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UPDATE

Bloomer Sullivan Arena formally dedicated

Southeastern Oklahoma State University officially dedicated the new Bloomer Sullivan Arena on Feb. 25.

The dedication ceremony, held in front of the facility, was followed by a reception. The arena is named for the late Bloomer Sullivan, a longtime athletic director and basketball coach at Southeastern.

A number of Sullivan family members attended the dedication ceremony, including son Dr. Bloomer Don Sullivan.

The new arena opened for use last fall for basketball games and the December commencement ceremony. The arena also hosted the recent Bryan County Basketball Tournament and a number of high school basketball playoff games.

The facility has a capacity of 3,000 for basket-



Among those gathering for the dedication were Director of Athletics Keith Baxter, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Larry Minks, Durant city manager James Dunegan, Regent Joe Anna Hibler, Regent John Massey, Durant mayor Jerry Tomlinson, and Dr. Bloomer Don Sullivan.



Keith Baxter accepts the gold medal from Jerry Shipp.

ball and includes four scoreboards, a jumbotron, offices, and the First United Bank Blue & Gold Suite. Funding was through approval of the Durant city sales tax proposal in 2004.

Another special event that evening occurred when former Southeastern basketball star Jerry Shipp presented his 1964 Olympic gold medal to the University. That ceremony took place between the women's and men's games against Cameron.

“Mrs. Roosevelt” to return for Centennial event on March 25

March 18, 1937, was a day of firsts for Southeastern Teachers College.

On that day, The First Lady of the Nation, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, was a guest of the First Lady of Education, Kate Galt Zaneis, president of STC. Mrs. Roosevelt was on campus to deliver a lecture on High School Senior Day. Her afternoon lecture on “A Day in the White House” was attended by more than 2,000 area high school seniors in the packed gymnasium. The evening started with a dinner in the senior alumnus hall, followed by a lecture for the general public.

Now, 70 years later, Erma Stewart will help Southeastern celebrate its centennial in 2009 when she brings her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt to campus. Stewart will present “A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt” on March 25 (10 a.m.) in the historic Montgomery Auditorium on the Southeastern campus. Students, alumni, and the general public are invited to attend -- there is no admission charge. This event is sponsored by the Southeastern Cultural and Scholastic Lectureship Committee and The American Association of University Women.

Eleanor Roosevelt, as portrayed by Erma Stewart, speaks about her political activities, her childhood, her marriage, her role as First Lady, her role as author/lecturer and her radio/television broadcasts. The audience is invited to ask questions they might like to ask Eleanor. Stewart, a resident of Edmond, has been invited to present Eleanor in cities from North Carolina to California.

An outstanding student of speech at Southwest Missouri State University, Stewart was a West Point National Debater as well as an award-winning speaker and actress. She competed in the Speech and Debate Tournaments at Southeastern in the 1950s – and she walked away with Sweepstakes honors. She earned her MA in studies of rhetoric at the University of Oklahoma. She has performed Readers Theatre, other historical reenactments, book reviews, and has often facilitated educational workshops.

Stewart is retired from Edmond Memorial High School where she was Media Director.

Southeastern’s centennial celebration will be in full swing throughout the month of March.

The University began its celebration last fall with the unveiling of historical markers in front of Morrison Hall and the President’s Home. A similar ceremony is scheduled for April 16 in front of the Henry G. Bennett Library.

For more information and updates about the Centennial, go to www.SE.edu/centennial.



Erma Stewart portrays First lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

E.T. Dunlap Lecture features Chancellor



Dr. Glen D. Johnson,

Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, will be awarded the 2009 E.T. Dunlap Medal for outstanding public service on March 27 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. On the same day, Johnson will deliver remarks at the E.T. Dunlap Medal and Lectureship Program on public policy in higher education.

The lectureship will begin at 11 a.m. in the Southeastern Ballroom.

Before assuming the role of chancellor in January 2007, Johnson served as the 16th president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University for 10 years. As the chief executive officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, Johnson leads a state system comprised of 25 state colleges and universities, 10 constituent agencies, one higher education center and independent colleges and universities coordinated with the state system. He reports to a constitutional board whose nine members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Dunlap Lectureship was established in 1989 in honor of Dr. E.T. Dunlap, the longtime chancellor (1961-82) of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Dunlap was a 1940 graduate of Southeastern and was honored by the University as a Distinguished Alumnus.

The lecture was created by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Southeastern student earns first place at Research Day

Southeastern Oklahoma State University senior Dale Daniel of Tushka took first-place honors in the Regional University/Community College competition at Research Day at the State Capitol on February 23.

Authors of Southeastern's research project were presenter Daniel, Tucker Harrison, Kati Crawford, Michael C. Pilkington and project mentor Dr. Nancy Paiva, associate professor of chemistry at Southeastern.

Daniel's presentation was entitled, "Centaurea americana as a Potential Biodiesel Crop." His research topic was Biofuels. The Tushka High School graduate is a wildlife biology major. His parents are Brent and Ruthann Daniel.

This is the second year in a row that a Southeastern student has claimed the top prize in this prestigious event that celebrates and recognizes undergraduate student research.

Tucker Harrison claimed first place in 2008, also



Visiting at Research Day were Rep. Paul Roan, Dale Daniel and his father Brent.

with Dr. Paiva as his project mentor. Harrison is currently enrolled in medical school at OSU-Tulsa.

The competition is sponsored by the Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the National Science Foundation.

The purpose of Research Day is to help stimulate research activities in Oklahoma, as well as to inform the Legislature and the public about the scientific research being conducted at Oklahoma's universities. This annual event, inaugurated in 1996, showcases undergraduate research in the areas of science (including social science), technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The judges picked Daniel's overall presentation as the best of 10 from the regional universities and community colleges in Oklahoma. He will receive a \$500 cash prize and a certificate.

Dr. Lucretia Scoufos named Dean of Arts & Sciences



Dr. Lucretia Scoufos has been appointed as the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Dr. William Mawer as the Associate Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"Both Dr. Scoufos and Dr. Mawer have demonstrated their leadership abilities at the University over the last several years," said Southeastern President Michael D. Turner. "They have the knowledge, background and experience to excel in their new academic roles and will continue to serve Southeastern well."

Dr. Scoufos has served as Interim Dean since last July and has also served as department chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre since 2003. She joined the Southeastern faculty in 2001. Dr. Scoufos earned her bachelor's degree at East Central University and her master's and Ph. D. in Communication at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. William Mawer joined the Southeastern faculty in 2002 and has served as the MBA Coordinator for the John Massey School of Business and as Accreditation



Coordinator for the School when it recently received initial accreditation by AACSB-International. Dr. Mawer holds a B.S. in Education from the University of Toledo and a J. D. from the Claude W. Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University.

In addition, **Dr. Ryan Adams** has joined the University as Director of Development. He will be working in this area with Mr. Kyle Stafford, Executive Director of University Advancement. Dr. Adams has a bachelor in business administration (finance and economics) from Northeastern State University and a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma



College of Law.

Mr. Dan Moore is now Executive Director for Information Technology. He has served as interim director since last fall. Moore holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's in business administration from Southeastern.



Library director receives Unsung Hero award



Sharon L. Morrison, director of the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, will receive the Mountain Plains Library Association 2009 Unsung Hero Award.

She will be honored on April 2 at the Kansas Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference in Wichita, Kansas. The MPLA region includes Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

The Unsung Hero award recognizes an individual in the MPLA region who has worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized, to the degree it merits, by any library organization.

The award recognizes Morrison for her contributions in establishing the Textbook Reserve Program at Southeastern. This program, which began last fall, is designed to help offset the financial burden imposed on students by making available -- free of charge -- required textbooks for basic courses.

"Sharon Morrison is very deserving of this award," said Southeastern president Michael D. Turner. "We are proud of her and for the recognition this honor brings to the University. The textbook reserve program continues to assist students as they work to achieve their educational goals and we believe this program will continue to grow and expand in the future."

"It is a great honor to receive this award and it is great recognition for the University," Morrison said. "But a number of other people -- including Sharon Robinson (Vice President for Student Affairs), Dr. Bryon Clark, (Dean of the School of Graduate and University Studies) Adam Lovell (president of the Student Government Association), and the library staff have been involved with the textbook reserve program from the very beginning. They deserve credit as well."

Since earning a degree in History and Political Science and a Master's of Library Science, Morrison has been active in the Texas Library Association, the Oklahoma Library Association, the American Library Association and the Oklahoma Division of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Her professional interests are in library administration, library assessment and distance education.

Calendar of Events

March

- 2-6 -- Honors Program Spring Symposium
- 11 -- Native American Student Visitation Day, 9 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
- 16-20 -- Spring break
- 23-27 -- Centennial 100 Hours of Service
- 25 -- "A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt" centennial event, Montgomery Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- 26 -- 96th Curriculum Contest
- 27 -- E.T. Dunlap Lectureship with Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Ballroom, 11 a.m.

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

May

- 8 -- Southeastern Staff Association spring luncheon, Magnolia Room, 11:30 a.m.
- 16 -- Commencement

June

- 12 -- Presidential Golf Classic, Chickasaw Pointe

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