



Dear Friends of Southeastern,

As Southeastern Oklahoma State University continues 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 April 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](mailto: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 underline that extends to the right.

Michael D. Turner  
President

April 2009

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A CENTURY OF BUILDING FUTURES

# UPDATE

## Southeastern celebrates Centennial

*Activities include Roosevelt re-enactment, E. T. Dunlap Lectureship*

As part of its on-going 2009 Centennial celebration, Southeastern Oklahoma State University held a number of special events during the week of March 23-27. Participating were community members, students, faculty and staff.



*Dan Moore, executive director of instructional technology, participates in SE Family Night.*



*Southeastern president Michael D. Turner, left, presents the E. T. Dunlap medal to Chancellor Glen D. Johnson.*



*Alumni enjoyed breakfast at the new Student Union cafe.*



*Professor Shannon McCraw leads a New York Times discussion group.*



*Among those visiting at the Retired Faculty breakfast were Kay Parham, Dr. Ernest Sturch, and Lloyd Miller.*



*Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, right, talks with Dr. Bryon Clark, Dean of the School of Graduate & University Studies.*



*Master gardener Grady Hartman offers tips.*



*English professor Randy Prus opened his class to community members for interaction.*



*Erma Stewart, aka Eleanor Roosevelt, receives a bouquet of roses from Dr. Truman Wester.*

# Massey Lecture to feature Regent Mark Stansberry



Mark Stansberry

Regent Mark Stansberry will offer remarks at the 12th Massey Family Endowed Lectureship in Business and Public Policy on Thursday, April 23.

The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Ballroom.

Stansberry, a member of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents, is Chairman of The GTD Group. He was appointed to a nine-year term on the RUSO Board in 2001 by Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating. He served as its chairman in 2006-2007.

In addition, he serves on a number of corporate and civic boards. Under Governor Brad Henry, he served as chairman of the 2007 Governor's International Team.

Stansberry is president of the International Society of The Energy Advocates, a national organization, chairman of Oklahoma's State Chamber Energy Council, and Chairman and Founder of the International Energy Policy Conference, now in its 17th year.

He presently serves on the Board of Directors of People to People International, Board of Trustees of The Fund for American Studies, and Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

Stansberry has testified before the U. S. Senate and other regulatory bodies and he served on the staff of former U. S. Senator Dewey F. Bartlett.

He is the co-author of the handbook entitled: "The Acquisition Process and Due Diligence: Minimize Risk and Maximize Return!" and author of the book entitled: "The Braking Point: America's Energy Dreams and Global Eco-

nommic Realities."

Stansberry has been married to his wife, Nancy, for thirty-one years. He has three grown children and two grandchildren.

The lectureship was established in 1994 by a gift from the John Massey family, which was matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Endowment Fund Program.

John Massey, a 1984 Distinguished Alumnus of Southeastern, is currently serving his second term as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

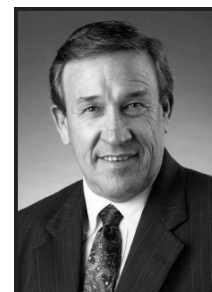
A 1960 graduate of Southeastern, Massey was elected State Representative that same year and served two terms. In 1964, he was elected State Senator and also served two terms in that capacity.

In 2005, the Southeastern School of Business was named the John Massey School of Business in recognition of Regent Massey's support of higher education and Southeastern.

At Southeastern, Massey has established eight endowed chairs and four professorships.

Regent Massey is Chairman of the Board of First United Bank; Chairman of the Board for Durant Enterprises, Inc.; Chairman of the Small Business Development Center; and is on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

He was named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2002.



John Massey

## DR. JON TRENT WILL ADDRESS SPRING GRADUATES

Dr. Jon Trent will address graduates at Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Spring Commencement, scheduled for May 16 at Paul Laird Field.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed immediately by a reception for the graduates and their families in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Trent is an assistant internist and professor of medicine in the Department of Sarcoma Medical Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

He earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1988 and his MD and Ph.D. in cancer biology from the University of Texas Health Science Center.

In case of rain, commencement will be moved indoors with two ceremonies in Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium.

The rain plan is as follows:

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences

John Massey School of Business

Master of Behavioral Studies

Master of Business Administration

Master of Education

Master of Science (Aviation)

**11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Reception in Visual & Performing Arts Center

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Technology

Master of Science (Safety)

# ‘ELEANOR ROOSEVELT’ MAKES RETURN VISIT TO CAMPUS



Applause and laughter crackled throughout historic Montgomery Auditorium March 25 as First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt once again visited Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The first visit, on March 18, 1937, celebrated Senior Day with some 2,000 area high-school students packing the auditorium/gymnasium at Southeastern Teachers College.

ers College.

On March 25, Erma Stewart portrayed Eleanor Roosevelt as she captivated an appreciative audience, including several people who attended the 1937 lecture. Her dress, hat, shoes and stockings were authentic and she ended the hour-long program by answering questions from the audience.

Along with the questions came this statement: “I love your hat.”

Martha Childs said her dad, Simon Parker, was president of the STC senior class of 1937 and was chosen to meet Eleanor’s train in Ardmore and escort her to Durant. He stayed at her side during her time on campus and said the only “thing” he kept from the actual time spent with her was a “Dining in the Rear Car” card he snatched from the train.

Southeastern is celebrating its centennial throughout 2009 and the “Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt” was a part of the

“100 Hours of Celebration” during the week of March 23-27.

In 1937, First Lady Roosevelt visited Southeastern after receiving an invitation from STC president Kate Galt Zaneis. Eleanor spent the night in the president’s home and one highlight of the visit was a special breakfast of fried chicken, hot biscuits and gravy.

Among those attending the 1937 visit and in attendance at the Centennial event were Faye Monroe Newcomb, Billie Ruth Turnbull Roberts, and Louise Harper Gentry, all of whom played in high school basketball tournaments in SE’s original Snake Pit on the campus loop.

Others present at the Centennial event who also attended the ’37 event were Margaret McFatrige Barker, Elizabeth Moore Mitchell Beavers, Louise Brown McDonald, and Dr. Truman Wester.

Wester, former president of Grayson College and a Distinguished Alumnus of Southeastern, presented roses to Eleanor in 1937 and again at the Erma Stewart Centennial event following the program.

The program included insights into Eleanor’s philosophy as First Lady. She said we should all take note of the sacrifices of our ancestors, do our very best, and always serve with honor and dignity.

Roosevelt was the first First Lady to write a syndicated newspaper column, and the first to give her political opinions, which weren’t all that popular at the time.

She was a gracious visitor to Southeastern in 1937 and a gracious visitor to Southeastern in 2009.

## *SE hosts 96th Curriculum Contest*



*High school students gather in the Student Union at the 96th Curriculum Contest.*

Southeastern Oklahoma State University hosted the 96th annual Curriculum Contest Thursday with 70 high schools participating.

First-, second-, and third-place trophies were awarded in four divisions with New Lima topping Division I, Latta winning Division II, Plainview taking Division III, and Ada finishing first in Division IV.

Kiowa was second and Turner third in Division I. Wright City finished second and Silo took third in Division II. Byng was second and Idabel third in Division III.

Durant took the runner-up spot with Broken Bow third in Division IV. Complete individual results will be tabulated and made available to the schools and trophies will be mailed to the winners.

Southeastern’s Dr. Gordon Eggleton and a host of SE faculty and staff administered the tests.

Eggleton said, “It’s always a pleasure to have the brightest and best students from our area schools on campus. Thanks also for the time and effort of the sponsors from each school that provide this opportunity for their students.

“The compliment from one of the last sponsors to leave late Thursday afternoon should have been given to everyone involved – “this is the best one (contest) we go to” – it’s the effort of our faculty and staff to take care of all the details that make this event memorable.”

# Native American Visitation Day held March 11



*Richard Hight was the keynote speaker at Native American Visitation Day.*

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Native American Student Visitation Day was held March 11.

The event was open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Some 177 students from 13 schools attended.

The keynote speaker was Richard Hight, an award-winning artist and teacher, as well as a much sought-after motivational and inspirational speaker.

Also on the program was Dr. Andrew Tiger, Southeastern John Massey Endowed Chair and Professor of Management, who spoke to students about the SE busi-

ness degree with a Native American option.

Krystall Barnes, Referral Specialist with Southeastern Childcare Resource and Referral and Outreach Specialist with Smart Start Durant, spoke briefly about an art project she is doing with Jones Academy. Several pieces of art from those students were on display.

Liz McCraw, Dean of Enrollment Management, awarded two \$250 tuition waivers to seniors who will be attending Southeastern in the fall of 2009. Those students are Jeremiah McCain and Whitney Turner, both from Achille High School.



*Participants in the Native American Student Visitation Day gather for a group photo.*

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 1 -- Transfer Day
- 2 -- SE 2009 Education Job Fair, Ballroom, 9:30 a.m. -- 1:30 p.m.
- 4 -- Aviation alumni fish fry
- 16 -- Unveiling of Centennial historical marker at Henry G. Bennett Library, 10 a.m.
- 23 -- Massey Family Lectureship with Regent Mark Stansberry, Ballroom, 11 a.m.
- 27 -- Southeastern Faculty-Staff Awards Banquet, VPAC
- 28 -- Tri-County Honors, VPAC

### May

- 8 -- Southeastern Staff Association spring luncheon, Magnolia Room, 11:30 a.m.
- 16 -- Commencement with guest speaker Dr. Jon Trent, Paul Laird Field, 10 a.m.

### June

- 12 -- Presidential Golf Classic, Chickasaw Pointe

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