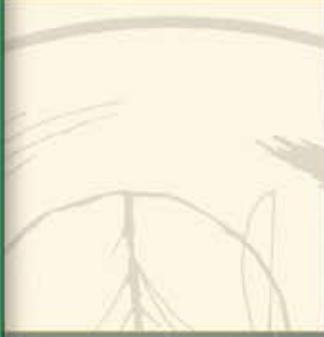


Western Oklahoma State College

2006-2007
President's Annual
Report



It is hard to believe that the 2006-07 academic year has passed and the 2007-08 year will soon be in full swing. As each year passes it is important to reflect on just how far we have come. Western's faculty and staff continue to excel in many areas of academic pursuit as well as in receiving recognition in many areas. Also, students at Western continue to amaze me in their individual pursuits and accomplishments.

This past year Elizabeth Wallace was named by *The Journal Record* newspaper as one of the recipients of the "Innovator of the Year" award that was given for her research efforts and partnership with the OSU Extension and Research office in Altus. Her continued work with the Summer Science Academies also brings recognition to Western and helps serve many young aspiring students on our campus.

Dr. Bruce Newman, government instructor, published his first book entitled "Against that 'Powerful Engine of Despotism.'" Dr. Newman has also published several articles, including one in *The Wall Street Journal*. He has also testified before the Oklahoma legislative committee on the Founders' view of property rights, and was an Earnhart Fellow recipient.

Ten students from Western's music department were selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association's national convention in Miami, Florida. Karla Shelby, vocal music director, accompanied these students and was instrumental in providing audition tapes and support in preparing these students for this important opportunity.

Western was again awarded a USDA grant through the Rural Development's Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program. The grant was submitted by Kent Brooks, dean of learning support systems and chief technology officer at Western. The

grant award totaled \$485,000 which will serve approximately 2,856 students and 185 teachers.

Western continues to move forward

in preparation for the new construction of a 40,000 square foot Cooperative Higher Education and Training Center. It is hoped that construction will begin in early fall of 2007.

There are many other accomplishments highlighted in this annual report which I hope you will review. I would also like to note that Western has been preparing for the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association accreditation visit scheduled for March of 2008.

Our staff has been working diligently in the preparation and planning associated with this important event. Everyone on campus has been involved in this process, and for their involvement, I want to say thank you! I would also be remiss if I did not say thank you to the steering committee made up of Lisa Greenlee, chairman, and the following members:

John Phelan, Dr. Toni Coakley, Sandra Foster, Celia Nippert, Sandra Foster, Carol Kendrix, Dr. Larry Paxton, and Dr. Randy Smith. Members of the writing team are Mike Tucker, Elizabeth Wallace, Celia Nippert, Sandra Foster and Alice Newman. This report as well as subsequent annual reports will be aligned with the criterion utilized in assessing and planning for future HLC visits and Western's future.

In closing, Western will continue to provide quality academic and support services to all of southwestern Oklahoma and beyond. Through your support and encouragement, Western will move forward as Oklahoma embraces the centennial year with pride and excitement!

President's Message



*Western Oklahoma State
College is committed
to providing exemplary
educational opportunities
to meet the needs of the
individual and the
community in an increasingly
global society.*



Chairsperson Gilmer J. Capps, Snyder, was appointed by Governor Keating in 1994 and was reappointed in 2002.



Vice Secretary Mark Dodson, Altus was appointed by Governor Henry in 2003.



Secretary Randy Sheets, Altus, was appointed by Governor Keating in 1996 and was reappointed by Governor Henry in 2005.

Board of Regents



John R. Hester, Frederick, was appointed by Governor Walters in 1993, reappointed by Governor Keating in 2000, and Governor Henry in 2007.



Steve H. Miller, Hobart, was appointed by Governor Walters in 1994, and reappointed by Governor Keating in 2001.



Renee Walker Gunkel, Altus, was appointed by Governor Henry in 2006.



A. Dean Graumann, Granite, was appointed by Governor Henry in 2004.



Criterion 1

Mission and Integrity

Western operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, and students.

Vice President for Business Affairs:

- Completed the first two phases of a recently approved \$6 million bond issue for three major campus projects.
- Coordinated with Information Technology in purchasing over \$700,000 in new technology equipment.
- Renewed a contract to provide daily operational oversight to Quartz Mountain, in addition to renewing an annual ongoing contract to provide personnel and accounting services.
- Entered into a contract service arrangement for building floor maintenance.
- Completed major \$800,000 parking lot replacement and resurfacing project.
- Accomplished major building exterior wall replacement with EIFS in the technology building.
- Completed new cement roadway surface in the physical plant vehicle storage lot.
- Developed a new part-time employee holiday benefit plan.

Personnel:

- Processed 55 payrolls for Western.
- Processed 54 payrolls for Quartz Mountain.
- Processed 159 new employees.
- Implemented new employee orientation.
- Successfully completed the Comp Source insurance audit for Quartz Mountain and the internal audit.

Physical Plant:

- Repaired the roof at the block house.

- Finalized the original landscaping and sprinkler plans.
- Completed new fencing campuswide and paving around the motor pool.
- Completed fence and painting projects at dorms.
- Installed new hot/cold table wells in the food service area.
- Bleachers in gym were redone.
- Landscaped parking lot islands.
- Installed new cabinets in shop area.
- Rodeo grounds apartment was repaired, cleaned and made ready for occupancy.

Student Store:

- Assistant Manager Kass Deweese was employed.
- Successful graduation and announcement sales were conducted.
- Prepared special holiday gift items for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Christmas.
- Assisted in recruiting efforts by preparing gift baskets for prospective students.
- Implemented online purchase orders.
- Continued promoting school spirit with \$6 t-shirt sales.

Accounting/Student Billing:

- Successfully satisfied the reporting requirements for the HOPE Scholarship.
- Completed a quality control compliance review of the institution's pre-audit of internal control procedures for the alternate system for

miscellaneous claims.

- Completed three quarterly internal audits with no major findings.
- Continually work with financial aid in reconciling all aid distributed.
- Partially implemented an electronic purchase order system.
- Processed over 7,000 payments to vendors for Western and Quartz combined.

Purchasing:

- Posted 300-400 purchase orders, processed travel claims, and maintained vendor file for Quartz Mountain.
- Processed approximately 1,200 invoices for payment.
- Processed more than 350 invoices for grant programs.
- Processed nearly 3,000 purchase orders totaling more than \$1 million.
- Implemented new procedure for online purchase orders.

The **Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs** offices successfully completed necessary audits with no findings being reported.

- The federal FISAP report was submitted electronically to the Department of Education.
- The new Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) was introduced to the federal student aid programs and awarded to eligible students beginning with the fall 2006 semester.



Roger and Sherry Teigen, left, established a perpetual scholarship endowment in honor of Sherry's mother, Betty Caswell. The Margie Betty Davis Caswell Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Jackson county students planning to attend Western.



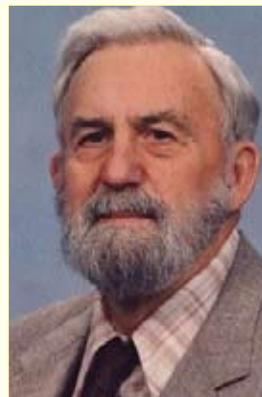
Western was awarded a \$485,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of rural development. Pictured above are Sabrina Parker, representing Sen. Jim Inhofe; Kent Brooks; President Cumby, and Brent Kisling, Oklahoma State Director of the USDA Rural Development.



Norris Corbitt, and his late wife Delva, donated five \$5,000 scholarships to Elk City nursing students. Corbitt is pictured with Western nursing students who take courses in Elk City.



Above: Ten of Karla Shelby's choir students were selected to perform in the national American Choral Directors Association concert in Miami.



Left: Berttram "Bert" Earl Cole, Jr. was inducted into the WOSC Alumni Hall of Fame at the annual WOSC Foundation and Alumni Recognition Banquet.

Below: The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) of Southwest Oklahoma established a scholarship endowment for business majors attending Western. Pictured from left are State Farm agent David Webb; Riley "Nub" Smith, national chairperson for NAIFA-Southwest Oklahoma and Larry Duffy, vice president for development and alumni relations.



Service pins were awarded to employees in five-year increments. Anita Miller (left) and Vicki Elkins were recognized by President Cumby for 30 years of service to Western Oklahoma State College.





Western's allocation of resources and processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

In **Academic Affairs**, Dr. Randy Smith was hired as vice president for academic affairs, and deans were appointed as follows: Lisa Greenlee, dean of arts and sciences; Carol Kendrix, dean of technical education; Kent Brooks, dean of learning support systems/chief technology officer; Larry Paxton, dean of academic and student support services. Rachel Beckner, John Phelan, Susan Childs, Celia Nippert, Chrystal Overton, Lynn Null, and C.L. Carden were appointed academic coordinators.

The best practices review was revived in order to ensure that all of Western's web-based courses met the standards set forth by the OSRHE. The **technology** committee began work on best practices review in preparation for NCA accreditation visit.

Strategic plans for Western and for each department/division were developed with input from faculty/staff.

Western established a cooperative alliance agreement with Western Technology Center in Burns Flat.

Child Development developed articulation agreements with SWOSU and Cameron. Those institutions will accept nine hours of coursework.

Admissions and Counseling and Assessment conducted 22 admission clinics, and approximately 500 prospective students attended the clinics.

Counseling and Assess-

ment administered approximately 1,400 placement tests to Western students and prospective students. COM-PASS tests were given in English, math, and reading. The **Admissions Office** implemented student ID numbers to replace social security numbers.

The **Administrative Computing Office** and the **Admissions Office** were the first in the state to place the online admission application on the OSHRE portal.

Western was awarded a \$485,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of rural development. Funds will be used for ten public schools, one university, Western, and the Museum of the Western Prairie.

Western was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Inasmuch Foundation to help refurbish the Herschal H. Crow Fine Arts Center.

The **Upward Bound** grant was rewritten and funding approved for 2007-2011.

Information Technology did the following:

- Continued upgrading network infrastructure to provide two additional wireless access points.

- Added an additional distance learning room through a collaborative effort with Cameron and area hospitals to increase the number of health care professionals in the area.

- Twenty-six video projectors and 25 Smart Boards were installed to upgrade media-enhanced teaching classrooms.

- Upgraded carts with 64 Acer laptops.

- Added SmartBoard capabilities to two classrooms.

- Upgraded 20 PCs in labs and offices.

- Provided additional faculty and staff tablet personal computers to enable usage in Smart classrooms.

- Installed two distance learning studios for the nursing program at the Elk City site.

- Brian Carpenter and Nick Hood attended a one week security workshop sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Homeland Security.

The **Learning Resources Center** upgraded the automated cataloging circulation system by replacing the Dynix server to provide more efficient patron service. The LRC also

- Is converting all of their resource materials to the Library of Congress cataloging system.

- Has upgraded the south lab to give students more access to online sources when regular LRC computers are in use.

- Has changed the north lab into a library instruction/programming room with Smart Board.

Radiologic Technology submitted a progress report to JRCERT in June, and earned an additional three years accreditation. The department has been accredited for a total of eight more years.

Nursing continued in its second year of the Program of Excellence Grant from

the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education. An additional nursing site was added in Elk City with two ITV/Smart classrooms, skills labs, and offices.

Early Childhood developed an articulation agreement with Cameron University. The **Associate of Science in Business Administration** degree was streamlined by adding/deleting classes to meet the curriculum for a Bachelors of Business Administration degree.

A **communication emphasis option** has been approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with transfer options to Cameron University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The **Office of Assessment** conducted the following surveys were conducted during the past year: "entering student survey", "continuing student opinion survey", and "college outcomes survey for two-year schools." Students are also required to take exit exams as part of Western's Assessment Plan.

Financial Aid Director Myrna Cross and **Assistant Director of Financial Aid Janet Glenn** conducted a total of ten financial aid workshops for area high schools as well as the Upward Bound program.

The total assets of the **WOSC Foundation Inc.** were \$6,135,428.55 as of June 30, 2007. This figure reflects the WOSC Foundation, Inc. pass-through account, real property, art and the WOSC Foundation, Inc. student housing account. Highlights include the following:

- Increase of \$391,162 in total assets.
- Provided \$132,399 in scholarship funding during 2006-2007.

- Provided \$17,178 in academic program support funded through the WOSC Foundation, Inc. Partners in Education Excellence Program Endowment Funds, which are matched through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Trust Fund.

- Provided \$3,000 in WOSC program support.

- Funded \$18,840 in program and academic support through the President's Partners Program.

- Sponsored annual payroll deduction promotion for support of the WOSC Foundation, Inc. in which 72 employees participated; monthly payroll deductions totaled \$1,454.

- Sponsored the 16th annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament, bringing the total endowment to nearly \$135,000--an increase of nearly \$13,500.

A new funding program entitled **President's Partners of Western Oklahoma State College**, established in 2006 is comprised of individuals, businesses and organizations that provide financial support above and beyond operational funding provided the college by the Oklahoma Legislature. These funds are used to furnish classrooms, create scholarships and provide educational opportunities to enhance the student learning experience at Western.

President's Partners for 2006-7 included the following: AgPreference, ACA; Bar-S Foods Company; Bunker Hill Drug; Randy and Kyle Cumby; Keith and Judy Dodson; Larry and Sharon Duffy; First National Bank in Altus; First State Bank of Altus; Great Plains National Bank; Winston and Ethelda Higgs; JCMH

Health Care Corporation; KEYB / KKRE Media Specialties; First State Bank of Altus; Investment Centers of America; Herschal H. Crow; Lee Office Equipment; Eddie and Judy Mitchell; Eddie Mitchell Insurance Agency; MidFirst Bank; John and Rebekkah Morrow.

The **Partners in Education Excellence Endowments** are matched through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Trust Fund in the following amounts:

Lectureship - \$25,000
 Professorship - \$125,000
 Endowed Chair - \$250,000

The WOSC Foundation, Inc. has received the following endowments:

- Chesser Family Lectureship in Art/History
- Doughty Family Lectureship in Business
- Great Plains Regional Medical Center Lectureship in Nursing
- Winston and Ethelda Higgs Lectureship in Business
- Russell Kirchoff Lectureship in Agriculture
- Jack and Jewell Walker Lectureship in Aviation
- Jeff and Kim Wilmes Lectureship in Business
- JCMH Professorship in Nursing;
- JCMH Professorship in Nursing
- JCMH Lectureship in Radiologic Technology

The Great Plains Regional Medical Center established a lectureship in nursing after making an initial gift of \$50,000 in 2006. An additional \$50,000.00 was donated in 2007, and \$150,000 remains on their pledge of

\$250,000. Completion of the pledge will result in an endowed chair in the name of the Great Plains Regional Medical Center of Elk City.

Newly funded scholarship endowments include the following:

- Betty Caswell Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- NAIFA -Southwest Oklahoma Scholarship Endowment (established by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Southwest Oklahoma)
- William N. (Bill) Shafer Scholarship Endowment
- Roger and Sherry Teigen Altus High School Scholarship.

The WOSC Foundation, Inc. also sponsored/funded the annual agriculture scholarship banquet, which raised \$6,100 for freshman scholarships.



Blanca Castillo and Maurice Walton received the "WINDS Outstanding Student" award at the end of the spring semester. Castillo was to take the U.S. citizenship test soon after her graduation from Western with a degree in radiologic technology. Walton was student senate president and had just been accepted into the radiologic technology degree program.



Western provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

The radiologic technology class of 2006 had a 100 percent pass rate on the national registry exam. The national pass rate average was 90 percent. The mean score for Western students was 86.5 percent, while the state overall mean was 83.2 percent.

Nancy Estes and Branda Schones, radiologic technology instructors, have instituted registry review week to prepare students for their ARRT national registry exam. Radiologic technology has also done the following:

- Upgraded the classroom by adding a Smart Board.
- Continues to implement active learning strategies within the classroom to enhance student learning, including creating scenarios in the classroom and oral presentations.

The nursing program graduated 70 students, which is the largest graduating class in the history of the program.

Nursing faculty accomplished the following:

- Held the first annual BOOT CAMP (Building Our Outstanding Team takes Commitment, Attitude, Motivation, and Passion) with approximately 150 students, faculty, and staff from all four campuses participating in a team-building and orientation day.

tation day.

- Developed (along with the instructional design team) an interactive syllabus with online content using Moodle.

- Has begun the utilization of Smartboards in the classroom.

- Nursing director **Chrystal Overton** and nursing instructor **Lori Murray**, along with **Scott Charlson**, director of instructional support, developed an online nursing preceptor orientation.

- Nursing students from each campus serve on the faculty committee to increase student involvement with curriculum and program planning.

- Nursing and the IT department placed streaming video of nursing lectures online through Moodle.

- The nursing student retention rate was 82.6 percent for students entering the first semester and progressing to the third semester. Overall, 85.3 percent of all nursing students graduated.

- Sophomore nursing students participated in problem-solving projects, including implementation of a free clinic in the Elk City area, infection control protocols at area hospitals, and student health issues at Western.

Glenna Lunday, business education instructor, re-

ceived the 2006 Oklahoma Air Force Association “Educator of the Year” award.

Elizabeth Wallace, chemistry instructor, was a Great Ideas for Teaching Students (GIFTS) award winner at the OACC conference.

Beverly Glover, biology instructor, used the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Footlocker Lab Programs, provided by Dr. Joanna Ledford of Oklahoma State University, to engage students in current biotechnology.

Larry Huntzinger and **Celia Nippert**, math instructors, and their students were one of five schools nationally that participated in a pilot program for Plato/Academic Systems’ new mathematics web-based learning system.

John Phelan, psychology instructor, tested an online psychology course with the *National Social Science Press*.

Thad Crosnoe was selected by the students of Western Oklahoma State College as “teacher of the year.”

The **Office of Counseling and Assessment** facilitated peer tutoring, which is free to students upon request. During the past year tutors were available for approximately 15 different courses. Approximately 175 students were tutored

in various subjects, and approximately 30 students attended each week. The **Supplemental Instruction Program** was available in three subject areas: anatomy, computer instruction and software design, and visual basics. English as a Second Language courses were implemented by **Suzie Braddock** and **Rachel Beckner**, developmental reading and English instructors, to serve the growing Hispanic community in Southwest Oklahoma.

Tony Hardman, Learning Resources director, has presented over 200 library instruction orientations (an average of 25 per semester for the previous two years) to Western classes and student organizations. He has also done the following:

- Presented orientations for Mid America Christian University, Lone Wolf High School, Hollis High School, and Navajo School.
- Presented mini-classes on copyright and plagiarism issues to Western classes and student organizations as well as to Navajo and Lone Wolf High Schools.

The **science department faculty** compensation was improved by increasing lab pay from .75 for 1 to 1 for 1. **Upward Bound** monitors students' progress every four and one half weeks, especially those that receive tutoring. Students receiving tutoring show great improvement. Upward Bound also purchased laptops for students' use and developed a scholar's handbook and a newsletter.



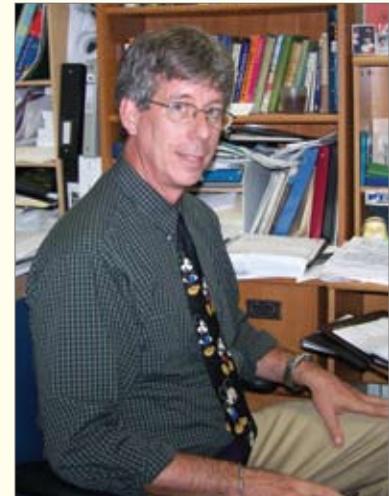
Elizabeth Wallace was named Innovator of the Year by The Journal Record newspaper of Tulsa. She is shown above accepting the award from Richard Rush, President and CEO, the State Chamber.



Thad Crosnoe is presented the 2007 "Teacher of the Year" plaque by Maurice Walton, Student Senate President.



Glenna Lunday was named Oklahoma Air Force Association "Teacher of the Year". She is pictured (center) receiving her awards at the annual OAAA banquet in Oklahoma City.



John Phelan was the multimedia manager for Introduction to Psychology, 8th edition, by John Plotnick.



Chrystal Overton congratulates Casey Cortez, outstanding graduating nursing student at the Altus campus.



Larry Huntzinger assists a student using the web-based mathematics learning system called Plato. He and Celia Nippert were part of a national pilot program for the new software system.



Criterion 4

Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge

Western
promotes
a life of
learning
for its faculty,
administration,
staff, and
students by
fostering and
supporting
inquiry,
creativity,
practice,
and social
responsibility in
ways consistent
with its mission.

Elizabeth Wallace, chemistry instructor, was named “Innovator of the Year” by *The Journal Record*. The Tulsa newspaper selected her for unique work with agriculture research in partnership with OSU’s Southwest Research and Extension Center in Altus. Wallace also had the following accomplishments:

- Was accepted as a finalist in the Fulbright Scholar Exchange program.

- Continues to work with the OSRHE Summer Academy in Plant Biology and Transgenics in association with the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

- Wrote and was the principal investigator for the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) intern partnership.

Bruce Newman, political science instructor, authored “Against that ‘Powerful Engine of Despotism’” a study of the fourth amendment, which was published by University Press of America. Newman also

- Serves as an adjunct scholar with the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs.

- Was interviewed on Oklahoma City radio station KTLR regarding his newly published book, “Against That ‘Powerful Engine of Despotism.’”

- Served as a reader for the College Board Advanced Placement government exam.

Lynn Null, child development director, made presentations on the following:

- “3D Tools and Avatars in Course and College Communications and Moodle Conversion 101 Revisited: One More Year Down the Road”

with **Scott Charlson**, director of instructional support, and **Kent Brooks**, dean of information services, distance education and chief technology officer.

- “3D Tools and Avatars in Course and College Communications and Mission Possible: Our Path to an Open Source LMS” with **Charlson** and **Brooks**.

John Phelan, psychology instructor, was the multimedia manager for the 8th edition of *Introduction to Psychology*. He was responsible for the creation of the PowerPoint, video integration, lecture slides, and images. Phelan also served as an advanced placement reader in psychology for Education Testing Services and for Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges (PT@CC) for honors papers.

Glenna Lunday, business education instructor, presented “Quality and Proximity of Medical Care in Southwest Oklahoma” at the Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition Conference 2006-2007. Lunday also

- Served on the Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition (SOIC) team that won the “Raising the Bar” 2006 Synchronist Award and was nominated for the Theodore E. Small Workforce Partnership award at this year’s National Association of Workforce Boards conference.

- Supervised her Economics I and II students as they administered the Convention, Retail, Tourism, and Service (CRTS) surveys in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Department of Commerce.

Tony Hardman, director of LRC, presented a lecture on information literacy at the ACRL standards and assessment workshop sponsored by the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors. Hardman also presented the workshop “Common Threads of All Cultures” to the 2006 Utah Library Association Conference and the 2007 Oklahoma Library Association Conference.

Mike Tucker, English instructor, was an editor for the textbook *Strategies for Successful Writing*.

Michael Coker, English instructor, and his creative writing class published the third edition of *Rants & Raves*, a creative journal of writing and visual art produced by Western students.

The **Learning Resources Center staff** created 34 informational displays over the past year including topics such as Hispanic American Month, Native American Month, Black History Month, and Women’s History Month. The LRC also did the following:

- Hosted two art shows to display works of faculty and students.

- Acquired and displayed a large donation of civil war books.

- Acquired and displayed copies of the local publication “The Black Side of Altus,” the only publication dealing with black history in Altus and Jackson County.

Kent Brooks initiated Western’s first **Moodle Moot and Technology Conference** on July 18-20, 2006. It was the



Dr. Bruce Newman published "Against that Powerful Engine of Despotism" a study of the fourth amendment. He is pictured above moderating at the Altus municipal elections candidate forum.



From left: Kent Brooks, Scott Charlson, and Lynn Null were co-presenters at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) conference.



Radiologic technology students practice clinical skills under the supervision of instructor Nancy Estes. The class of 2006 had a 100 percent pass rate on the national registry exam.

first Moodle Moot to be held in Oklahoma.

The **Information Technology department** provided 63 workshops for more than 30 faculty and staff

Beverly Glover, biology instructor, had 30 general biology, zoology, and botany students volunteer during BioBlitz! 2006, an annual biological survey of the state's biodiversity held at Quartz Mountain Nature Park in September 2006. Glover also attended The Grant Institute's Grant Writing 101 training workshop at Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City.

Nancy Estes, Branda Schones and all radiology students participated in the Mass Immunization/Prophylaxis (MIPS) exercise in Altus.

Toni Coakley served as the faculty delegate for OACC during the 2006-2007 year. Coakley also served as IFA President for 2006-2007.

Maurice Walton, Student Senate President, was chosen to receive the George and Donna Nigh Scholarship and attend the 2007 Nigh Leadership Academy.

Western students **Julian Lowell** and **Justin Chavez** presented research at Oklahoma Research Day at the University of Central Oklahoma. Their research project was entitled "The Effect of Water Stress on Cotton Yield, Fiber Quality and Price."

Student **Christi Lemire** was selected a "Leader of Promise" by Phi Theta Kappa, the national two-year college honor society. LeMire was one of only 29 students in the nation to receive the award. Five **Student Senate** representatives from Western attended a leadership retreat, "Leadership in a Flat World," sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Student **Herb Green** was

chosen to speak at the National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS) based on his essay submission entitled "If Anyone Owes Us Anything... We First Owe Ourselves." He was sponsored by **C.L. Carden**, criminal justice instructor.

Ten choral music students were selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association national convention and performance in Miami. They were under the direction of music director **Karla Shelby**.

Students **Christi Lemire** and **Janna Kenedy** were selected to the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) All-Academic Team. **Reggie Huffman** was named to the All-American second team in basketball by the National Junior College Association.

Whitney McCuistion qualified for the National Junior College Association golf tournament, held in Daytona Beach.

Rhett Ridling qualified for the College National Finals. **Travis Collier** and **Katy Brookman** were selected Mr. and Ms. WOSC. Candidates were nominated by faculty and staff for outstanding overall achievement and voted on by students, faculty, and staff.



Student Janna Kenedy was selected to the OACC All-Academic Team. She is pictured with President Randy Cumby.



Criterion 5

Engagement and Service

Western identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value-- as called for by its mission.

Western employees raised \$2,000 by individual donations and the annual Bids, Beans & Bingo fundraiser. The college donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross, **making the college a “HERO” of the Red Cross.** The other \$1,000 was donated to the local Salvation Army.

Western hosted the “Summer Academy in Plant Biology and Transgenics” on its campus under the direction of Elizabeth Wallace, chemistry instructor. Twenty-four rising eighth and ninth graders spent the week on campus in June 2006.

Allan Meier, physical education and swimming instructor, served as the chairman of the board for the American Red Cross southwest chapter; president of the Southwest Oklahoma Basketball Officials Association; chairman of the safety education committee for United States swimming; chairman of the rules and infraction committee for AAU girls basketball; and local basketball coordinator for the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association.

Rachel Beckner, developmental English instructor, served as a board member for the Great Plains Literacy Council.

Suzie Braddock, reading instructor, served as president of OKADE. Braddock also provides volunteer services and expertise for

CASA training.

Lisa Greenlee, dean of arts and sciences, served on the board of directors for the Altus Chamber of Commerce as chair of the organizational development committee.

Bruce Newman, political science instructor, served as a moderator for the Altus municipal elections candidate forum.

John Phelan, psychology instructor, was the commencement speaker for the Oklahoma State Reformatory graduation exercises.

WINDS (Student Support Services) participated in Salvation Army bell ringing, Harvest for the Hungry can drive, toiletry baskets for homeless shelters., student-made holiday gifts for nursing home residents. WINDS provided the following workshops: community service, fiscal responsibility, resume writing, study skills, cultural awareness.

The **Learning Resources Center** provided outreach services to Southwest Technology Center students by issuing library cards and providing onsite library instruction orientation.

Tony Hardman, LRC director, did the following:

- Presented two story times at the Museum of the Western Plains on the themes of pioneer stories and tall tales.

- Made two cultural presentations on “The Art of Storytelling” to the Altus

chapter of the American Businesswomen’s Association and the Retired Educators’ Association.

- Took part in the Doctor Seuss Readathon hosted by the Altus Public Library Branch of the Southern Plains Library System.

C. L. Carden, criminal justice instructor, and the Criminal Justice Club received approximately \$1,600 from the State Health Department for teaching Sexual Assault Training. Carden and the **Criminal Justice Club** also participated in the Oklahoma State Fair recruiting activity by fingerprinting cards for children.

The **nursing department** participated in the flu immunization program for Jackson County. Nursing students also work at the free clinics in Altus and Lawton.

Kathy King, nursing instructor, works every other Thursday at the Jackson County free clinic in the prescriptive assistance program.

Nancy Estes and three radiology students participated at the Mangum Health Fair.

Glenna Lunday served on the following boards: Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition as the co-chair, Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges as the treasurer, and the Oklahoma Accounting Educators’ Association.

Upward Bound was approved for the child nutri-



Commitment to Excellence award recipients were (from left): Chad Wiginton, professional staff; Tanya Wingate, staff; and Rachel Beckner, faculty. The awards were presented by President Randy Cumby.



Katy Brookman and Travis Collier were voted Mr. and Ms. WOSC for outstanding character, accomplishment, and involvement.



Tony Hardman made numerous library-related presentations and performed at various storytelling events for civic groups and other special occasions.



The Pioneer Cheerleaders led the "College Cuties" in a performance during Western's homecoming festivities.



WINDS students filled baskets with toiletries for the needy as part of a service project. The donations were made to a battered shelter.

tion program, which provides reimbursement for meals for Upward Bound students who attended the summer session.

The Office of High School and College Relations

oversaw the activities of the following student activities:

- An organizational fair was held to introduce new students to campus organizations. Eighteen organizations were active in the past year.
 - Student organizations participated in the first-ever WOSC Foundation bowling tournament. Activities for the year included bowling, scooterball, the pentathlon, a variety show and the quiz bowl.
 - Students also participated in the first-ever WOSC back to school "fun week". Student activities on campus included an illusionist, funny t-shirts and a coffee night.
 - Student organizations have provided service to many community civic groups, including the following: Altus Christmas Parade, student recruitment at the Oklahoma State Fair; reading to children at Sunset Elementary, Harvest for the Hungry sack delivery; trick or treat bags for elementary students, Western's Halloween Carnival, and the ASPIRE program at Washington Elementary School.
- Supervised the **Western Ambassadors** as they accomplished the following:
- Attended a two-day training retreat at Quartz Mountain Resort.
 - Presented slide show to 27 area high schools.
 - Maintained a display booth at 15 college/career days.
 - Conducted 38 campus tours.
- Presented slide show and gave tours during Sophomore Tour day.
 - The **director of high school and college relations** also coordinated the Counselors' Day for area high school counselors.
 - In conjunction with the Southwest Technology Center, enabled over 150 high school students from Blair, Duke, Eldorado, Granite, Navajo, and Olussee to become familiar with both campuses.
- The **Public Information/Marketing** office edited and published the *Career Focus* magazine, which was mailed to 50,000 homes in the area. Also completed the following:
- Layout, editing, and distribution of President's Annual Report.
 - Developed new athletic brochures for every sport.
 - Coordinated the writing, editing, publishing and mailing of the *Pioneer News*, all college publication, marketing materials, and the college website).
 - Organized Western's Hispanic Celebration, an event that was open to the public and in which many student service personnel and members of the community took part.
 - Wrote Oklahoma Arts grant for Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park's production of "A Christmas Carol," an event that brought 400 area students to campus during the day, and 150 that evening.
 - "Non-Traditional Recruitment Night" was a new and successful recruitment event for older students. Many student services personnel made presentations to the prospective non-traditional students..
 - Co-organized Western's Black History recognition program with the Office of High School and College Relations.

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