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11th annual Presidential Golf Classic a success

The 11th annual Southeastern Presidential Golf Classic featured almost perfect weather on Friday, June 13, at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Resort.

The fun-filled event raised in excess of \$60,000 as the Southeastern Foundation's major fundraiser.

Durant's Larry Dyson Motors successfully defended its crown by firing a 50 to claim the championship. That was three strokes better than the winning score in 2007.

Team members were David Dyson, Mark Fairchild, Jeremy Green, Dustin Dunkel, Brad O'Hara and Jerry Peffer. Dyson was a double winner as he picked up a \$50 gift certificate for closest-to-the-pin on number two.

The team of Andie Amis, John Amis, Bob Hanson, Shane Knight, Ed Mills and Pat Phelps fired a 53 for second place. Cody Blaine, Corey Gilbert, Gary Keithley, Kevin Kelly and Rick Torrain finished third with a 55.

John Amis had the men's long drive on number 18. Tara Proctor was another double winner as she collected gift certificates for both long drive and closest-to-the-pin.



Durant's Larry Dyson Motors carded a team score of 50 to take first place in the 2008 Presidential Golf Classic at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Resort. From left: Jerry Peffer, Southeastern president Dr. Michael Turner, Dustin Gunkel, David Dyson, Brad O'Hara, Jeremy Green and Mark Fairchild. The Classic is the major fundraiser for the Southeastern Foundation, Inc.



Co-chair Larry Dyson, left, visits with former Southeastern athletic director Dr. Don Parham.

Prizes were awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams, along with prizes for mulligans, closest-to-the-pin and longest drive.

Participants enjoyed breakfast, lunch and dinner while another great turnout delivered excellent golf and helped boost the Southeastern Foundation, Inc. scholarship fund.

Tournament chairs were Larry and Judy Dyson and Southeastern president Dr. Michael Turner presented the tournament awards.

Southeastern among nation's best in producing Native American graduates

Southeastern Oklahoma State University ranks seventh in the nation for producing Native American Baccalaureate degrees (all disciplines combined), according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine.

In addition, Southeastern ranks number 1 in percentage of Native American graduates among the top 20 Native American degree-granting institutions.

The annual top 100 rankings of 2006-07 minority graduates are published in the June 12, 2008, issue of the magazine.

Southeastern also ranks high nationally in a number of other disciplines, including, psychology, 2nd; Education, 4th; Biological and Biomedical Sciences, 6th; English Language and Literature/Letters, 8th; Computer Information Sciences and Support Services, 10th; and Social Science and History, 23rd.

"We are proud to be recognized nationally for our efforts in producing Native American graduates, who are such a vital part of our student body," said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. "We have a number of programs in place to assist our Native American

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A reception for Native American graduates was held May 7 in the new Student Union.

students. We are very fortunate to have the outstanding support of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. Both of these organizations have contributed significant resources to the University to ensure a bright future for all of our students."

The student population at Southeastern consistently has a Native American enrollment of 28 to 30 percent, and in 2007-08, 25 percent of all Southeastern gradu-

ates were Native American.

Southeastern's Native American Center for Student Success hosted a reception for graduates May 7. Chris Wesberry is the group's advisor, Jana Lou Callaway handles the NAEIE grants, Jerrod James is the Choctaw Peer Advisor, and Amy Gantt oversees Chickasaw retention.

Southeastern's 2007-08 graduating classes included 159 Native Americans with 67 in the Fall of 2007 and 92 in the Spring of 2008.

For more information concerning Native American programs at Southeastern, call 580-745-2376.

Dr. Stubblefield assumes role as Assistant to President and Director of Diversity

Dr. Claire Stubblefield has been named Special Assistant to the President and Director of Diversity at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She was previously director of the office of diversity and will continue her duties as an assistant professor of education. “Dr. Stubblefield is an ideal fit for this important role,” said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. “She has the background and knowledge to provide valuable counsel and leadership as the University moves forward in fulfilling its mission and goals. Southeastern will benefit from her skills in this new capacity.”



“This is really a dream come true for me as the University continues to move forward in the area of diversity,” said Dr. Stubblefield. “In this new role, I look forward to working with all groups, including students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. It will be a collaborative effort as we continue to fully develop the strategic plan at the University.”

Dr. Stubblefield earned her Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma, her M.Ed. at the University of Central Oklahoma, and her B.A. at Langston University.

She joined the Southeastern faculty in 1992 and prior to coming to the Durant campus, served as coordinator of services at the Ardmore Higher Education Center.

New Director of Continuing Education selected at Southeastern

Michele Claxton has been named Director of Continuing Education at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Claxton, a native of Healdton, has served in various capacities in the TRiO Southeastern for 18 years. She was Program Director for the past 10 years. In her role as Director of Continuing Education, she will oversee the traditional program offerings, in addition to assisting with the University’s outreach programs.



“Michele brings a wealth of expertise and experience to this position,” said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. “Her leadership skills, combined with the relationships she has established with the faculty, staff, students and community, will serve her and the University well as we move forward.”

“In today’s knowledge-based economy, life-long learning is not an option, but a necessity,” Claxton said. “I am excited about the opportunity to develop and deliver innovative educational programs designed to meet the current economic needs of business and industry, as well as expand offerings within the enrichment areas.”

Claxton earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Southeastern.

C.W. Mangrum retires as Dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. C.W. Mangrum will retire July 31, 2008, as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University after a career that has spanned 45 years as student, debate coach, faculty member and administrator.



Mangrum began his Southeastern Oklahoma State University duties as the debate coach and adjunct instructor in 1970. He joined the faculty in 1972.

He is a graduate of Healdton High School and earned his bachelor’s degree at Southeastern in 1966. Mangrum received his master’s degree at the University of Central Oklahoma and his doctorate from the University of North Texas.

His wife, Dr. Faye Mangrum, teaches in Southeastern’s Department of Communication and Theatre.

“I plan to play a little golf and we’re planning a trip to Galveston,” Mangrum said. “We’ve just put in a new yard and that will take up most of my time. It will keep me busy while Faye teaches another two or three years.”

The Regional University System of Oklahoma has bestowed upon Dr. Mangrum the honorary title of “Dean Emeritus, School of Arts and Sciences,” and “Professor of Communication and Theatre Emeritus.”

Dr. Lucretia Scoufos has been named Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Southeastern. Dr. Scoufos joined the Department of Communication and Theatre in fall 2001, teaching Organizational and Strategic Communication. She has also served as department chair since 2003.

Southeastern student receives Undergraduate Award

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Lauren Wesley has earned the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award from the Oklahoma Colleges Student Personnel Association.



Wesley is a senior from Garland, Texas, majoring in advertising and public relations.

She was nominated for the award by Camille Phelps, Assistant Dean of Students at Southeastern. The contest is open to students from all colleges and universities in Oklahoma. Nominees are required to work in a Student Affairs department.

Wesley started working with Student Life at Southeastern in the spring of 2005. She is proficient in the Choctaw language

after four semesters at Southeastern. She started American Sign Language in middle school and finished in high school in the Advanced Placement Four Class.

"I'm Choctaw," Wesley said, "but I didn't speak the language until I had the classes here. I love working with students and I want to work in Student Affairs. I'm here and I love it."

Wesley received her plaque May 23 at the Oklahoma State University-Tulsa campus. She didn't even know she had been nominated for the award.

At Southeastern, she was named Miss Indian SOSU for 2007-08. She is involved with the Native American Council and the Student Programming Board.

When not working with students, Lauren is an avid scrapbooker.

University collecting memorabilia for upcoming Centennial celebration

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will be celebrating its centennial in 2009 with a number of special events.

The Southeastern Centennial Steering Committee is currently collecting artifacts and memorabilia to display during the Centennial Year celebration. Examples include early letter jackets, postcards, beanies, athletic/band uniforms, early yearbooks and class rings/pins, copies of early diplomas/certificates/scrapbooks/event programs, books written by alumni/faculty, early medals/trophies, and cheerleading megaphones/uniforms.

Anyone who has items for loan to the University for display is asked to contact Sharon Morrison at 580-745-3172.

In addition, the University will publish a centennial history book next year. Anyone with historic photos for possible inclusion in the book is asked to contact Alan Burton at 580-745-2731.

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Calendar of Events

August

- 5 -- SE Alumni Road Show, Sherman, Texas, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 -- SE Alumni Road Show, Ardmore, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 -- New Faculty orientation
- 14 -- Faculty-Staff meeting, Montgomery Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 -- Faculty-Staff Luncheon, Student Union Cafe, 11 a.m. -- 1 p.m.
- 15 -- General Enrollment Day
- 16 -- Freshman Convocation, Montgomery Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.
- 18 -- Fall classes begin
- 22-24 -- President's Leadership Class, Cross Point

September

- 12 -- Presidential Partners, Visual & Performing Arts Center
- 20 -- Parents/Family Day

October

- 9 -- Southeastern campus-wide Career and Grad School Fair, Student Union, 9:30 a.m. -- 1 p.m.
- 16-17 -- Fall Break
- 25 -- Homecoming

November

- 8 -- Sneak Preview for prospective students
- 26-28 -- Thanksgiving holiday

December

- 1 -- Candlelighting ceremony, Montgomery Auditorium
- 5 -- Investiture for President Michael Turner
- 13 -- Fall Commencement

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