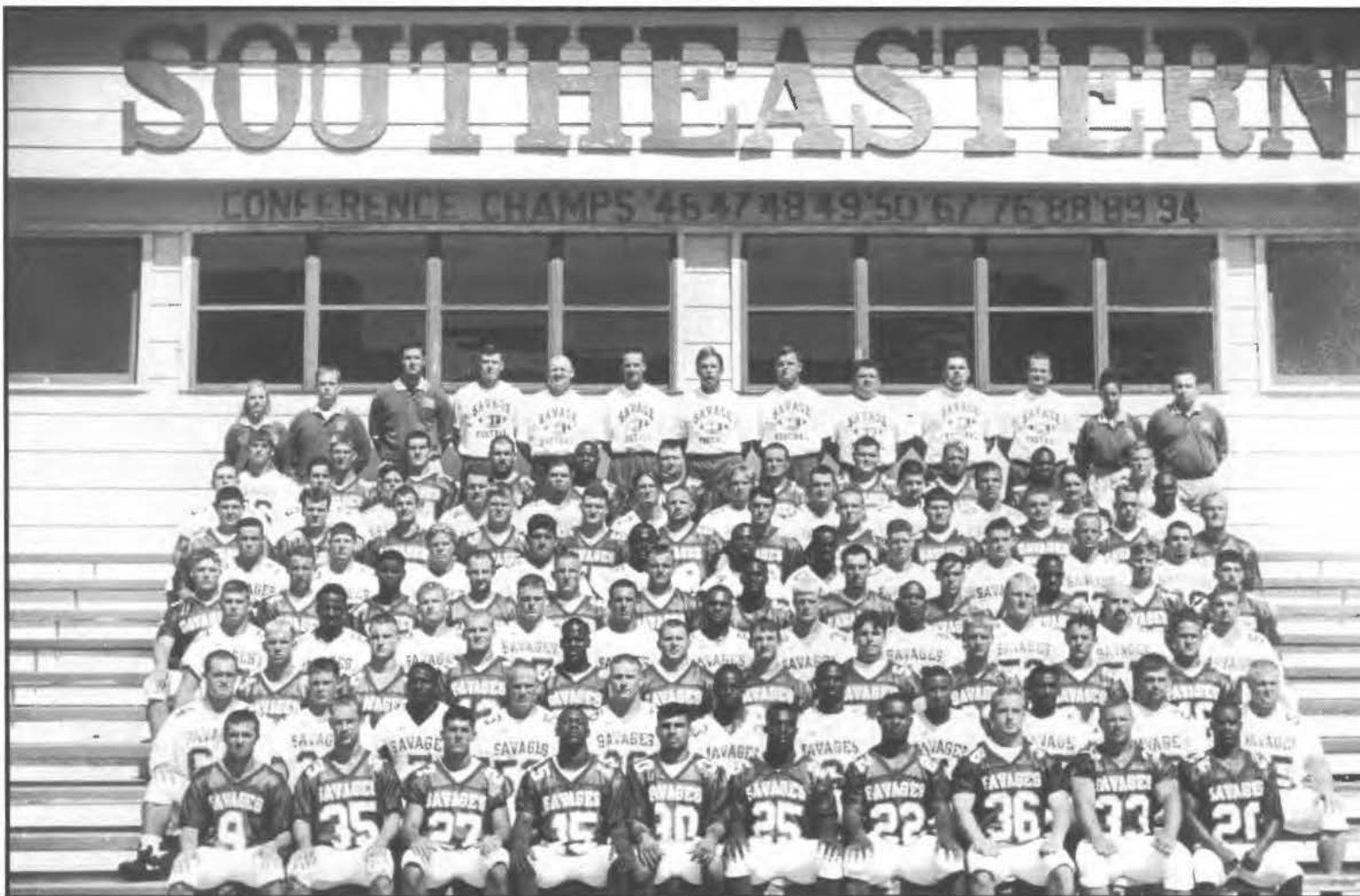
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King of the Hill

Morris Sloan claimed his 64th career victory as Southeastern head coach against Central Oklahoma on Nov. 6, tying his winningest all-time coach at SOSU with former Savage skipper Dave Stevens.

1999 Lone Star Conference Champions

Below are the 1999 Lone Star Conference Champions that had the most prolific scoring offense in the modern era at Southeastern. The Savages finished the year as both the LSC tri-champion and North Division tri-champions.





FOOTBALL

Gang Tackle

Aaron Compton (45) and Gary Banks (24) take down a Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldog, as Landon Johnson (26) and Donnie Middleton (52) run up with snpport.

A season to remember

The 1999 Southeastern football season was one to remember, as the Savages won a share of the Lone Star Conference title and finished a perfect 4-0 at home.

Southeastern opened the season with four consecutive road games that proved to be a good proving ground for the Savages. The Tribe dropped the opener 40-21 to Missouri Western State in St. Joseph, Mo., and then fell a week later to nationally-ranked Southern Arkansas, 34-27, in Magnolia Ark.

But then the Morris Sloan led Savages righted the ship, reeling six consecutive wins, including come-from-behind wins over Gilene Christian, West Texas A&M, Western New Mexico and Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Halloween came a day early on Oct. 30, as the Savages then dropped a 30-3 decision to Northeastern State in Tahlequah. Southeastern rebounded to upset nationally-ranked Central Oklahoma at Paul Laird Field the following week with a 20-14 win over the Bronchos.

In Week 11, East Central University dashed the post-season hopes of the Savages with a last-minute touchdown in Ada to set the Savages, 14-13.

In all, Southeastern finished the season ranked No. 15 in the final NCAA Division II poll.

Sophomore placekicker Milan Smado became just the third Savage in school history to be named AP Little All-American, after landing third team honors for his performance. Smado set the NCAA Division II record for field goal accuracy, connecting 17 of 19 field goals, including 11 straight.

Smado and senior quarterback Chris Enloe were named to the NCAA Division II all-West Region team as well, with Smado earning first team honors and Enloe garnering second team honors.



90 Years in the Making

Southeastern Oklahoma State University won its first conference title in 1909. Since that time the Savages have garnered 15 conference titles, including a share of the 1999 Lone Star Conference Championship. Since 1986, the Savages have produced the winningest collegiate football program in the state of Oklahoma.

Sweep Left

Morris Thompson (77) and Joe Westman (33) lead the way for Scott "The Lightning" Martin (20) against Central Oklahoma. Martin and teammate Johnny McHenry became the first duo to rush for over 1,000 yards each in the history of the school. Martin rushed for 1,119 yards, while McHenry ran for another 1,006 yards.



FOOTBALL



Morris Sloan
Head Coach



Lanny Pettit
Offensive Line



Keith Baxter
Offensive Coordinator



Rick Haasl
Defensive Coordinator



Leader of the Pack

Senior quarterback Chris Enloe led SOSU to its first conference title in five years. Enloe closed out his career No. 3 on the Savage career passing list and No. 1 on the career punting list.



Savage Thunder

Junior running back Johnny "T" McHenry was one of the driving forces behind the Savage success in 1999, leading the team in scoring with 12 rushing touchdowns.



Operation Converge

Donnie Middleton (52), J.R. Middleton (55) and Levi McDonald (44) go for a tight crunch of a Southwestern Oklahoma State running back.



Whites of Their Eyes

Senior linebacker Mike DeWitt closes in on a Southwestern Oklahoma State receiver.



Swerve On

Junior wideout Gary Don Moore evades a Harding defender during Homecoming 1999.



Sack Attack

Senior defensive lineman Donnie Middleton sacks Harding quarterback Lnke Cullins.

Bombs Away

Senior quarterback Chris Enloe launches a touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Ben Pedigo (80) in the corner of the end zone versus Harding.



Quarterback Crunch

Senior Landon Johnson (26) and junior Levi McDonald (44) sandwich Central Oklahoma's quarterback.

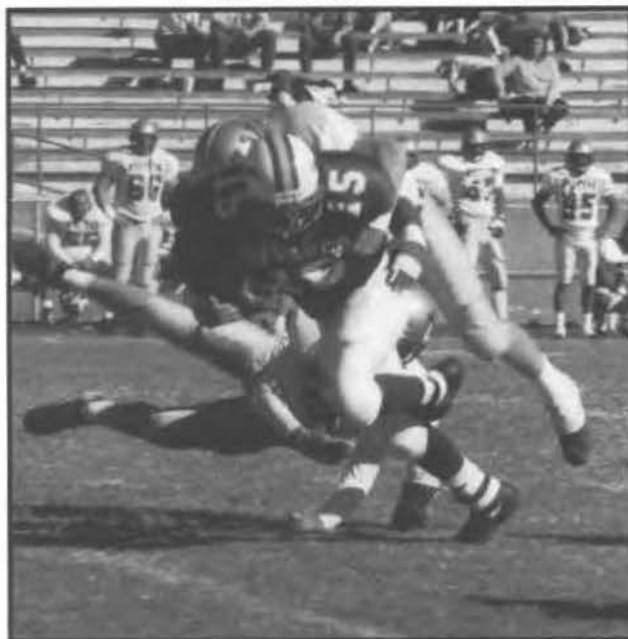


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McBride & the Ride

Freshman tailback Chad McBride evades evades one Western New Mexico defender and carries another for a first down.



Photo by

Slovakian Nightmare

Milan Smado boots a field goal against Harding. Smado, a native of Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, became the first Slovakian to ever earn All-American honors in football in the United States.



Photo by Sarah

An Offensive Pow-Wow

Senior wideout John Brinkley (89) rests with an icepack on his neck while the offensive unit strategizes against Western New Mexico.

1999 Results

vs. Abilene Christian [^]	L, 3-0
vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville [^]	L, 3-0
vs. Southern Arkansas [^]	L, 3-1
vs. St. Edward's (Texas) [^]	L, 3-1
Austin College	W, 3-1
vs. College of the Southwest [%]	L, 3-0
vs. McMurry University [%]	W, 3-1
vs. Texas-Permian Basin [%]	W, 3-2
vs. Schreiner College [%]	W, 3-1
at Midwestern State	L, 3-0
Central Oklahoma [*]	L, 3-1
Texas Wesleyan	L, 3-0
at Ouachita Baptist [*]	L, 3-0
at Arkansas Tech	L, 3-0
at Harding University [*]	L, 3-0
at Texas Woman's [*]	L, 3-2
Texas A&M-Commerce [*]	L, 3-0
at Cameron University [*]	L, 3-0
at Austin College	L, 3-1
Harding University [*]	L, 3-0
Ouachita Baptist [*]	L, 3-1
Midwestern State	L, 3-1
vs. Angelo State ^{\$}	L, 3-0
vs. Drury College (Mo.) ^{\$}	L, 3-1
vs. St. Edward's (Texas) ^{\$}	L, 3-0
vs. Abilene Christian ^{\$}	L, 3-0
Texas Woman's [*]	L, 3-1
at Texas Wesleyan	L, 3-0
at Texas A&M-Commerce [*]	L, 3-0
Cameron University [*]	L, 3-0
at Central Oklahoma [*]	L, 3-0

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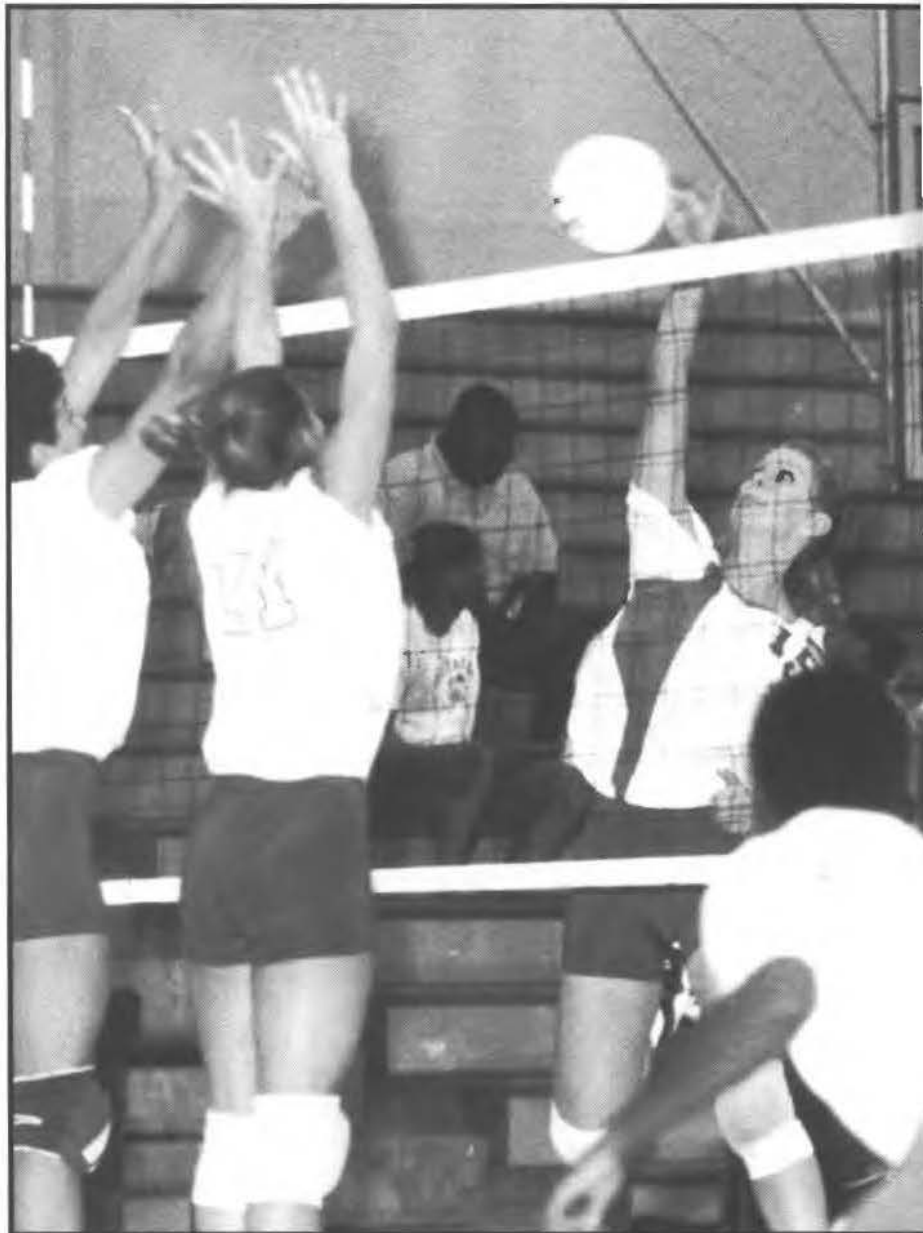


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Killing Time

Jana Hawk fires a kill against the University of Central Oklahoma. Hawk finished fourth on the team in kills with 118 and second in blocks with 40.

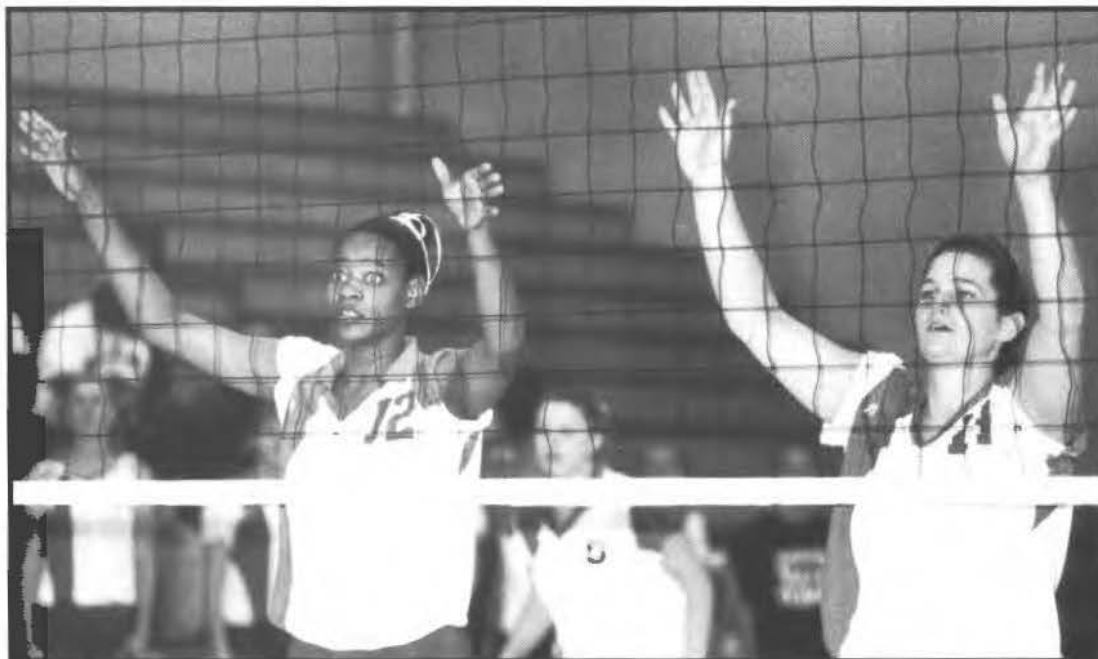


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The Art of Blocking

Shayla Williams (12) and Carla Auld (14) get ready for a Ouachita Baptist serve. Williams led the team in blocks (84) and Auld finished second on the team in kills with 208.

An influx of youth

For Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 1999 marked a year of valuable experience for the Lady Savages.

Head coach Cherrie Wilmoth's squad entered the season looking to capitalize on the team's success during its inaugural 1998 campaign.

Seniors Celeste Cerda and Holly Little provided the team's leadership, while junior transfer Shayla Williams added the needed punch in the middle.

The highlight of the season came in Sherman, Texas, where the Lady Savages took second place in the Lady Roo Classic. Southeastern notched wins over McMurry, Texas-Permian Basin and Schreiner College.

Williams became the first Lady Savages player to land on the all-Lone Star Conference North Division team, after being named to an honorable mention selection.



VOLLEYBALL



photos by Dan Hoke

Serve Receive

Stephanie Lewellen receives a serve against Cameron University, as teammate Katie Harris looks on.



Diggin' It

Carla Auld digs a front row kill attempt by Central Oklahoma.



1999 Lady Savage Volleyball

Shown here is the 1999 team picture of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University volleyball team. From right to left: Assistant coach Mirauda Sykes, Amy Bilderback, Andrea Ramsay, manager Lisa Cerda, Carla Auld, Stephanie Lewellen, trainer Jason Williams, Sandra Geigenmiller, Autumn Gregg, Katie Harris, Shayla Williams, Holly [unclear]

Lady Savage Cross Country

Breaking Barriers

When head coach Lanny Pettit went into the 1999 women's cross country team, he new had a team with some experience and a lot of youth.

The question was would the two mesh into a cohesive unit. Pettit had lost three seniors to graduation the previous season and 1999 had been slated as areboulding year.

Any doubts in Pettit's mind were answered in Southeastern Oklahoma State's first meet, as the Lady Savages finished second at the Oklahoma Christian meet, with freshman newcomer Nicole Sharp running away individual title.

That first week blossomed into success, as the Lady Savages would go on to win the Central Oklahoma meet the very next week. This time it was Ardmore freshman Tia Holman claiming the individual title.

The ladies claimed second at Texas A&M-Commerce and finish seventh at the NCAA Division I North Texas Invitational, beating North Texas and Southern Methodist University.

Southeastern then won the East Central Tiger Chase Invitational and finish fourth at the Lone Star Conference championships.

The team's success vaulted Southeastern into the NCAA Division II South Central regional rankings at No. 10.



photos by Dan Hoke

1999 Lady Savage Cross Country

STANDING: (L-R) Head coach Lanny Pettit, Lindsey Hicks, Natalie Hubbard, Beth Harwood and assistant coach Angie Landre. KNEELING: (L-R) Natalie Krieger, Dianna Kniffin, Nicole Sharp and Tia Holman.

She's Going the Distance, She's Going for Speed



Tia Holman, a freshman from Ardmore



Lindsey Hicks, a freshman from Dickson



Natalie Hubbard, a freshman from Broken Bow



Running for Gold

Weatherford, Texas, freshman Nicole Sharp crosses the finish line at the Oklahoma Christian Invitational in first place.



A Championship Finish

The Lady Savage Cross Country team takes a water break after finishing first the ECU Tiger Chase.



Cheer 'em On

Diana Kniffin, Tia Holman and Beth Harwood enjoy a football game.



Battling for Position

Beth Harwood and Natalie Krieger battle for position



First Down

Natalie Krieger edges forward over the railing to see if



LSC Championships

The ladies take time to relax after running in the LSC Championships in Ada. Southeastern finished fourth in the race, the highest team finish for the Lady Savages since joining the conference.



BASKETBALL

Lady Savages



photo by Dan Hoke

Point of Attack

Point guard Dana Sutton drives past an East Central Lady Tiger.



I'm Open

Sophomore Christie Derzapf looks to pass the ball against East Central.



Taking Aim

Freshman Tera Newnam positions for a shot against East Central.



Going Left

Freshman Jana Haddock drives left against Quach...

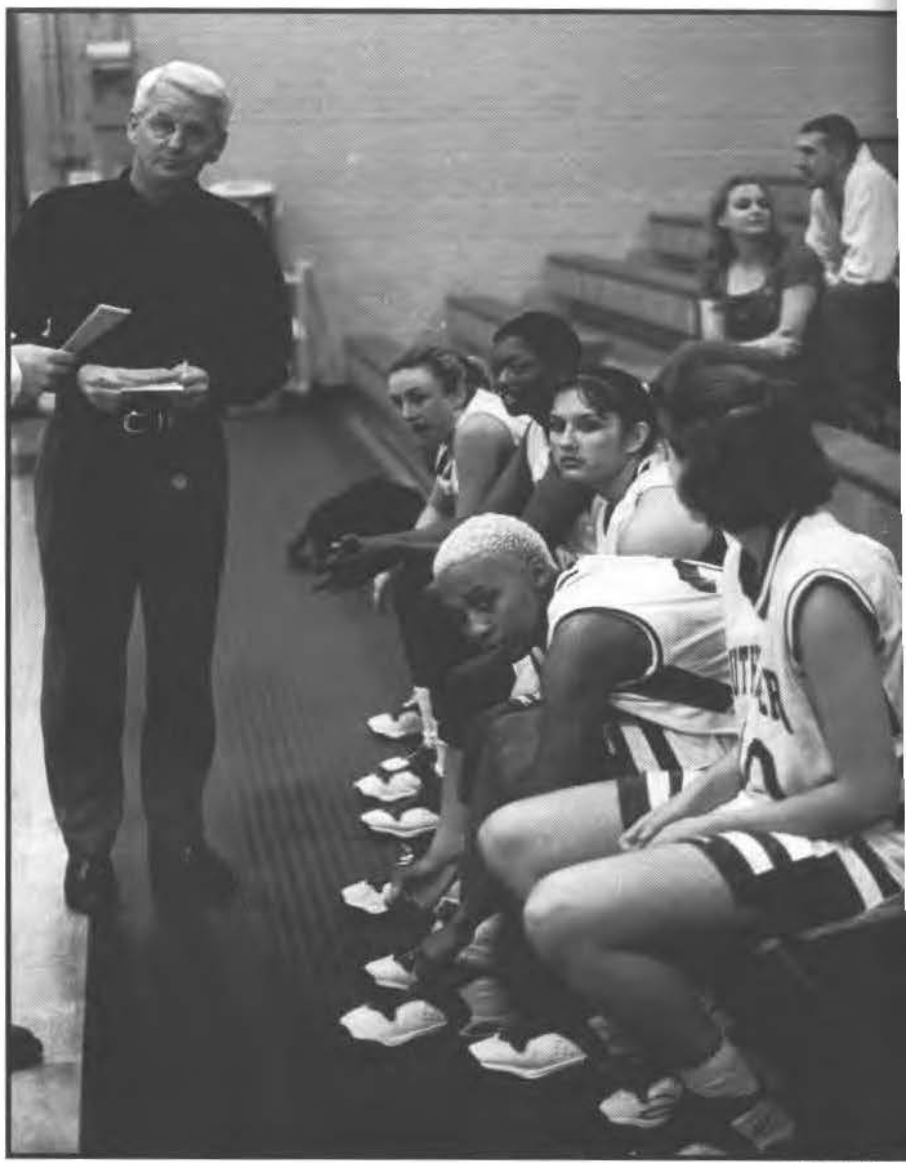


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A Pause in the Action

Head coach Nick Keith strategizes with the Lady Savages during a timeout against Jarvis Christi... Looking on are (l-r) Vanessa Tice, Tifney Kelly, Dana Sutton, Brandy Harris and Christie Derzapf.

1999 Results

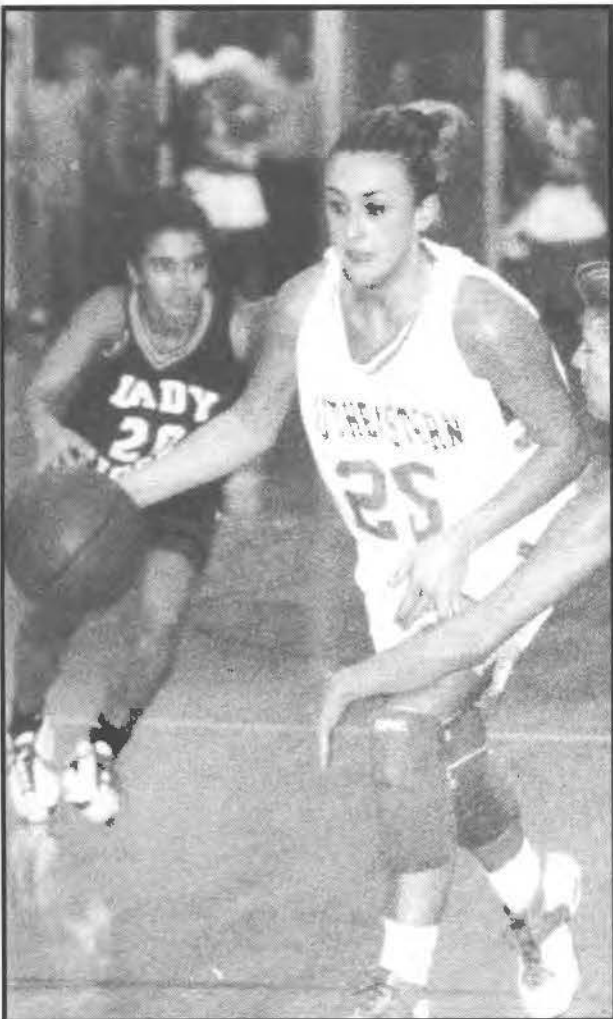
at Midwestern State**	W,65-51
Texas A&M-Kingsville**	W,81-59
Texas A&M-Commerce**	W,79-64
North Dakota State#	L,67-55
Lincoln University (Mo.)#	W,68-49
Incarnate Word#	L,74-70 OT
at Texas Wesleyan	W,59-56
at Jarvis Christian	W,93-77
Harding University*	L,70-67
Ouachita Babtist*	W,69-58
East Central*	L,78-65
at Northeastern State*	L,51-32
at Central Oklahoma*	W,61-53
at Cameron University*	W,70-67
Jarvis Christian	W,62-54
at Tarleton State	L,68-56
Southwestern Oklahoma State*	W,60-54
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at Harding University*	
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Central Oklahoma*	
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 *- denotes Lone Star Conference North Division
 #-denotes West Texas A&M 7-Up Classic



Parting the Waters

Junior Brandy Harris parts a pair of East Central defenders on her way to the basket



1999-2000 Lady Savage Basketball

BACK ROW: (L-R) Head coach Nick Keith, Dana Sutton, Laura Rodgers, Christie Derzaph, Tera Newman, Jana Haddock, Brandy Harris and manager Kenna Morgan. KNEELING: (L-R) Assistant coach Brett Frauk, Katy Morrow, Angela Thompson, Darcy Miller, Natalie Wimbley, and Vanessa Tice. SITTING: (L-R) Charity Zike and Tifney Kelly.



photos by Da

How Sweet It Is

Freshman point guard Jimmie Walker drains a pair of free throws to seal the Savages' victory over East Central. (L-R) Rope Perry, Terrell Towns, Jide Obinegbo, Jim Walker and J.P. Reese.

BASKETBALL

1999-2000 Results

vs. Henderson State#	W, 71-68 OT
at Southern Arkansas#	L, 80-68
Southwestern College (Okla.)	W, 101-48
at Midwestern State**	L, 60-56
Texas A&M-Kingsville**	W, 76-61
Texas A&M-Commerce**	L, 76-59
at Texas Wesleyan	L, 100-93 OT
at St. Mary's (Texas)	L, 68-53
at Incarnate Word	L, 63-51
Harding University*	W, 64-62
Ouachita Baptist*	L, 51-49
East Central*	W, 75-68
at Northeastern State*	L, 68-47
at Central Oklahoma*	L, 89-79
Texas Wesleyan	L, 71-69
at Cameron University*	L, 70-67
at Tarleton State	L, 55-51
Southwestern Oklahoma State	L, 76-72
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Central Oklahoma*	
Northeastern State*	

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Fade Away

Jnnior Rickey Yongg pnlls up for a "J."



On Patrol

Freshman Jimmie Walker controls the te



Rope's Retreat

Senior Rope Perry pulls back to avoid a foul on a rebound.



On the Inside

Freshman Jeff Wood positions for a shot against East Central.



Going Vertical

Senior J.P. Reese rises above his opponent for a one-handed jumper against East Central.



1999-2000 Savage Basketball



Going Baseline

Junior swingman Jide Obinabo drives towards the baseline and an easy two against



Jump Stop

Junior Terrell Towns uses a jump stop to move past an East Central defender.



Cutting Corners

Senior Reno Holt cuts to the lane for an easy two.





2000 Lady Savage Softball

2000 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Lone Star-Gulf South Jamboree			
02-12	Southern Arkansas University	Texarkana, Ark.	1 p.m.
02-12	Central Arkansas University	Texarkana, Ark.	3 p.m.
02-12	Championship Game	Texarkana, Ark.	5 p.m.
02-15	Baylor University (DH)	Waco, Texas	4 p.m.
LSC First Pitch Softball Jamboree			
02-18	Texas Woman's University	Irving, Texas	Noon
02-18	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Irving, Texas	4 p.m.
02-19	Tarleton State University	Irving, Texas	10 a.m.
02-19	Eastern New Mexico	Irving, Texas	2 p.m.
02-23	Southern Nazarene (DH)	Durant, Okla.	2 p.m.
02-25	Central Arkansas Invitational	Conway, Ark.	TBA
02-26	Central Arkansas Invitational	Conway, Ark.	TBA
02-29	St. Edward's University (DH)	Durant, Okla.	2 p.m.
NCAA Division II - Lead Off Classic			
03-03	TBA	Irving, Texas	TBA
03-04	TBA	Irving, Texas	TBA
03-05	TBA	Irving, Texas	TBA
03-08	Southern Nazarene (DH)	Bethany, Okla.	3 p.m.
03-10	Missouri Southern Tournament	Joplin, Mo.	TBA
03-11	Missouri Southern Tournament	Joplin, Mo.	TBA
03-14	Central Oklahoma** (DH)	Edmond, Okla.	2 p.m.
03-15	Central Oklahoma** (DH)	Durant, Okla.	2 p.m.
03-28	SW Oklahoma State** (DH)	Weatherford, Okla.	2 p.m.
03-29	SW Oklahoma State** (DH)	Durant, Okla.	2 p.m.
03-31	Oklahoma City Invitational	Oklahoma City, Okla.	TBA
04-01	Oklahoma City Invitational	Oklahoma City, Okla.	TBA
04-04	Texas Woman's University (DH)	Denton, Texas	5 p.m.
04-05	Northeastern State** (DH)	Durant, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-06	Northeastern State** (DH)	Tahlequah, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-11	East Central University** (DH)	Ada, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-12	East Central University** (DH)	Durant, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-14	Panhandle State University (DH)	Durant, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-15	Panhandle State University (DH)	Durant, Okla.	11 a.m.
04-18	Cameron University** (DH)	Lawton, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-19	Cameron University** (DH)	Durant, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-25	Oklahoma Baptist (DH)	Durant, Okla.	3 p.m.
04-28	LSC Championships	TBA	TBA
04-29	LSC Championships	TBA	TBA
05-02	Oklahoma Baptist (DH)	Shawnee, Okla.	2 p.m.
05-02	Oklahoma City University (DH)	Oklahoma City, Okla.	7 p.m.



The Wind Up

Starla Payne prepares to pitch against Southern Nazarene University.



SOFTBALL



Teamwork
Angel Winston (left) and Tonya Mills scramble for a loose ball.



Goin' Yard
Kelly Baker rounds third base after another homer.



Strike Up the Band
The Lady Savage celebrate after a win.

SAVAGES



BASEBALL

1999 LSC Champions

In 1999, Southeastern Oklahoma State captured the Lone Star Conference North Division title and the LSC Tournament Championship. The Savages were ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation and closed out the season as regional runner-up.

2000 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 17	Science & Arts of Oklahoma	Chickasha	1:00
Feb. 19	Cameron University	Durant	1:00
Feb. 22	Henderson State University	Durant	1:00
Feb. 24	Texas Wesleyan University	Ft. Worth, Texas	1:00
Feb. 26	Oklahoma Christian	Edmond	1:00
Feb. 29	Southern Arkansas	Durant	1:00
Lone Star Conference First Pitch Tournament			
Mar. 3	Cameron University (1)	Abilene, Texas	10:00
Mar. 4	Abilene Christian U. (1)	Abilene, Texas	1:00
Mar. 4	West Texas A & M (1)	Abilene, Texas	4:00
Mar. 10	*Northeastern State	Durant	1:00
Mar. 11	*Northeastern State	Durant	12:00
Mar. 14	Missouri Western State	Russellville, Ark.	1:00
Mar. 15	Arkansas Tech	Russellville, Ark.	1:00
Mar. 17	Abilene Christian (1)	Durant	2:00
Mar. 18	Abilene Christian	Durant	1:00
Mar. 20	Southern Nazarene	Durant	1:00
Mar. 21	Texas Wesleyan	Durant	1:00
Mar. 24	*SW Oklahoma State	Weatherford	1:00
Mar. 25	*SW Oklahoma State	Weatherford	1:00
Mar. 31	*Central Oklahoma	Durant	1:30
Apr. 1	*Central Oklahoma	Durant	12:00
Apr. 4	Southern Arkansas	Magnolia, Ark.	1:00
Apr. 7	*East Central	Ada	1:30
Apr. 8	*East Central	Durant	1:30
Apr. 11	Dallas Baptist	Durant	1:30
Apr. 14	*Harding University	Durant	1:30
Apr. 15	*Harding University	Durant	12:00
Apr. 21	*Ouachita Baptist	Arkadelphia, Ark.	1:30
Apr. 22	*Ouachita Baptist	Arkadelphia, Ark.	1:30
Apr. 24	Science & Arts of Oklahoma	Durant	2:00
Apr. 27-29	Lone Star Conference	TBA	TBA
May 18-20	South Central Regional	TBA	TBA
May 23	NCAA II WORLD SERIES	Montgomery, Ala.	TBA

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Celebration

The Savages celebrate after plating another run.



800 & Counting

Congratulations to Savage skipper Mike Metheny, who recorded his 800th win. He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1999.

McCarty's Playground



Defensive Stand

Southeastern senior Catcher J.R. Burge protects the plate against Abilene Christian



Speed Demon

Jeremy McCarty, a senior from Norman, Okla., steals second base in this sequence of pictures.



Batter-Up



TENNIS

Lady Savages



1999-2000 Lady Savage Tennis

Baseline Return

Lisa Pollack sets up for a wide baseline return.



Backhand Specialist

Jennifer Beasley uses her backhand to return a serve.







TENNIS

Savages



Power Serve

Cody Commander rears back for a serve.

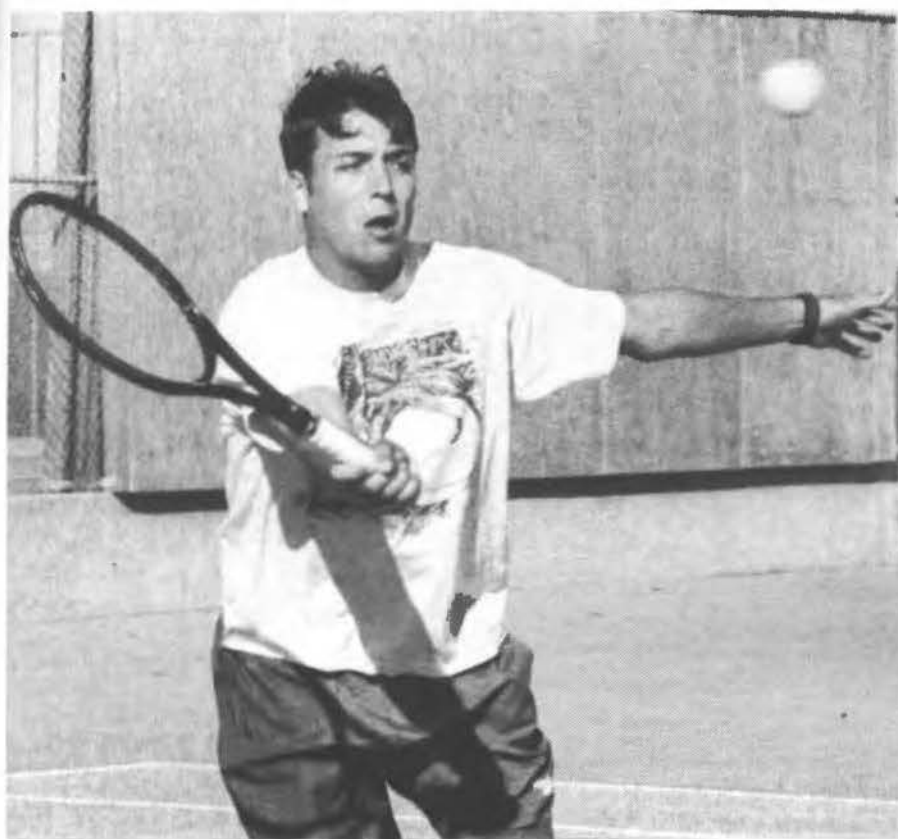


Leverage Return

Jason Soto powers the ball back across the net.



1999-2000 Savage Tennis





A Millennium Of Memories

A Look Back

Could two people be so alike and so different at the same time?

Well, yes, you might say that.

When you look back at the collegiate careers of Dennis Rodman and Crystal Robinson, a lot of similarities seem to arise.

Rodman was a three-time NAIA All-American in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Robinson was a three-time NAIA All-American in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Rodman was the catalyst that sparked Southeastern to a third place finish at the NAIA National Tournament in 1986.

Robinson was the driving force behind Southeastern's back-to-back second place finishes in 1995 and 1996.

Away from Southeastern Rodman was a two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year, five-time world champion

and seven-time NBA rebounding champion.

Robinson was the Rookie of the Year in the now defunct ABL, a first round draft pick of the New York Liberty of the WNBA, USA Sports Festival MVP and the top 3-point shooter in the WNBA in 1999.

Rodman's nickname is the "Worm," while Robinson's moniker is "C-Rob."

At Southeastern, Rodman averaged 25.7 points, 15.7 rebounds and shot 63.7 percent from the field for his career.

Robinson averaged 27 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, while shooting 42.4 percent from 3-point range during her career at Southeastern.

But the similarities may end there, as Crystal is a little more quiet and reserved than the outrageous Dennis, who has authored two books, been in three movies and hosted an MTV series.



Dennis Rodman



Crystal Robinson

Dennis Rodman was a three-time NAIA All-American at Southeastern, leading the Savages to two national tournament appearances and a third place finish in 1986 in Kansas City, Mo.

Crystal Robinson was a three-time NAIA All-American at Southeastern, leading the Lady Savages to three national tournament appearances and two NAIA national runner-up finishes.



Ride on Betty Gayle



February's first week had barely wrapped up in 1952, when Tuffy and Betty Rose Cooper's baby daughter, Betty Gayle, made her entrance into the world.

Hobbs, N.M., had seen many great cowboys ride horseback across the plains, and for Betty Gayle Cooper there was no exception.

Tuffy Cooper was a rodeo cowboy who made certain his children learned all that they could about the sport. Betty Gayle's talents were honed throughout her childhood and by high school, she was making her entrance into the world of champions.

Competition came naturally to Betty Gayle. Growing up with two brothers, Roy and Clay, gave her the incentive to improve her skills on a daily basis. She excelled in rodeo as a member of the Hobbs High School Rodeo Team.

After her graduation in 1970, she entered Eastern New Mexico University, in Portales. Her rodeo career, hand in hand, with her education, continued to bring her success.

In 1971, she took on the challenge of becoming the Southwest Region Breakaway Roping Director. It was a task she would become very accustomed to in the years to come.

Betty Gayle graduated from Eastern New Mexico State University, looking forward to her profession as a teacher.

In 1976, she began her career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University as rodeo coach. Southeastern benefited greatly from her expertise.

She led the team to numerous championships, which became one of the most decorated rodeo programs in the United States.

Even while she carried out her responsibilities as a coach, she managed to receive her master's degree from Southeastern.

In addition to coordinating the rodeo program, she developed course outlines for classes taught in the

Education Department. She was involved in recruiting, public relations and was Academic Director of Equine Studies at SOSU.

Betty Gayle had a deep desire for quality in everything she did. In addition to being an excellent coach, she was also an outstanding competitor. She was a member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and held numerous titles.

Her accomplishments were extremely impressive - World Champion Calf Roper 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983 and reserve calf roper in 1985. She was also named WPRA All-Around Cowgirl from 1981-83, and Rodeo Director of the WPRA bringing about rule changes in interpretations to improve the sport for all women involved.

Betty Gayle was equally diligent in the pursuit of a happy personal life.

On January 9, 1992, she married Harry "Rip" Ratliff in a ceremony held in Ixtapa, Mexico. In 1993, her joy was furthered by the birth of her son, Cooper Thomas Ratliff

mother seriously and, as soon as her daughter was old enough, introduced Cooper to rodeo. Betty Gayle loved kids and found leading youngsters very rewarding. She was active in the American Junior Rodeo Association.

In 1996, Betty Gayle received a devastating diagnosis of cancer. She was preparing for another trip to the Women's Pro Finals when the news was confirmed.

After a long, hard-fought battle, Betty Gayle Cooper-Ratliff succumbed to the disease on November 12, 1999.

In death, she taught her most valuable lesson - though life is precarious, live with dignity and never give up on dreams of the heart.

- Annie Row



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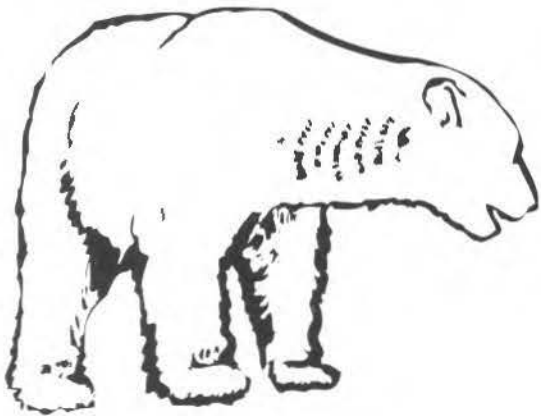
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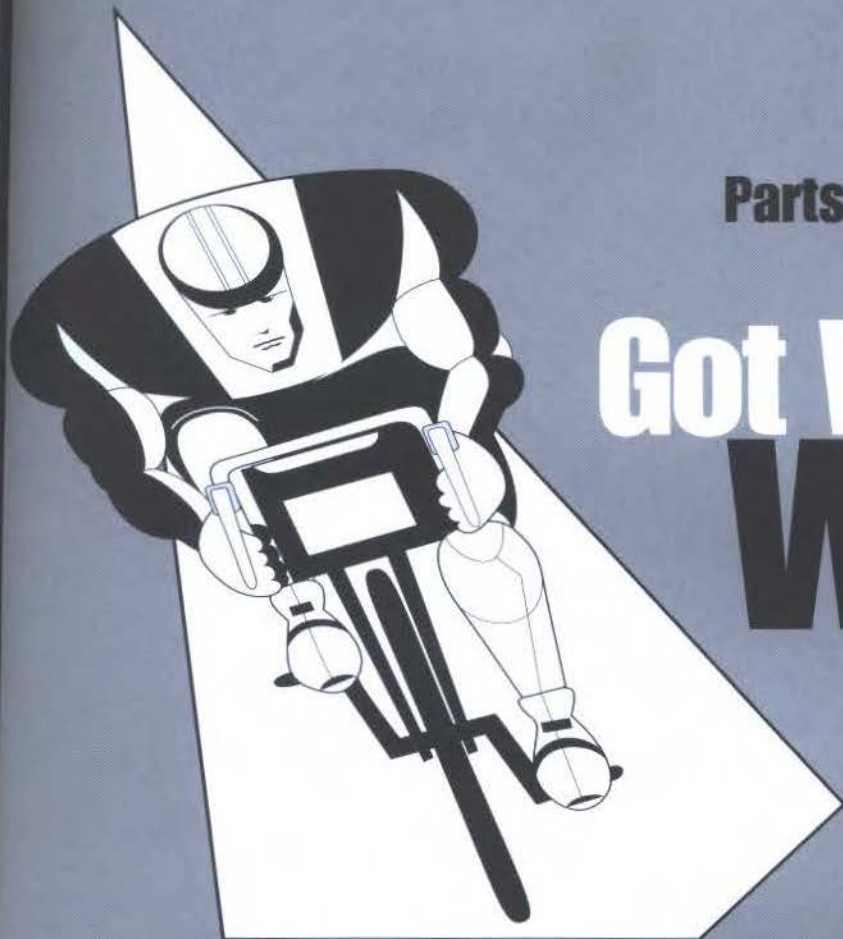
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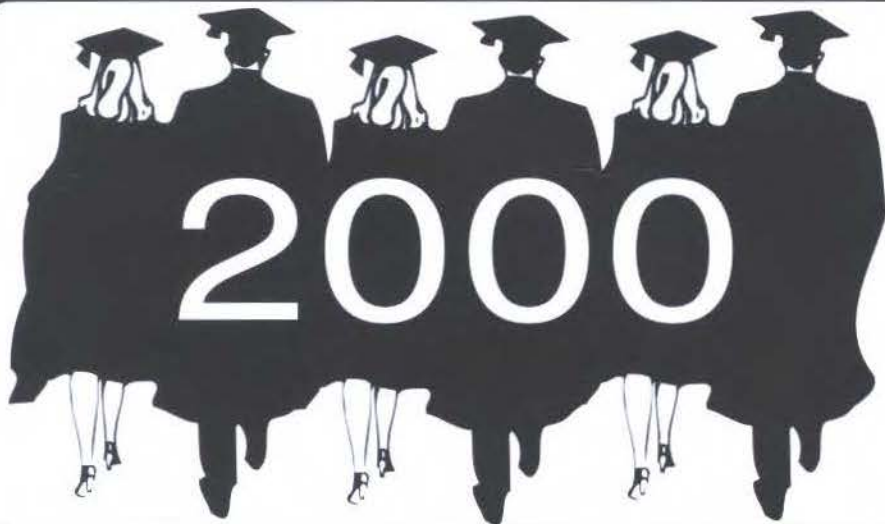
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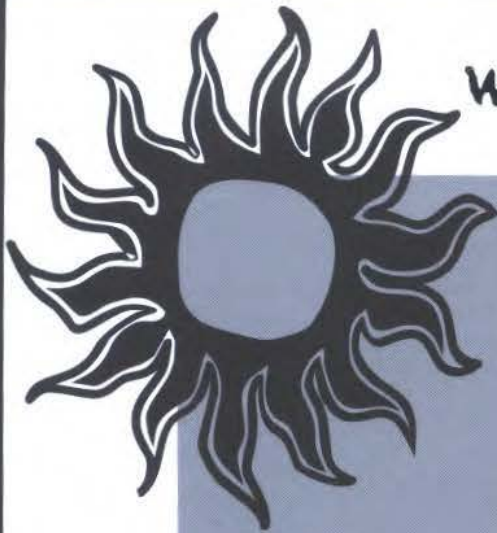


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A Look Back

Now you have seen Southeastern Oklahoma State University. You've hung out with the Greeks; been introduced to the faculty; rubbed elbows with Miss Southeastern. You've heard us yell when we won a football game, cry when we lost a great rodeo coach. You've seen the qualities that make SOSU different and the traditions that make it the same. Southeastern Oklahoma State University is passionate, friendly, and comfortable. Now you know why close to 4,000 people pay to come to school here. You have captured the ending moments of a memorable decade, as you are about to embark on the wonders of the new millennium. The Savage yearbook staff would like to thank everyone who had a helping hand with this book.

Editor – Billie Mocabee

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