



Dear Friends of Southeastern,

As Southeastern Oklahoma State University prepares to celebrate our centennial in 2009, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on our campus news and events. We have attached to this e-mail the November issue of our "Update" newsletter and plan to send you additional newsletters throughout the year. If you have comments or want more information about the University, please email us at Southeastern@se.edu.

We appreciate your interest in and support of Southeastern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping flourish that extends upwards and to the right.

Michael D. Turner
President

November 2008

SOUTHEASTERN

A CENTURY OF BUILDING FUTURES

UPDATE



SOUTHEASTERN HOMECOMING

THE
ADVENTURE
OF A LIFETIME

SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Investiture of President Turner set for Dec. 5

The investiture ceremony for Dr. Michael D. Turner, Southeastern Oklahoma State University's 18th president, will be held on Friday, December 5, in Montgomery Auditorium in Historic Morrison Hall. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. That evening, an Inaugural Ball, set for 7 p.m. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, will cap off a week full of special activities. All proceeds (\$50 per person) from the Ball will go to student scholarships.

Following is the schedule of events for Investiture Week:

Monday, December 1

Conversations on Leadership

11 a.m.

The Forum, Student Union, room 213

President's Leadership Class

University Candlelighting

7 p.m.

Montgomery Auditorium, Morrison Hall

Tuesday, December 2

Celebrating Our Commitment to Discovery and Learning

Faculty and student research poster presentations

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Loft, Student Union, 2nd floor

Sponsored by Academic Affairs

Wednesday, December 3

Recognizing the World Beyond and the Best Within

New York Times Luncheon and Conversation, featuring

Southeastern's Dr. James Wintle, Department of Fine Arts

Noon

The Forum, Student Union, room 213

Sponsored by the New York Times and Southeastern's

Initiative for Civic Engagement

Thursday, December 4

President's Evening of the Arts

7-9 p.m.

Visual and Performing Arts Center and Art Gallery

Hosted by the Alumni Association and Investiture

Committee

Friday, December 5

Investiture of Dr. Michael D. Turner

1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Auditorium, Morrison Hall

Centennial Historical Marker Unveiling

3:30 p.m.

President's Home

Hosted by the Centennial Committee

Inaugural Ball

7 p.m.

Visual and Performing Arts Center

Proceeds support student scholarships

Hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University



Unveiling the marker were Southeastern president Michael Turner and Centennial co-chairs Kyle Stafford and Sharon Morrison.

Historical marker is unveiled at Morrison Hall

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's 2008 Homecoming, held Oct. 24-25, included a centennial twist.

Although the University's centennial will be officially celebrated in 2009, a special ceremony to place an historical marker in front of Morrison Hall was held on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Southeastern president Michael Turner, student representatives, and other dignitaries attended the unveiling ceremony, which took place near the front steps of the building.

The building opened in 1911 and housed administrative offices, classrooms, an auditorium, and gymnasium. In 1969, the building was named in honor of former Southeastern president and history professor W.B. Morrison.

Remembering Doc Parham

By HAROLD HARMON



Doc was an educator first. Everything else was secondary. Even with that philosophy, he was perhaps the leading figure in Oklahoma's small-school athletics.

Friday, Oct. 17, 2008, Doc took his game to a higher level when he passed away at the age of 78.

Donald Albert Parham might not ring bells with many people, but "Doc" certainly did. He was born a Wampus Cat and just got tougher from there. He graduated from Atoka High School in 1948, received an Associate Degree from Eastern Oklahoma State College in 1950 and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Southeastern State College in 1952.

He was still Don when he played basketball for legendary coach Bloomer Sullivan at Southeastern. He was vice-president of the Student Senate, became a member of Sigma Tau Gamma and Blue Key Honor Society and also served as sports editor of the school newspaper.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in 1953-54. He went to Wisconsin for a summer job in 1954 and came home with Kay Baker, his wife of 54 years.

Parham returned to school for his Master of Science Degree at Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) in 1955 and completed his Doctor of Education Degree from Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) in 1959.

While working on his doctorate, he was also working at Southern Arkansas University, then turned down the basketball head coaching job to return to Southeastern in 1959.

His goal was to become a basketball coach, but fate threw him a slider and he was named interim baseball coach at SSC in 1965.

There's no doubt he set the all-time standard for interim coaches as he spent 16 years in the third-base coaching box and took a struggling program to national prominence.

His teams never had a losing season and the overall record was 536-162, a sparkling .768 winning percentage.

Doc was as strong in the class room as he was on the baseball field. Education came first. He cut no corners on athletes who didn't make the grade. His honors include four Halls of Fame and one Hall of Honor.

He was perhaps proudest of being named Teacher of

the Year and Professor of the Year (twice).

Sons David, Brent and Warren came along and that just meant late nights in his office at SSC, especially after he was named Director of Athletics in 1970, a position he held for 34 years until his retirement in 2004. He also served as Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation 29 years.

Doc led Southeastern's transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). Southeastern joined the powerful Lone Star Conference in NCAA Division II. With no extra money or facilities, his coaches produced 14 LSC North Division championships, seven overall LSC titles and 12 trips to postseason competition.

The 2000 Savages of baseball coach Mike Metheny, Doc's hand-picked successor, claimed Southeastern's lone national championship. Another Parham hire, coach Nick Keith, led the women's basketball team to runner-up honors in the 2002 national tournament.

He was named Athletics Administrator of the Year NAIA-Southwest Region in 1995 and earned the NCAA D-II Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletics Director Award given by the All-America Football Foundation in 2004. He needed a bigger office for Coach of the Year and other similar honors.

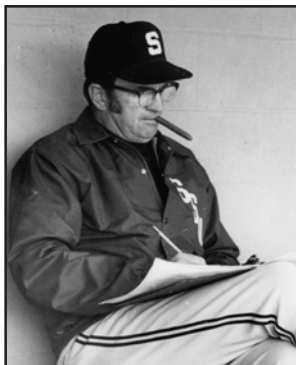
Doc was the man who took Oklahoma baseball (District 9) from playoffs on various high school fields to All-Sports Stadium in Oklahoma City.

He was a strong voice in all NAIA sports and proved Oklahoma did not deserve to be treated as a stepchild. With his unprecedented success in athletics, he still refused to hire coaches or assistant coaches who didn't meet his requirements as teachers.

Including two years as a scrappy point guard on coach Bloomer Sullivan's basketball Savages, he built a 47-year career with Southeastern, including 34 years as Director of Athletics, 29 years as Chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department and 16 years as baseball coach.

If there was a worthwhile award, he won it. If there was a worthwhile committee, he chaired it or sat on it.

Doc retired from Southeastern athletics in 2004, but remained with the university as a fundraiser for sports.



On the cover

Southeastern celebrated Homecoming on October 24-25. Clockwise, from top left: the annual parade was held in downtown Durant; Athletics Director Keith Baxter, right, shares a story with Butch Arnett at the Former Athletes Breakfast; Lisa Turner and President Michael Turner at the pre-game ceremony honoring Distinguished Alumni recipients Dr. Chris Muzny, Dr. Jeretta Nord, and Sen. Jay Paul Gumm; the bonfire was held the night before the football game; the Gold and Blue Gala featured a silent auction; Southeastern quarterback Brandon McCain led his team to a 28-3 victory over Northeastern; and the Whang Bang Alumni golf tournament was as popular as ever.

Col. Hanny to address graduates on Dec. 13



Southeastern Oklahoma State University will hold Fall Commencement in the University's new arena on Saturday, December 13. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Col. James Hanny, a Southeastern Distinguished Alumnus and the school's first aviation graduate, will be the commencement speaker.

The order that the degrees will be conferred is as follows:

- School of Arts and Sciences
- The John Massey School of Business
- School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- All Masters degrees (Behavioral Studies, Business Administration, Education, Science and Technology)

Southeastern student serves as summer intern with National Indian Education Association

Winter Shea Bass is a busy young lady.

She was born in Ardmore and graduated from Dickson High School in 2003. She earned several awards and her Associate degree from Murray State College and then transferred to Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where she is a senior majoring in English Education.



A member of the Chickasaw Nation, Bass spent this past summer working as an intern with the National Indian Education

Association (NIEA) in Washington, D.C.

She was asked to write an article for the NIEA magazine on methods of improving lesson plans.

Her article, "Improving Your Lesson Plan," appeared in the Summer 2008 edition of NIEANEWS magazine, a quarterly publication of the National Indian Education Association. NIEA lobbies for Indian Education and copies of the magazine go to all members of the organization.

Bass' goal is to graduate from Southeastern and teach English in high school. She also plans to earn her master's degree at Southeastern.

At Southeastern, Bass works in the Residence Life Department, is a member of the Residence Hall Association and involved with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Calendar of Events

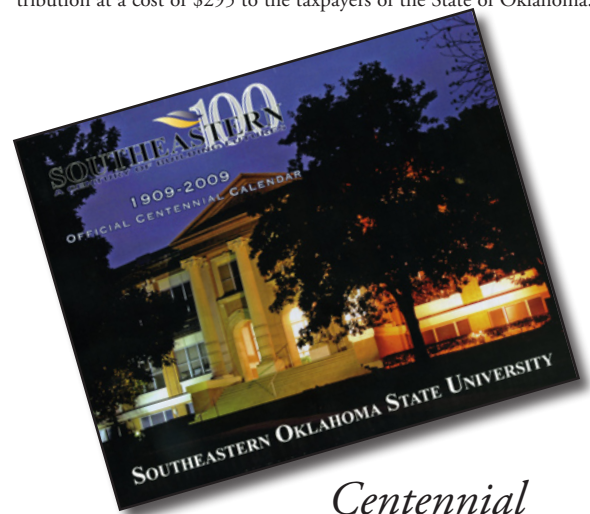
November

- 1 -- Football at A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m.
- 8 -- Sneak Preview for prospective students
- 8 -- Football vs. East Central, here, 2 p.m.
- 15 -- Information session for non-traditional students, Welcome Center, 10 a.m.
- 26-28 -- Thanksgiving holiday

December

- 1 -- Candlelighting ceremony, Montgomery Auditorium
- 5 -- Investiture for President Dr. Michael D. Turner, Montgomery Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 13 -- Fall Commencement, SE Arena, 10 a.m.

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Centennial calendar available

In anticipation of Southeastern's Centennial celebration in 2009, the University's official Centennial Calendar is currently on sale.

The 13-month calendar contains historical photos from past and present, along with a number of key dates from throughout the University's 100-year history. The calendar is a project of the Southeastern Centennial Committee.

The calendars, priced at \$10, are available in the University Welcome Center and at the campus bookstore.