



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 September 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 at the end.

Michael D. Turner
President

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UPDATE

SOUTHEASTERN HOMECOMING *THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME*

Scott Moore will conduct the live auction.

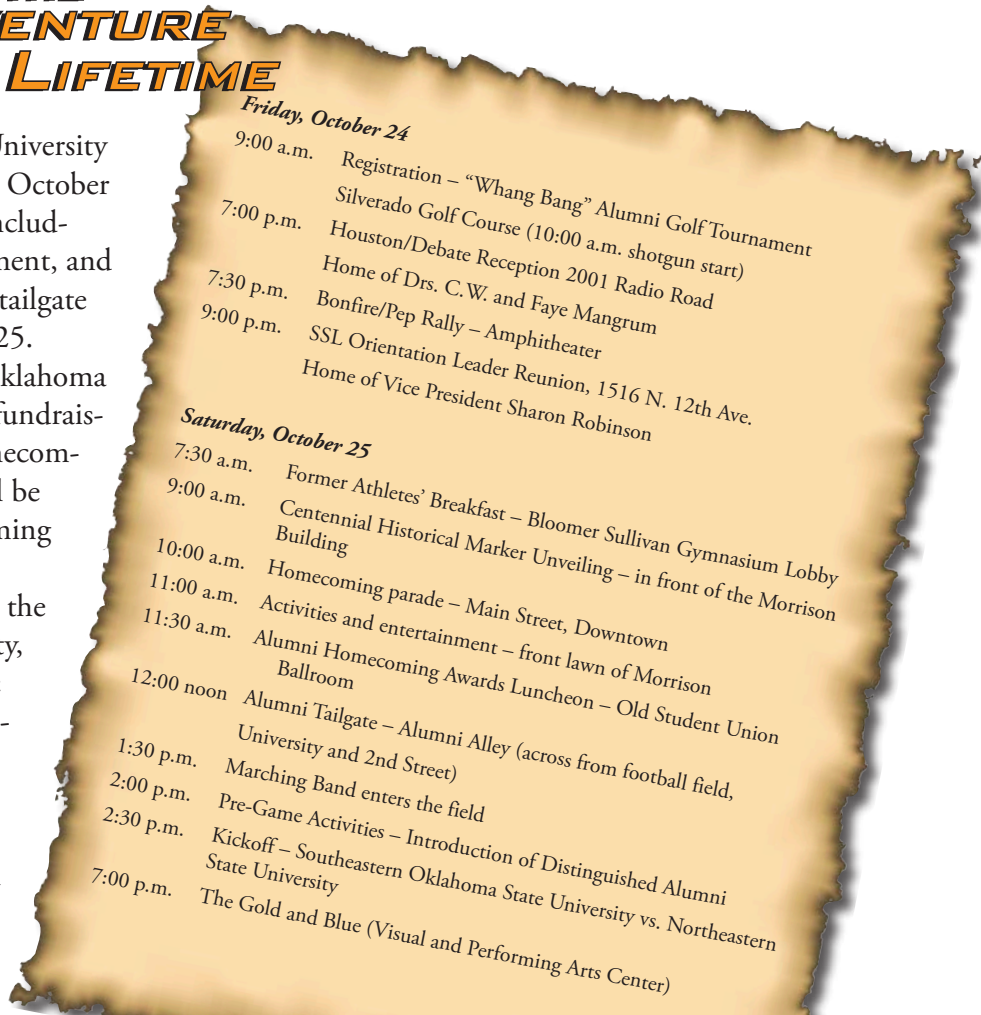
If you would like more information about the Gold & Blue or would like to donate an auction item, please call Jana Imotichy at 580-745-2442.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will celebrate its 2008 Homecoming on October 24-25. A variety of traditional events, including the alumni association golf tournament, and newer events, such as the Alumni Alley tailgate party, will be held the week of Oct. 20-25.

In addition, the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Gold & Blue Alumni fundraiser will be held in conjunction with homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 25. The event will be held on campus in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

Providing entertainment during the evening will be the live band, Third Party, a high-energy, entertaining dance music group playing a variety of styles, including Motown, Disco, 80's Rock, Classic Rock and Ballads.

All proceeds from the silent and live auctions will go to the Southeastern Alumni Endowed Scholarship. In the past, auction items have included gift baskets, antiques, art, gift certificates, jewelry, airline tickets, golf packages, tickets to athletic events, concert tickets, weekend getaways, sports memorabilia, etc.



Friday, October 24

- 9:00 a.m. Registration – “Whang Bang” Alumni Golf Tournament Silverado Golf Course (10:00 a.m. shotgun start)
- 7:00 p.m. Houston/Debate Reception 2001 Radio Road Home of Drs. C.W. and Faye Mangrum
- 7:30 p.m. Bonfire/Pep Rally – Amphitheater
- 9:00 p.m. SSL Orientation Leader Reunion, 1516 N. 12th Ave. Home of Vice President Sharon Robinson

Saturday, October 25

- 7:30 a.m. Former Athletes’ Breakfast – Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium Lobby
- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Historical Marker Unveiling – in front of the Morrison Building
- 10:00 a.m. Homecoming parade – Main Street, Downtown
- 11:00 a.m. Activities and entertainment – front lawn of Morrison Ballroom
- 11:30 a.m. Alumni Homecoming Awards Luncheon – Old Student Union
- 12:00 noon Alumni Tailgate – Alumni Alley (across from football field, University and 2nd Street)
- 1:30 p.m. Marching Band enters the field
- 2:00 p.m. Pre-Game Activities – Introduction of Distinguished Alumni
- 2:30 p.m. Kickoff – Southeastern Oklahoma State University vs. Northeastern State University
- 7:00 p.m. The Gold and Blue (Visual and Performing Arts Center)

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Southeastern among nation's most affordable schools

Southeastern Oklahoma State University continues to be among the nation's most affordable universities.

According to the U.S News & World Report's 2009 edition of America's Best Colleges, Southeastern ranks second in the West geographic region in the Universities – Master's category for the least debt loads by students from the class of 2007. Southeastern is also second in the nation in "average amount of debt."

"This recognition demonstrates Southeastern's commitment to providing a quality higher education at an affordable cost," said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. "Our scholarship programs and other financial aid opportunities will continue to be a top priority at the

University."

Approximately 76 percent of current Southeastern students receive some type of financial aid.

The magazine defines the category "Universities – Master's" as institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but offer few, if any, doctoral programs.

As the magazine notes:

"Many undergraduates leave college weighed down by debt. U.S. News has compiled a list of the schools whose students in the class of 2007 graduated with the heaviest and lightest debt loads. The data include loans taken out by students from colleges, from private financial institutions, and from federal, state, and local governments. Parents' loans are not included. Also included for each college is the "average amount of debt" – the average cumulative amount borrowed by those students who incurred debt, not the average for all students."

According to this criteria, only 37 percent of Southeastern's 2007 graduates had any debt, and the average amount of those with debt was \$6,852.

University offers textbook reserve program

Southeastern Oklahoma State University has established the Textbook Reserve Program in an effort to meet the needs of its students.

This program is designed to help offset the financial burden imposed on students by making available – free of charge -- required textbooks for basic courses.

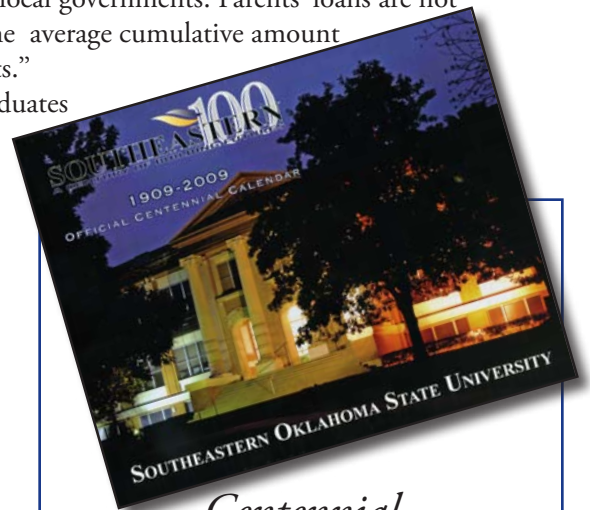
All students who are enrolled for the Fall 2008 semester are eligible to participate in the program. The reserve books will be located in the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library on campus. Inquiries should be made at the circulation desk.

At least one of each of the required textbooks for all general education courses, all remedial courses and the College Success Course are now available. The program will be expanded in the future.

Students must have valid Southeastern identification and books may be checked out for room use only. Textbooks may be checked out for a 2-hour period, but may not be removed from the library or be checked out overnight.

The Textbook Reserve Program committee – Sharon Morrison, Director of the Library; Dr. Bryon Clark, Dean of the School of Graduate and University Studies); Adam Lovell, (president of the Student Government Association); and Sharon Robinson, (vice-president of Student Affairs) – has worked on the program for several weeks to ensure its successful start-up.

The textbooks may be checked out from the library staff at the front desk during regular hours – 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.



Centennial calendar available at Homecoming 2008

In anticipation of Southeastern's Centennial celebration in 2009, the University's official Centennial Calendar will be on sale during Homecoming 2008 (Oct. 24-25).

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 \$9.95, will be sold in the University Welcome Center and at the campus bookstore.

Fall semester begins

with variety of events



Fall classes began on Monday, Aug. 18, at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Prior to that, however, a number of events took place. Clockwise, from top left: students begin moving back into the residence halls; students and parents file out of Morrison Hall following Freshman Convocation; Student Government Association president Adam Lovell offers comments at Convocation; University president Michael D. Turner makes remarks at the Faculty-Staff meeting; and Southeastern head football coach Ray Richards observes practice.



Alumni receptions held in Ardmore and north Texas



Southeastern president Michael D. Turner, above, and First Lady Lisa Turner visit with alumni association board member Kay Hughes during an alumni reception in Sherman, Texas, on Aug. 5; below, alumni association president Janie Umsted greets alumni at a similar event in Ardmore on Aug. 12.



Calendar of Events

September

- 6 -- Football at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.
- 12 -- Presidential Partners, Visual & Performing Arts Center
- 13 -- Tailgate party, OSBDC parking lot, 4-6 p.m.
- 13 -- Football vs. Eastern New Mexico, here, 6 p.m.
- 20 -- Parents/Family Day
- 20 -- Football vs. Abilene Christian, here, 6 p.m.
- 27 -- Football at Northwestern State (La.), 6 p.m.

October

- 4 -- Football vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, here, 6 p.m.
- 9 -- Southeastern campus-wide Career and Grad School Fair, Student Union, 9:30 a.m. -- 1 p.m.
- 11 -- Football at Central Oklahoma, 6 p.m.
- 16-17 -- Fall Break
- 18 -- Football at Angelo State, 6 p.m.
- 24-25 -- Homecoming
- 25 -- Football vs. Northeastern, here, 2:30 p.m.

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.
- 26-28 -- Thanksgiving holiday

December

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

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