

SOUTHEASTERN

A CENTURY OF BUILDING FUTURES

UPDATE

Fall enrollment hits 23-year high with 4,229 students

“Back to School” is an appropriate term to describe the fall semester at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

School officials reported today that Southeastern’s 2009 Fall enrollment stands at 4,229 – the highest fall enrollment figure at the University in 23 years. In 1986, the fall enrollment was 4,271.

The Fall 2009 enrollment numbers also represent an 8.7% increase over Fall 2008.

Student credit hours, one component on which state funding is based, have increased by 7.9% over last fall and are at the highest level since 1999.

Classes began at the University on Aug. 17.

University officials attribute the enrollment increase to a number of factors, including the economy, the opportunity of a quality education at an affordable cost, and customer service.

“We are very pleased to see this significant increase in our fall enrollment,” said Southeastern interim president Larry Minks. “Historically, when the economy is down and unemployment is up, people tend to go back to school. But when you look at the large number of new freshman and transfer students we have attracted this year, I think there is much more to the story.

“For instance, in keeping with our goal of providing a quality education at an affordable cost, we did not raise tuition costs this year. At the same time, approximately 70 percent of our students receive some type of financial aid. And for the second year in a row, we are offering a textbook reserve program in which students have free access to expensive textbooks in the library.

“Finally, Southeastern prides itself on customer service. From the day a student is recruited, to the day he begins classes and to the day he walks across the stage at

graduation, he receives individual attention – he is not just a number. And that is made possible because the University has a dedicated faculty and staff working to ensure the success of our students.”



Minks added that the University is continuing to meet the ever-changing needs of both traditional and non-traditional students with the flexibility of in-classroom instruction, Internet classes, and a hybrid, or combination, of the two instructional formats. New degree programs and offerings are also regularly evaluated to meet the needs of students, he said.

In addition to the main campus at Durant, classes and programs are offered at the Southeastern-McCurtain County branch campus; Ardmore Higher Education Center; Eastern Oklahoma State College-McAlester campus; Tinker Air Force Base; Oklahoma City Community College; and Grayson County College in Denison, Texas.

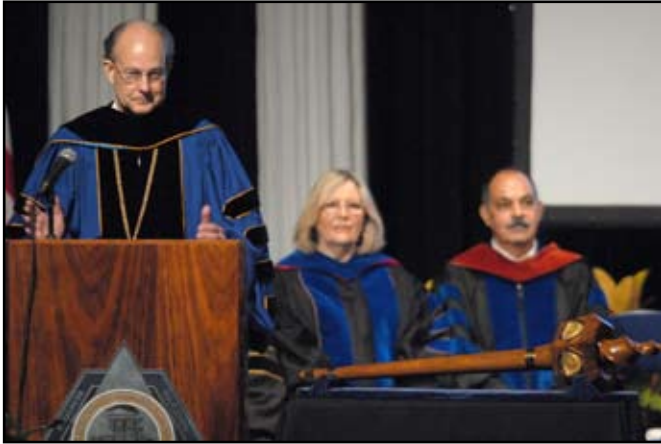
A closer look at the enrollment numbers reveals impressive increases among both first-time freshman and transfer students.

The Fall 2009 first-time freshman enrollment is 672 students – the highest since 1987 and an increase of 9.8% over last fall.

First-time transfer enrollment this fall is 524 students – the highest since 2001 and an increase of 33.7% over last fall.

In addition, graduate student enrollment is up 11.5% over last fall.

As for locations, significant growth is apparent at the outreach sites, including the McCurtain County branch campus and the Southeastern at Grayson County College Elementary Education program.



Interim president Larry Minks addresses the crowd at Freshman Convocation as Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences Lucretia Scoufos and Faculty Senate Chair Ken Chinn look on.



Savage Storm head coach Ray Richards prepares his team for a scrimmage.

WELCOME WEEK AT SOUTHEASTERN

Fall classes began at Southeastern on Monday, Aug. 17. Prior to that, a number of special activities were held on campus in conjunction with “Welcome Week.”



Students enjoy a cookout prior to the scrimmage.



The energy level was high as students moved back into the residence halls.



Professor Aaron Adair kicks off a lecture series.

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OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2009

Friday, October 9

- 8:00 am Registration - Whang Bang Alumni Golf Tournament – Silverado Golf Course
(9:00 am shotgun start) - Register online at alumni.SE.edu
- 3:30 pm Book Signing - Authors Shannon Gibson Tynes ('85), Dr. Jeretta Horn Nord ('77,'79), and Dr. Jim Barnes ('64) - Barnes & Noble Bookstore
- 5:30 pm Distinguished Alumni/Former Faculty Awards Banquet – Visual and Performing Arts Center
- 8:00 pm Production of *Hamlet* – Montgomery Auditorium (doors open at 7:00 pm)
- 8:30 pm Bonfire/Pep Rally - Amphitheater

Saturday, October 10

- 8:30 am Former Athletes' Breakfast – Bloomer Sullivan Arena
- 10:00 am Homecoming Parade – Main Street, Downtown Durant
- 11:00 am Russell School Reception – Russell Building, East Entrance Lobby
- 11:00 am Lunch and Activities - Morrison Front Lawn
- 11:30 am Centennial Historical Marker Unveiling – Russell Building
- 12:00 noon Lunch for SE Alumni - Student Union Café
- 12:00 noon Book Signing - Authors Shannon Gibson Tynes ('85), Dr. Jeretta Horn Nord ('77,'79), and Dr. Jim Barnes ('64) - Student Union Rustin Plaza
- 12:30 pm Centennial Birthday Cake Celebration - Front Lawn
- 1:00 pm Alumni Tailgate Party featuring live music – Alumni Alley
- 1:30 pm Southeastern Marching Band enters Paul Laird Field
- 2:00 pm Pre-Game Ceremony: Introduction of Distinguished Alumni – Paul Laird Field
- 2:30 pm Kickoff: Southeastern vs. Central Oklahoma
- 5:30 pm Post-Game Alumni Party featuring live music - Alumni Alley
- 6:30 pm Spur 503 Concert - Alumni Alley
- 8:00 pm Production of *Hamlet* – Montgomery Auditorium (doors open at 7:00 pm)

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Touchdown leap

Southeastern running back Baylen Laury leaps into the end zone as the Savage Storm opened their 2009 season on Aug. 27 with a 54-38 victory over Henderson State (Ark.).

Aviation director named to commission

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry recently appointed Dr. David Conway, director of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Aviation Sciences Institute, to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

Conway previously served as chair of the Southeastern Aerospace Department and has been a member of the Southeastern faculty since 1998. In 2003, he received Southeastern's Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Service.

An avid pilot who holds commercial, instrument, CFI and multiengine ratings, Conway retired as a command pilot from the United States Air Force, where he served as an instructor pilot and evaluator pilot in the Cessna T-37 and Boeing KC-135. He is also one of a handful of flight-rated aerospace physiologists.

Conway earned his Bachelor of Science at Texas A&M-Commerce, Master of Science at the University of Southern California and Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University.

Calendar of Events

September

- 07 -- Labor Day
- 11 -- Presidential Partners
- 26 -- Parents, Family and Friends Day

October

- 08 -- SE Transfer Day, 11 a.m. -- 5 p.m.
- 9-10 -- Homecoming
- 15-16 -- Fall Break
- 20 -- Dr. Linnie Ruth Hall Endowed Lecture with Gov. Bill Anoatubby of The Chickasaw Nation, ballroom, 11 a.m.
- 30 -- Top 10 Freshman Awards

November

- 11 -- SE Live, 8 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
- 25-27 -- Thanksgiving holiday

December

- 11 -- Last day of Fall classes
- 12 -- Commencement

For a complete schedule of Southeastern athletic events, visit www.gosoutheastern.com

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